

Parent Statement for Partner Services

1. Welcome to our Partner Service

The Nest School, Waverly Hill, Greystones, Co Wicklow, A63K573, is a Partner Service, working together with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and parents to deliver high quality, affordable, inclusive Early Learning and Care (ELC) and/or School Age Childcare (SAC) services for children. As part of that partnership, this statement outlines some of the important things you can expect from us, a Partner Service.

1.1 About Us

Here are some of the basic things to know about us:

A typical week for us is 08.30 to 2pm Monday to Friday for 42 weeks per year.

At The Nest School we offer the following services to children and their families:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional pre-school under the ECCE (Free Pre-school)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Full day Care/part time care for Early Learning & Care (ELC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Term Time School Age Childcare
<input type="checkbox"/>	Out of term School Age Childcare

[Choose all that apply]

2. Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE), Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) and National Childcare Scheme (NCS).

This Partner Service is in contract to deliver the:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Childcare Scheme (NCS)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Childcare Subvention Scheme Plus (CCSP)

Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE):

ECCE provides for 15 hours per week of preschool provision over 38 weeks per year before children start primary school at no charge to parents.

The Nest School will support you in registering your child for the ECCE programme in our service if your child meets the eligibility criteria. Further information about ECCE is available here -

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2459ee-early-childhood-care-and-education-programme-ecce/>

Access and Inclusion Model (AIM):

The goal of AIM is to create a more inclusive environment in pre-schools, so all children, regardless of ability, can benefit from quality early learning and care. The model achieves this by providing universal supports to pre-school settings, and targeted supports, which focus on the needs of the individual child, without requiring a diagnosis of disability.

Further information about AIM is available here - <https://aim.gov.ie/>

Optional:

This service also has an Inclusion Coordinator, Ailsing Slater-Shortt, Johanna Swann McFall, and Caoimhe Minogue who has a special qualification focused on supporting the inclusion of all children in the service.

National Childcare Scheme (NCS)

NCS provides subsidies to parents to offset the costs of ELC and SAC. There are three types of NCS subsidies which are all available for children up to the age of 15.

This service welcomes children who are entitled to any category of NCS subsidy. Further information about the NCS is available here - <https://www.ncs.gov.ie/en/> or contact the NCS Parent Support Centre on 01 906 8530 (Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm).

The Nest School will support you in applying for support under the NCS for your family.

3. Fees Policies

As a Partner Service, we operate a Fees Policy that is transparent and understandable to all of our parents, the objective of which is to prevent any and all misunderstandings where possible. Please do not hesitate to contact **Holly Aston (Operations Manager)** who will provide additional clarification as required.

3.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Facilities that were in existence in September 2021 As a Partner Service, we are committed to operating the 'fee freeze' for Programme Year 2022/2023. This means that we will not charge our parents more for the same service than what we were charging in September 2021.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Facilities that have been established since September 2021 As a Partner Service, we are committed to operating the 'fee freeze' for Programme Year 2022/2023. This means that we will not increase our fees during this year.

3.2 Donations - We will not request or accept any donations, voluntary or otherwise from parents/guardians, in respect of the ELC/SAC services being provided.

3.3 Deposits - We will not charge any non-refundable deposits to parents/guardians in the respect of their ELC/SAC service where the parent/guardian takes up the service for which the deposit was paid.

3.4 In order that you can understand what this fee freeze means for you, we have outlined our fees and associated fees policy below.

This Fees Policy will be published widely.

a) The fee policy we are going to implement for year 2022/2023 is the same as the fee policy that we had in place on September 30th 2021.

3.5.1 Our Fees Policy applicable on September 30th 2021 was as follows:

ECCE Contract Only Fee Policy

Here at **The Nest School** we offer the ECCE programme to all eligible children. ECCE is free to all eligible children.

Additional information about the ECCE Programme Rules are available here - <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2459ee-early-childhood-care-and-education-programme-ecce/>

SECTION A: ECCE ONLY SERVICES OFFERED

Session Type Name	Session Type	Number of Hours per day	Number of days per week	Number of hours per week	Session Start time	Session Finish Time	ECCE – 3 Free Hours (€)	Full Fee – Non-ECCE Eligible Children (€)
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FEE POLICY TABLE FOR ALL SERVICES EXCLUDING ECCE ONLY

