



BARNT GREEN
PIRATES
OUT OF SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB

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Barnt Green Pirates Ltd

Introduction

Barnt Green Pirates is a privately run out of school club operating on St Andrews school premises for breakfast club. It also operates 2 after school provisions: one at the school in Classroom 1 for EYFS children and one the Baptist Church on the Bittell Road for children in years 1 to 6. We provide care for children before school starts and after school finishes for the children who currently attend Barnt Green Pre-School, St Andrews C of E First School and Alvechurch Middle School. It also runs a well attended Holiday Club from the Baptist Church.

Our Promise

At Barnt Green Pirates after School Club we work in partnership with every family to provide the highest quality childcare in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment. Our aim is simple; to offer parents affordable child care and children a fun and safe environment to play, make new friends, improve their confidence and simply enjoy being a child.

Our Accommodation

The Baptist Church

Barnt Green Baptist Church offers Barnt Green Pirates some amazing facilities. It offers a flexible space to cater for a wide variety of activities and children needs.

The building has; one large room which will be the play area, a smaller room for messy play and a lounge room for children who require space for some more quiet time.

The kitchen is well equipt and our hygiene standards are second to none.

St Andrews C of E School Hall

The school Hall is a large area in the centre of the school, children will be admitted to the hall via a bell in the reception area of the school. The children will receive breakfast and activities before the school day begins in this fantastic space. At 8.45 a register will be taken and the children will be walked into the school playground.

Classroom 1 – EYFS Club

Classroom 1 is a large classroom which is linked to a fantastic outdoor space. This area can cater for upto 24 children.

Outdoors

We consider outdoor play to be vital for your child's health, development and education. The Baptist Church has a large garden with lockable gates, we also have access to the playing fields from the building. The EYFS club situated in Classroom 1 in St Andrews School has access to the reception play area which also has a lockable gate.

The Local Area

Apart from access to the playing fields Barnt Green has close access to many exciting places right on our door step. During Holiday club we will go on outings to The Lickey woods, visitor center in Lickey Park, Millennium Park, Alvechurch Library and many more. We aim to make the most of the beautiful surroundings as much as possible.

This flexibility of accommodation and environments means that we are truly able to meet the needs of all the children.

What the Children Do and Learn

Our main aim is to keep all children entertained. To this end our daily activities program is carefully structured to include high energy action games as well as calmer fun based activities like arts, crafts and cooking.

The activities are chosen by the children in the form of an activity wall. Each child writes their activity choice onto a paper brick. The activity choices are then added to the weekly planning sheets and then to the daily planning sheets. We feel this is a good way to ensure all the children get to take part in activities they enjoy and to suit all age ranges. Activities will also be planned around cultural events, religious holidays and of course major sporting activities.

Links with the school

We focus activities around school events and proceedings in an attempt to support individual teachers and the school as a whole.

Outdoor Play

We consider outdoor play to be vital for a child's health, development and education. Whenever the weather permits we aim for the children to play outside as much as possible; taking part in sporting activities, creating play or exploring the local nature.

Extending Your Child's Education

Barnt Green Pirates will give children the opportunity to complete their homework and/or participate in independent learning (should they wish) with full support and guidance from qualified teachers.

Reading

All the children will be required to read at least once a week at Pirates. We feel that this not only enhances the children's education but also gives the busy working parent a helping hand.

Communication

We communicate with parents by displaying the weekly activities and menu on a notice board at the entrance. This will also be emailed to all parents in advance each and every week. A communication folder will be at the entrance to the club for parents to put information (reply slips etc) in that needs to be given to teacher or to the school office.

Parental Involvement

At Barnt Green Pirates we recognise that parents need to feel confident and comfortable with the child care that they choose. To ensure this we will operate an 'open door' policy so that parents can discuss any aspect of their child's care at any time with a staff member or a manager. Parents will be asked to take part in regular parental feedback surveys to enhance the quality of care at Barnt Green Pirates.

