



THE LIME TREES AT ST PHILIP NERI

March 2021

What a year 2020 was!!

Despite all of the setbacks and challenges over the last year, The Lime Trees and St Philip Neri with St Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy are now working in partnership to provide families with fantastic Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs.

The Lime Trees will be taking on the clubs in their entirety from 17th March 2021.

We look forward to becoming part of St Philip Neri community and providing outstanding services to children, parents and the schools.

The Lime Trees Team

The Lime Trees team will be Maria and Britney. Maria is an accomplished teaching specialist and has a Level 3 qualification in Childcare, she also has a Designated Safeguarding Lead qualification. Britney has a wealth of work experience in childcare and has a Level 3 qualification in Childcare.

Staff at site are DBS checked, are safeguard trained, have food hygiene training and one member of staff is Paediatric first aid trained.

As part of The Lime Trees ongoing goal to invest in our staff team, our training programme will be continuous. This enables the team to provide the best service possible. Our highly experienced Operations Manager and Quality Assurance Manager will support all aspects of training to help further develop the team.

The Lime Trees at St Philip Neri also has a dedicated Account Manager to support bookings, payments and transitioning parents to use our new online booking system. This will be Mandy Selby – hello@thelimetrees.co.uk – 0115 9313562.

COVID-19 Secure

The safety and well-being of our children and staff team is paramount.

Since the first lockdown we have worked tirelessly to meet the constantly evolving guidance. Robust policies, risk assessments, daily checks and cleaning routines have been created to allow us to continue delivering our crucial services.

We are working with St Philip Neri to continue the hard work of the school, providing small consistent bubble groups that the school have approved.

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Activities at Our Clubs

Each one of our sessions are planned to inspire curiosity and allow children to explore ideas, interests and try something new. We don't want to limit a child's experience; we want to enhance it.

Later on in the year The Lime Trees will be providing a broader range of experiences for the children attending of clubs. Children will be provided with healthy breakfast and snack option each session.

We know the stresses and strains that the pandemic and lockdown has placed on all families. Children have been missing social engagement and interactions with their peers, developmentally many children have missed out on the opportunities that would normally have been there, screen time has increased dramatically, and physical activity has reduced.

Therefore, we are in the process of recruiting new sports and games coaches, who can deliver high quality and high activity games outside. Providing children, the opportunity to run around with their friends, learn something new and have some fun.

Many of our activities have been revised to focus on social interactions and playing with other children.

Holiday Clubs

From the Easter holidays we will be reshaping and adapting our holiday clubs to best meet the needs of children.

Our plan is to include all the usual high engagement activities and fun themes that you would normally expect from a Lime Trees holiday club. In addition, we will be focusing on more physical activity outside, employing a number of sports coaches to provide high quality sporting activities.

Insurance

As a statutory requirement The Lime Trees has public and employer liability insurance to the sum of £10 million. The certificate is displayed on our notice boards and is available on our website.

Website

Please visit our website for our latest risk assessments, Covid-19 Policy and sample food menus.
www.thelimetrees.co.uk



We are also working to train members of our team to become Mental Health First Aiders, supporting the children's mental wellbeing by running workshops within our clubs.

We feel that it is so important that we help children recapture the magic and joy of childhood, something that may have been missing recently. Letting children be children and explore their imaginations, interact with other children, face new and exciting challenges and maybe even come away with some new friends

Charitable Work

Throughout 2021 The Lime Trees will continue to support the fantastic charity 'When you wish upon a Star' The charity's mission is to grant the wishes of children with life threatening illnesses. Before Christmas we raised over £2500 with our Elf walk.

Over the coming year we will be holding a number of fund-raising activities and we are already planning a superhero day with a number of sponsored activities for the children to take part in.

Prices

Breakfast Club – £4.25

After School Club - £8.50

Holiday Club - £25.00/or any 5 hour slot £15.00

For more information, please visit our website – www.thelimetrees.co.uk. Follow the link to book your sessions now - [Bookings Portal](#)

OFSTED

We have now received our registration number from Ofsted. This is - **2631872**

Registering with Ofsted allows parents to use their childcare vouchers or the Government Tax Free Childcare. More information can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Investment

To bring the services up to the high standards of The Lime Trees, we are investing in a number of areas. We have fully repainted the room and have purchased all new resources and equipment.

We will continually review the materials at the setting and always look to reinvest back into the club. We are also providing an online booking system, that allows parents to book sessions, review their account and pay online – 24 hours a day.