



Forbesy Experience Event Childcare Camps!

*Promoting social interaction and natural active fun
from age 3 - 15!
Best Day Ever!*

Parent/Guardian Information Pack

Forbesy Camps welcomes You!

We are an Ofsted registered camp that creates fun days with flexibility, with your child's joy at the heart of everything we provide. After all, ... they are on holiday, and not at school 😊

Flexibility:

1. Activity Choice!

Each group ALWAYS has a choice of an active or creative activity in each session.

2. Have The Best Day Ever! (especially for SEN children)

EVEN if they do not want to do either of their two options, we staff our camps and provide smaller groups of fun drawing, scootering or climbing if they do not like the activity options. This is great for SEN children who prefer calmer/quieter spaces.

3. Keeping Friends/Siblings Together!

Please let the check-in staff make a note if your siblings/friendship groups are in different years but want to be together. We will make sure that they are not separated!

Camp Opening Times and Prices

7.30am - 8.30am Early Risers £6

8.30am - 3.30pm Classic Camp £38.50 (£26.95 siblings, 30% discount)

8.30am - 5.30pm Full Day Campers £48.50 (£33.95 siblings, 30% discount)

6pm pick up can be arranged - contact Caroline: admin@forbesycamps.com

Camp Age Groups

Little Cubs: Pre/Young Rec

Cubs: Rec and Yr 1

Foxes: Yr 2 and 3

Fox Tails: Yr 4 to 6 (option to be a helper)

Fox Leaders: Yr 7 PLUS (special leadership skills courses)

Please note again that these groupings are 100% flexible with siblings and friendship groups. Please let staff know at check-in on the day.

Early Years Staff Qualification and. Child to Staff Ratios

Our Early Years team are made up of qualified level 3 plus staff, with one staff member per 8 children. Our ratios are as follows:

8 children: 1 level 3 Plus.

16 children: 2 level 3 Plus.

24 children: 2 level 3 Plus and 1 additional member who is usually training to be a teacher.

32 children: 3 level 3 Plus and 1 additional member who is usually training to be a teacher.

40 children: 4 level 3 Plus and 1 additional member who is usually training to be a teacher.

48 children: 4 level 3 Plus and 2 additional member who is usually training to be a teacher.

Rising 5 and Older Child to Staff Ratios

We are one of very few camps (if any) that give each age group a choice of active or craft in every single session. It is their holiday as well, so we want them to enjoy their activities, plus giving them choice really empowers the children. This means that our required ratios are beaten and we run at 1 staff member to 10-12 children throughout the ages. This increases safety as well as fun and means that staff have time to chat to the children and develop their social skills. This also allows us to be able to take late bookings up until the morning of our camp.

Fox Tail/Fox Leader Courses

At Forbesy Camps, we have spent a lot of time looking at how best we can serve our older campers/teenagers who are seeking to develop leadership skills, by asking the children!

We have created a brilliant course for Campers aged 12-15 called **Fox Leaders**, plus roles of responsibility for campers aged 9-11, on our **Fox Tails** initiative. We are confident that these experiences compliment the culture of our camps within a fun and confidence building environment. The Fox Leader course develops life skills, confidence and responsibility, preparing them for professional working environment, leading them to possible employment with Forbesy Camps whilst studying! The day rate is heavily discounted, which we hope this encourages parents to book their children in for active and social fun during the holidays. Please see tab "Fox Leader Courses" for more details on these exciting courses.

Early Years Team

We have a dedicated early years team whose sole purpose is to ensure the health, safety and loving fun of your little cub. Our pre-school and young reception children have a balance of active fun, and restful fun, with welfare at the heart of what they do.

Early Years Team Experience

Our early years managers are always from a teaching background with years of experience with this age group, level 3 and up. The team are trained and experienced with working with this wonderful age group. If your early years camper has an older sibling, they are welcomed into the early years group to spend time together, and of course spend time together during breaks. If your early years child is very active and grown for their years, please let us know in advance and we will adjust their activities to suit their personality.

During break

We think that it is very important to give the younger children an aspirational experience, and with the watchful eye of the early years team, allow the younger group to gently integrate and interact with the older children. We see wonderful alliance form with children of different age groups, which help our younger campers grow confidence and communication skills.

During Lunch Time

The children are settled nicely into their lunch in a dedicated room, where they are taught about the importance of healthy eating, and drinking water. The team ensure that the children eat well and drink well. They are then entertained with a little five-minute show, then encouraged to tidy their lunch away, toilet break - then out for play time.

Tuck Shop

We run a tuck shop every lunchtime and the children love this. Please send them in with 20p as they love the experience of going to the shops. We teach the children "shopping etiquette" and the shop is run by our Fox Tails every day. Please note that if you forget, please do not worry as we have a pot of chews that they can choose from – nobody goes without!

They can only buy one sweet, and early years must sit calmly with the early years manager whilst eating their sweetie. If you do not wish your child to have a sweet, please let the check-in staff know at drop off.

Registration and drop off

Registration

Please ensure that when booking online, you fill in your child's "Essential Information" sections. If you have any other information that you think we should be aware of, please be sure to let us know when booking in, or if it is of a sensitive nature text Kellie on 07717582184 with the name of your child, the dates they are booked in for camp and the further information that we need to be aware of.

Drop Off Period

To reduce queuing time and help those who do not wish to get up so early, check in is within a 45-minute period from 8.30am – 9.15am. Please avoid dropping off after 9.15am as this does impede the operations.

