



September 2021

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As our summer club is now well and truly over and the Autumn term has started, we would like to update you on news from the club.

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new children and families to the club, all the children have settled in well and seem to be enjoying their time at the club. The children voted on their best bits from summer and were all agreed trips to the beach, park visits, Balmedie beach trip, Owls visit, slip and slide/water play won hands down. I think you will agree the children organised a good activity programme this year with something in it for everyone.

COVID

The pandemic has had a massive effect on all our lives and continues to do so. There are still restrictions that will remain in place in the club these include:

- Continue handwashing or sanitising as a priority
- Staff testing and wearing masks and socially distancing (1m)
- Outside play
- Ventilation
- Cleaning
- Parent/carers not allowed on the premises
- Staff will self-isolate if contacted by test and trace
- Walking to and from school

We would ask that you continue collecting children from the gate, phoning prior to arriving so we can locate children and get them ready.

Staffing may become an issue due to COVID but we will keep you informed of any problems etc.

Please continue to inform us if your child tests positive as we must inform all children who attend that day using the government "Warn and Inform Letter" you child may not have had contact with the confirmed case, but we must follow all guidance from the government. There is no requirement for the whole club to self-isolate. This will become the new norm as children socialise more in their activities.

Dates for your Diary

Club will be closed

(Due to hall being used for dance festival)

Friday 24th September

Monday 27th September

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October



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This will enable staff to have a well-deserved rest and give a circuit breaker for COVID.

AGM/Enrolment night will be in October date to be issues later

Club will be open first week in October activity programme and booking form will be out soon.

Terms and Conditions

Could you please return your terms and conditions as soon as possible if you have not done so these are part of our Quality Assurance. You will receive a questionnaire soon about the club we would ask that you complete and return as this is our next step in our Quality Assurance. We cannot improve our service unless we know what could be improved, please become involved.

Contact us

Please can we ask that you contact us through our phone number or email for general queries etc, not WhatsApp.

Mobile number for bookings, cancelations, etc 07793561748

E-mail noosc.office@gmail.com

Facebook search for noosc (we use Facebook for photographs and to let you know what the children are having for snack or passing on information etc)

Our numbers are increasing as parent/carers return to work, University etc so please be aware that you may not get extra days, please keep in touch we try to help when we can, but it is not always possible as we do have a restriction on numbers and staffing.

Financial

As with any other charity we have struggled to survive through COVID and all its challenges, we have signed up for Amazon Smile. If you use Amazon try Amazon smile look for Newtonhill Out of School Club charity and we can receive a small amount from your purchase.

We are always looking for ideas for fund raising to give the children that extra activity any ideas let us know.

Could we also ask that you pay all invoices promptly as this helps us with cash flow.

Activities

Activities this term will be introducing the children to the routines of the club, looking at our behavioural policy and our golden rules, we will also be discussing road safety since we are currently walking to school and back every day.



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We are also looking at starting badminton coaching on a Thursday for P4,P5,P6,P7 from 4pm till 5pm if your child would be interested please speak to Heather or Vicky.

And finally, if you have any concerns with your child, or the club please speak to Heather who would be happy to help, things are difficult just now with the increase in numbers etc, parent/carers returning to work, University, but we can get through this with help from each other and everyone looking after the children in our lives.

Kind regards

Heather and her team.





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