



**Our Lady Immaculate**  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

## OLI Extended School Provision 7:30 - 8:30am & 3:15 - 6:15pm

OLI provides childcare through The Ark. Children are supervised by dedicated OLI staff.

There is no limit to the children who would like to come to The Ark where they will have an opportunity to read as well as play games or do some simple art activities. iPads and laptops will also be available for research, games and reading.



**The Ark**

OLI staff dedicated to The Ark will also ensure that children enrolled to take part in any chosen session during the early morning or afternoon, will be taken to and from the sessions on time.

Children can be collected after that session or stay in The Ark, if booked in.

## OLI -The Ark - Organisation

The extended OLI school session runs from 7:30am to 8:30am in the morning and will be priced at £4.75 per session per day. This will include a breakfast of cereal, toast, yoghurt, fruit and juice.

The extended OLI school session from 3:15pm to 6:15pm in the afternoon will be priced at £4.75 per hour or thereof - per session.

Children who will attend beyond the second session will also receive a more substantial snack: cheese, crackers, baps, cold meats, fruit, raw vegetables, and juice/water.

Office staff will collate information from parents daily including via telephone and parent email.

Information about children participating in various sessions and activities is shared with teaching staff and the extended school co-ordinator at the end of the day so they will be informed where the children need to be at the end of the school day.

The OLI extended school co-ordinator then takes charge of the children and their commitment to various sessions and activities, ensuring supervision at all times.

Office staff will receive parents and carers dropping children off or collecting, ensuring safeguarding as children are signed in and out.

## OLI -The Ark will provide

- ⇒ an opportunity for parents who on occasion need to have extra time for reasons of work or family;
- ⇒ existing outside providers an opportunity to continue to deliver and lead activities, endorsing their subscription to OLI's Mission and Core Values;
- ⇒ supervision by OLI staff for activities led by outside providers before and after the session - drink and snack;
- ⇒ opportunity for parents to drop off and collect their children from OLI school, knowing that they do not have to be transported elsewhere during the day;
- ⇒ OLI staff to be involved to cover, support and lead a variety of activities;
  - ⇒ consistency for the children;
  - ⇒ encouragement to develop resilience, self-esteem and independence;
- ⇒ activities and experiences that are planned to meet their stages of development;
- ⇒ opportunities for children to interact with peers and in vertical groups (mixed year classes);
- ⇒ for children to play in a safe and familiar environment;
- ⇒ access to OLI school facilities and resources.

## OLI -The Ark - Rationale

Our Lady Immaculate is committed to providing a Catholic, holistic high-quality childcare provision with a happy atmosphere, within a calm, safe, secure and stimulating environment.

It is a constant challenge for working parents to find a safe and stimulating place for their children to be outside school hours.

OLI Parent survey 2013 identified the need for extended school provision which offers a range of sporting and non-sporting options.

Flexibility of choice for parents to find a safe place for children to be outside school hours.

Complimentary service between school and outside providers to underpin and enhance the ethos and identity of the school.

Flexible and affordable extended school provision for parents.

By offering extended childcare, our school can best utilise its expert knowledge and purpose-built premises.

OLI can continue to provide pastoral care across the extended school day.

Many parents are compelled to depend on informal networks for reliable childcare.

General School Policies would be extended to cover Our Lady Immaculate's extended school provision.

## School Mission

*'With God all things are possible'*  
*(Mathew 19:26)*

At our Lady Immaculate we inspire our children...

The Ark will include:  
Existing provision of

Team sport,  
High 5's (Netball)  
Football (ACA)  
Dragon Ball  
Guitar  
Chess  
Art  
Dance

**and more are being planned...**  
**For more information, please check our website.**

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Please use the following parent email address to leave messages about a child's absence or pick up arrangements:

[parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk)

Absence notifications must be reported by 9.15 a.m.  
and  
changes to pick up arrangements can be emailed up to  
2 p.m. only.

Thereafter you must ring the school Office directly on 01245 353755  
to ensure your message is received.

The Ark, including extended school sessions must be paid for via School Gateway.  
Please ensure your child is booked into the by 10 pm the evening before.

