

## OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS CHOICES

**Registered Out of School Clubs** are attended by school aged children who take advantage of the out of school services. Activities are planned so that your child can, relax, learn, play and have fun in groups and with their friends. Out of school clubs are usually based in or near schools and are available through the medium of English and Welsh.

There are different services available:

They may provide a **breakfast club**, which is open in the morning before the school starts. Your child can enjoy breakfast with their friends.

**After school clubs** open in the afternoon after school finishes and usually finish around 6 p.m.

Some services offer Before and After clubs which combine the two, opening both in the morning and in the afternoon.

**Holiday Playschemes** open during the school holidays.

They are not open access schemes, the child is dropped off and collected by a responsible adult and the providers has full responsibility for the duration of the session until collected. Clubs have a planned programme of activities such as arts and crafts, games and sport, drama and music, plus a quiet corner for reading, homework and videos. Clubs are registered with Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (CSSIW) and are checked ensuring that the staff are suitable to look after children. At least half of them must be trained and depending on the age of the children there are rules on the ratio of staff to children. The integration of children with special needs is welcomed and encouraged.

Clubs may be a member of Clybiau Plant Cymru Kid's Clubs that exists to help communities in Wales by promoting, developing and supporting quality, affordable, accessible childcare clubs.

In Caerphilly County Borough they can achieve accreditation through the Caerphilly EYDCP Quality Standards.

Are you interested in setting up an Out of School Club? For more information contact:

(English Medium Club)  
**Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs**  
[www.clybiauplantcymru.org](http://www.clybiauplantcymru.org)  
Tel: 029 20 74 10 00

or

(Welsh Medium Club)  
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