

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Changes to our After School Homework Club provision

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that here at The Good Shepherd, we currently run an After-School Homework Club from 3.15pm-5.00pm. Initially we had two dedicated staff members who set up the club to provide wraparound care which offered an opportunity for children to do homework and have a snack as well as socialise with friends.

Over time, the founding staff members have been successful in gaining promoted posts within the school, which unfortunately has had a knock-on effect and caused issues for us staffing the After School Homework Club. Although we have advertised for staff on two occasions, with a limited response, in the interim this has meant that a number of staff have had to step in to run the club daily, for which we are extremely grateful for, but is ultimately not sustainable. In addition, you will know there have been occasions on which we have had to cancel the club at short notice.

Thank you to those of you who have offered your support. Whilst this would provide support our club in the interim, it would not alleviate the issue of cover and pressure on school staff in the long-term. Therefore, Rhino Sports Academy, who already run after our school sports clubs, have stepped in to support us.

We are pleased to announce that they will be running 'Kidz Club' at The Good Shepherd Primary School after Easter half term. Kidz Club will start week commencing the 17th of April 2023 and will replace After School Homework Club. We will be reviewing provision at the end of this academic year.

We have been working hard together to come up with a plan that will help ease the pressure on school staff, whilst still providing a similar service. We have helped guide Rhino and outlined how we want Kidz Club to run. Children will come in at 3:15pm and have a snack provided. The first 30 minutes will be used for the children to complete any homework. After this time the children can relax and play with the activities provided. Our very own Miss Sasha is working with Rhino to ensure there is consistency for the children.

Rhino will take over the bookings which will take some additional pressure from the School Office Team.

To make a booking, please visit the Rhino website - <https://rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/good-shepherd/>



Website

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When booking your child onto Kidz Club, you will see that they have split the evening into options.

1. Half evening option: This is a one-hour slot from 3:15-4:15pm or 4:15-5:15pm which will cost £4.50 per evening
2. Full evening option: This is a two-hour slot from 3:15-5:15pm which will cost £8 per evening.

Bookings must be made for the full term. Ad-hoc sessions can be made too if you scroll to the bottom of the booking webpage.

Rhino do ask for club payment up front, however, parents and carers can contact them if they require a payment plan. Childcare vouchers as well as Student Loan Grant's are accepted. Please get in touch with Rhino to arrange this. rhinosportsacademy@gmail.com or enquiries.rhinosportsacademy@gmail.com or 07894713006.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Half Evening 3:15-4:15pm Or 4:15-5:15pm	Half Evening 3:15-4:15pm Or 4:15-5:15pm	Half Evening 3:15-4:15pm Or 4:15-5:15pm	Half Evening 3:15-4:15pm Or 4:15-5:15pm	Half Evening 3:15-4:15pm Or 4:15-5:15pm
Full Evening 3:15-5:15pm	Full Evening 3:15-5:15pm	Full Evening 3:15-5:15pm	Full Evening 3:15-5:15pm	Full Evening 3:15-5:15pm

Children in Receipt of Pupil Premium

There will still be the opportunity for families in receipt of pupil premium to book onto clubs. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, there will be the same two options above however, with 'Pupil Premium' in the title. Please select this option. We have secured 15 spaces for our Pupil Premium children each day, these will be allocated on a first come first served basis so we do recommend that you book up as soon as you can.

If your child is not booked onto club via the Rhino Booking system, a phone call home will be made and you will be asked to collect your child.

If you require any assistance with this please do not hesitate to contact Rhino either via email or phone.

rhinosportsacademy@gmail.com or enquiries.rhinosportsacademy@gmail.com or 07894713006.

Breakfast Club

Please note that Breakfast Club will continue in school as normal with booking via MCAS. Breakfast Club runs each morning from 7.45-8.45am. The cost is £3.00 without breakfast and £4.00 with breakfast. For more information, please speak to the School Office.

We are extremely grateful to Rhino for their support in partnering with us, which means we can continue to offer an after-school club provision

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Carmel Dodds

Headteacher