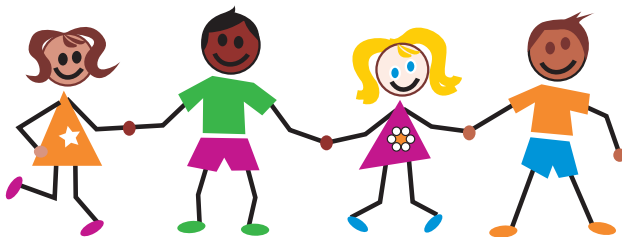


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Directory of Services for County Laois

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Laois County Childcare Committee

Laois County Childcare is governed by the National Childcare Investment Programme (NCIP) under the Office of the Minister for Children. The NCIP commenced in 2006 and ran alongside the EOCP as it drew to a close at the end of the year.

The National Childcare Investment Programme 2006 – 2010 aims:

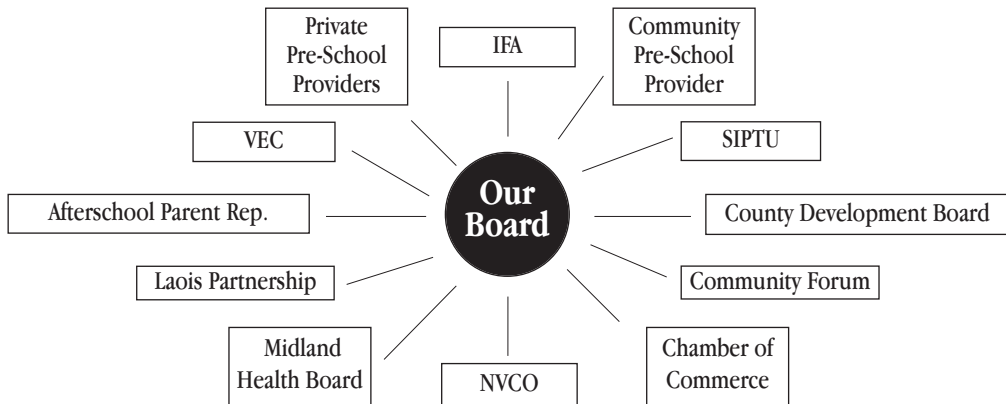
- To support childcare services for disadvantaged parents and children
- Support quality measures for Childminders and Parent and Toddler Groups
- Create pre school educational places
- Create after school places

Laois County Childcare Committee has formulated its Strategic Plan after a careful consultation process to ascertain the needs of parents, children and the childcare sector in the county. The plan sets out the Committee's strategy for childcare development over the life of the National Development Plan, until 2010. The strategy is implemented through annual action plans that are submitted to the OMCYA annually for funding.

Laois County Childcare Committee acknowledges the tremendous work carried by local childcare providers to date and recognises the value of diversity within service provision. With this in mind this guide should highlight the different types of services in each area in the county. This service directory is produced to assist parents to choose a childcare service suitable to their and their child(ren) needs. It is recommended that parents visit services before selecting a service for their child(ren). The directory will be distributed to parents on request free of charge and will be updated annually as services change.

Who we are (Our Board) REPRESENTATION

Laois County Childcare Committee comprises of up to 15 Members from four main pillars. This is to ensure a broad and diverse range of skills, knowledge and perspectives are available to the committee and that the views and needs of the citizens of Laois are properly represented.



Childcare Service Providers in County Laois

PORTLAOISE

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Byrne, Avril	Portlaoise Creche & Montessori	Stradbally Rd, Portlaoise	087-2123528	Full Day Care, Sessional, After-school
Byrne, Maria	Happy Days Pre-school	Borris Little, Portlaoise	05786-21502	Sessional Montessori
Chadwick, Karen	Cois Ceim Beag	17 Heathfields, Portlaoise	086-1513521	Sessional.
Delaney, Monica	The Maples Creche	Forest Park, Borris Rd, Portlaoise	05786-81762	Sessional, Full Day Care, After-school
Donohoe, Carol	Knockmay Community Childcare	106/107 Cherrygrove, Knockmay, Portlaoise	05786-81683	Sessional, After-school
Duggan, Sonya	Kilminchy School House	Dublin Rd, Portlaoise	05786-60017, 087-2477471 sdugganksh@eircom.net"	Sessional / PT Full Day Care, Montessori

