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For those that don't know us, we are an Ofsted approved before and after school club, with holiday cover, for children of infant and primary school age. We have serviced the local community for more than 20 years, in term-time supporting St Chad's in providing affordable child-care in a local setting, at the Pavilion on the sports field in the Avenue, Patchway, - a short walk from the school.

We open our doors to children at 7:45 a.m. every school day morning and provide them with a breakfast, from a selection of toast, crumpets, waffles or cereal, before walking them to school. Our staff supervise the walk and wait with the children at the school until the bell sounds, when they line up in their class groups ready for the start of registration and lessons.

At the end of the school day, our staff wait in the school hall to collect children booked for the afternoon session. Children are then walked to the Pavilion and provided with a snack of fruit, veg, dips or scotch pancakes and a drink of either milk or water (water is always available to them). We provide a range of toys and craft materials for the children to use and, weather permitting, supervise outdoor play in either the council playground or on the field adjacent to the pavilion. Our afternoon sessions finish at 6:00 p.m.

Our staff are paediatric first aid trained and are available to speak to you to talk through any questions you may have.

Our fees include an annual registration fee of £12.00 per child, payable each September at the start of the school year, morning sessions are currently £6.25* per child and after-school sessions £8.50*. We require that bookings and payment be made monthly, by the 15th of the preceding month. We accept all major child-care vouchers, or you can pay direct on-line. We operate as a 'not for profit' business and aim to keep our charges at a minimum, seeing ourselves as providing an inclusive and affordable service to families in the local community.

Since the beginning of lock-down in March last-year, with school closures and reductions in demand as more parents have been home working, we have been closed for all but a short period last Autumn. We are now planning to restart our before and after school club from the start of the new school year in September and are seeking to understand what level of uptake we can expect to see. This would allow us to confirm our plans with our premises landlord and make plans for the staffing and resources we need to put in place.

We would very much appreciate that families planning to use our service for before and after school care from September would get in touch and let us know. Carol, our administrator, can be contacted at any time by phone or text on 07780 660145, or by email to wheatpatch@outlook.com.

More details of our service can be found on our website wheatpatch.co.uk.

With thanks

Bill Fry
WheatPatch Committee Chair