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Hello and welcome to ***A Place For ACE*** Watford,

Who are we?

We are a community of home educating families who use the same curriculum to home educate our children. The curriculum we use is called ACE (Accelerated Christian Education). You can find out more about the curriculum here: <http://www.teach-at-home.org/>.

What we offer?

A Place For Ace is a place where children can study and play with likeminded children and their families. We offer a balance of informal and formal activities throughout the day.

Who can attend?

A Place For Ace is open to all families that follow the A.C.E Curriculum (Accelerated Christian Education), whether fully or partially.

When do you meet?

We meet up on the first Thursday of every month in Watford at 10.00am until 3pm.

Why do you only run once a month?

We wanted to create something special, a group that would not become burdensome, a group for likeminded families to commit to, a place for fellowship where children could meet with friends for academic instruction as well as positive socialisation (there goes that word) but at the same time a place that does not interfere too much with other commitments.

Where are you located?

We are located off the M1 (Junction 5) in Watford: Clarke Green, off Clarke Way, Watford WD25 0BW. Please contact the centre on 01923 679 664 for directions.

What happens on arrival?

On arrival we meet up in one room and open up prayer with a thought of the day. Children then go to their designated room with their parents and commence their PACEs usually on the subjects that they find most challenging. Parents supervise the lessons and are available to give a helping hand where needed.

Are sessions formal/informal?

The morning session is quite formal and runs straight through from 10.00am to 11.45pm. All toilets are located outside of the rooms, so please encourage your children to use the toilet before they begin their pace work. This will allow for less distractions to the other children. At the end of the session the children are encouraged to say one thing they enjoyed about their Pace and one thing that they found challenging or something similar. Children then play some sort of bible/memorisation game and then pack up for lunch.

We then meet in the main hall and children help put out the table and chairs (Please encourage them to bend their knees). They then wash their hands and begin lunch.

After a one-hour lunch break, children move onto extracurricular activities, which is less formal but we try to have some kind of structure. Children are encouraged to sit in multi aged large groups for show and tell. This is an opportunity for them to *play music, sings songs, debate, recite poetry, talk about places they have visited etc before moving onto our afternoon activities between 1.30pm – 2.30pm*. The final hour is for free play. When the weather is dry, children play outside. Parents are encouraged to bring boards games in (chess, card games etc for their children to play with when indoors).

In the future we plan to offer those students going to ESC a chance to work on group activities.

Please try to be quiet if you are staying in the rooms whilst children are studying. We encourage parents to whisper if talking to each other to avoid distracting the children.

Do we need to bring anything?

As we run for around 5 hours, your child we need a snack and a packed lunch. They should also bring their PACEs, the relevant score keys and any stationary that they will need. When the weather is dry, children play outside. Parents are encouraged to bring boards games in (chess, card games etc for their children to play with when indoors).

We value children's achievement outside of A.C.E so please encourage them to bring items that they would like to show on our display table (things like certificates, artwork, photos and work that they are proud of etc). If you have any PACEs that are no longer in use or that you would like to sell or give away, please bring them along to our recycle & freecycle table.

How much does the session cost?

The cost of a full session is £10 per family for the full day, part day is £6 a session (12pm – 3pm), which covers the costs of hall hire and refreshments. We use two small rooms in the morning and the main hall in the afternoon. No profit is taken from the fees and all funds are used for the group.

Fees (Per Family)

- full day - £10
- part day - £6

How to pay

Please contact Sophia Edwin for more information