Session Type Name	Age Range	ECCE Available for ECCE eligible children?	Meals Included?	Additional Info	Number of Hrs per day	Number of days per week	Number of Hrs per week	Session Start time	Session Finish Time	Fee (less ECCE 3 Free Hrs) (€)	Fee less NCS Universal Subsidy (€)	Full Fee (€)
5 hour/ day Term Time	0-1 Yr <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Yrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-6 Yrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-15 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	ECCE age only. Snacks provided	5.00	5.00	25.00	09.00	14.00	€94.74	€76.54	€159.24
4 hour/ day (08.30 start) Term Time	0-1 Yr <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Yrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-6 Yrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-15 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	ECCE age only. Snacks Provided	4.00	5.00	20.00	08.30	12.30	€59.21	€50.11	€123.71
4 hour/ day (09.00 start) Term Time	0-1 Yr <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Yrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-6 Yrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-15 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	ECCE age only. Snacks provided	4.00	5.00	20.00	09.00	13.00	€59.21	€50.11	€123.71
4.5 hour/ day Term Time	0-1 Yr <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 Yrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-15 Yrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Honouring arrangment for 1 child only Snacks provided.	4.50	5.00	22.50	08.30	13.00	€76.97	€63.32	€141.47
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SECTION B - FEES EXTRAS: DEPOSIT / DISCOUNT / OPTIONAL EXTRAS* / ADDITIONAL SERVICES*

Type	Description	Additional Details/Conditions
Deposits	No deposit for ECCE hours.	Request 4 weeks notice if no longer taking the place before September start or if leaving prior to the end of June 2023
Deposits	Deposit for private fees only (to the value of one month of full private fees)	Booking deposit refunded as fees for last month of attendance in The Nest School. N.B. notice period applies if leaving before the end of June 2023/ 2024.
Optional Extras	No Optional Extras	
Additional Services	No Additional Services	
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Section C - Other Additional Information

As instructed by The Department, fees quoted above are quoted as weekly fees. However, The Nest School charges fees monthly.

To convert weekly fees to month fees, please:

Multiple weekly fees by 38 weeks (the number of weeks in the preschool term) and devide by 10 months.

* These are entirely optional to parents

3.5.2 (a) The changes to our Fees Policy as applicable on September 30th 2021 are as follows:

The following new Service Types ARE available:

Session Type Name	Age Range	ECCE Available for ECCE eligible children?	Meals Included?	Additional Info	Number of Hrs per day	Number of days per week	Number of Hrs per week	Session Start time	Session Finish Time	Fee (less ECCE 3 Free Hrs) (€)	Fee less NCS Universal Subsidy (€)	Full Fee (€)
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3.5.2 (b) The following Service Types are NO LONGER available:

Session Type Name	Age Range	ECCE Available for ECCE eligible children?	Meals Included?	Additional Info	Number of Hrs per day	Number of days per week	Number of Hrs per week	Session Start time	Session Finish Time	Fee (less ECCE 3 Free Hrs) (€)	Fee less NCS Universal Subsidy (€)	Full Fee (€)
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4. Quality measures

As a Partner Service, we are committed to delivering quality for children and families. There are number of ways we can show this.

4.1 Our staff have the following qualifications:

Room/Session	Qualification
Duckling Classroom, 4hr and 5hr programmes	<p>Ailsing Slater-Shortt (Lead Educator): MA Creative Psychology, incorporating a HDip in Play Therapy (Level 9), in progress & BA Hons Degree in Early Childhood Education (Level 8) & Level 6 Leadership for Inclusion (Linc) Programme.</p> <p>Johanna McFall (Assistant Educator): Diploma in Early Years Montessori Education (Level 6)</p> <p>Hilda Whelton (Assistant Educator): Certificate in Childcare (Level 5) & SNA certificate (Level 5)</p>
Starlings Classroom, 4hr and 5hr programmes	<p>Stephanie Reid (Lead Educator): MA Leadership, in Early Years Education & Care (Level 9) & HDip Early Years Montessori Education (Level 8)</p> <p>Mary-Emma Aston (Educator): BA Education (level 8, with recognition as Level 6 in Early Years)</p>
Puffins Classroom, 4hr and 5hr programmes	<p>Caoimhe Minogue (Lead Educator): BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care & Education (Level 8) & Supervision in Childcare (Level 6)</p>
Robins Classroom, 4hr and 5hr programmes	<p>Niamh Gleeson (Lead Educator): BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care & Education (Level 8) & Early Childhood Care and Education (Montessori), (Level 6)</p> <p>Clair Kelly (Assistant Educator): HDip Early Years Montessori Education (Level 8) & HDip in Inclusive and Special Education (Level 9), in progress.</p>
Operations Manager	<p>Holly Aston: Montessori Education (Level 7) & Supervision in Childcare Management (Level 6)</p>
Managing Director/ Owner	<p>Lynda Browne: MA Management (Smurfit UCD, Level 9), incorporating HDip DBSIT (Level 8) &</p>

	HDip Early Years Montessori Education (Level 8)
AIM Support & Assistants	<p>Nadine Garnatz: Diploma in Montessori Theory and Methodology (Level 6)</p> <p>Mary-Emma Aston: BA Education (level 8, with recognition as Level 6 in Early Years)</p> <p>Emily Maher: Diploma in Montessori Education (Level 6)</p>

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✓	We are actively working to implement our Quality Action Plan and we will report on progress at the end of the year
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