WOW Moments and Awards Board

The WOW Moments board will display moments or work where children have achieved something really great; from a high score on a game to create some fantastic artwork. If we can capture the moment we will share it. Parents are invited to share WOW moments from home too. Bring in photos or something else to be displayed on the board as well.

Each child who attends Barnt Green Pirates will have an award chart which will give each child the chance to gain a certificate and prizes; they can earn points for kindness, helping and good work. Prizes are allocated when an individual child reaches the end of the sticker chart.

The Pirate Rules

To enhance a culture of behaviour and respect at Barnt Green Pirates a list of rules will be created by the children who attend at the start of each year. This list of rules will be emailed to parents and clearly displayed to the children every day.

Admittance

Admittance to Barnt Green Pirates club is strictly monitored. A password system is in place in case a parent has to send a relative or friend to collect their child.

Meals & Nutrition

At Barnt Green Pirates we place great emphasis on the quality of the ingredients we buy and their nutritional value, avoiding cheap or processed foods wherever possible. Our menus will be planned carefully to ensure a good nutritional balance for all children. We like to encourage the children to eat fresh fruit and vegetables and home baked cakes. We cater for all children with special dietary requirements which are prepared on site. All staff will have a basic food hygiene qualification.

Children with allergies to specific foods or ingredients will be catered for in an inclusive way.

Advance of each week the weekly menu is emailed to all parents.

Drinks

Water is available for your child to drink throughout each sessions and to accompany meal times.

Staffing

Our team have a range of qualifications and experience with working with children. All the team are qualified in Childcare and Paediatric First Aid. There is a continual program of staff development to enhance their knowledge and understanding of childcare.

The manager is a fully qualified teacher who has taught Art, Design, food and textiles for many years. Her passion and experience in planning exciting lessons in these subjects is something she wants to share with the children who attend Barnt Green Pirates.

Children with Special Needs.

The Club will be an inclusive and welcoming setting. We strive to meet each individual child's needs to the best of our ability. We can offer a bespoke service to be able to cater for children with Special Needs.

Staffing Ratios

1 staff member to 8 children, with a minimum of 2 staff at any one time. Often our ratios will be better than this.

Barnt Green Pirates opening times and Fee structure

7.30am until school - Monday – Friday

School until 6pm - Monday - Friday

Fees

7.00an – School @ £7.00

7.30am – school @ £5.75

From School until – 6pm @ £9.75

5% discount for an entire week

5% second sibling discount

Registration Fee: £25

Pirates uses the kids club HQ booking system.

Ad hoc Service

If parents require extra sessions on top of their permanent bookings we can provide childcare on an ad hoc basis. We would however need prior notice to be able to cater for the extra numbers.

- Fees are payable 1 week in advance of the first day of the half term.
- Any additional hours your child attends for are added to the next half term's bill.
- Invoices will be issued by email.

Childcare Voucher Schemes

Barnt Green Pirates will accept all the major childcare voucher schemes as payment

Barnt Green Pirates Policies

A full set of the club policies and procedures are available for parents to see at any time and will always be clearly visible on arrival and departure from the club.

Equal opportunities

We will have an active equal opportunities and inclusion policy at Barnt Green Pirates. All staff will be given training on equal opportunities to ensure that anyone who comes into contact with our club are made to feel valued and treated with respect.

Safeguarding Children/Child Protection

We have a child protection policy at the after school and holiday club. The aim of this policy is to ensure the protection of all children in our care. We have a statutory duty to ask you about any injuries your child may have when attending the after school and holiday club, to record any concerns we may have and if necessary pass these concerns to Social Services Child Protection Department. Again please ask a staff member if you would like to see our full policy on safeguarding/child protection.

Behaviour

Barnt Green Pirates has a policy on behaviour. We aim to develop an atmosphere of respect for other people and property. Children will be helped to understand that certain behaviour is not acceptable or appropriate at Barnt Green Pirates, because it is unsafe or unfriendly. Under no circumstances will a staff member smack or humiliate a child who has shown unacceptable behaviour. Instead, the child will be spoken to and helped to understand why their actions were unacceptable and if necessary asked to have 'Time Out'. All good behaviour shown by children will be praised and encouraged by the staff.