



Bowmansgreen Primary School Jousters After School Club Information

We are delighted to be opening an after school club at Bowmansgreen School from September 2019.

We will be at Bowmansgreen Breakfast club in the dining room on **Friday 14th June 7.30-9.00am** if you wish to come along and meet us, ask questions or just hand in your booking form.

As we are taking over the running of the club from an existing provision, the current staff will be able to transfer their employment across to Jousters if they wish to do so.

Jousters Childcare Ltd began in 2007 and currently operates in 10 different schools in the Hertfordshire area, providing a before and after school service. From three of these we provide a holiday club service in St. Albans, Welwyn Garden City and Harpenden. If demand is sufficient at Bowmansgreen we plan to run a holiday club here too. This will be confirmed early in the autumn term.

With all our clubs, we strive to deliver value for money - high-quality - extra-school childcare. We believe this is reflected in our reputation and continued successful operation of several clubs in the area. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any more information.

All children attending the school from reception class through to year 6 are welcome to join us (subject to availability); we are open Monday to Friday until 6.00pm.

Daily Routine

The ethos of the club is that it **is not** an extension of the school day. Instead, children are invited to enjoy **free play**, whereby, as long as they are being sensible and kind to each other, a wide choice of play is freely available. A different planned activity will also be offered each day, with a weekly list of activities on display to parents. The type of activities will include art & craft, science, sewing, cooking and sport. From time to time there will be themed weeks. If, however, any child decides not to take part in the planned activity they will have a free choice of construction toys, art & craft, dress up, outside play, table-top games and so on. Homework support and adult led activities such as messy play and gardening will also be available. We will be located in the dining room with access to the school outside play areas, field and library.

Children from reception class are allocated a Jousters key worker; this is to help us get to know your children quickly and to settle them into Jousters. While children are in our care, we believe Jousters has a wonderful opportunity to support children with their social skills, such as sharing; taking turns; being polite and respecting each other and staff; independent skills such as buttering their own bread or pouring a drink. We will work closely with the teachers to make sure each child has the best care possible. We believe children should be able to join in with a range of fun activities and as long as they are playing nicely, have plenty of free choice. We believe children should be encouraged to play, create, build and do, or simply socialise with their friends.

Tea

Children are offered a healthy, light tea such as toast, pitta, wraps, fresh fruit, water and milk with low sugar spreads, cheese, ham, tuna and marmite - this is intended to keep the children going until they get home for their dinner. Please do chat to staff if your child has any medical allergies or intolerances. We do not allow children to supply their own unhealthy snacks.

School Based Clubs

Children wishing to join in with school based clubs (e.g. netball or football) are also able to do so. We do not give discounted sessions when part of a session is missed but if you let the Jousters staff know we will make sure they get collected from the club at the end of their session.

To make a booking please fill in a [booking form](#) and [record of information form](#) and return to our office address with your £50 deposit. Until we physically have the required forms and deposit at the Jousters office your child is unable to start using the club. Once we have your forms, we are able to confirm your booking and allocate you a Jousters account number.

Your deposit will be deducted from the first invoice. Invoices are posted out 2 weeks before each of the 6 half-term periods in the academic year, in accordance with your booking and the days the school is open.

We offer 10% prompt payment discount on all invoices paid in full before each half term starts. This is given as a credit on your account to come off the following half term's bill.

We will keep your booking rolling over every half term and into any new school year but ask that you give us 4 weeks' notice to cancel or amend your booking. Fees are due for all sessions including days off for sickness and school trips. Even when parents request time off in advance, full fees are still due.

Prices from September 2019

***After School club to 4.30pm £8.00** (effectively £7.20 with 10% prompt payment discount)

After School Club to 6.00pm £12.00 (effectively £10.80 with 10% prompt payment discount)

**After School Club until 4.30pm - this will be available for a limited period only. Once booked customers will be able to continue with this booking, however from September 2019 no new bookings will be taken for the 4.30pm session).*

Annual increases are applied in January and notified in November.

The deposit can be paid by: Cheque, Childcare Vouchers, Bank Transfer or the Government scheme tax free childcare.

Late Pick Up. If you arrive after the end of the session, there is a £5 late fee, which is payable on pick up by cash or cheque directly to the staff.

Ad Hoc Bookings. These can be booked directly at the club and are subject to availability. Ad-hoc bookings can be made from the start of the half term for that current half term period. Please pop in and speak with the club Supervisor who can check availability. Ad-hoc booking fees are higher than the usual prices at a flat rate of £15.00 for the full session. These fees are payable at the time of the booking by cash or cheque. We are unable to take payment by childcare vouchers unless you are making a large ad hoc booking over £50. Refunds are not given once a session has been booked and reserved for your child.

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