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Hennessey, Deirdre	Deirdre's Playschool	Clonkeen, Portlaoise	"05786-63008, hennessey555@hotmail.com	Sessional
Holmes, Niamh	Darling Buds	8 GardenVillage, Mounmellick Rd, Portlaoise	05786-20518	Full day care, Sessional, Montessori, After-school.
Holmes, Niamh & O'Connor, Maria	Darling Buds	Maryborough Village, Mounrath Rd, Portlaoise	05786-85161	Full day care, Sessional, Montessori, After-school.
Lalor, Pauline	Wee Wonders	Stradbrook, Portlaoise	05786-70937	Full Day Care, Pre-school Sessional & After-School.
Macauley, Elaine	Little Stars Crèche & Montessori School	Kilminchy Village, Portlaoise	05786-62149	Full Day Care, Sessional, Montessori, After-school."

SERVICE PROVIDER	SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT NUMBER	NOTIFIED
McEvoy, Nuala & Kelly, Olivia	Magic Moments	78 Hawthorne Drive, Portlaoise	05786-67997	Sessional, Full Day Care, After-school
McCrorry, Orlagh	The Den Playgroup	10 Carrick Hill, Portlaoise	05786-60052	Sessional
Okonkwo, Grace	Graceland Crèche & Montessori	165 The Hermitage, Portlaoise”	05786-66862, 087-7578195, info@gracelandcreche.ie	Crèche, Full Day Care, Montessori, After-school.
Okonkwo, Grace	Graceland Crèche & Montessori	DeVesci Court, ” Fairgreen, Portlaoise	05786-68558, 087-7578195, info@gracelandcreche.ie	Crèche, Full Day Care, Montessori, After-school.
Mooney, Mary	O’Moore Place Childcare <i>Not Participating in the ECCE Scheme</i>	PCAP, Railway St, Portlaoise	05786-62732	Pre-school & after-school 1-5yrs & 4-13yrs.
PCAP St. Bridgid’s Place	St Bridgid’s Place After-school	PCAP, Railway St, <i>Not Participating in the ECCE Scheme</i>	05786-62732	After-school 4-13 years

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
PCAP Birchgrove	Birchgrove Community Centre	PCAP, Railway St <i>Not Participating in the ECCE Scheme</i>	05786-62732	After-school 4-13 years
Nealon, Nanette & McDonald, Anne	Bright Beginnings	34 Dunmasc, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	05786-82973	Full Day Care, PT Day Care, Sessional Montessori, After-School
Quinn, Elizabeth	NAPS	Timahoe Rd, Portlaoise	05786-61666	Sessional Pre-school
Rochford-Byrne, Janet	Jan's Nursery	Unit 5 Old Mill, Church St, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	05786-62054	Sessional, Full Day Care, Playschool
Tynan, Bernie	Bernie Tynan's Pre-school	24 Beechlawns, Mountmellick Rd, Portlaoise	05786-20085	Sessional Pre-school

TIMAHOE

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
O'Connell, Deborah	Timahoe Tots	Timahoe, Co Laois	"087-7748948, 05786-27011	Sessional, Full Day Care

BALLYROAN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
O'Sullivan, Edith	The Village Crèche	Bog Rd, Ballyroan	05787-31632	Full Day Care, Sessional, After-school

ABBEYLEIX

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Bardon, Fionn	Merry Mornings Pre-school	Gort Na nOir, Mounrath Rd, Abbeyleix	086-8586646	Sessional
Nuzum, Patricia	Norefield Montessori	Norefield House,	05787-31555	Sessional
Palmer-Bergin, Margaret	The Children's House	44 The Fairways, Ballyroan Rd, Abbeyleix	05787-30001, 087-2254302	Full Day Care Montessori, Afterschool, ABA Tutoring Prog

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Tynan, Caitriona	Jelly Tots	Fr. Breen Park, Abbeyleix, Co Laois”	05787-31904	Full Day Care, Sessional.

