



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

## Nottinghamshire Families Information Service

### Information for parents & carers

# Out of school care

#### **Plus points:**

- Geared towards working parents.
- Provide a range of fun, stimulating play opportunities.
- Provide the opportunity to socialise with peers/friends outside school hours in a safe, friendly environment.
- Provides quality childcare for children over the age of five - sometimes younger.

#### **Choosing an out of school club:**

First you will need a list of registered out of school clubs in your area from the Nottinghamshire Families Information Service (FIS) on 0800 781 2168.

Think about what your basic requirements are at this stage - before school or after school or both, collection from school, special needs provision etc? Find the clubs that are suitable and contact them to find out if they have any vacancies. Don't forget to ask about the fees.

Ask to speak to other parents who use the out of school club to find out what they think about it. Remember to book early to secure your place(s).

#### **Top questions to ask out of school clubs:**

- How far in advance do you need to book?
- Are any snacks or drinks provided? What are they?
- Do you have a programme of activities for the children?
- What is the ratio of carers to children?
- What qualifications or training do the staff have?
- Is the club working towards a quality assurance scheme?
- How will they contact you in an emergency?
- Is there a parents information booklet with details of the policies and procedures of the club?
- Do you have a programme of activities?
- How long has the club been operating?

# Help paying for out of school care

