



## **Bishop Road School Extra-Curricular Clubs – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Which year groups are clubs open to?**

Clubs are open to children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Every child in these year groups who would like to attend a club can have a space.

### **How are clubs allocated?**

Families are asked to select a first and second choice club for each child who would like a space. We aim to give as many children as possible their first choice, but sometimes clubs are so heavily over-subscribed that we cannot accommodate everyone, even in two or three groups. In these instances, places are allocated by a ballot. Parents/carers will be informed which club their child has a space at once the significant logistical task of processing the hundreds of replies has been completed.

### **When will my child attend their club?**

Most clubs will be split into either two or three groups, depending on how many children want to take part. This means that each group will attend for a set block of weeks in the year. The exact weeks your child should attend will be included when you receive confirmation of the club your child has a space at. The day of the week each club runs on is detailed in the table on the initial letter.

### **Are there any points in the year when clubs do not run at all?**

This year, clubs will not start until Term 2 (after the October half term). Clubs also do not run in Term 3, during parents' evening weeks and in the final week or two of term before Christmas and before the summer. The weeks your child should attend will be clearly detailed when you hear which club they have a space at.

### **How does my child get to their club and when/where do I pick them up?**

Teachers will ensure that children get to their clubs at the end of the school day. Once other children who are not attending clubs have departed, teachers will walk children to their clubs. Older children may do this independently once they are confident about the location they are moving to.

Pick-up from all clubs will now take place in the Grant and Boat playgrounds in a style very similar to the collection arrangements for Years 1 and 2. Each club group will wait in a set space and parents/carers will be let in through the main school gates on Bishop Road to collect at 4:30pm. Once you have collected your child, you should continue through the Boat Playground and out onto Cambridge Road. Children in



Years 5 and 6 may walk home on their own at the end of their club if permission is given.

### **What if my child cannot attend their club on a certain week?**

Please inform the club leader or their class teacher either through a note/letter or via the contact form on the school website. If it is after 4pm on the day before, you must either send in a note/letter or call the school office.

### **What if my child no longer wishes to attend their club?**

Please inform the club leader or their class teacher through the communication methods listed above.

### **Are the clubs run by teachers different to the clubs run by Ed Support?**

Yes – all information about clubs run by Ed Support is available from Mr Starkie. All queries relating to Ed Support clubs should be directed to him. Attendance at Ed Support clubs is entirely separate to clubs run by teachers, although collection will be co-ordinated so that all parents/carers are able to move through the playground at 4:30pm.

### **Why are all of the clubs open to a single year group this year?**

Although schools have started the year operating in a manner which is much closer to usual, it is unclear how the situation in relation to Covid will progress as we enter the autumn and winter months. Limiting clubs to single year groups, where there is already a degree of mixing in the playground, provides the best opportunity for clubs to be able to continue running throughout the year.

### **Is there a Covid contingency plan for clubs?**

Should a class reach a certain threshold in terms of active Covid cases at any given time, the rest of the children in that class will not be able to attend clubs for two weeks in order to limit the opportunity for transmission. School reserve the right to extend this to whole year groups or multiple classes should case levels become too high. It may also be necessary to pause or cancel the entire clubs programme if cases are high across large sections of the school.

### **Does my child need to bring anything for their club?**

This will be detailed in the letter confirming your child's place at a club. For most clubs, children will either not need to bring anything or will just need their PE kit if it is a sports club.



### **We do not want to select a second choice club – do we have to?**

We understand that there might only be one club that a child is able to attend due to commitments on other evenings. We also recognise that some children may only be interested in one club. If this is the case, you do not have to select a second choice. However, it is important to note that this will not result in preferential treatment should the club be over-subscribed. A ballot will still take place, and if a child does not get a place at their first choice club and has not selected a second choice, we will contact you.