



AWAKEN EDUCATION WRAPAROUND CARE

Everything your school needs to know about
setting up this integral service.

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Balancing work commitments with the demands of before and after-school care has always been a challenge for parents and carers. For many working parents, unless they have the support of nearby grandparents or can frequently rely on friends, managing the school drop-off and still making it to work by 9am and picking up after school poses a significant difficulty.

Traditionally, wraparound childcare has been seen as a beneficial but non-essential service, largely dependent on parental demand and the resources available at schools. This service enables working parents to effectively extend the school day, aligning it with their work hours and providing the flexibility needed to manage multiple drop-offs and pick-ups.

However, providing wraparound care is no longer optional for primary schools. The 2023 Spring Budget has established a goal for all primary school children to have access to wraparound care by September 2026. To support this initiative, Local Authorities will receive an additional £289 million in funding to help schools and private providers set up this provision.

However, many primary schools are facing a daunting task, as they contemplate how to staff, operate, and manage such a provision with already limited resources.

This information guide draws upon expertise and advice from various professionals experienced in implementing wraparound care in schools. Its purpose is to assist schools in establishing a wraparound care service that prioritises best practices, alleviating the associated challenges.

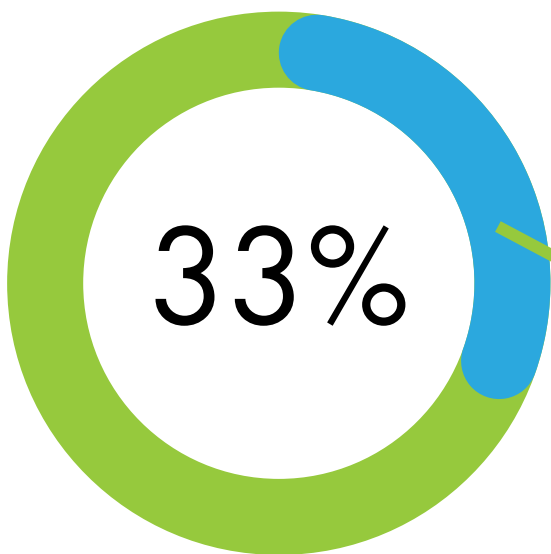


Why Wraparound Care

The shift in working patterns, particularly among mothers, in recent years has heightened the urgent demand for childcare services.

A government Childcare and Early Years Survey in 2022 highlighted that back in 2010 only 25% of mothers were working full time. **By 2022 this had increased drastically to 41%.**

As part of the 2023 Budget announcement Jeremy Hunt stated that, at the time, around 33% of schools do not offer childcare at both ends of the school day. This means some parents have to work shorter hours than they would like, due to having to fit into the school day. In fact, 24% of parents could not do their jobs if it wasn't for wraparound care.



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The Funding



The government's initial funding is intended to aid schools in setting up wraparound care, covering the first two academic years. During this setup phase, Local Authorities will collaborate with schools to introduce parent funded provision that prioritises both high quality and affordability.

Those on Universal Credit can claim up to 85%* of their childcare costs which includes wraparound care.

Working parents can access up to £2,000 a year towards Tax Free Childcare and can also be used towards the cost of wraparound care. Anyone currently using the Childcare Voucher scheme can continue to do so if they remain with the same employer who continues to run the scheme, however it's important to note that this scheme closed to new entrants in 2018.

*** Up to a value of £951 for one child, and from £1,109 to £1,630 for two or more children.**



Benefits of Wraparound Care

For Children

Early childhood experiences significantly shape a child's development, laying either strong or weak foundations for lifelong learning, health, and behaviour. Studies emphasise that wraparound care offers benefits beyond convenient childcare for working parents. Participation in after-school activities has been shown to enhance both physical and psychological wellbeing.

Engaging in before and after-school clubs correlates with improved classroom attention and reduced behavioural issues. Additionally, these activities introduce children to diverse interests and sports not typically covered during regular school hours, potentially sparking new hobbies. Furthermore, these sessions provide valuable opportunities to develop social skills in a relaxed setting with peers of varying ages. They also offer a conducive environment for completing homework with support and minimal distraction.

For School

Early childhood experiences play a crucial role in shaping a child's development, influencing their lifelong learning, health, and behaviour. Research highlights that wraparound care provides benefits that extend beyond simple childcare convenience for working parents. Engaging in before and after-school clubs has been found to positively impact both the physical and psychological wellbeing of children.

Furthermore, these clubs introduce children to a diverse range of interests and sports that might not be included in regular school hours, potentially sparking new interests and enthusiasm. Participation in these activities correlates with improved classroom focus and decreased behavioural issues.

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Benefits of **Working with us**

Reduction in Stress

Partnering with a specialist external provider like Awaken Education can significantly reduce stress for schools. With Awaken Education handling staffing logistics and session planning, schools can concentrate on their daytime activities without the added burden of administrative tasks.

Income Generation

Collaborating with Awaken Education offers financial benefits as well. Schools can earn up to £10,000 in hall hire fees, which can be reinvested into improving school facilities.

Easy Booking System

Managing attendance and registers can be complex, especially with parents' changing schedules. Awaken Education provides an online booking system, allowing parents to book and pay for places directly, and generates registers automatically.

