

### After School Program Information 2026 – 2027 School Year

The After School program is for children in grades K – 5 and operates from 2:50 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on days when the Upper Arlington City Schools Elementary school students are in attendance.

#### **Program Description**

Children in this small program have time to unwind and talk about their day, enjoy a snack from home, exercise, practice music, play games, work on homework, read, create, and meditate. The program facility offers indoor and outdoor spaces for work and play. Outdoor spaces include a fenced playground and artificial turf field, sheltered courtyard, labyrinth, and community garden. Indoor spaces include a large multipurpose room for gross motor activities, music practice space, and several classrooms with an abundance of natural light.

#### **Staff**

Our staff members have many years of experience working with and supervising children. Staff members are certified in first aid, CPR, management of communicable diseases, and recognizing signs of child abuse. All staff members have BCI and FBI background checks and receive at least 10 hours of training in child development every year. The program director is an experienced teacher with a master's degree in teaching and learning from The Ohio State University.

#### **Group Size and Child/Teacher Ratios**

Covenant Children's Center strives to provide low child/teacher ratios in all its programs. Lower child/teacher ratios and smaller group sizes help provide a less stressful environment for children and teachers and allow teachers to have more frequent one-on-one and small group interactions with children. The average child/teacher ratio in the After School Program is 10/1. Individual classrooms will be limited to 15 children. One or two teachers will be assigned to each classroom depending upon the needs of the children. Classroom groups are combined for outdoor play and other activities.

#### **Transportation**

Covenant Presbyterian Church is within walking distance of Wickliffe Progressive School and Tremont Elementary School. Church bus transportation or supervised walks (weather permitting) are provided to Covenant Children's Center from Wickliffe and Tremont Elementary Schools. Children attending Windermere Elementary School may ride an Upper Arlington School bus from Windermere to Covenant, and Covenant staff meet them where the UA Schools bus drops off and walk them into the building. Children from other schools are also welcome in the program but must provide their own transportation from school to Covenant.

#### **Tuition and Fees**

Tuition is divided into 9 monthly payments for ease of payment. Full time (4 or 5 days a week) \$680/mo; Part-time (3 days a week) \$410/mo; Part-time (2 days a week) \$295/mo. The non-refundable application fee is \$100 per child. There are no extra fees for supplies or transportation. The extra fee for the 1:00 pm early release day fee is \$22. The extra fee for the 11:00 am early release day fee is \$44. If space is available enrolled families may occasionally add an extra day for \$35. The first tuition payment is due 7/1/26. The remaining 8 tuition payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month beginning 9/1/26 through 4/1/27.

#### **Snack**

To better meet the needs of each individual child, parents are asked to send an afternoon snack with their children. The program does not provide refrigeration for snacks, so parents must plan accordingly and include an ice pack with perishable snacks. The program will provide parents with a list of suggested healthy snacks.

#### **Contact Information**

For more information about the program or to download an application, go to <https://covenantpcusa.org/children-s-center>, or contact Caroline McGeoch, Director of Covenant Children's Center, at [childcenter@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:childcenter@covenantpcusa.org) or 614-451-7172.