

Wraparound in Schools Case Study: Bi-borough

Read about how one school in the Bi-borough (Westminster, and Kensington and Chelsea) supports their families through a comprehensive and well-utilised afterschool programme run by an external PVI provider.

About the school

The area consists of a mix of families and backgrounds and includes families from lots of different socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. The school supports children from day care to year 6. There are a high proportion of children with SEND and 26% of the school are eligible for pupil premium.

Current wraparound offer

Breakfast club starts at 7:50 am. Afterschool enrichment clubs running from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. We have longer waiting lists for clubs now than when we first started. We have many staff who repeat their clubs as they are keen to run them and support the children.

After School Club (ASC) runs from 3.30 – 6 pm, we have two separate sessions, one for EYFS, and one for Y1-6. The range of clubs on offer, pricing and timings of the wraparound care make the offer very attractive to parents.

A Day in the life

Breakfast club: the staff set up from 7:30/7:40 am and children arrive at 7:50 am. They are offered a varied breakfast which they eat family style. There are also a range of activities on offer for the children after they have eaten. Breakfast club staff also prepare bagels for the remainder of the school as part of our free breakfast offer.

Enrichment Clubs: Staff are asked if they would like to run a club, which they then can advertise. We offer it to families and need a certain number of children to make it viable. With outside clubs we arrange a certain price and number of children who must sign up for the club to run. Children attend from 3.30 – 4.30 pm, they have a snack and then take part in the club, they are dismissed by the club leader.

After School Care: This is run by an external provider for Y1-6 and is supported by school staff for EYFS. Children can take part from 3.30 - 4.30 pm or 3.30 – 6 pm. They have a snack and then take part in the timetabled activities. The children are dismissed by the afterschool club staff.

Feedback

(from parents)

“You are truly so exemplary, and we are all so lucky to have you looking after our children. This is a remarkable school and I’m reminded of this today upon reading your email”

“That is fantastic news, thank you! I will go to the office today to make payment on both clubs. Thank you so much for your help!”

“Thank you for such a great performance today!” (parent after attending an end of club show)

(from children)

"I love going to clubs, I have learnt new things."

"It means we aren't bored after school, and I get to see my friends for longer."

"I like that we get to try new learning in clubs."

Inclusivity

Our clubs are open to all children. We offer one free club/ASC session per term for pupil premium children. Children with an EHCP are offered at least one club / ASC session with adult support. For some we have been able to offer more sessions.

Training and Teamwork

Staff can choose the club they would like to run and we give them a budget for items they may need. Staff who run the breakfast club have food hygiene training. All staff running clubs attend an induction session so that they know the policies and procedures.

Success and challenges

Successes:

- Uptake from families is high, we now have waiting lists
- The variety of clubs on offer are increasing and new skills are being offered and learnt
- There has been an increase in the inclusion and take-up from pupil premium children
- The SEND offer and take up has increased
- The cost of clubs has remained the same and is an affordable option for our families
- Our wraparound care has supported families to stay in work or to have some respite

Challenges:

- Monitoring the quality of the external provider
- Inducting external club staff
- Ensuring reliability of external club staff
- Setting up the timetabling of the offer
- Ensuring parents are charged accurately

What's next

We would like to continue to widen the club offer, and we would like to offer an in-house food snack offer.

Tips for others

- Induct all external staff on one day.
- Work out minimum costs and negotiate these with outside clubs – do not take the first offer from them.
- Set a limit on the number of children who can attend EYFS ASC to support the quality of the offer.