All About Variety

An expert play facilitator from Awaken Education can offer a diverse range of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, community and wellbeing sessions. This variety exposes children to new experiences, fosters social interaction, encourages teamwork, and boosts confidence.

Promote Key Values

Wraparound childcare also provides an opportunity for schools to reinforce their ethos. Sessions can be tailored to highlight key messages and areas of focus, making them relevant to the school's values.

Active, Happier Children

Engaging in stimulating activities before or after school can enhance a child's cognitive function, engagement, and confidence. Sessions focused on specific sports provide physical benefits, which is crucial in combating childhood obesity and meeting the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

Our Partnership



At Awaken Education, our partnership with schools for wraparound care is collaborative and seamlessly aligned with each school's vision. We promise strong communication with both schools and parents to ensure a cohesive and supportive environment. Our thoughtfully crafted timetable for breakfast and after-school clubs incorporates the seven strands of learning: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. Our holistic and wholesome approach centres around play to ignite imaginations and dreams, with a keen focus on inclusivity so that all children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), can engage and thrive in our sessions.

Our play facilitators are well-equipped with knowledge in behaviour management, using positive reinforcement to maintain high expectations and strong routines. We prioritise balanced, healthy meals and snacks to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, recognising the critical role of breakfast as vital fuel for learning. With 4 million children at risk of hunger every day in the UK, schools offering wraparound care and a healthy breakfast can directly impact those at risk. Our staff hold Food Handling and Hygiene Level 2 qualifications, ensuring that students receive the best care and nutrition.

Our partnership will be valued, strong and seamless. We actively respond to any questions, queries or concerns you may have during our partnership.



Steps to Success

This is the process we will follow to ensure that the Wrap Around Care in your school is aligned with your ethos and values, seamless setting up period, promotion of our provision and the continuum of strong communication throughout the academic year. Here are our 5 Steps to Success to showcase what our commitment to this offering will feel like:

1

Arrange meeting with WAC Area Lead and School to discuss school priorities, expectations and venue cost.

2

Proposed Curriculum and venue agreement to be circulated and agreed with school. Contact lines to be established. Arrange lunch time drop in and parent meet and greet to promote new provision.

3

Promote new WAC offering with lunch time drop-ins, social media, parent meet and greet. Booking channels will open.

4

Begin sessions. Maintain high quality communications with the school and parents/ carers. Weekly praise to be shared with the school and parents/ carers.

5

Termly meetings with school to re-evaluate delivery and amend if necessary. Review SEND information. Collate parent/ carer and young people feedback to further enhance provision.



Each of our activities link to the seven strands of learning and are predominately applied with the notion of play. We want the young people we work with to have a wholesome and fun experience prior to starting their day.

Example Timetable

Breakfast

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:45	Sign in	Sign in	Sign in	Sign in	Sign in
07:45-08:15	Gratitude Journaling. Share a story. 	Gratitude Journaling. Pass the ball with themed words. 	Gratitude Journaling. Arts and Crafts 	Gratitude Journaling. Emotion Charades. 	Gratitude Journaling. Pictionary. 
08:15	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:15-08:40	Problem Solving Games 	Follow Instruction Craft 	Alphabet Story 	Whisper and tell 	Maths Treasure Hunt 
08:40	Tidy up time	Tidy up time	Tidy up time	Tidy up time	Tidy up time
08:45	Class drop off	Class drop off	Class drop off	Class drop off	Class drop off

7 Strands of Learning Key

Communication and language

Physical Development

Mathematics

Expressive Art and Design

PSE Development

Literacy

Understanding the world



At the end of the school day we offer quiet time for reflection, fun activities driven by play, these are still linked to the 7 strands of learning.

Example Timetable

After School Care

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15:15 - 15:30	Registration. Reflection. Snack Time 	Registration. Reflection. Snack Time 	Registration. Reflection. Snack Time 	Registration. Reflection. Snack Time 	Registration. Reflection. Snack Time 
15:30-16:30	Tagging Games 	Music and Movement 	Baking 	Yoga 	Multi-Sport 
16:30 - 17:15	Parachute Games 	Community Project 	Maths Bingo 	Counting Sports Game 	Picture Prompt 
17:15- 17:45	Arts and Crafts 	Community Project 	Themed Show and Tell 	Group Drawing 	Mystery Box 
17:15 - 18:00	Tidy up time	Tidy up time	Tidy up time	Tidy up time	Tidy up time

- The young people are also encouraged to complete home learning after each day.

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Who Testaments

"Dan and Georgia have had a positive change in my students and provide alternative learning for them. They have built positive relationships with students and helped them to overcome difficult behaviours and challenges they may face. The incorporation of physical exercise into the program has also been incredibly beneficial, not only for their physical health but also for their mental well-being." - **Lauren Batty, PLC Manager Outwood Academy Carlton**

"First time attending camp and they loved every minute Thank You." - **Parent**

"Georgia and Dan deliver a raft of interventions to support our young people. Ranging from active sessions to resilience work. Students have engaged well and the sessions have had a positive impact on their wellbeing and life skills." - **Laura Kye, Associate Assistant Principal**

"My son really loves the camps and looks forward to it every holiday. Being able to go to camp is also beneficial to me as a parent as I know he's having a amazing time playing with friends as well as knowing he is being safe and looked after as he's not quite at that age where he is safe to play in the street so this camp gives him the social interaction he needs and I can relax as a mother." - **Parent**



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