



Wrap Around Care Policy

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Statement of Intent

The government expects **all** schools to have Wrap Around Childcare (WAC) on the school site, unless there is a reasonable justification not to, having considered all support available. Wrap Around Care is defined as childcare that 'wraps around' the conventional school day, i.e. provision directly before and after the school day, during school term time for school-age children. It also refers to childcare provision in the school holidays. There are many benefits to WAC, for children, families and schools.

These can vary, but may include:

- Enabling parents to work or study.
- Supporting vulnerable children.
- Offering enriching activities that children enjoy.
- Attracting new parents to the school.
- Supporting a soft start to the school day and attendance.
- Providing children with opportunities to socialise and play together.

Wolviston Primary School believes in creating a safe, welcoming and stimulating environment for all the children in its care and will support parents to access affordable and convenient WAC by delivering, or facilitating provision that is child-centred, easily accessible, and responds to the needs of their families.

Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974
- Children Act 2004
- Equality Act 2010
- Children and Families Act 2014
- DfE (2022) 'Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for schools'
- DfE (2023) 'Keeping children safe in education'
- DfE (2024) 'WAC: guidance for schools and trusts in England'
- DfE (2024) 'Responding to requests for WAC'
- DfE (2018) 'Charging for school activities'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Early Years Policy
- Administering Medication Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Attendance and Absence Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Charging and Remissions Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Complaints Procedures Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Debt Recovery Policy
- Extended Services Policy
- Finance Policy

- Fire Safety Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Healthy Eating and Drinking Policy
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
- Whole School Food Policy

Roles and Responsibilities

Governing Body will:

Ensure the school supports the LA to understand parental demand and, where relevant, existing wraparound provision in the school.

- Ensure the school has a school or private, voluntary or independent (PVI) provider run WAC on the school site, unless there is a reasonable justification not to.
- Ensure the school responds to their community's wraparound needs by adhering to the right to request guidance.
- Ensure the school contacts the LA when there is demand for WAC from parents at the school which is not being met.
- Provide support to the headteacher in determining the most appropriate model of WAC provision.
- Establish and agree the vision and aims of provision with stakeholders, including parents, governors, trustees, staff and PVI providers, where appropriate.
- Ensure activities do not interfere with the school's responsibility to provide a high quality and safe teaching environment.
- Ensure that the school has all necessary permissions from the landowner to use school facilities for wraparound provision.
- Ensure the school has appropriate Ofsted registrations in place, where applicable.
- Hold the headteacher and SBM to account for the performance of the childcare services.
- Ensure that child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures are updated to reflect any childcare provision provided by the school.

The Head Teacher will:

Work with the LA wraparound lead and others in the sector, to identify how the school can support parents to access WAC.

- Understand and meet the requirements and standards for delivering WAC, including:
 - Robust and effective safeguarding and welfare practices that adhere to Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) guidance.
 - Health and safety policies.
 - Inclusivity.
 - Travel to provision, where needed.
 - Having appropriate staff.
- Ensure provision meets minimum safe standards of childcare and adheres to the law.
- Recruit and manage staff required for the WAC provision.
- Report to the governing board on the performance of the WAC provision.
- Work collaboratively with the LA to ensure parents are, at a minimum, signposted to appropriate provision if the school is unable to have wraparound on the school site.

- Ensure WAC provision does not require parents to pick up or drop off their children between the school day and wraparound.
- Establish a clear and transparent charging and remissions policy, including the details of any extra charges being applied, where appropriate and necessary.
- Check the school has the appropriate policies and agreements in place to deliver and run the wraparound care provision.

The Administrator will:

- Determine the financial viability and practicalities of any new childcare service and offer evidence-based recommendations to the headteacher as to whether the school should provide the service and how it should be delivered, i.e. school run or by private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers.
- Promote and support government subsidies such as Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) and Universal Credit (UC) Childcare.
- Ensure that the appropriate risk assessments have been undertaken in respect of the childcare service.
- Ensure that the appropriate insurance is in place for any new childcare service.
- Take responsibility for the day to day financial administration of provision.
- Review and update facilities management policies and procedures to ensure that they cover the childcare service, e.g. cleaning, maintenance and security.

