



PARENT'S HANDBOOK

Busy Living After School Team (BLAST)
At
Bearbrook Combined School

**Ofsted Rating: Met
the quality and standards of early
years provision**

(the highest rating under the new Ofsted rating
scheme for out of school clubs).

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Busy Living is an independently managed out of school club
operating at Bearbrook Combined School
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Ofsted assessment

Ofsted have recently changed the way in which they assess out of school clubs. Under the new method the inspector makes a judgement of the 'Overall effectiveness: quality and standards of the early years provision'. An inspection will result in one of 3 possible outcomes:

- Met
- Not met with actions
- Not met with enforcement

Busy Living at Bearbrook was inspected on 24th March 2023 and was assessed as Met. The Ofsted report and previous reports can be found here.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY465973>

Registration

The Breakfast and After School Clubs can only accept children who attend Bearbrook Combined School. The Holiday Club at Green Ridge Academy can accept children from Reception to Year 6, including children from other schools. In order to plan your child's safe and responsible care, all new children need to be registered, with all the details in their Entry Profile completed. All children must be booked in before they are able to attend. The online booking and secure payment system is easy to use and puts parents in control. Please go to our website www.busy-living.co.uk and click on the Out of School Clubs page or go directly to www.busy-living.co.uk/blastbookings where you will find the online system. Once you have completed the online registration and bookings, it will automatically generate confirmatory emails and receipts and the Entry Profile for each child providing contact numbers, any health issues/allergies etc. which will be sent to the Club Manager. Please remember to update these details as they change.



Opening Times

Breakfast Club	7:40am
After School Club	3:15pm to 6pm
Holiday Club	8am to 6pm at Green Ridge Academy, President Road, Aylesbury, HP18 0YA

Bookings, Fees and Payment



To ensure we have sufficient staff and resources please book your children into the clubs in advance. We are happy to accept flexible bookings for parents to use the clubs on an occasional/variable basis but you will need to register beforehand. On first registration, the online system will automatically charge you for your bookings taking into account the sessions/times, plus an Annual Family Registration Fee (due on first booking and annually thereafter). You will then be directed to the checkout and asked for either a card payment or payment by childcare vouchers, or Tax Free Childcare. If paying by vouchers or Tax Free Childcare, the system allows up to five days for payment, after which time your account/bookings could be suspended. Please advise us of your child's Tax Free Childcare reference. The office should be contacted if any delays are foreseen, but parents should plan in advance for their bookings. The Annual Family Registration Fee is for all members of your family and covers the Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs.

Bookings can be made online up to 10pm the night before, but any bookings taken by email or phone after that or require us to manually input the booking will incur an additional charge per booking per club as detailed below. Urgent or last minute changes during club hours should be made directly to the Busy Living office or via the club mobile, particularly in the case of lateness.

Fees (current from July 2025)	
Annual Family Registration Fee	£25 (due on first booking and annually)
Breakfast Club	£6.60 per session per child
After School Club	£9.30 for 1 hr/£12.40 for 2 hrs/£14.65 full session (£1.50 sibling discount on After School Club rates)
Holiday Club	(at Green Ridge Academy) £5.80 per hour or £44 per full day and £39 per full day sibling discount
Late Booking Fee	£6.00 per booking per club
Late Collection Charge	£8 per 15 minutes per child after 6pm

Any late or other bookings which are added online manually incur the late booking fee. Any late collection requires staff to stay late and the school to be kept open, so parents should make alternative arrangements for their child to be collected if they are unavoidably delayed. If children are not collected by 6pm there is a late collection charge for up to 15 minutes late and for every 15 minutes thereafter. As we are Ofsted registered parents can pay by childcare vouchers or Tax Free Childcare as well as by credit/debit card. We are registered with a number of childcare voucher schemes under Busy Living, please ask for details. We are also registered for Tax Free Childcare – search for Busy Living at Bearbrook School.

Cancellations

You must advise the club if you need to cancel a booking so staff are made aware; the online booking system does not allow for any refunds or credits.



