

St Joseph's Out of School Club

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to those who completed our recent questionnaire regarding usage of OOSC from September 2020.

We are now looking at how re-opening the club will be possible, in line with the Government's current guidance. The main limiting factor is that whilst we do not have to keep children in their year groups, we do need to keep them in **consistent groups** when they attend OOSC. To adhere to this, it will be necessary to change the OOSC bookings to **CONTRACT ONLY** whilst we operate under COVID-19 restrictions. This means that there will be consistent groups of children in OOSC on each day of the week.

Once your contract is approved, your child is guaranteed a space in OOSC and you enjoy a discounted rate. In return, you commit to paying for the space, even if you do not use it.

For the club to be financially viable and to be to be able to re-open based on the current guidelines, we need a minimum of 5 children for breakfast and 15 children each afternoon. It is possible that based on the feedback we have received to date opening on a Friday may not be viable.

To re-open OOSC we need to know:

How many children will require OOSC on each day of the week.

These are exceptional times and if we do not have enough take up from school, we may consider opening to pre-school children for the Autumn term. If this is to be an option, we need to know what days and sessions you would use.

In addition to this information we need to have a volunteer to take over the Chairperson role.

We have had volunteers for the Treasurer, Secretary, and non-positioned role, but no-one has come forward for the Chair's role. OOSC cannot reopen in September unless we have a new Chairperson in place during August. The Charity Commission need to be advised on who is replacing the current Chair. Should no one come forward, the Commission is likely to rule on closure on the Charity status and in turn, closure of OOSC.

If you know you need OOSC in September, please submit a contract request (even if you only need one session per week) by clicking here by Tuesday 14 July. If you do not respond by the deadline, this may mean that there is no space for your child.

As soon as we have more information regarding demand and updated Government guidance we will be in touch. Please ensure you are a member of our St Joseph's Out of School Club (Nympsfield) Facebook page to hear the latest updates.

Thank you for your support. We hope to look forward to welcoming you back to OOSC in September.

The OOSC Committee