



ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'...these three remain: faith, hope & love; and the greatest of these is love.' ^{1 Cor 13:13}
Rooted in faith, family & friendship. Growing in hope & aspiration. Flourishing in love.
friendship ★ hope ★ compassion ★ forgiveness ★ trust ★ thankfulness

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Dear Parents,

Clarifying the Difference Between the Early Adopter Breakfast Programme and Before & After School Wraparound Childcare

To help clear up any confusion, the below details the differences between the Early Adopter Breakfast Programme and Before and After-School Wraparound Childcare. Both are important childcare options designed to support children and families, but they serve different purposes.

DfE Early Adopter Breakfast Programme

The Early Adopter Breakfast Programme is designed to improve school attendance, punctuality, and readiness to learn by offering free breakfast clubs to children before the school day begins. This initiative focuses on providing a soft start to the school day, allowing children to enjoy breakfast before transitioning into the start of the school day.

Targeted schools have been chosen based on local need to participate in the pilot phase of the programme. The breakfast clubs must run for a minimum of 30 minutes immediately before the start of the school day. This universal offer is free for all children at participating schools and is fully funded by the Department for Education (DfE) for the pilot phase.

Before and After School Wraparound Childcare

Wraparound Childcare is designed to offer extended childcare hours for working families, providing flexible care options that help meet the needs of parents who require more extensive childcare outside of regular school hours. Wraparound helps to remove barriers to employment while giving children the opportunity to engage in a vast array of enriching activities before and after school.

Wraparound Childcare offers flexible options tailored to meet the specific needs of all families, with flexibility in both drop-off and pick-up times. It allows all families to be able to access childcare within the hours of 8am-6pm, with hours adjusted based on the needs of the local community. This service is charged to parents who use it, ensuring reliable, high-quality care for working families.

Key Takeaways and Collaborative Approaches

Both can co-exist in the same school or community, as each address different needs. Schools and providers are encouraged to align timetables to ensure that there are no gaps in care for families. Schools can help connect their families with local providers who may benefit from extended care beyond breakfast. Schools can support by informing parents of the full range of childcare options available.

Collaboration between schools and providers is essential to maximise the impact of both initiatives and to ensure parents have access to reliable, flexible childcare options. For further information please visit: [Out of School Childcare](#)

	Early Adopter Breakfast Programme	Before and After-School Wraparound Childcare
Purpose	To improve school attendance, punctuality, and readiness by providing breakfast before the school day.	To provide extended childcare for working families, providing flexible options outside school hours.
Focus	A soft start to the school day, where children enjoy breakfast before starting school.	Flexible, reliable childcare to support working parents and offer enriched activities
Duration	Minimum 30 minutes before the compulsory school day begins.	Flexible hours before and after school, adjusted to local community need.
Cost	Free for all children at participating schools.	Charged to parents for use of the service.

Yours sincerely,

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