

## Kids Camps Information for Parents

### Camp Ethos

All camps are designed around being **outdoors**; meeting the animals on the farm, exploring the gardens, playing in the woods and building dens. We do of course include indoor activities, however the emphasis is on being outside.

### Camp Leaders

Camp Leaders are Garda vetted and all have experience in working with children. Leaders actively encourage children's involvement throughout camp and a Camp Supervisor is on hand each day to provide support if required.

### Camp Booking

We operate various different camps throughout the week so it's important to make sure you've booked your little one on the correct camp. Due to popularity of camps and maintaining correct ratios, it may not be possible to transfer your booking to another camp.

All camp payments are non-transferrable and non-refundable.

### Age of Campers

Camps at Airfield Estate are designed for children aged **5 to 8 years or 8-12 years**. For safety and enjoyment of all campers, we cannot accept children under the age of 5 years

### Camp Timings

Drop off is from **8.50am – 9.00am**. We ask all parents/guardians to be on time as camp starts at 9am. Once campers are signed in with Camp Leaders, you're free to leave.

Camp ends at **2.30pm** and campers will be dropped to the ticket desk area by Camp Leaders and should be collected here by a parent/guardian.

During pick-up, you'll be informed of any incidents deemed relevant including accidents and behaviour. Please allow 5-10 minutes at collection time to speak to a camp leader.

### After Camp Care

After camp care is an additional, pre-booked service provided by Airfield Estate which operates from **2.30pm to 5.30pm**.

After camp care is a continuation of camp activities but at a slower pace so will include activities like art, crafts, stories, free play etc.

Pick-up times for after camp care are: **4.30pm, 5pm and 5.30pm**. Unfortunately we cannot facilitate other pick up times, except in the event of an emergency. If you have booked aftercare, you will be asked your preferred collection time by the camp leader each morning.

### What to Pack

Campers have two breaks each day.

As campers will be more active than usual, it's important they have sufficient food and drinks with them.

We recommend a **nut-free**, balanced packed lunch with snacks and drinks. If your child is attending after camp care, please pack additional food for this time.

Campers will be outside the majority of time, so please ensure they're wearing weather appropriate clothing and footwear. It's always helpful to pack an extra set of clothes just in case a change is required.

It's also best to leave all valuables at home. Items of clothing like boots, coats, and hats should be labelled.

### **Allergies**

At the time of booking, it is important that all allergies are flagged.

Parents of children who require an epipen or related medication will be required to sign a waiver and demonstrate administration on the first morning of camps so that Camp Leaders can assist in case of emergency.

### **Additional Needs**

We welcome children with additional needs, however in order to provide the best experience for your child, we ask parents/guardians provide us with information about how to best support your child i.e.; campers strength's, needs and strategies etc.

As a general rule, if any of the following apply to your child, it is required that he/she attend camp with a support worker/assistant, so they have the same level of support while at camp:

- extra support is required at school
- require additional support when dressing and toileting
- your child is associated with a support agency

If your child will be attending with an assistant/support worker, please drop us a note at [education@airfield.ie](mailto:education@airfield.ie) a minimum of one week before your child's camp.

Unfortunately due to staffing ratios and qualified training, Airfield Estate is not in a position to provide one-to-one assistance to children with additional needs.

If Camp Leaders feel a support worker/assistant is required at any stage of camp, parents will be informed and required to arrange for support to be provided before the child can return to camp.