

SCHOOL AGED CHILDCARE IN SHETLAND

WHAT IS SCHOOL AGED CHILDCARE?

School aged childcare is for primary school children which can be provided by the council, private providers and the voluntary sector.

School aged childcare can include:

- Breakfast provision
- After school provision
- Holiday provision

School aged childcare is a non-statutory service, which means there is not a legal obligation for local authorities to offer this provision.

BREAKFAST PROVISION

Breakfast provision offers care for children before the school day begins.

These clubs can be run by schools, private providers or charitable organisations.

They offer a safe start to the day, often including a healthy breakfast.

HOLIDAY PROVISION

Holiday provision offers care for children during school holidays.

There are two types:

1. Activity-Based Provision

- Run by community groups, leisure centres, and other organisations

2. Out of School Club Holiday Provision (Regulated)

- Delivered through the council's Out of School Clubs
- offered as half-day or full-day sessions

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

After-school provision offers care for children at the end of the school day.

There are two types:

1. After School Clubs (Unregulated)

- Usually run by schools or community groups
- These are not formally regulated

2. Out of School Clubs (Regulated)

- Registered and inspected by the Care Inspectorate
- Must meet standards to provide high-quality care

There are 4 Out of School Clubs in Shetland. These are:

- Brae Out of School Club
- Islesburgh Out of School Club
- Ness Out of School Club
- Sandwick Out of School Club



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Are all clubs regulated?

No. Out of School Clubs are regulated by the Care Inspectorate. Some activity-based or school clubs may not be regulated.

How do I book a place for an Out of School Club?

Contact the club directly - details are listed on the council website.

What ages can attend?

Most provision is for primary school-aged children. Check with individual providers for specific age ranges.

How much do clubs costs?

There is a standard cost across all of the regulated Out of School Clubs. Information about costs is available on the council website.

What should my child bring?

Requirements vary by provider. Clubs will advise on food, clothing, and any items needed when you book.

QUESTIONS...

Learn more about school aged childcare in Shetland at:
www.shetland.gov.uk/schools/school-clubs

For further information about regulated Out of School Clubs, please contact the club you are interested in. Contact details are available on the website above.