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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome your child to our main children's activity, KidSpace which is for children of primary school age.

KidSpace is one of the groups run by Kirkholt Community Church and all the leaders (apart from some of the younger ones!) are Christians. That means that they have made a decision to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour and fully participate in church life.

There are lots of activities at the club that your child can get involved with, but we always start the evening with a short Bible message and prayer. We believe that Jesus was born into this world, lived fully as a human being, died on a cross for our sin and rose again 3 days later. Whilst on Earth he set a perfect example of how to live a life according to God's will – a life of concern for others and service to God.

At KidSpace we want to teach children the values of the Christian way of life – forgiveness, loving others (even those that might not love or like us!), right attitudes etc. We want to give them opportunities to decide for themselves whether they want to follow Jesus but this is never forced upon them and is not a requirement of attending the club.

We expect your child to behave reasonably whilst they are with us and we will not tolerate bullying of any kind. Sanctions (bans, being sent home etc) are made when we feel that the child concerned has not responded to warnings and where possible we will contact you informing you if we have to take action regarding behaviour. It is therefore really important for us to have up to date contact information at all times. As membership is limited to 60 places children who do not attend for 3 weeks in a row without explanation may lose their place if there is a waiting list to join. Children can bring a visiting guest if numbers on the night allow, but they must also follow the terms of the agreement and must join if they want to attend more regularly. If behaviour becomes a real problem we may stop your child from being a member.

We very rarely have accidents more serious than bumps and grazes, but again, it is so important for us to be able to contact you or someone responsible for your child whilst they are with us in case of injury – there have been lots of times when we could not get hold of a parent/guardian when we needed to.

Children are rewarded for good behaviour and attendance. Each child will have a member's record where their points will be recorded and prizes will be given for 10, 25 and 50 points.

Please take look at the agreement enclosed and sign the membership form when you've done so.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns,

Yours

Rachel

Rachel Culshaw,
Childrens Team Leader

KidSpace/Home Agreement

We expect your child:

To sit and listen quietly during the Bible message and prayer.

To respect the leaders and other members of the club at all times.

To follow instructions given by the leaders.

To stay away from “out of bound” areas (such as the platform, kitchen, office and crèche) unless asked by a leader to enter those areas.

To stay in the building during the club and to wait to be collected if need be.

To not touch light switches or other electrical fittings.

To not run around the building playing “chase” or “hide and seek.”

To tell a leader if there are problems with other club members (i.e. not take things into their own hands).

We expect you:

To keep us up to date with changes of contact information etc.

To be contactable (or provide us with details of someone who is) whilst your child is with us.

To raise any concerns or issues calmly and respectfully.

To respect our Christian values (even though you may not necessarily agree with them!).

You can expect us to:

Treat your child as an individual and with respect at all times.

Keep your child as safe as is reasonably possible (we cannot promise that we can prevent all bumps and bruises!).

Act within our Church Child Protection Policy at all times and ensure that all leaders have gone through appropriate checks and training.

Listen to your concerns and act accordingly.

Take a zero tolerance approach to bullying of any sort.

Contact you as soon as any problem arises with your child.