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After School Club 2023-2024

Q & A

Thank you for sending in your emails regarding your interest in our new Vancouver Coastal Health licensed After School Club Program (ASC). Following are answers to the most common questions we have received.

1. Why licenced school age childcare?

Unfortunately, our goal of creating an OLS daycare service to our parents was not feasible due to the City of Vancouver requiring special upgrades to our lower hall site. The school age care licence was offered instead, as this allows us to expand our childcare licence for future use. It also helps us hire consistent staff and regulate programming for up to 40 students. As we are just initiating our new program, we have tried to respond to some of the most common questions.

2. Can you please clarify the breakdown of the fees per child?

- The \$320 monthly fee is for one child attending all 4 days in the week (M-Th). These are consistent with the programs offered by neighbouring schools.
- The \$90 monthly fee is the monthly daily rate if your child is not attending all 4 days. For example, if you have one child attending two days per week, your monthly fee will be \$180.
- Once you have registered for at least one day per week, you can drop-in on an as needed basis. The daily drop-in rate will be \$25 (per child for 2 hrs).
- All students must be picked up by 4:45 p.m. Children picked up after 5 p.m. will be charged a late fee of \$15 per additional 15 minutes.

3. Will September be prorated as ASC is not starting until the week of September 11, 2023?

Yes, September will be prorated to reflect three weeks of use.

4. If a professional day or holiday lands on our scheduled ASC day, will our fees be reduced that month?

Yes, if school is not in session on your scheduled ASC day, your fee (per child) will be reduced by \$22.50 per day.

5. How and when will we be invoiced for this service?

Invoices will be generated and sent out at the beginning of each month for your regularly scheduled dates of attendance. If you add any additional unexpected days, these will be added to your following month's invoice.

Please note, if your child does not attend ASC on a pre-scheduled day where school is in session, you will still be charged for this day.

6. Should the fee reduction be approved by the BC Childcare Ministry, how will this impact our monthly rate?

If the BC Childcare Ministry approves our application for a parent fee reduction, our monthly rate will be reduced by approximately \$30-\$40 (per child), which will also slightly reduce our daily rate.

7. How come we were not given advance notice to this increase in fees?

During the summer break, we completed our application to become a Vancouver Coastal Health licensed centre-based child-care program. We do understand that there is an increase in our ASC fees. However, since we are now licensed, this enables you to receive a tax receipt for childcare expense and also you are now able to apply for the BC Affordable Child Care Benefit to recover some of your costs. Please see the following link for more information on the BC Affordable Child Care Benefit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-funding/child-care-benefit>

8. Is there a Family discount?

Yes. Families consisting of more than 1 child will receive a 20% discount for each additional child.

Please feel free to email the office at office@myolosschool.com for any other concerns PRIOR to Monday September 11, 2023.