SPINK

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Fitzpatrick, Sinead	Knock Kids Kare	Community Development, Spink, Abbeyleix	086-0470301, 085-7856899	Sessional, After-school

STRADBALLY

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Delaney, Maura	Stradbally Montessori Pre-school	Vicarstown Rd, Stradbally, Co Laois	05786-25337	Montessori Sessional
Mooney, Elizabeth	A-2-Z Montessori School	Abbeyleix Rd, Stradbally	05786-25471, 086-1986286	Montessori

BALLYADAMS

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
O’Connor-Quinn, Joan	Tiddlywinks	Cappanfeacle, Ballyadams, Athy	059-8625983 085-7408607	Full Day Care, <i>Incl.</i> <i>Pre-school</i>

BALLYLINAN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Kaye, Beverley	Tutor Time Playschool	Rahin, Ballylinan	05986-25497	Morning & Afternoon Sessional

MOUNTRATH

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Shore, Sandra	Sandra's Playschool	Ashfield Lodge, Clonincurragh, Mountrath sandrasplayschool_shore1@gmail.com	05787-32101, 087-6802173,	Sessional
Phelan, Colette	Tots N' Co.	4 Newline Close, Newline Rd, Mountrath	087-4162377	Sessional

CAMROSS

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Cuddy-Ryan, Martina	Kuddz Kids	Camross, Portlaoise, Co Laois	05786-35046, 087-4788361	Pre-school Sessional

CASTLETOWN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Harding, Stella	Stepping Stones Pre-School	Pilgrim Hill, Castletown, Mountrath	057-8732553	Sessional

BALLYFIN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Sands, Miriam	Tiny Footsteps Montessori School	Knocknkarne, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, Co Laois”	05787-55932, 087-9887232	Sessional

DURROW

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Clancy, Sheila	Durrow Community Playschool	Old Boys School, Kilkenny Rd, Durrow.	087-2389140	Sessional
Berzins, Mary & Waite, Andrea	AM Playgroup	Rosewood House, Knockanoran Lane, Durrow	087-2127063	Sessional
Clancy, Evelyn	Happy Days Crèche	The Square, Durrow	05787-36962	Full Day Care
Fogarty, Leanne	First Steps	Dereen Cross, Durrow, Co. Laois	087-2583151	Full Day Care, Sessional, Playschool

NEWTOWN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Finnegan, Nuala	St. Abban's Community Childcare	Newtown, Crettyard, Co Laois	087-1204964	Pre-school, After-school

BALLINAKILL

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Lacey, Joan	Jolly Tots Pre-school	Church St, Ballinakill, Co. Laois	05787-30964, 086-3998111	Pre-school Sessional

PORTARLINGTON

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Deverell, Frances	Portarlington After-school Project	Portarlington Community Centre, Link Rd,	087-6832781	After-School
Dunne, Sheila	The Ferns Playschool	Main Street, Portarlington	057-8623383	Sessional
Keating, Valerie & Boland, Sinead	Giggles Crèche	95 Loughgate, Portarlington"	05786-40496	Full Day Care, Sessional, After-school

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
McLoughlin, Bernadette	Silly Billies	Bracklone St, Portarlington	057-8623698, 087-6526145	Sessional
Mulhall, Mary	An Nai Scoil	Crann Nua, Portarlington	05786-42433	Early B/Fast, Full Day Care, Sessional, Montessori, After-school.
O'Brien, Ann	Ár nÓige Playschool	Patrick St, Portarlington	05786-23359	Sessional
Rice, Catriona	Just 4 Kids	Whitefields, Station Rd, Portarlington, Co Laois	05786-40334, 087-9663796	Full Day Care, Montessori, Playschool & After-School.
Rothwell, Niamh	NaPaisti	Portarlington Community Crèche, Link Rd, Portarlington"	05786-36836	Full Day Care, Sessional, Play and After-School
Shakespeare, Sarah	Tír Na nOg Pre-school	Presentation Sisters, Ballymorris Rd,	086-1500702	Sessional, After-school

MOUNTMELLICK

SERVICE PROVIDER	SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT NUMBER	NOTIFIED
Culleton, Mary	Naomh Aine Naoinra	Garoon, Mountmellick	05786-24963, 086-3534852, www.preschoolmountmellick.ie email: mary@naomhaine.ie	Naoinra Sessional
Cummings, Samantha	Teach Na Leanai <i>Not Participating in the ECCE Scheme</i>	Youthreach, Further Education Centre, Harbour St, Mountmellick	05786-24196	Sessional, Full Day Care
Dempsey, Claire	Claire's Montessori & Playschool	Acragar, Mountmellick	05786-44164, 086-8033023	Sessional Montessori
Fitzpatrick, Majella	Majella's Montessori School	Acragar Cottage, Acragar, Mountmellick	05786-44014	Sessional Montessori
Henihan, Sarah	Sonas Childcare Centre <i>Not Participating in the ECCE Scheme</i>	Irishtown, Mountmellick	05786-44492	Sessional, Full Day Care, After-school

