



From **Monday 17th April 2023** Bear Pak will be providing all breakfast club, nursery wraparound, after school and holiday club sessions at our new location:

Fairfield Primary School
Dryden Road
Penarth
CF64 2RT



We are very excited to announce our move from Penarth Methodist Church to Fairfield Primary School! From Monday 17th April 2023, all of our sessions will be at this new location. All other aspects of our service will remain the same and your child will continue to be booked in for their usual sessions. Please be assured that our new location has been approved by Care Inspectorate Wales and has been fully risk assessed, including new collection routes.

We understand that such a big change raises lots of questions and hopefully our enclosed list of 'questions answered' provides a response to these. However, our team will be happy to answer any queries or concerns that you may have. For all enquiries or if you would like to arrange an appoint to view our new venue, please get in touch at enquiries@bearpak.co.uk or 07702873067.

We appreciate your support during this transition.

Sincerely,

Bear Pak

Your Questions Answered

1. Why is Bear Pak moving?

You spoke, we listened!

We value your feedback and have received lots of positive responses about not only how much fun your children are having at Bear Pak, but also how our not for profit provision meets the growing needs of the community at an affordable cost, which we continue to work hard at maintaining. We also have received repeated feedback about how children could benefit from a large outdoor environment which children could directly access.

Unfortunately, if we stayed at our current premises, we would have been met with a significant increase in rental costs which means that we would have had to increase our fees quite substantially in order to cover just the rent alone. After searching lots of different venues, we chose Fairfield Primary as not only is it already home to our nursery wraparound centre but it provides an environment designed with children at its heart. Fairfield Primary provides a safe and secure setting that promotes children's play through an incredible outdoor play space, which includes playgrounds with climbing equipment and an enormous field that we cannot wait to use! Indoors, we will mainly be operating from the large main hall but will also have access to classrooms where children will have the space and opportunity to take part in various activities.

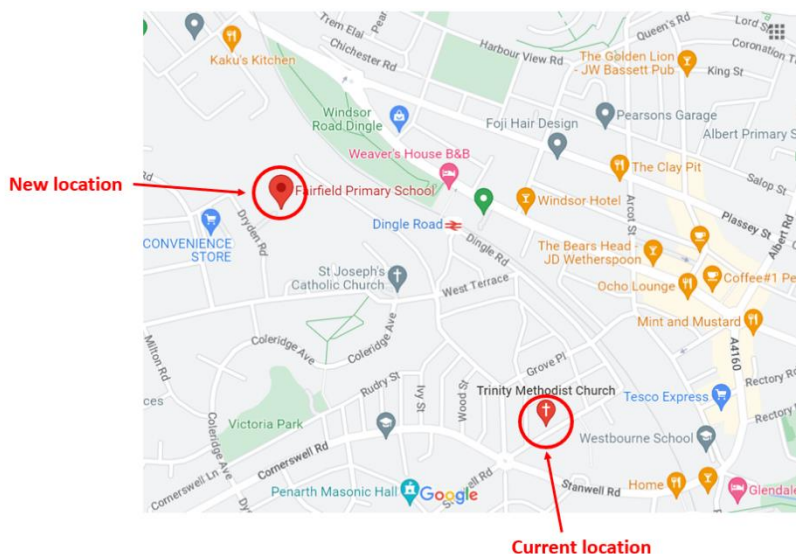


2. When are we moving?

Our last session at Penarth Methodist Church will be Friday 14th April 2023. From 17th April, all sessions will be held at our new location at Fairfield Primary School. From our new venue, we will be providing full wraparound care from 8am until 6.30pm term time and holiday club from 8am until 6pm during school holidays.

3. Where will Bear Pak be located?

Just a short walk away from our current premises- Fairfield Primary is located within close proximity to other schools too.



4. Will the distance my child has to walk change?

As Fairfield Primary School is located within close proximity to other schools and our current location, there will be a very minimal change to the distance your child has to walk from school to Bear Pak:

School	Time taken to walk to Penarth Methodist Church	New time taken to walk to Fairfield Primary School
Fairfield Primary	11 minutes	0 minutes
Albert Primary	12 minutes	17 minutes
Cogan Primary	6 minutes (car)	5 minutes (car)
Evenlode Primary	16 minutes	5 minutes (car)
Victoria Primary	6 minutes	9 minutes
Ysgol Pen Y Garth	21 minutes	13 minutes

5. Will the price increase?

No, our prices will remain the same as per our latest announcement for fees for April 2023 which are based on the cost of living and minimum/living wage increases only. A big reason behind our decision to move is due to us not wanting to increase our fees to parents further - caused by a significant increase in our rent, due to take place this year at our current premises.

6. Will my child still receive a hot meal?

Yes! We will continue to be offering our children a choice of a light hot meal or cold meal option as part of our service for After School and Holiday Club.

7. Collecting your child

- Enter through the main entrance gates and walk down the path to the main entrance doors.
- Press the door bell and a member of the team will come and let you in.
- We know that the telephone collection service continues to be beneficial to parents, so we will continue to offer this collection option. To continue to use this method, please call our usual After School and Holiday Club phone number on 07714509120 and we will bring your child to you.



8. Our registration number:W15/00001311

9. 30 Hour Child Care Offer:

If you are currently using some or all of your 30 hour child care allowance at After School & Holiday Club at Penarth Methodist Church, you will need to change your allowance to be used at 'Bear Pak Wraparound Centre' instead. This can be easily done by emailing the 30 hour child care team at vale.childcareoffer@newport.gov.uk if you live in the Vale of Glamorgan or cardiffchildcareoffer@cardiff.gov.uk if you live in Cardiff.

If you need any help to complete this, please let us know and we will be happy to assist.

10. Other useful information:

- There is a one way system in place on Dryden Road and further work is in the process of being completed to make the road an even safer place for children when entering and exiting Fairfield Primary School. This work will include road closures at the beginning and end of the school day. Whilst this should not impact on your ability to collect children from Afterschool and Holiday club using a car, as part of our Environmental policy and ECO code, we strongly encourage all of our families to opt for walking and cycling where they can to reduce our carbon footprint. To access Dryden Road, please enter the road via the entrance to the left of Tennyson Road shops and exit onto Wordsworth Avenue.
- We will be increasing our numbers of maximum capacity slightly to 56 children, as opposed to 50 previously. The hall is a lot larger than our current location at Penarth Methodist Church, with the capacity to hold 83 children comfortably according to the National Minimum Standards for Regulated Childcare. Therefore, we strongly believe that the

potential extra 6 children will not impact on your child's experience at Bear Pak and will provide us with increased flexibility to accommodate your needs further.

- Children will be fully supported by our team during this transition to ensure that your child settles in to our new home with ease. We will be having lots of focus group discussions before and after the move, where any questions and concerns can be raised and responded to accordingly.