

As you will already know, from January, our after school care will be provided by Holiday Zone, the company who also run the Holiday Club here at WPS.

Their team has already made a great success of this Holiday club, with very positive feed-

back from WPS parents and external users, and we have every confidence that they will bring the same professionalism, commitment and enthusiasm to our after school care. Feedback comments include:

"B has had a great time at holiday zone, thank you so much to you all"

"Thank you Holiday Zone, G has had an amazing time. She can't wait to come again!"

In making this move, there will obviously be some changes. Booking-in will be made directly with the Manager, Natalie, whom some of you will already know, and she will also bill parents directly, rather than the current arrangement which is through your end of term bills.

Natalie will give you full details of these and other changes she will be making, nearer January, but in the meantime she says:

"Holiday Zone ltd are looking forward to running 'toast' at Wilmslow Prep School. We understand that parents are busy and quite often need a little help with after school care. We can help you with this. You can book your children in on a termly/weekly basis for as little or as many hours as you need. The children will come to us at 4:10pm and we will be happy to entertain them until 6:00, or later with prior arrangement (until 6.30pm). Our policy will be 'homework first then fun'.

The children will be welcomed with a healthy snack and drink, to fuel their brains to complete their homework. Carola, who is Level 3 qualified will be on hand to help where needed, along with Hannah, who you all probably know.

Then onto the fun bit. We believe that children learn through play; indeed this is clearly the case based on the 'play work principles'. Each day we will provide a variety of activities from arts and crafts, games, outdoor play and sometimes a film night and popcorn. The little ones can snuggle down with a book on the beanbags and relax after a busy day at school. We will work alongside the School curriculum, liaising with teachers on a regular basis so we can build on themes they are developing during the formal school day.

We want to create a fun and safe environment. We are Ofsted registered which means we can take payment via childcare vouchers. We will also accept cheques, cash and bank transfers.

We would recommend that you book your child's place the week before to secure a place as places will be on a first come, first served basis, and there may be limited availability. You can book by emailing, phone or popping in when we are there.

As we run Holiday Zone at the School over the holiday periods we have already met some of your parents, and we are pleased that they made some lovely comments about us and are keen for us to take 'toast' forward.

We already have an excellent working relationship with the School, and it is a real pleasure to extend our involvement with such a warm caring and happy School".

Natalie Reynolds—Holiday Zone Ltd

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