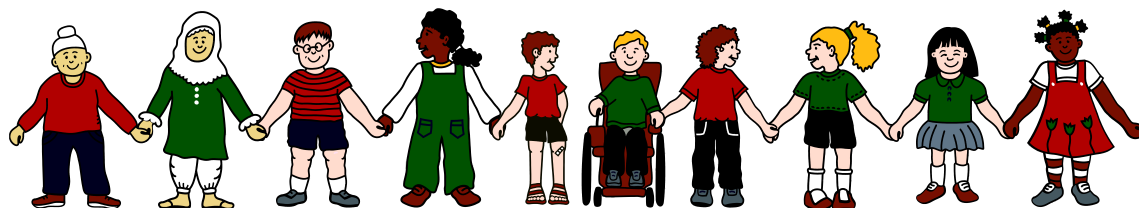


# THE GILES NURSERY AND INFANTS' SCHOOL



## Extended Schools Policy

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## **Extended Schools Policy**

### **The Context**

#### **Extended Schools Aims – The Core Offer**

As a school we are committed to providing of 'The Core Offer' of extended services, which is made up of five elements:

- 1. High quality wraparound childcare** provided on the school site or through other local providers, available 8am – 6:15 pm all year round or to reflect community demand.
- 2. Varied menu of activities** offered by the school as well as clubs offered by external providers.
- 3. Parenting support** including curriculum talks and workshops, information sessions for parents at key transition points, parenting programmes run with the support of other children's services and family learning sessions to allow children to learn with their parents.
- 4. Swift and easy access** to a wide range of specialist support services such as speech therapy, child mental health services, family support services, intensive behaviour support. Some may be delivered on other school sites. This list is not exhaustive and services may change.
- 5. Community Use** means providing wider community access to ICT, sports and arts facilities and adult learning and sign-posting to existing community facilities.

#### **Extended Schools Objectives – The Delivery**

As a school we do not expect to provide these services alone, or necessarily to deliver them on site. Instead, **we are committed to:**

- **Developing partnerships** with other schools, agencies and community organisations to create appropriate sustainable services which integrate with the schools and the communities they serve.
- **Engaging in consultation** which is meaningful and effective; identifies local priorities or needs and give pupils, families and the local community a voice.
- **Providing easy access to information for parents** regarding local extended services by signposting existing services where appropriate, fulfilling statutory duties to promote pupil well-being and community cohesion in the community.
- **Offering extended services at school** where appropriate in order to ensure the core offer is available to all families and the services we provide are integral to school improvement whereby school attainment levels rise as does the aspirations of pupils. School funding can be made available for Pupil Premium pupils to attend after-school clubs at school to ensure equality of access.
- **Auditing provision of the core offer to school families** in order to identify gaps in provision, respond to emerging needs and maximise use of school resources and premises to greater effect.

### **Charging**

Some after-school clubs, including ballet, are charged at an amount that covers the costs of the clubs. In some circumstances, clubs are charged at a slightly higher rate to cover costs when working with outside deliverers. Charging of clubs is regularly reviewed. School funding can be made available for Pupil Premium pupils to attend after-school clubs at school to ensure equality of access.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation of Provision**

To ensure good quality of the extended schools programme, regular feedback and monitoring is carried out.

- Yearly questionnaires with parent and pupils. Data from these questionnaires provide us with information to continue to improve our service.
- Termly feedback from internal and external deliverers on club sessions, learning, attendance and future programmes.
- Monitoring of data collected from surveys, feedback and numbers of children attending and across the school.
- Meet regularly with staff to evaluate progress of individual children and the sessions as a whole

### **Safeguarding**

'Extended Schools' safeguards and promotes the welfare of the children who participate in clubs. It is recognised that there is a legal and ethical duty to promote the well-being of children involved in clubs and take appropriate action where we have concerns. Extended Schools follows the procedures and policy of Child Protection at The Giles Nursery and Infants' School which is based on the Model Policy produced by Hertfordshire County Council. Copies of this are available from the school office and also on the school's website: [www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk](http://www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk)

Both internal and external deliverers receive an induction programme which includes the school's child protection, behaviour, whistleblowing and Health and Safety policies, together with Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2021 (Part 1) and Prevent Duty 2015 guidance. Signed logs are kept in the main school office. All deliverers are made aware of who the Designated Senior Lead is (Mrs Rouane Mendel, Headteacher) and her Deputy DSLs.

### **DBS Checks**

Every deliverer has an up-to-date DBS check. Where there are external deliverers that may already have a previous DBS check proof of their valid DBS certificate must be provided.

### **Health and Safety**

'Extended Schools' follows The Giles Nursery and Infants' School's health and safety procedures and adheres to the Health and Safety policy that is in place. Where necessary, any health and safety issues that may occur during or in preparation of clubs are recorded and the appropriate measures are carried out.

### **Risk Assessments**

A Risk Assessment is carried out for each club delivered at the school by external providers. All risk assessments are kept in a file in the school office. They are regularly reviewed and updated. Any concerns or incidents are reported back to the Headteacher. These are then recorded and monitored closely.

### **Behaviour**

Expectations are the same as during the school day. Clubs follow the behaviour guidelines as set in the school's Behaviour Policy, a copy of which is available from the School Office and also from the school's website.

### **Extended Schools Success – The Impact**

As a school we are committed to offering extended services in order to positively impact the pupils in our care. Monitoring and evaluation conducted by the Senior Leadership Team and governors is carried out annually to ensure our pupils are experiencing a range of benefits, including:

- Increased motivation
- Higher attainment levels
- Improved attendance and behaviour
- Greater aspirations and achievement of success
- Meaningful engagement with the community
- Healthier and more active lifestyles
- Better community access and use of local services
- Positive peer group friendships from community involvement
- Influence of positive, on-going and lasting community role models
- Increased inclusion of vulnerable groups of pupils
- More effective transition