Breakfast Club

Open from 7:40am with Ofsted approved, qualified staff. All parents must sign their children in, noting the actual time of arrival. All children arriving before 8:20am are offered a healthy, nutritious breakfast. We regret that breakfast will not be available after this time. At 8:40 Junior School children are allowed out into the playground before the bell. Infant School children in the club will be escorted by staff to their classrooms in time for the start of school.



After School Club

Open until 6pm with flexible bookings to meet parents' needs. Early Years children (Reception to Year 2) will be collected and handed over to our staff by their teachers. All other children will make their own way directly to the BLAST room. If your child is attending any of the school's extra curricula activities, BLAST bookings can be made from when that activity finishes and parents can select the time they wish to collect their child; the system will automatically calculate the fee due.

We offer children a range of activities, games and entertainment, or just the chance to relax and unwind. We have different craft and sports activities each day which are planned half-termly in advance to ensure a varied programme. We have our own dedicated area in the hall and secure outdoor play area, electronic games, board games and puzzles for older children, team games, sports and free play outside as much as possible. There is a full range of toys and activities to cover all age groups and a homework area available if required. Staff, however, are not available to help children with their homework. All children are offered a range of activities and can choose to participate or engage in their own preferred activity. A healthy light bite is provided at 4:00pm such as pitta bread and dips, wraps, cheese and crackers. As we promote a healthy eating policy we ask that parents do not send their child to the club with sweets/biscuits/crisps or similar to support our aims. Parents must sign their children out on the register, stating the time of departure. All new children are observed during their first weeks to ensure they are happy, making friends and

settling in well. The clubs will have a scrap book of activities and photos and these are available to parents at any time.



Holiday Club

Holiday clubs will run at Green Ridge Academy, President Road, Cuddington, Aylesbury, HP18 0YA every school holiday except Christmas including some inset days (only the first four weeks during the Summer). There is more time for projects, building dens, learning a new skill or sport and making new friends. The holiday club is open to children from other schools and we have the use of the main hall and other rooms nearby and the great outside areas so have plenty of space to have fun and be active. Detailed planning is emailed to parents in advance of the forthcoming holiday and we include the use of outside providers on occasion to come and engage the children in some different activities e.g. cooking, theatre, sports, fire brigade, dance, singing, martial arts etc. A healthy light bite is provided at 4:30pm such as beans on toast, wraps, pasta and sauce, but parents will need to provide a packed lunch and snacks.

Staff

All Busy Living staff have an Enhanced DBS check, are interviewed, referenced, trained and experienced in working with children. We have a Manager in charge at all clubs, with at least one trained first aider in attendance at all times.

Medical & Dietary information for your child

You will need to provide full details of any medical or dietary requirements for your child when registering. If your child's health or dietary requirements change at any time in the future you must amend your child's online profile so staff are aware.

Sickness

We recognise that both staff and children are vulnerable to infections/illness and therefore ask parents/carers to refrain from bringing their children when they are unwell. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any child or family who, in the opinion of the Manager/Deputy, is not well enough to attend or poses a risk of infection to other children. We require written consent to administer any medication.

Accidents

First aid is always administered by a qualified first aider, who will decide the most appropriate course of action. A written accident report will be available to the parent on collection. Should a child need to go to hospital their parents will be immediately contacted. An escort will be provided if the parents are unable to get to the club quickly.

Security

All children will be signed and timed in and out on a register. Children may be collected at any time during the session. Children may only be collected by a nominated person with an individual password otherwise it is vital that you let the club know if a different person is to collect.

Complaints

All concerns should be made to the Club Manager or directly to the Director of Busy Living. If you wish to take matters further, complaints can be made directly to Ofsted and there is a complaints poster on the notice board. Our Ofsted registration number is shown on the front page of this handbook. Ofsted tel no: 0300 1234 666 / email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

Club Policies

Busy Living have detailed policies and procedures in accordance with Ofsted standards, which are available to all parents. Please ask the Manager at the club if you wish to see them or have copies emailed to you.

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Please do speak to any of our staff either at the club or in the office or email us if you have any queries or concerns. We are here to ensure your child gets the most out of their time at the clubs and to help working parents and put your mind at ease whilst having to be away from your child.

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