

# A Children's Charter for School Age Childcare in ALLOA



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**In November 2022, a group of us from St Mungo's RC Primary School were joined by A Place in Childhood and the Scottish Government to talk about the Best Out of School Club possible. Our group represented the P2/1 class with excellent help from P6/7 buddies!**

To start the day we all took a walk and we showed our adult facilitators what Alloa is like and spoke about what we like to do here. We took photos and a video of our journey. This helped us to think about where the best out of school club could take place in our local community.

When we got back to school the next thing we did was talk about what kind of activities would happen at the Best Out of School Club. We talked about what activities we would like to do, and discussed how this might be different after school, on the weekends and during the school holidays. We then spoke about who would be the best person to run the Best Out of School Club and why. We drew pictures and spoke about what the best person would be like.

After all of this hard work, we went over everything we spoke about during the day and then it was time to have some fun play time. We were so grateful for your help in creating the Alloa Children's Charter. Thank you!

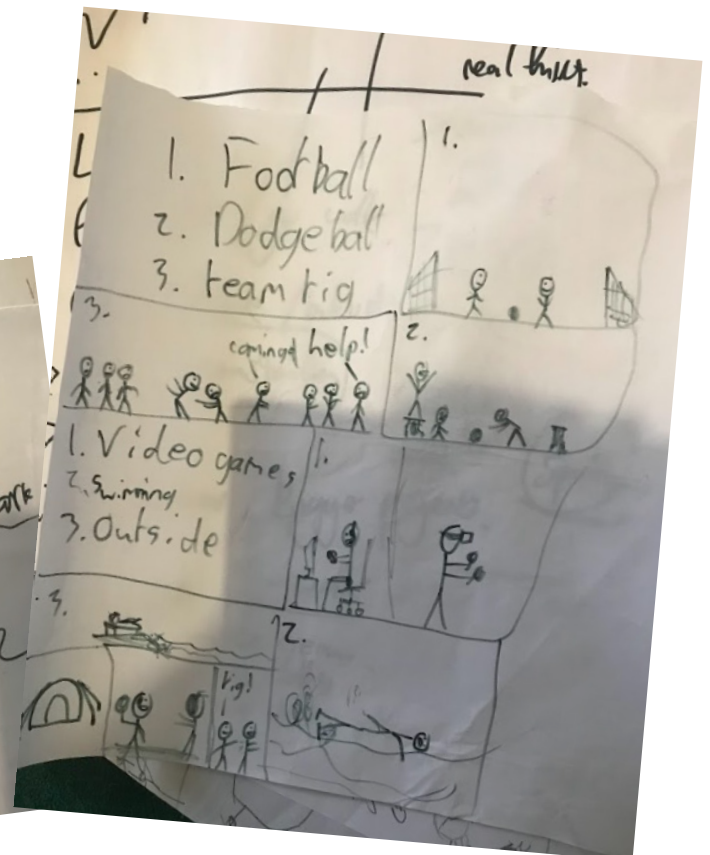
Also a special thank you to all of the P6/7s who were tremendous.

Below is a record of everything we talked about. This is our Children's Charter!

# WHAT activities could we do in the Best Out of School Club?

## We would like to be able to do:

- Free play time - barbies, dollies, board games - It has to be our choice.
- Playing with friends.
- Sports - football, dodgeball, PE games.
- Trim Trail and climbing.
- Go outside and in nature, find wildlife, climb trees, spend time at Waterside by the river.
- Swimming or paddling pool or a big waterslide.
- Cycling.
- Music - play with instruments - guitar, drums.
- Dancing.
- Cooking and go out for dinner - pizza or do a bake sale!
- Watch films and tv shows.
- Build stuff - a computer, a go-kart, Minecraft, or build forts.
- Gaming - online and in real life!
- Visit places - Stirling Castle, Wallace Monument, Alloa Tower, Edinburgh Zoo, the cinema.



# WHEN would we do different types of activities in the Best Out of School Club?

## Weekdays

- It would be good to get free play after being at school all day so we can do what we want.
- We like playing outside, sitting quietly with our friends, or playing with siblings.

## Weekends

- It's good to play with and visit friends at the weekend and do things like swimming or the paddling pool, and crafts/drawing/colouring.
- Its fun to surprise people too!
- We like to watch tv and relax or play computer games.
- We like to build things like houses and forts.
- Climb trees.
- Dress up in costumes.

## Holidays

- Holiday time is a good time to go and visit places and do things we don't normally get to do, like go to the Zoo or visit the Castle (Stirling Castle)!



# WHO would run the Best Out of School Club?

## The best person would be....

- Caring and nice
- Good at listening
- Funny and friendly
- Someone who is talented
- Kind
- Calm
- Good at sports
- Strong
- Happy
- Enthusiastic
- Other children!
- Or owls or dogs or other animals!

## They'd also....

- Let you do what you wanted
- Not shout
- Make lots of nice snacks
- Make sure everyone is nice
- Set a good example for everyone
- Know lots of games to play

## Our suggestions include....

- Our teacher
- Jamie from A Place in Childhood
- My brother or my sister
- Santa Claus
- My rainbow granny
- My Auntie
- My Mum



# WHY would children and young people go to the Best Out of School Club?

The out of school club is important **to our parents/carers** if they need to **work or study longer hours** than school time lasts. It's also helpful if they **work at the weekends and during the school holidays**. The other main thing is they might need us to go to the club **if they are ill or have an accident**. It will let them get the rest they need and not worry about us.

For children, the out of school club allows us **to rest and play with our friends!** At the Best Out of School Club, **we can choose** what to do with our friends who we only see at school.



# WHERE would the Best Out of School Club take place?

## Places the club could be or take us to and why

- There is a nature club that P7s can go to on the river and plant trees.
- We like the Trim trail in the school playground.
- Sensory garden is great and we like the plants.
- Skatepark.
- The fluffy bunny ear plants, the cool leaves to collect and the mushrooms in the raised garden.
- Alloa Tower is really cool at Christmas, there is a market there. Fun to see historic places.
- Lots of trees to collect lots of leaves.
- Wimpey Park is great.
- Play area is great, lots of good equipment.

## Local things we'd like to see improved

- Have to walk far to get to the playground.
- Would be better if there was more stuff for the P6/7s to do.
- School grounds are a bit hard.
- Can't play football on the big pitch with the big boys.
- Have to share the pitches with the big kids at break.
- There's not enough places to climb and explore.





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