The SENCO will:

- Review and update existing equal opportunities policies to reflect any new childcare service, and then ensure that the service and its staff adhere to those policies and procedures.
- Ensure that staff working at the childcare service consider the needs of children with SEND when planning their activities to prevent discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster positive relations.

The DSL will:

- Review and update existing child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures to reflect any new childcare service, and then ensure that the service and its staff adhere to those policies and procedures.
- Ensure that any additional staff (both paid and volunteers) recruited for the childcare service complete an enhanced DBS (with barred list) check before they care for children.

Wraparound and Holiday Childcare: An Overview

The school is aware that the government expects **all** schools to have WAC on the school site, unless there is a reasonable justification not to, having considered all support available.

WAC is defined as childcare that ‘wraps around’ the conventional school day, i.e. provision directly before and after the school day, during school term time for school age children. It also refers to childcare provision in the school holidays.

Provision should:

- Be regular.
- Have longer hours.
- Be more dependable for working parents.

- Not require parents to pick their children up from school and drop them off at another location.

The school understands that wraparound and holiday childcare can be:

- On a school's site, run in-house by the school or in partnership with a provider.
- At a nearby school or private, voluntary or independent (PVI) provider

The school is aware that parents, and prospective parents, can request that the school considers establishing wraparound or holiday childcare. The school will consider and respond to requests from both parents and PVI providers.

- The school is aware that parents can make a request for children from reception up to the end of Year 6.
- Provision will be made available to children aged 3 to 11.
- In line with DfE recommendations, where there is demand, the school will also consider wraparound or holiday childcare for children in Early Years to Year 6.

Health and Safety

The school will ensure that all members of staff at the school are aware of their responsibilities and duties as set out in the school's Health and Safety Policy.

All members of WAC staff will be responsible for:

- Recording incidents, accidents and near misses.
- Maintaining a safe environment for children and adults.
- Taking part in any relevant health and safety training.

Safeguarding

The school will consistently operate on the basis that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. The school will ensure that its WAC provision is a safe and happy place for children, that parents feel confident that their child is well looked after and that robust safeguarding arrangements are in place. The school will ensure that all members of staff and volunteers are suitable to be working with children in wraparound care – anyone without the appropriate checks will be supervised by a member of staff who is permitted to undertake regulated activity with children. Child protection and safeguarding extends to all wraparound care provision, and the school will ensure that all staff and volunteers involved in the provision of wraparound care have read and adhere to the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is provided to all staff and volunteers involved in wraparound care upon induction. The school is aware that it is responsible for ensuring appropriate safeguarding policies and processes are in place, and that its arrangements for child protection will apply to any childcare provision provided by the school on-site.

The school will ensure that it:

- Follows the statutory guidance in KCSIE.
- Meets the Childcare Register's requirements, even if it is not eligible for registration on the Childcare Register.

- Makes sure that all staff receive safeguarding training and that they know the identity of the DSL, or deputies, and how to contact them.
- Makes sure that all staff, including volunteers, have obtained an enhanced DBS check.
- Makes sure it has appropriate policies and procedures in place to identify and deal with safeguarding incidents quickly.
- Follows the safeguarding and welfare requirements within the EYFS statutory framework when children in Reception year or younger are being cared for.
- Ensures that volunteers are properly supported and given appropriate roles, and that it continues to follow the checking and risk assessment process set out in part three of KCSIE.
- Prohibits a volunteer who has not been checked be left unsupervised or allowed to work in regulated activity.

Inclusion

The school understands that, under the Equality Act 2010, it has a duty to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- Advance equality between different groups.
- Foster good relations between different groups.
- Promote mental health and wellbeing.

The school will ensure it adheres to the statutory requirements set out within the Equality Act 2010, and acts in line with the school's Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

The school will ensure that all wraparound providers make childcare inclusive and accessible for all children, including children with SEND and children considered vulnerable.