CLONASLEE

SERVICE PROVIDER	SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT NUMBER	NOTIFIED
Kelly, Mary	Tír Na nOg Playschool	Clonaslee Community Development, Clonaslee	086-3618905	Sessional, After-School

ROSENALLIS

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Bowes, Michelle	Kiddicare Pre-school	Rosenallis Community Centre, Rosenallis	05786-28885	Sessional

RATHDOWNEY

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Ryan, Claire	Cute & Clever Playschool	Marian Centre, Rathdowney	0505-46464	Sessional

ERRILL

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Fairbrother, Rosaleen	The Orchard Childminding Service	Clonmeen, Errill, Co. Laois	0505-44961	Full Day Care, Sessional, After-School

CLOUGH

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Fitzpatrick, Catherine	Happy Days Montessori	Clough Hall, Clough, Ballacolla	0505-46750, 087-2061998	Sessional

BORRIS-IN-OSSORY

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Burke, Margaret	Realtogi	Townspark, Roscrea Rd, Borris-in-Ossory	0505-41895, 087-9540999	Full day care, Playschool Sessional, After-school
Daly, Eileen	An Tigh Súgragh Naíonra	Ballghmore, Borris Rd, Borris-In-Ossory, Co Laois	0505-41456, 087-6699412	Sessional Naíonra
Ward, Elizabeth	Tir Na nOg Playschool	Convent of Mercy, Borris-in-Ossory	086-1993984	Sessional, Mon-Fri

EMO

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Bennett, Rebecca & O'Donnell, Fiona	The Old Rectory Playschool	Coolbanagher, Emo, Portlaoise	Rebecca 086-1253499 Fiona 087-2372857	Sessional

BALLYBRITTAS

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Malone, Caroline	Bambinos <i>Not Participating in the ECCE Scheme</i>	Kilbracken, Ballybrittas	05786-26867	Full Day Care
Behan, Colette	Iosa Linn	Rath Community Centre, Rath, Ballybrittas”	086-3690305	Sessional

KILLENARD

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Keating, Valerie & Boland, Sinead	Giggles Crèche	Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co. Laois	05786-45005	Sessional, Full Day Care, After-school”

GRAIGUECULLEN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Brett, Pauline	Pauline’s Playgroup	Aisfinto, Crossneen, Carlow	059-9141305, 087-2912620	Sessional
Redmond, Mary	Graiguecullen Parish Childcare	C/O St Fiacc’s N.S., Graiguecullen, Co Carlow	059-9137105	Pre-school, Sessional, After-school”

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Watson, Melanie	Cherish Nursery & Creche	Springhill Rd, Graiguecullen	059-9143328	Sessional, Full Day Care, Montessori, After School

KILLESHIN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	<i>NOTIFIED</i>
Curry, Helen & Murphy, Eadaoin	The Den	Killeshin, Co Carlow	05991-47909	Playgroup, After School Programme

Parent & Toddler Groups in Laois

MOUNTMELICK

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
O'Reilly, Audrey	Mountmellick Parent and Toddler Initiative	MDA, Mountmellick, Co. Laois	05786-24525
Thompson, Marion	Mountmellick Parent & Toddler Group	Kerith Cottage, Newmills, Mountmellick, Co Laois	05786-44166

PORTLAOISE

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Gilligan, Lisa	Parents Together	Methodist Hall, Railway St, Portlaoise	05786-80396, 085-7620874

MOUNTRATH

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Caldbeck, Vera	Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group	The Parochial Hal, Portlaoise Rd, Mountrath.	05787-32642, 087-9330695

BALLYROAN

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
McCorry, Fiona	Kids and Koffee Parent & Toddler Group	9 The Cross of Newtown, Portlaoise, Co Laois	087-2238262

DURROW

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Duck, Alison	Little Oaks Parent & Toddler Group	Castlewood House, Durrow, Co Laois	087-2491779

EMO

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Tracey, Caroline	Emo Parent & Toddler Group	Emo Community Centre, Emo, Co Laois	086-8062446

STRADBALLY

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Webb, Laurie	Stradbally Parent & Toddler Group	1 Cillbeg Manor, Stradbally, Co Laois	085-2745666

RATHDOWNEY

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Meagher, Patricia	Rathdowney Parent & Toddler Group	The Marian Centre, Rathdowney, Co Laois	0505-46801, 087-9741420

Borris In Ossory

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Hanlon, Marie	Borris-in-Ossory Parent & Toddler Group	25 Sliabh Bloom View, Borris-in-Ossory, Co Laois	087-9382158

