

Child's Play





Fun Time for Everyone

Welcome to Riverside Ice and Leisure

Riverside is keen to help with the development of your child, and provide courses/activities, which allow your child to enhance their physical, mental and social skills.

These cover all areas within the Centre, including the Pools, Ice Rink, Sports Hall and specialist kids areas such as the Crèche and Kool Kids adventure playground. All of these are aimed at helping parents/guardians to plan educational, 'fun' programmes and courses for their children, which will keep them entertained throughout the year. No matter what your child's age or ability, we have something at the Centre to suit them.

■ ■ Kool Kids

Kool Kids is an indoor soft play area full of fun and adventure for children up to the height of 1.5m or 4'10" to enjoy. The frame is three storeys high, and has a slide, ball pond, climbing area, obstacles and soft play.

Opening Times

Open 7 days a week, throughout the year.
9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
10am to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday.
Sessions are one hour in length.

(If you wish to use Kool Kids for a longer period, tickets for additional 1 hour sessions must be purchased from Reception).

Supervision

Kool Kids staff are in the area to monitor the use of the equipment to ensure the children enjoy themselves. **Whilst happy to be of assistance they are not child minders and the accompanying adult is responsible for the children in their care.**

Buggy Park

Whilst using the Kool Kids area parents are requested to store their buggies in the buggy parks provided. These are located at either end of the frame and are clearly signposted.

Crawling to Three Years

Safe and secure – there is even a separate area for the under three's only. Adults accompanying their children can join in the fun at quiet times.

The area is not only a fun place to explore but provides a valuable learning experience for young children as well.

Children can play on the puzzle mat or with the soft play shapes, they can climb the ramps and steps and then slide gently into the large ball pond. The whole area is self contained and totally separate from the rest of the play area.



Three to Eleven Years (up to 1.5 metres or 4'10")

The Ice Adventure is the ultimate in play areas, with three levels of fun for the children to enjoy and experience.

Children can try the Spiral Slide which goes from top to bottom, they can crawl through the tunnels, fight their way past giant penguins and through hanging vines, squeeze past rollers, or dare to cross the rope bridge. There are hours of fun to be had in this place of adventure that even the weather can't spoil.



Café

For adults and children there is a café available for refreshing drinks, snacks or meals. The café is an ideal place for parents to relax whilst still keeping a watchful eye on their children in the play area.

Admission Prices (Applicable to Children 9+ months)

Monday to Friday (Term Time)* £2.30 per session

Monday to Friday (School Holidays)* £2.80 per session

Saturday & Sunday (All dates) £2.80 per session

*Essex County Council dates.

Rules of Play

- Maximum height for admission is 1.5 metres (4'10")
- Maximum age for admission is 11 years old
- Children may only use the facility whilst in the charge of an adult (16+ years)
- We advise that long sleeves and trousers are worn on the apparatus
- Socks must be worn at all times
- No shoes, badges or jewellery to be worn within the play area
- No smoking in this area and throughout the whole Centre
- Please store buggies in the buggy parks provided
- If a child is feeling unwell or has an injury then they should not use the facility
- The supervision of the child remains the responsibility of the accompanying adult at all times

We also host birthday parties in Kool Kids and hold special events and promotions throughout the year. Please ask staff for further information.

Crèche

For the younger children (6 weeks – up to 5th birthday) there is the Crèche, which is open every morning from Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 12.30pm (during Essex County Council term time) as well as Tuesday and Thursday during ECC school holidays (excluding Christmas break). All staff are qualified and the Crèche is registered with and inspected by OFSTED.

The Crèche is filled with play equipment, toys and other activities to keep the children happy. Drinks and snacks are not provided, but parents are welcome to bring these with their children.

Admission Prices

(Sessions are half an hour in length)

First child £2.10

Second child £1.70

Third child FREE

A simple registration form is required in order to use the Crèche.

Please feel free to visit the Crèche and speak to the staff before deciding to leave your child in this facility.

Why not leave the children in the Crèche while you enjoy a workout or some time to yourself.





■ ■ General Pointers

1. Sessions in the Crèche are 30 minutes in length. Children can be booked into the Crèche for between 30 minutes and two hours maximum. Sessions for the Crèche start on the hour and at half past the hour. Please be advised that children will not be allowed into the Crèche before their booking starts. Your ticket is valid from the beginning until the end of the session time only. If you are late collecting your child, and a new session time has started, you will be charged for an additional half an hour session. This will be added to the system, and no new booking can be made until this has been paid off.
2. Parents/carers are required to 'stay on site' whilst the child is in the Crèche.
3. It is important that a child booked in for a session at the Crèche does not have a bad cold/cough, sickness or diarrhoea. If a child is found to be ill, you will be contacted immediately and expected to collect your child. Bringing ill children into the Crèche will mean viruses and sicknesses are spread to other children and staff.
4. Places in the Crèche can be booked up to 7 days in advance.

There are no concessionary prices available for Kool Kids or the Crèche.

■ ■ Junior Direct Card

Riverside Ice and Leisure centre offers membership schemes to juniors that entitle them to unlimited use of ice skating, swimming, squash and more!

Junior Card – 8 to 15 years	£13 per month
Junior Plus Card – 14 and 15 years	£20 per month

For full information please see the Direct Card Scheme leaflet, telephone 01245 615062 or visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk/directcard.

■ ■ School Holiday Programmes

How to keep the kids entertained during the holiday period can be a difficult task!

During Essex County Council school holidays (including half terms), Riverside Ice and Leisure Centre run a wide variety of courses for children to keep both their minds and bodies active. These courses target different age groups, varying in activity choice and duration.

We want your child to enjoy their holiday period, and provide a wide range of activities that will appeal to almost any child including Basketball, Short Tennis, Gymnastics, Team Games, Kool Kids, Table Tennis, Badminton, Trampoline, Ice-Skating and many more (activity choice will vary between different holiday periods).

All equipment is provided, and supervisors are fully qualified. All you need to do is ensure that your child wears suitable sports clothing and shoes (ie. long trousers and gloves for Ice Skating).

Safety is an important aspect and younger children are provided with a special wristband which must be worn at all times whilst on one of our courses to ensure they are easily identifiable to staff.

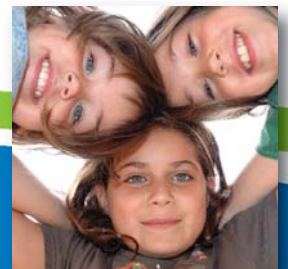
Please ask at Reception to see our latest school holidays programmes leaflet. (We also regularly distribute these to local schools to give to their pupils.)

For more information or bookings, please contact the Course Co-ordinator on 01245 615056 or Reception on 01245 615050

■ ■ Other Activities for Children

Riverside Ice and Leisure Centre also offers a wide range of other activities for children including Activity Bug Club for children aged 6 to 10 years and Dance Mat sessions. Additionally, we offer a range of term time courses including swimming lessons and sports hall activities, and our public ice skating and swimming sessions are an ideal family day out! For more information please telephone main reception on 01245 615050 or visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk/riverside.

Give them something to get excited about!





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