The school will make sure that WAC provision is inclusive and considers the following:

- Having an appropriate offer for children with SEND, including appropriate staff-to-child ratios
- Making sure all staff are appropriately trained to deliver high quality, accessible and inclusive provision
- Having a plan to ensure it can identify the needs of children with SEND – this may include working with school SENCOs
- Understanding its responsibility to have arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Having properly vetted staff, both paid and voluntary, before they care for children
- Ensuring all staff are appropriately trained to deliver high quality, accessible and inclusive provision.
- Speaking to families regularly to understand individual needs and how these may change.
- Determining what transport arrangements may be necessary.

Where necessary, the school will make reasonable adjustments for children with disabilities to access the provision. Where reasonable adjustments are required, the school will ensure that parents are not expected to contribute to any of the costs incurred. Where adjustments are deemed unreasonable by the WAC provider but are necessary for the child to access the provision, parents may be asked to help.

Admissions

Our WAC provision is inclusive and will be made available to all children aged 3 to 11. The school will have a first come, first served policy to WAC provision. When all the places have been filled, new applications will be placed on a waiting list. The pupil premium may be used to enable disadvantaged pupils to access wraparound and holiday childcare, this will be at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

Fees and Finances

The school is aware that, for WAC to be accessible to parents and be sustainable, it must be affordable.

The school will therefore:

- Make places as affordable as possible for parents.
- Support and promote the use of government funding to help with the cost of childcare, such as Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit Childcare, by publishing information on the school website, school letters and school newsletters.
- Consider how parents access and pay for wraparound care, such as through mobile applications, and how to administer the government childcare support schemes.
- Benchmark prices against other wraparound provision in the area.
- Determine what charges need to be made to maintain the financial viability of provision.
- Ensure the school has a charging and remissions policy in effect, which is published and available for parents' inspection.

The school is aware that, for parents to be able to access the Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit Childcare government subsidies, the WAC provision must be registered with Ofsted. The school will ensure that any on-site WAC provision is registered with Ofsted and subject to inspection under the education inspection framework. All charges associated with WAC provision will be applied in line with the conditions set out in the school's Charging and Remissions Policy and the Extended Services Policy. In line with government guidance on [charging for school activities](#), any charge made in respect of individual pupils attending wraparound provision will not exceed the actual cost of providing the service. Any fees applied will not include an element of subsidy for any other pupils wishing to participate in the activity whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay the full fees. In line with government guidance on charging for school activities, the school will charge PVI providers a rental charge for using the school facilities to provide WAC. Any profit generated will be spent for the purposes of the school and community facilities.

The standard daily fee for attending the breakfast club will be £5.50, the After School Club will be £5.50 for Option 1 (3.10pm - 4.10pm) and £12.50 for Option 2 (3.10pm - up until, but not beyond, 6pm).

The following conditions will also be in place:

- All fees must be paid weekly
- Fees will be paid by via IRIS Plus Pay
- The clubs accept childcare vouchers
- There is a fee of £10 per hour for the late collection of children
- Charges for additional After School Clubs, e.g. Cookery, Sports, Dance, may be made

Staffing

The school will identify the most appropriate people to deliver wraparound, considering existing staff contracts and arrangements, and the mix of skills and experience required. The school will exercise financial prudence when taking on additional staff and seek the best rates available.

Ratios

The school is aware that the staff to child ratios needed will be dependent on the age of children using the WAC provision and the qualification levels of the staff employed.

When determining staffing levels, the primary concern of the school will be in ensuring the safety and welfare of children.

The school will take into consideration the following:

- How many staff are needed to ensure children the safety and welfare of children
- The types of activity children will be engaged in
- The age and needs of the children, including SEND or medical needs
- If any children need 1:1 support
- Safeguarding

The school will also ensure there is:

- A process for staff absences to make sure you can continue to meet the correct ratios.
- Enough staff to supervise children when eating or drinking.
- Enough staff to support a child who is taken ill or requires medical attention.

