

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 1 Seagreen Gate, Greystones, Co Wicklow
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Registered Provider Person in Charge : Ciara Watson –ciara@starsonthelane.ie

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Opening Hours: 1.00pm – 6.30pm (Total 50 spaces in Afterschool) term time and 8.50 am – 6.30pm out of term time.

Staff ratio: Afterschool: 1:12

Afterschool Club: school pick up 1.05 to 6.30pm. (50 places) Out of term time, we offer full day afterschool for our children.

Age ranges: Afterschool is aimed at children from 4 – 12 years. (Junior Infants up to 6th Class)

Our facilities: Our creche facility has 2 rooms: We have 2 large bright rooms with lots of ventilation available to our preschool, full time and afterschool children. We also have a lovely garden, which is well equipped with 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:

Afterschool: The afterschool caters for children from 4 – 12 and we drop off and collect from all local primary schools. We currently have 3 staff working in the afterschool and will bring more into the team should we have numbers that require it.

Schools we cater for: all national schools in the Greystones area.

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, Kara Gargolinski Mc Alister

This policy was adopted by Little Stars on the Lane on 01/05/2023

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 Graham's Court in Wicklow.

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 50 children. Children can come here from Junior Infants all the way up to 6 Class!

We have 2 different rooms in our service. The homework/ activities room and multipurpose room
We also have an outdoor area where we can play every day.

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

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

Statement will be reviewed every 2 years or if a change is required to the statement of purpose and function.