

Hartington C of E Primary School

BREAKFAST CLUB POLICY

Rationale:

Here at Hartington School, we believe that children who attend breakfast clubs show a far more positive attitude towards school, their friends and their teachers.

We can see that eating a healthy breakfast helps to prepare children for the day's events and sessions and supports their ability to interact positively with others and think and process ideas and concepts with greater clarity.

Staff work closely with the School Council and regular attendees of the Breakfast Club to listen to their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views. This also underpins the fundamental beliefs as stated in the content of the British Values outlined by the Government.

Aims:

- To provide quality provision by offering a range of play activities that meets the moral, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional needs of each individual child.
- To help children develop and maintain positive social relationships with other pupils and staff, whilst developing life skills through communication, problem solving and negotiating solutions.
- To help children develop a more positive attitude towards school and to integrate more fully and with greater confidence into the school community.
- To ensure all children start the school day with a balanced and healthy meal.

Procedure:

Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body has:

- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Head Teacher to ensure all school personnel and visitors to the school are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

Role of the Head teacher

The Head teacher will:

- promote the Breakfast Club with pupils and parents;
- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy through the identification and completion of an action plan to ensure the sustainability of the club (link to Young Enterprise);

Role of the School Council

The School Council will be involved in:

- discussing improvements to this policy during the school year;
- contributing to the review of this policy and the development of the action plans

Admissions

All places are obtained on a first come first served basis. Sessions are £2:00 per day / £8:00 per week.

Organisation

A daily register is kept together with information about each child's individual needs and emergency contact numbers. The attendance register will be monitored by the Senior Management Team to track participation of various groups of pupils and progress attained.

Premises & Equipment

The premises are designed not to restrict mobility for any individual and accessibility is ensured for all. The equipment is periodically checked and replaced if necessary. Children are to be encouraged to take responsibility for fund raising for new equipment and maintaining a budget. (Link to SIP).

Parents

Parents are encouraged to comment on the club or talk to staff about any aspect of their child's needs or involvement. Parents / carers should ensure that their child / children are left with Mrs Mellor at the school entrance. Any medical requirements or dietary needs are to be reported to the Head Teacher and recorded as necessary. Parents are invited to attend special themed breakfast club events.

Activities

All activities are planned to cover a wide range of abilities, interests and ages. Children have a free choice of activities.

Staffing

All staff are experienced and attend training sessions when required.

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed every 3 years, or when the need arises, and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be made to the governors.

Head teacher: Tracy Blackwell

Date of Policy: February 2016

Chair of Governors: Barbara Davis

(This Policy will next be reviewed in February 2018)