Where children who normally attend Reception class during the school day, or are younger – aged five or under – attend the wraparound provision, the school will ensure that sufficient staff are employed as stated in the [‘Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) for group and school based providers’](#). Provision will cater for up to 25 children at a time, ensuring that there is an appropriate staff-to-child ratio at all times.

Qualifications and Training

The school is aware that, for school-aged children, there are no specific staff qualification requirements, and the school will therefore take responsibility for considering staff qualifications and training requirements. When considering what level of training is required, the school will consider the individual needs of the children attending the provision and any requirements set out by the relevant regulatory bodies. If children in Reception year or younger are present, at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate will be on the premises and available at all times – the certificate will be for a full course consistent with the criteria set out in Annex A of the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework.

Offering Food

The school is aware that offering food is an optional element of wraparound provision. The school is also aware that, for breakfast or after-school clubs which are either on school premises, or on other

premises that the LA or school governing board have requested, it must adhere to The School Food Regulations 2014, which apply to all food and drink provided to pupils on school premises up to 6pm.

When offering food and drink as part of before and After School WAC, the school will:

- Be registered
- Ensure it meets the appropriate food regulations.
- Ensure that anyone handling food receives appropriate supervision and training in food hygiene.
- Provide healthy and nutritious food that meet the requirements for The School Food Regulations 2014.
- Comply with allergen regulations and:
 - Be aware of pre-existing food allergies, intolerances or coeliac disease.
 - Have processes in place to ensure the availability of safe food options.
- Minimise the chance of choking incidents when looking after children aged 5 years old and under by making sure:
 - Staff know how to prepare food appropriately for their age and development.
 - Children are within the sight and hearing of a member of staff when eating.
- Be aware of any medical, religious or cultural requirements when considering individual pupils' needs.

Arrivals and Collections

The school is fully committed to the safety and security of all the children in its WAC provision; therefore, several procedures will be implemented for children arriving at before- or after-school care provision:

Before-school care

- Parents will drop their child off for Breakfast Club at the main entrance and hand responsibility over for their child to a member of Wolviston Primary staff.
- Attendance will be recorded in the WAC register; the parents of any pupil who was booked to attend and is not present when the register is called will be contacted.
- A member of staff will escort children to their respective classes at 8.40am.

After-school care

- Early Years children attending After School Club will be escorted to the hall, whilst older children Y1-Y6 will make their own way to the hall to be greeted by a member of WAC staff.
- A register will be taken. If a pupil arrives, but is not on the register, a staff member will check with the school and the parent before turning the pupil away.
- Where parents cannot be contacted, and the whereabouts of any children remains unknown, the club will follow the procedures outlined in [section 13](#) of this policy.

Involving Parents

The school aims to achieve effective communication with parents; therefore, it will have the following protocols in place to ensure effective information sharing:

- Parents are welcome to visit the WAC facilities before their child attends.
- All the school's policies will be available on the school's website, and hard copies are available upon request.
- All members of staff will take note of information from parents that could affect the happiness and well being of their child.
- Parents will be welcomed at the collection point to exchange information and provide updates on their child's wellbeing.
- A survey will be conducted to collect feedback and improve services from time to time.

Uncollected Children

Staff members will do their best to ensure effective communication between the school-run wraparound provision and parents.

If the parent is over 10 minutes late, the following procedure will be followed:

- A member of staff will attempt to contact the parent using the details provided from school records
- If contact is not made, a message will be left. The member of staff will then attempt to reach the emergency contacts listed on school records
- For the duration of the wait, the child will be supervised by two members of staff
- When the parent arrives, they will be issued with a penalty notice of £10 per hour that they were late collecting their child.

If the parent is more than 20 minutes late, the following procedures will be followed:

- If a member of staff has not reached the parent or an emergency contact, they will begin safeguarding procedures and will telephone The Children's Hub for advice and instruction.

Missing child procedure

The school will have procedures in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all the children in the school's care. The school will ensure that it holds at least two emergency contacts for each pupil registered at the childcare club. All staff will be informed of the missing child procedure as part of their induction.

