



GILLIAN

Meet Gillian, Gillian is our Childcare Manager

Welcome to The Village Childcare & Community Services! We look forward to getting to know you and your child and creating an enjoyable and memorable experience for your little one

FIRST DAYS

Children require a varying amount of support when they start pre-school. It is normal and understandable for them to be upset by the huge transition they are undertaking. Please be patient and understanding!

Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have with the Manager or Deputy.

TERM DATES



Our terms generally coincide with dates used by our local schools. There may be a few days difference between our dates and those of the schools. You will be provided a calendar at the start of the year which shows our terms and closure dates for the year, a reminder will be sent out nearer to the time.

BRINGING YOUR CHILD TO PRESCHOOL

This section of the booklet takes you through what you might need to know about starting pre-school.

DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD

Our start time is 8.30. We ask that you are on time for your pre-school session. Children will be greeted at the entrance by a staff-member who will walk them upstairs to their room.

CLOTHES

As we say, a dirty child is a happy child! We encourage all forms of messy, artistic, water, and sensory play here at the Village Childcare. Please understand that although we provide aprons for painting and messy crafts and wetsuits for water play on cold days, it is very probable that your child will come home looking much messier than when you dropped them off!

With this in mind, we suggest dressing your child in clothes that you won't mind getting stained and dirty. Children are also required to bring a full change of clothing, including shoes, socks, and underwear. This can be left in a plastic bag and stored in the child's room. Finally, we suggest labelling every piece of child's clothing to prevent any confusion at home-time.

SNACKS

All children are provided a small snack at 10.00am every day. This snack can include cereal and milk, toast and butter, crackers, and cheese. Details of the snack are available on a weekly basis.

Children attending for part-time hours (until 1.15pm) are required to bring a small snack for snack-time at 12.00pm. This snack should be in accordance with our healthy-eating policy, which is provided to each child at the start of term.

We require snacks to be provided in a clear plastic bag clearly labelled with the child's name.

We ask that all children are provided with a bottle of water or juice. This can be refilled during the day as needed.



COLLECTING YOUR CHILD

Our collection times are 11.30am if your child is availing of our ECCE service and 1.00 or 1.15pm if availing of our optional extra programme. We ask that you are on time for your collection. Children will be brought to you by a staff member who will brief you on how your child's day went.

CURRICULUM AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

At Village Childcare we offer an ECCE curriculum which is influenced by Aistear {the national curriculum framework} and Siolta {the national quality framework} in our Sunflowers and Busy Bees rooms and a play-based curriculum in our Teddy bears room also influenced by Aistear and Siolta. Each month is given a theme and activities are planned around that theme. We also incorporate the children's interests into our monthly themes.



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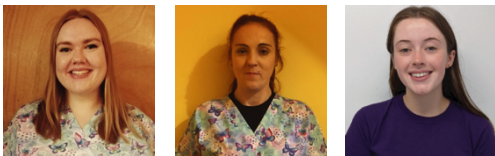
Meet Louise, Louise is our Kitchen Manager and she prepares and cooks the snacks given to the children.



THERESA

Meet Theresa, Theresa is our administrator and she handles all the paperwork and office work





Meet Marie, Angie, and Andrea, your new teachers in Busy Bees! You will have lots of fun in our Busy Bees room with all your new friends. As the saying goes you will be busy as a bee doing lots of exciting things and learning so much with them.



Meet Áine and Stacey, your new teachers in Teddy Bears! You will have lots of fun in playschool with all your new friends. You will do lots of exciting things and learn so much with them.



Meet Becky, Leanne, and Fran, your new teachers in Sunflowers! You will have lots of fun in our Sunflowers room with all your new friends. We hope your child will blossom like a flower in our sunflowers room with all the learning they will do.

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE VILLAGE CHILDCARE

- 8.30am -9.00am
Children settle into their room and have free choice of play
- 9.00am-9.30am
Key-group activities
(arts & crafts, block play, small world play etc.)
- 9.30am-9.50am
Circle-time and story time
- 9.50am-10.00am
Tidy-up time and handwashing before a morning snack
- 10.00am-10.30am
Morning snack time
- 10.30am-11.00am
Music and dance
- 11.00am-12.00pm
Outdoor play including water play, sensory play, messy play
- ECCE children not doing optional extra leave at 11.30pm
- 12.00pm-12.30pm
Afternoon snack-time
- 12.30pm-13.00pm
Outdoor free-play
- 13.00pm-13.15pm
Getting ready for home-time



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