PORTARLINGTON

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
O'Connor, Linda	Portarlington Parent & Toddler Group	c/o Community Centre, Link Rd, Portarlington	05786-45547

CLONAGHADOO

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Dooley, Evelyn	Clonaghadoo Parent & Toddler Group	Mucklone, Rosenallis, Co Laois	087-2242973

ABBEYLEIX

<i>SERVICE PROVIDER</i>	<i>SERVICE NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>
Draper, Linda	Abbeyleix / Killermogh Parent & Toddler Group	Pariochial Hall, Ballacolla Rd, Abbeyleix	086-8302168

ECCE Scheme

(Free pre-school year)

What is the ECCE Scheme?

On Tuesday April 7th 2009, the Government announced a new free pre-school year for all children in Ireland centring on Early Childhood care and education (ECCE) which will commence in January 2010.

What does the scheme cover?

The scheme entitles all children to ONE free pre-school year. The scheme will be available in BOTH community and private based pre-schools. Providers may offer arrange of educational programmes such as Montessori, playschool, Naionra, Steiner, Froebel.

Options for Participation

The scheme offers 2 options for participation, (both may not be offered in your service of choice)

Option A: Pre-school sessional service - Offers place for 3 hours a day minimum, 5 days per-week and 38 weeks per annum.

Option B: Full / Part time day care. Offered for 2hrs 15 minutes a day minimum, 5 days per week and 50 weeks per annum.

Who is eligible?

Participating children must be between 3 years 3 months and 4 years 6 months.

However as the scheme commences in January, participating children will be between 3 years 7 months and 4 years 10 months for the first 6 months.

Exceptions may be made for children who have special needs verified by the HSE.

How can I avail of the scheme?

A list of participating services will be made available from Laois County Childcare Committee from early October, 2009.

Please Note: Services should not enrol children under the scheme on a part time basis. Places will be allocated where parents indicate the child will attend at least 4 days a week. As the scheme commences mid way through the school year, enrolment on a part time basis will be allowed for the first six months.

Once you have contacted and been accepted by your service of preference, your child's details such as date of birth and PPS number will be required for verification purposes.

If the childcare facility of your choice is booked out and unable to offer your child a place, please contact Laois County Childcare for a list of other services participating in the scheme.

Payments & Charges

Participating services must operate the scheme free of charge to parents in return for the capitation. The payment for each participating child will be made directly to the participating service and not to parents.

Services can offer the following additional services for an additional charge.

Hours which are additional to the pre-school requirement. Sessional services can offer an additional 30 minutes. A part-time service in the 38 week option can offer an additional 2 hours.

Optional additional services such as food, outings, parties or teaching resources.

Please Note: Parents must be informed that their agreement to additional hours or charges is not compulsory and admission of their child / children should not be based on acceptance of additional services.

Useful Contact Numbers

Laois County Childcare Committee

Phone: 057 86 61029 / 66663
087 9279211

Pre-School Inspection Team
(Environmental Health Officer)

Phone: 057 86 65928

Childminding Advisory Officer – *Fiona McHugh*

Phone: 057 93 70630

Pre-School Advisory Officer – *Ann Spain*

Phone: 057 93 70631

Office of Minister for Children

Phone: 01 6354000

POBAL

Phone: 01 2400700

National Voluntary Childcare Organisations

Barnardos

Christchurch Square, Dublin 8

Phone: 01 4549699

www.bernardos.ie

Childminding Ireland

49 Applewood, Greystones, Co. Wicklow

Phone: 01 287111

National Children's Nurseries Association

12c Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Road, Dublin 12

Phone: 01 4601138

www.ncna.net

An Comhchoiste Teamhscolaiochta Teo

7 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

Phone: 01 6398442

Children in Hospital Ireland

Coleraine House, Carmichael Centre,
North Burunswick House, Dublin 7

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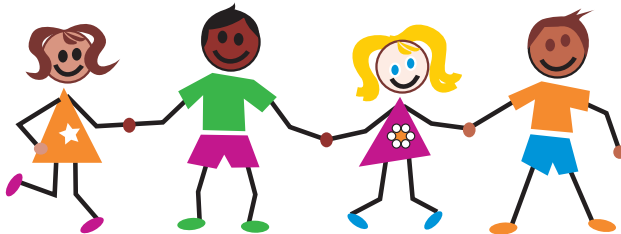
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