

Before and After School Club



SMILEYS NURSERY at St John's Primary Academy

Smileys Nursery operates onsite at St. John's Primary Academy from 8.50am until 3.10pm Monday to Friday.

Smileys Nursery is a private provider with 29 years of experience of providing nursery care and education. The onsite nursery works in partnership with the school and is able to provide government funded free places. Our staff are qualified, experienced and caring.

We work alongside the school and our children are able to join in many activities with the reception classes. The children become familiar with the school environment by using the playground and using the school hall – e.g. when we sometimes attend school assemblies or watch concerts. This provides a great aid for the children's transition to school as they become familiar with the school environment and staff at the school.

The onsite nursery is intended mainly for use by children who are in their last year of nursery and who wish to move on to St. John's Academy. For working parents we work closely with our nursery on the County Hospital grounds. Children can attend there from 6.45am until 6.00pm. This means that children needing additional provision to the school's onsite nursery hours of 8.50am to 3.10pm can be taken to and from the 2 sites by our qualified staff.

In the school term after a child's third birthday every child is entitled to 15/22/30 hours free nursery provision. However, it is important to note that the nursery at our main site on the hospital grounds is open Monday to Friday from 6.45am until 6.00pm for 52 weeks of the year. Many 2 year olds are now entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision. To check if you qualify you can visit the website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/think2 or, alternatively, telephone 0300 111 8007.

Some 3 year olds, whose parents work over 16 hours and do not earn more than £100,000 per year, may be entitled to either 22 hours free place all year round or 30 hours in school term time only. Please apply at www.gov.uk

Please feel free to telephone or visit the nursery at any time if you have any concerns or queries or if you would like to have a look around. Our contact number is 01785 220720. Please note that although we work in close partnership with the school they cannot take bookings or advise you on availability.

We look forward to welcoming you to Smileys Nursery!

Additional hours are currently charged at £5.70 per hour.

SMILEYS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Before and after school care is available from 6.45am until 6.00pm. The before school club at St John's opens at 8.00am. If parents/carers require an earlier start, children can attend Smileys on the hospital site from 6.45am. The children can then be escorted to the club at school by members of staff.

An after school club is provided at Smileys nursery for children in Reception and Year 1. For children in Year 2 and above, it is provided on the school site. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are collected from their classes by staff. After this they are encouraged to walk through the playground to the after school club at the end of the school day. Many activities are provided including arts and crafts, table football, snooker, computers, outdoor games, quizzes etc.

Parents only pay for the hours that they use the club. We do not charge for times when children do not attend due to illness, going out for tea etc. we can accommodate flexible working patterns and can be used for one-off care in emergencies. Please note, in all cases we cannot accept children unless we have enrolment forms filled out, as this is a legal requirement.

CHARGES

The current charges for this service are £4.70 for the first hour of each session and £2.10 for every additional half hour

HOLIDAY CLUB

We operate a school holiday club throughout school holidays and on days when school is closed, e.g. Teacher Training Days, Polling Days. The club is for school-aged children from 4 to 11 years. It can be used on a regular basis or just occasionally. This club operates from Smileys Nursery next door. The children go on trips including the cinema, bowling, Cannock Chase, farms, zoos, seaside, etc. We also provide bouncy castles, arts and crafts, baking, make-overs, treasure hunts and make visits in the local community, e.g. to the fire station, MOD base, churches, castles etc. Children can attend our holiday club from any schools and enjoy making new friends. Many of the children attending go to St John's Academy. For current prices, please telephone 01785 220720.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH WE WORK IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOHN'S WE ARE A PRIVATE BUSINESS RUNNING SEPARATELY. ANY ENQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS OR COMPLIMENTS ABOUT OUR SERVICES NEED TO BE DEALT WITH BY OURSELVES. PLEASE CONTACT US DIRECTLY ON 01785 220720 OR EMAIL US AT smileyscreche@btconnect.com