



Breakfast and After-School Club Policy

2025-2028

This policy is reviewed every three years and was agreed by the Governing Body of Thornton Primary School in **Autumn 2025** and will be reviewed again in **Autumn 2028**

Signed: _____ Chair of Governors Date: _____

Non-Statutory Policy

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Aims and Vision

Our aim is to develop confident and enthusiastic learners who are always respectful of each other and the staff. We want them to build a strong appreciation of their own positive attributes as well as those of the other children and, in doing so, to develop a 'can-do' attitude to learning, and the community in which they live, through consistent focus upon:



Excellence
Independence Enthusiasm Equality
Responsibility Empathy
Confidence Perseverance Care
Aspiration
Respect
Pride Tolerance
Teamwork Challenge Integrity
Enjoyment



Breakfast Club and After-school Club

At Thornton Primary School, we provide a safe and secure Breakfast and After-school Club which is run by our own staff. The Club is situated in the school hall.

Charges and Booking

Places should preferably be booked the day prior to attendance however, we do allow drop off without booking.

Breakfast Club (7.30 onwards) –

£5.00 (includes a choices of cereal, toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk)

After-school Club (includes a light snack tea and a drink after 4.15pm)

3.15 - 4.15pm - £5.00 including activity

3.15 - 5.30 - £11.10 including second activity

3.15 – 6.00pm - £13.30

Activities include:

Monday – Sport 1 & Sport 2

Tuesday – Art & Craft/Lego Club

Wednesday – STEM/Board games

Thursday – Cooking/Get Active

Friday – Cooking/Film Night (plus Film Night food)

Safeguarding children and child protection

Our setting will work with children, parents and the community to ensure the rights and safety of children and to give them the very best start in life. The nominated staff for safeguarding are Mrs S Acton and Mr J Simpson.

Maintaining children's safety and security on premises

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us. Entry and exit is controlled by a member of staff managing parent and pupils' entrance and exit to the Hall. Children are released to their classrooms at the end of the morning session. Children attending Afterschool Club are collected from classrooms or escorted by a member of staff. If an expected child does not arrive at Afterschool Club a check is made with the school office. If the child has been in school and has still not appeared, parents will be contacted. Parents are expected to ensure their child knows when they will be attending Breakfast and Afterschool Club so that confusion can be avoided at the end of the day. All pupils will be checked off the list and should there be any discrepancies, these are clarified immediately.

Uncollected child

In the event that a child is not collected by an authorised adult at the end of an afternoon session, the setting puts into practice agreed procedures. These ensure the child is cared for safely by an experienced and qualified practitioner who is known to the child. We will ensure that the child receives a high standard of care in order to cause as little distress as possible. We inform parents/carers of our procedures so that, if they are unavoidably delayed, they will be reassured that their children will be properly cared for.

Procedures

- Contact information for children is contained in the registration pack at Club
- On occasions when parents are aware that they will not be at home or in their usual place of work, they inform us of how they can be contacted. This will be recorded.
- On occasions when parents or the persons normally authorised to collect the child are not able to collect the child, they provide us with details of the name, address and telephone number of the person who will be collecting their child. We agree with parents how to verify the identity of the person who is to collect their child.
- Parents are informed that if they are not able to collect the child as planned, they must inform us so that we can begin to take back-up measures. We provide parents with our contact telephone number (the school office/**After school club phone number**).
- We inform parents that we apply our child protection procedures in the event that their children are not collected from the setting by an authorised adult within one hour after the setting has closed and the staff can no longer supervise the child on our premises.
- If a child is not collected at the end of the session, we follow the following procedures:
 - The child's file is checked for any information about changes to the normal collection routines.
 - If no information is available, parents/carers are contacted at home or at work.
 - If this is unsuccessful, the adults who are authorised by the parents to collect their child from the setting – and whose telephone numbers are recorded – are contacted.
 - All reasonable attempts are made to contact the parents or nominated carers.
 - The child does not leave the premises with anyone other than those named in their file.
 - If no-one collects the child after one hour and there is no-one who can be contacted to collect the child, we apply the procedures for uncollected children.
 - We contact our local authority children's social care team:
0116 3050005 (LA duty desk)
 - The child stays at setting in the care of school staff until the child is safely collected either by the parents or by a social care worker.
 - Social Care will aim to find the parent or relative if they are unable to do so, the child will become looked after by the local authority.
 - Under no circumstances do staff go to look for the parent, nor do they take the child home with them.
- A full written report of the incident is recorded in the child's file.
- Depending on circumstances, we reserve the right to charge parents for the additional hours worked by our staff.

