

# Superkids Newsletter Spring Term 2022

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Oh.... it has been a busy month when I started this newsletter. I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable break. Seems like a distance memory. Whether you were able to meet family/friends or stuck isolating, I hope you made the best of the time.

## Notification of all types of absence

Just a polite reminder to families and a reminder of the impact when we are not notified:

As part of our safeguarding policy and the declaration parents sign on our registration forms, parent **must** notify Superkids via text: 07787 734 432, if your child is not attending the after-school club for any reason from a 'play date', 'off sick' or you are collecting them straight from school.

This also includes if you are collecting your child straight from another club when they are due to attend Superkids afterwards, such as Spotlights or Hockey club etc. This part is particularly important, as we do not see these children for over an hour, and on some occasions when we have gone to collect a child, we have found that the child has not even attended club!

This is not just helpful to us; it also saves us and the children's time during these transition periods in the session. The children are very good at doing their part, we just need parents to do the same.

By not notifying us, this wasted time has a knock-on effect on children's playtime / snack-time / outdoor play etc... There is a visible impact at club.

Notification of breakfast club absence is not required. Only after school club please.

## Team update

As most of you have seen, we have three new members of the team, Andreea (breakfast club), Isilda (after school club) and Quita (B.C. and A.S.C). They are settling into club life very well.

Over the Autumn term, Miranda's husband has been renovating their new home in the Sidcup area. Sadly, he has managed to complete this in a timely manner and therefore, Miranda has moved on from Superkids sooner than we had hoped. Miranda is my last original staff member that stayed on with Superkids when we took over from the Pixies breakfast and after school club in September 2016. She will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her future.

Sylvia has also semi-retired as of December 2022. She will continue to work at lunchtime with her pre-school children in Lewisham. For 10 years, Sylvia has been telling me she would retire. She has been a great asset to us and the children. Sylvia will be missed. The team and I wish her all the best in her retirement.

## The current team: (January 2022)

Matt – Manager breakfast and after school  
Shanice – Deputy manager after school club  
Chris – Senior playworker breakfast and after school  
Quita – Playworker breakfast and after school  
Andreea – Assistant playworker breakfast club  
Isilda – Assistant playworker after school club

## Other after school activities

Please remember to update us on your child's busy schedule. If your child is going to any other clubs, we also need to know, so our collection rotas are correct with no missing children.

## Club drop off, pick up times reminder

**Breakfast club:** Every 15 minutes  
7:30, 7:45, 8, 8:15 and last drop off 8:30am.  
Last breakfast run is 8:15, thank you.

**After school club:** Every 15 minutes. 3:30, 3:45,  
4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45  
last pick up 6pm

Busy pick up times are 4:15 + 4:30 (due to other  
school clubs finishing) and 5pm

## Staff ratio change

The club will operate at a staff: child ratio of up to  
1:30, with the aim of 1:12.  
This will change with any updated Ofsted guidance.  
Currently, if every child were attending on our  
busiest day, (Wednesday) our ratio would be at:  
1:15.

## Club reminders

- Please text us if your child is not attending the after  
school club 07787 734 432
- Please remind children in the morning, not to be too  
noisy for our neighbours.
- Covid-19.** The club will continue to follow the current  
guidance from DoE: Department of Education. The  
team and I will continue to take 2+ lateral flow tests  
each week.
- Reception intake Sept22** – We are now accepting  
registrations for September 2022. Please email  
[admin@superkidsclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@superkidsclub.co.uk).

## Walkie Talkies

We have improved our system by calling for only  
one child/family at a time. When we have located  
and informed the child, then we will call for the next  
child. This is so we do not miss a call.

## Contact Information

Club number: 07787 734 432 (7am – 6pm)  
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Booking are open via the Superkids website:

[www.superkidsclub.co.uk/holiday-playscheme](http://www.superkidsclub.co.uk/holiday-playscheme)

Nina and I think Lottie had a great idea for holiday  
club, an escape room challenge. Hopefully I can plan  
/ prepare this before the Easter holidays. Please  
remind children that their input is equally important  
in club life and holiday playscheme.

## Site Security

In September, the school made the decision to  
keep the school gates closed before and after  
school. Parents have been informed through the  
Friday flyer. This is purely for the safety and  
security of the children. I have spoken with  
some of you regarding the changes and how the  
gate times are operated. With the school gates  
remaining closed, we have reduced the wait  
time to every 15 minutes for families.  
Jo will keep this under review, and we will notify  
you if this can be streamlined further.



## Photo Consent

I am looking to complete  
our club parent handbook.

One of the things I will be  
looking to do is add photos  
inside the St. Marys handbook of children engaging  
in activities at Superkids. If you are happy for your  
child to be added, please let me know. Once  
completed, I will ask you to sign off the photo before  
use, thank you.

We are an Ofsted 'Good' provider. Details of the  
inspection can be found on our website, under St.  
Mary's Club or on the Ofsted website. If you have  
any questions regarding the inspection, please talk  
with the club manager at your earliest convenience.