New Campers

We have a wonderful process for new campers. On arrival, they will receive a special "Forbesy Camp" sticker! They will also be told that they automatically get a prize at the end of the day and get to choose somebody who has been kind to them for a special kindness award. We have found this to be brilliant with encouraging the children to make friends and be inclusive.

The sticker also helps all the staff give your child extra care and attention, ensuring that they are secure, comfortable and happy.

We will send you an assurance photo of your child so that you can relax knowing that they have settled well into camp and are having a great time.

Need To Pick Up Outside of the Allotted Pickup Time?

If you need to pick up earlier or need to take out for camp for a short period for an appointment, please let the check-in staff know. We can then ensure that your child is ready for pick-up. Please note that if you come to pick up without warning, this could take us some time to get your child ready for you. Pick up between 3.15pm and 3.30pm is not possible as this is awards time and gathering belongings.

Pickup & Security

Pickup

'Classic Camp' Collection will be at 3.30pm, and 'Full Day Camp' can be from 5pm-5.30pm. We will ensure that all the children are ready to be collected and waiting at their year group stations with their belongings. Your child will be signed out by the dedicated member of staff.

Please ensure that you check that you have ALL belongings. Please label as much as you can.

Somebody Else Picking Up Your Child?

If there is somebody else picking up your child, please let the check-in staff know, and send a photo of the person, their name, your child's name, and which school to Kellie on 07717582184. Kellie will ensure that the correct staff member to check. This phot will then be deleted.

Security During the Day

Please note that all staff members have radios for operational purposes and security. Gates are always padlocked, and we carry out head counts before every session. All staff are enhanced DBS checked, have safeguarding training, and we always have 3 members of staff who are paediatric first aid trained on any given day.

What to Bring

- A refillable water bottle.
- A packed lunch, plus snacks for morning and afternoon break. We do provide a special treat of a biscuit (allergy friendly) for the children from in the afternoon and have fruit available.

Essential Extra Snacks

We are an active camp we recommend a good breakfast and extra healthy snack in the pack just in case please. If your child is a full day camper, it is essential to pack some extra healthy snacks for later. We do give out fresh popcorn for the late stay every day 😊

What to Wear and Belongings

- We recommend that children wear comfortable footwear and clothing, and not wear their best clothes.
- Do not bring valuables, note money (only 20p or change for tuck shop), mobile phones, devices etc to camp.
- Please send in a change of clothing if your child is early years or prone to little accidents. We do have spare clothes for emergencies.
- **Sun hats and suncream roll on are essential in the summer ... Please apply suncream in the morning before camp.** We have sun cream at camp for emergencies and will apply if you forget where permissions allow it on the register.
- Please label items as much as possible. It makes it so much easier for us to reunite children with belongings during the day and especially at the end of the day. Please, if possible, use a black marker pen and label in washing instructions.

Swimming

Swimming is only available from Easter until the end of Summer at our Great Dunmow location only. Swimming details are on the swimming tab on the website. We hire qualified lifeguards, and our welfare managers oversee managing the changing of the children. Each child is given a swim test in the shallow end regardless of age or ability every session and armed with the necessary swim aids.

Medication

If your child needs medication at camp, please email ahead for a medical form to fill out and bring in with you. If you forget, please let the staff know at drop off and complete a medication form available at the check-in desk.

Accidents

Should your child have a minor accident, they will be cared for by our trained camp staff, and their incident reported in the accident book. We will inform you at pickup and email you the report that evening. In the unlikely occurrence that it is a more serious injury, the camp manager will call you immediately.

Lost property

Please clearly label all items. If they are not labelled and are lost, please email. We do have all left property on a table every day so please feel free to collect items. We send out a photo at the end of camp. If you see an item on there, you will need to collect from Great Bardfield, CM7 4RN.

Birthdays

We offer a "Birthday Promise" for any child who comes on their birthday:

- A Forbesy branded name badge.
- Have 'Happy Birthday' sung during the morning greeting period.
- Den Captains will CONSTANTLY say 'happy birthday'!
- Get other campers wishing them happy birthday.
- At lunch break we can provide a mini party celebration. You can provide a cake and candles. Please let Kellie know before camp starts.
- We give you a GUARANTEE that your child will feel special ALL day long!

Litter and School Property

It is of course our job to ensure that our campers respect school property and make sure that they do not drop litter, and either put their lunch litter in the bin or take it home, but if you could remind them before camp, we would be very grateful.

If Your Child Is Unable to Attend

If your child is unable to attend, please let us know before 9am. We can only credit cancellations within 24 hours if a flexi ticket is purchased. Any cancellations outside of 7 days can be credited to another date.

Our Wonderful Staff – The Den Captains!

All staff are advanced DBS checked and safeguarding, and all our supervisors are qualified in paediatric first aid.

Training is a very important and a crucial part of our enhanced ethos, which is carried out before every half term camp, and bi-weekly during the summer holidays. All staff will be wearing camp uniform and ID badges.

Each year group is watched over by a dedicated Den Captain. Our little cubs have a snack/water checks and toilet trips each break time. We do also check on our cubs and foxes snack/water intake, but in a completely different manner to ensure that they feel “grown up”! 😊

Your child’s happiness and safety are at the heart of our ethos here at Forbesy Camps, and we only employ members who truly care about the welfare of your children.

Camp Feedback

We love to hear from our customers – good or bad. We are always looking to improve our services, plus really enjoy receiving any kind comments! Please email Kellie on kellie@scottforbesfitness.co.uk or kellie@forbesycamps.com.

Any other questions, please do not hesitate to email or give us a call.

Excited to see you all soon!