Missing child

Children's safety is maintained as the highest priority at all times both on and off premises. Every attempt is made through carrying out the exit/entrance procedure to ensure the security of children is maintained at all times. In the unlikely event of a child going missing, our missing child procedure is followed.

Procedures

Child going missing on the premises

- As soon as it is noticed that a child is missing the key person/staff alerts the setting leader.
- The setting leader calls the police and reports the child as missing and then calls the parent.
- The setting leader will carry out a thorough search of the building and grounds.
- The register is checked to make sure no other child has also gone astray.
- Doors and gates are checked to see if there has been a breach of security whereby a child could wander out.
- The setting leader talks to the staff to find out when and where the child was last seen and records this.
- The setting leader contacts the headteacher and reports the incident. The headteacher comes to the setting immediately to carry out an investigation.

Child Development

Achieving positive behaviour

Thornton believes that children flourish best when their personal, social and emotional needs are met and where there are clear and developmentally appropriate expectations for their behaviour.

Children need to learn to consider the views and feelings, needs and rights, of others and the impact that their behaviour has on people, places and objects. This is a developmental task that requires support, encouragement, teaching and setting the correct example. The principles that underpin how we achieve positive and considerate behaviour exist within the programme for promoting personal, social and emotional development.

This provision works within the guidelines of the Behaviour Policy for Thornton Primary School.

Supporting children with special educational needs

Thornton provides an environment in which all children, including those with special educational needs, are supported to reach their full potential.

The nominated person for inclusion is Mrs Heath. This provision fully supports the SEN policy used within school.

Toileting and Intimate Care

Our expectation is that young children should have achieved continence when they are admitted to Thornton; however, we recognise that young children vary widely in their levels of maturity and in achieving continence. No child of any age is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time. We also recognise that children of any age may have a lapse in their continence because of trauma, onset of sudden disability, emotional upset or health problems. We make necessary adjustments to our bathroom provision and hygiene practice in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained or who may need special provision.

Health and Safety

First aid

In our setting, staff are able to take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child or adult. At least one member of staff with current first aid training is on the premises at any time. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children. Additional training has been undertaken to allow access for children with particular conditions.

The nominated person for First Aid is Paula Hill/Janet Reynolds. All staff involved with Breakfast and After School Club are First Aid trained. First Aid provision complies with guidelines within school.

Food and drink

Thornton regards snack and meal times as an important part of the setting's day. Eating represents a social time for children and adults and helps children to learn about healthy eating. We promote healthy eating using resources and materials from the Healthy Schools Policy. At meal times, we aim to provide nutritious food, which meets the dietary requirements of children. Thornton endeavours to be a nut-free school.

Food hygiene

All staff who prepare food have an in-date Food Hygiene Certificate.

Children's Play

We aim to create a varied and interesting environment that stimulates social, physical, creative, emotional and intellectual play. The setting includes the provision of open space, music and a range of objects and materials that children can select to develop their own play.

Staff will plan activities and provide resources that are based on children's interests and supports individual children's needs to ensure all children enjoy themselves. Staff recognise the importance of free play with minimal intervention whilst keeping children safe from harm.

Employment and staffing

Our staff are appropriately qualified and we carry out checks for criminal and other records through the Disclosure and Barring Service in accordance with statutory requirements. Staff recruitment follows guidelines laid out in the school policy. Breakfast and Afterschool Club will be supervised by a minimum of two staff.

Complaints Procedure

Complaints about the setting should be made in writing to the Head Teacher.

Policies

Associated Policies used within the School Setting:

Accessibility Plan
Accident, Medical and First Aid policy
Anti-bullying Policy
E-safety acceptable use for pupils.
Behaviour Policy
Child on Child Abuse Policy
Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
Complaints Procedure
Equal Opportunities Policy
Food Policy
Gender Equality Policy
Health and Safety Policy
Inclusion Policy
Safer Recruiting Guidelines
SEN Policy

Equality Statement

At Thornton Primary School, we actively seek to encourage equity and equality through our teaching. As such, we seek to advance the equality of opportunity between people who share any of the following characteristics:

- gender;
- ethnicity;
- disability;
- religion or belief;
- sexual orientation;
- gender reassignment;
- pregnancy or maternity.

The use of stereotypes under any of the above headings will always be challenged.

Inclusion

Our school is an inclusive school. We aim to make all pupils feel included in all our activities. We try to make all our teaching fully inclusive. We recognise the entitlement of all pupils to a balanced, broadly-based curriculum. We have systems in place for early identification of barriers to their learning and participation so that they can engage in school activities with all other pupils. We acknowledge the need for high expectations and suitable targets for all children.