

**Statement of purpose and function:**

The purpose of **LITTLE STARS ON THE LANE** is to provide quality, affordable preschool, and creche and then school aged childcare to school aged children in the local community. It is a private service and is classified as a school aged childcare service under the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Aged Services) Regulations 2018. It is open for 50 weeks per year from.

**Principle**

This policy is underwritten by the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Aged Services) Regulations 2018.

**Aim and Ethos of Little Stars on the Lane:**

Name of Setting: Little Stars on the Lane Address Theatre Lane, Greystones. Co. Wicklow Eircode :A63 V1F8

Registered Provider Person in Charge : Ciara Watson [-ciara@starsonthelane.ie](mailto:-ciara@starsonthelane.ie) Kara Gargolinski Mc Alister – [kara@starsonthelane.ie](mailto:kara@starsonthelane.ie)

Deputy Person in Charge Contact Telephone Number: Sabine Cuffe.

Opening Hours: 7.30am – 6.30pm (Total 110 places during sessional hours, 86 preschool age full time spaces and 30 afterschool age)

Staff ratio: Preschool 1:8, afterschool: 1:12

Afterschool Club: school pick up 2 to 6.30pm. (30 places) Out of term 2me, we offer full day afterschool for our children.

Age ranges: 2 – 12 years. Afterschool is aimed at children from 5 – 12 years. (Junior Infants up to 6<sup>th</sup> Class)

**Our facilities:** Our creche facility has six rooms: We have three large bright rooms with lots of ventilation available to our preschool, full time and afterschool children. We also have a lovely roof garden, which is well equipped with climbing frames and suitable equipment for both preschool and primary school children. We also have a multipurpose room that we can use for drama, ball skills, yoga, rest and quiet time or anything else we dream up as a group to meet the emergent interests of our groups.

**What do we do:** Global room: Catering for children from 2 – 5 years. The working language of this preschool room is English and then children learn a little French, German, Spanish and Irish every day. This is done in a fun and non-academic way through games, fun, play, songs, dance etc.

Naionra rooms: Catering for children from 2 – 5 years, the Naíonra rooms is an Irish Language preschool. They follow the Naíonra curriculum through the Aistear Framework. The ethos of Naíonra is a total immersion model. We adapt this to suit each personality in our service to ensure each child is confident and happy in their learning environment and enjoying their learning journey with us.

Afterschool: The afterschool caters for children from 5 – 12 and we drop off and collect from all local primary schools. We currently have 5 staff working in the afterschool and will bring more into the team should we have numbers that require it.

**Schools we cater for:** Greystones Educate Together, Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath, Greystones Community School, St. Patrick's National School, St. Kevin's National School, St. Lawrences National School, Delgany National School, St. Brigid's National School. I

We are very conscious that children attending from school can be tired from a busy day of learning and so we make our environment as enjoyable as possible and ensure plenty of rest and relaxation, as well as structured time for each child. We are very conscious of children in afterschool having

diverse needs in terms of their wider age group and also their own interests. Therefore we offer a wide range of activities at any one time so that we can suit each child's needs each day. Some of these activities include Baking, Arts and crafts, Board games, Sports, Reading, Fun games both indoors and outdoors, Music .

Our afterschool group are guided by the following policies:

1. Complaints
2. Administration of Medication
3. Infection Control
4. Managing Behaviour
5. Dropping off and Collection of children
6. Statement of Purpose and Function
7. Fire safety

**Person Responsible: Ciara Watson**

**This policy was adopted by Li5le Stars on the Lane on 20/08/2021**

**Example of a child friendly version of this policy we share with our children:**

About **Little Stars on the Lane**

We are an afterschool club located in Theatre Lane, Greystones.

Children can come here from school pick up to 6.30pm Monday to Friday during the school year.

We have 5 staff and we can look after 30 children. Children can come here from Junior Infants all the way up to 6 Class!

We have 6 different rooms in our service. The homework room, multipurpose room and the activities room. We also have an outdoor area where we can play every day.

We do lots of actives in **Little Stars on the Lane some of these include:**

Baking, Arts and crafts , Board games Sports, Reading, Fun games indoors and outdoors • Music