

**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. It sets out the number of children that can be catered for in the service. The number that can be catered for in our early years full daycare is 33

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

Name of Setting: Little Stars on the Lane

- Address 1 Seagreen Gate, Greystones, A63C924
- 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 Nina Patterson: 085 1556444
- Opening Hours: 7.30am – 6.30pm 50 weeks a year.
- Staff ratio: 2 year olds: 1:6, 3 – 6: 1:8, ECCE hours: 1:11
- Age ranges: We cater for children from 2 – 6 years
- Number of full daycare children: 33

**Our facilities:** Our creche facility has 3 rooms. Two large care rooms and one smaller care rooms. All rooms have strong ventilation and look out on our enclosed gardens. Our lovely garden is well equipped with suitable equipment for preschool children.

**What do we do:**

We follow a play based curriculum and guide children through the Aistear Framework. We have a highly educated and skilled team, who focus on nurturing each child in our care. We offer the NCS and the ECCE schemes to parents.

Our afterschool group are guided by the following policies:

1. Complaints
2. Administration of Medication
3. Infection Control
4. Managing Behaviour
5. Safe Sleep
6. Statement of Purpose and Function
7. Safety Statement

**Person Responsible: Ciara Watson, Kara Gargolinski Mc Alister**

**This policy was adopted by Little Stars on the Lane on 01/05/2023** Statement will be reviewed every 2 years or if a change is required to the statement of purpose and function.