

Bainsford & Langlees

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Out of School Care



Opening Hours

Term time

Monday to Friday 2.45pm - 6pm

School holidays and In service days

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm



First Aid

Any child who has an accident will be treated by a member of staff. There is always a trained first aider on duty.

You will be asked to sign an accident form for each accident treated. This will be signed by the person administering the first aid.

If a child needs medication while they are with us you will be asked to sign forms giving permission for us to administer it.

If staff became concerned about a child's safety they have a duty by law to report these concerns. It is hoped that except in the most extreme circumstances they would also share these concerns with parents.

We are open all year round with the exception of the following days:

Good Friday

Easter Monday

May Day

September Public Holiday

Two weeks Christmas School Holiday

BLAST

Excellence in Childcare

Dawson Centre

David's Loan

Langlees

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Manager Beverley Isdale 01324 506668

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Children's Trays

Each child will be allocated a tray.

Any drawings, collage, art, badge or craft work etc. that a child has created will be placed in the tray for them to take home. Sometimes their creations are too big so they may need to await pick up on the craft table.

Children are discouraged from bringing in their own toys into the facility as the rule is everyone should be able to play with it and as you can imagine this causes problems.



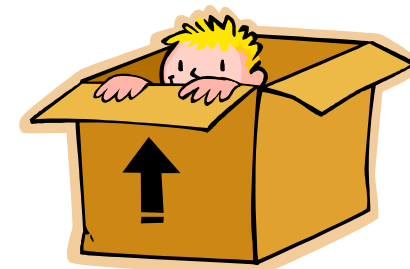
Welcome to BLAST

Blast is a Falkirk Council Education Services Out of School Care that provides play opportunities after school, during school holidays and In Service days, for children aged 4 and a half to 14 years.

Blast is a friendly and safe environment where children can come to relax and have fun.

The ethos of the service is based on the Play Principles which say: All children need to play; play should be freely chosen and directed by the children.

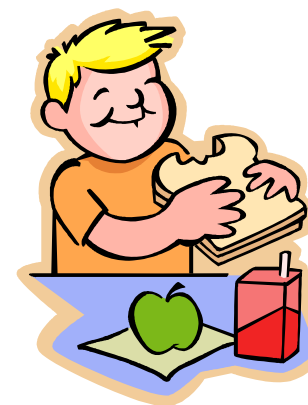
The staff in the service are there to support children in their play and facilitate the natural exploration with in play. Staff will take care not to disturb children's play unnecessarily and will encourage children to make informed choices about their play, who they play with and what they play with.



Please be aware your child is likely to come home untidy and perhaps dirty after they have had so much fun. This is more likely during the holidays as they have longer to develop their games into messy play.

At Blast we have a wide range of activities on offer from baking and sewing to pool and football. There is also a huge selection of board games & toys to keep them occupied. Playing with each other and using their imagination is a favourite, and who knows where this imagination will take them.

Staff encourage children to be outside in all weathers and we are in the process of researching ideas and funding to develop the outdoor area so there is outdoor shelter to encourage this further.



Lunch & Snacks

Children have a healthy snack each day during term time and one in the morning and afternoon during holidays.

The children help themselves from a selection of healthy food and fruit, with a choice of milk, water or diluting juice drink.

During holidays the children are required to bring in a packed lunch with an ice pack enclosed.

To assist with our healthy and active play ethos it would help us if you could provide healthy options in their packed lunch.

Blast should be made aware of any special dietary requirements because of any medical or religious reasons.

Outdoor Play

We have an enclosed area at the rear of the building with a large grass area, a paved area and a garden area for planting. There are also benches and picnic tables so the children can eat their snack outside in nice weather.

Please ensure that children are suitably dressed for outdoor play. A bag of casual clothes can be left at Blast for children to change into after school.

During hot, sunny weather parents should ensure that their children have sun cream and a hat to protect them from the sun, especially during the summer holidays.

During the colder weather please ensure they have warm clothes so they can still enjoy the outdoor space.



During holidays we often go on outings and nature walks etc. We also meet up with other Out of School Care for sports & fun days.

Every child who attends Blast has the same opportunities to participate in the wide range of activities that are available.



Customer Satisfaction

If your child enjoys their time at BLAST, please share this with the staff as it is always nice to have positive feedback. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the service please discuss this with staff or the Manager.

If you feel the issue is not resolved the Council has a complaints procedure which the staff will give you details about or you can find on the Council's website.

Complaints can also be made to the Care Commission, Tel: 01786 406363. www.carecommission.com

Collection of Children

During term time children are picked up from Bainsford and Langlees Primary Schools by Blast staff.

Please notify the staff if your child is going to be absent. If your child is ill then they should not attend Blast as we have a duty to control any spread of infection. If your child is not at the meeting point staff will worry and will implement our missing child procedure so please let them know so this can be avoided. The mobile phone is switched on at 1pm each school day and staff are in the building from 2.30pm.



You must let the staff at Blast know who is collecting your child if you cannot manage yourself. Only people who are known to staff will be able to pick your child up.

The person collecting your child must be over 16 years of age and should be known to the child.

Please try to collect your child at the agreed time. If you are unable to make it on time please inform staff as soon as possible. This is only acceptable as a last resort and you maybe charged for the extra time.