If at any time a child cannot be located, the following steps will be taken:

- All members of staff will be alerted that a pupil is missing
- Members of staff will conduct a search of the premises and the surrounding area
- At least one member(s) of staff will stay with the other children involved in the childcare club, in order to prevent further problems and keep a calm atmosphere
- If the child is not located within 10 minutes, the police and the parents of the child will be informed
- The search for the child will continue until the police arrive
- The headteacher will liaise with the police and the parents of the child

Illness and Injury

In the event of illness or injury, the school will act in accordance with the Health and Safety Policy and the First Aid Policy. All members of staff will be trained in first aid and will be made aware of their duties if a child is injured or becomes ill.

In cases of minor illness or injury, the following procedures will be adhered to:

- If a child becomes ill, the parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child
- If a child is complaining of illness, but the member of staff does not believe it is serious, they will monitor the child until the end of the session
- If a child suffers a minor injury, first aid will be administered and the child will be closely monitored for the rest of the session

If a child suffers a major injury or becomes seriously ill, the following procedures will be implemented:

- If a child needs to go to the hospital, an ambulance will be called and a member of staff will accompany them
- The parents of the child will be notified immediately
- Following the incident, members of staff will conduct a review of the incident in order to prevent any such incident from occurring in the future
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Medication

It is expected by the school that members of staff will always act in accordance with the school's Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy and Administering Medication Policy. Members of staff will be made aware of the importance of administering prescribed medication to children.

The school and its clubs will understand that parental consent is crucial and will have the following rules in place for administering medication to pupils:

- Before any medication is given, the child's medical forms will be checked to see if the medication has been approved by the parent.
- When a member of staff administers medication, another member of staff will witness the process.
- Details of the process will be recorded on the child's medication form.
- If a child refuses to take the medication, the member of staff will not administer it. The parent will be notified immediately.
- If a certain medication requires training to administer, only members of staff with the relevant training will administer it.
- If there are changes to the dosage or frequency of the medication, the changes will be recorded on the medical forms. Parents will be required to sign the forms again before any change in procedure is agreed.

Behaviour

The school's WAC services will be subject to the existing Behaviour Policy; disciplinary issues will be reported to the parents of the child. Repeated breaches of the Behaviour Policy may result in the child being barred from attending the WAC clubs.

Anti-Bullying Policy

The school has a strict Anti-bullying Policy which will be implemented at all times. Any child who is the victim of bullying will be supported in a sympathetic and friendly manner. If bullying is reported, it will be noted and investigated by a member of staff and the parents of both children will be informed. The school defines bullying as repeated harassment of others, including psychological, physical, verbal or emotional abuse.

If it is discovered that bullying has taken place, the following procedures will be adhered to:

- Incidents will be dealt with in a sensitive and thorough way
- Victims will have the chance to discuss what happened with a member of staff
- Victims of bullying will be reassured that the case will be taken seriously
- Victims of bullying will be monitored to ensure further incidents do not occur
- If another pupil reported the incident, they will be reassured that they did the right thing
- The child who is accused of bullying will discuss their behaviour to gain an understanding of why it was inappropriate
- If the bullying persists, more serious action, such as exclusion, will be considered
- All incidents will be reported to the headteacher, and incidents will be recorded and investigated

Bullying of a sexual nature will **never** be tolerated and will be addressed according to the procedures outlined in the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. Where necessary crimes, are included in a report of bullying, the police will be notified.

Emergency Evacuation and Closure

In exceptional circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions, heating failure or serious illness, the wraparound care clubs will be closed.

In the case of an emergency, the following procedures will be followed:

- Emergency services will be contacted
- All children will be evacuated from the building and taken to the designated emergency assembly point – currently, this at the front of the school.
- A member of staff will collect the register and check that all the children are at the emergency assembly point
- If a child is missing from the emergency assembly point, the emergency services will be informed immediately
- Parents will be contacted and asked to collect their children
- All children will remain at the emergency assembly point until they are collected by their parent
- If a child has not been collected after undergoing the emergency procedure, members of staff will follow the uncollected child procedure, above.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Head Teacher. The scheduled review date for this policy is **July 2026**