



Waterford City Childcare Committee <sup>Ltd.</sup>  
*Coiste Cúraim Leanaí Chathair Phort Láirge*

**Waterford City Childcare Committee**  
**4b Manor Village,**  
**Cork Road,**  
**Waterford**  
**051 – 860444**

## **Childcare Services**

**Pre-schools, Play Groups and Crèches**  
**Voluntary Notified and Notified Childminders**

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# Description of Services

## Childcare Services in Waterford City

**All Childcare Services in Waterford City fall within one of the following categories which are in keeping with national definitions of types of childcare services.**

1. **Sessional Services** – Services which offer a planned programme, 3.5 hours or less per session. Services covered by this definition may include pre-schools, playgroups, crèches, Montessori pre-schools, Naoinrai, notifiable childminders or similar services which generally cater for children in 0-6 age range.
  2. **Part-time Service** – Services which offer a planned programme between 3.5 and 5 hours. Services covered under this definition may include a sessional pre-school service for pre-school children not attending the part-time day care service. The service must provide the same physical environment including rest, play and sanitary facilities as for full day services.
  3. **Full Day Care Services** – Day care services for pre-school children for more than 5 hours. Services covered under this definition are those offering a structured full day service for children which may include a part-time service and a sessional service also.
  4. **Drop-In Centres** – Services provided in shopping centres, leisure centres, hotels etc. on a temporary basis. In drop-in services the children are cared for over a period of not more than two hours.
  5. **Childminders** – People who mind children for all or part of a day in the childminders home. Childminders who care for up to 5 children are legally required to notify their service to Health Service Executive, they receive an inspection from the Pre-school Services Officer. Childminders who care for 3 children or less are invited to voluntarily notify their service to Waterford City Childcare Committee. These Childminders receive an advisory visit to their home from the Childminding Advisory Officer of Waterford City Childcare Committee.
6. **School Age Childcare Services**  
School Age childcare services provide care on a sessional or part-time basis for school aged children outside the normal school hours.

**According to the Pre-School Service Regulations Childcare (Amendment) Act 2007 childcare providers providing the above services up to age 6 years are required to notify in writing the Health Services Executive (HSE) prior to opening a service.**

**However, please note that under this 2007 Act school age services and voluntary notified childminders are not yet required to notify the HSE.**

**In Waterford City all of the above types of childcare services are on offer in either a private or community setting. They may fall under one of the following headings:**

### **Community Childcare Services**

#### **i) Community services:**

Community Day Care facilities are run in the community by the community and on a 'not for profit' basis. They are managed by a voluntary management committee, and are usually housed in a community owned centre.

They generally provide a full range of services including full day care, part-time and sessional (some include a school age service). Fees charged are usually on a sliding scale dependent on means of the families.

#### **ii) Pre Schools in National Schools:**

Pre Schools generally operate within the National School structure and usually operate as feeder classes into the school's Junior Infants class. These pre schools operate sessional services in tandem with the primary school year, and close for the same holidays over Christmas, Easter, and Summer etc.

## **Private Childcare Services**

i) **Private Full-Day Care services** are generally run as individual businesses. They may provide a part-time and sessional service as well as a full day service. Some offer a school age service. Fees charged are generally at the discretion of the proprietor.

### **ii) Montessori Pre Schools:**

Montessori Pre Schools are private pre schools who provide a sessional pre school service using the Montessori method of learning. These services also operate in tandem with the general school holidays.

### **iii) Drop In Crèche Facilities:**

Drop in childcare services are generally provided by large shopping facilities, leisure centres and similar establishments. Fees may vary and the length of time the child can stay may also vary from place to place.

### **iv) Childminders:** see above

## **CHILDCARE SUBVENTION SCHEME**

Through the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs there is a Childcare Subvention Scheme in operation within some community based childcare services. Through the scheme quality childcare is offered at reduced rates to disadvantaged parents. The level of grant available for services will depend on the level of service and the profile of parents using the service. For further information on the scheme and the services using the scheme please contact the Childcare Committee.

**INFORMATION ON CONTACT DETAILS FOR ALL CHILDCARE SERVICES IN WATERFORD CITY MAY BE SOURCED FROM THE OFFICES OF THE WATERFORD CITY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE, 4 b MANOR VILLAGE, CORK RD, WATERFORD. TEL NO: 051-860444 OR FROM THE WEBSITE ON [WATERFORDCITYCHILDCARECOM@EIRCOM.NET](mailto:WATERFORDCITYCHILDCARECOM@EIRCOM.NET) OR FROM PRE-SCHOOL OFFICERS, HEALTH SERVICES EXECUTIVE, CORK RD, WATERFORD. TEL NO: 051 842897**

## Voluntary Notified Childminders (minding 3 children or less)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
<b>Adrienne Byrne</b>	68 Viewmount Park, Waterford	051 858487
<b>Lucia Cantwell</b>	1 Woodbury, Ballinakill Court, Ballinakill, Waterford	051 854454 087 1316304
<b>Carmel Coffey</b>	16 Mulberry Close, Viewmount, Waterford	051 874840
<b>Lorraine Cuddihy</b>	16 Monteledo Way, Farmleigh, Dunmore Rd.	086 1039240
<b>Vicky Egan</b>	74 Ballybeg Park – Directly Opposite WIT	051 358209 086 0897547
<b>Janet Foley</b>	44 The Village, Ballygunner	051 820651
<b>Lisa Frisby</b>	17 Hawthorn Drive, Hillview	087 7411554
<b>Caroline Gautier</b>	235 St. Johns Park	087 7769839 / 087 6843802
<b>Ruth Hanamy</b>	62 Ardleigh, Bracken Grove, Waterford	051 871722
<b>Annette Kavanagh</b>	77 Ashley Drive, Cherrymount, Waterford	051 345914 087 991 8943
<b>Rachel McGuire</b>	11 The Green, Riverpark, Bowefield, Waterford	085 786 8888
<b>Martina O Flaherty</b>	1 Avoncourt, Avondale, Waterford	051 857542
<b>Margaret Parker</b>	Carraiglea, Halfway House(near Faithlegg)	087 6912625 051 380753
<b>Ann-Marie Phelan</b>	4 Fairfield Court, Belvedere Manor	051 358746 086 312 4847
<b>Bernie Power</b>	23 The Willows, Keane's Rd. Waterford	051 371223
<b>Mairead Power</b>	5 Castlecor Close, Powerscourt, Dunmore Rd,	051 870477
<b>Phil Ryan</b>	3 The Meadow, Ballinakill Downs, Dunmore Rd., Waterford	051 854056
<b>Tess Wall</b>	31 Crescent Drive, Hillview, Waterford	051 355378
<b>Susan Wyse</b>	67 Ardleigh, Bracken Grove, Waterford	051 858468

## Notified Childminders to Health Service Executive (minding 4 or more children - max 5)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
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<b>Brenda Colgan</b>	26 The Sycamores, Dunmore Rd., Waterford	051 877848
<b>Tara Collins</b>	Duagh House, Green Rd., (off Tramore Rd), Waterford	086 8738491
<b>Janet Murphy</b>	8 Clifton Court, Lower Grange, Waterford	051 870240
<b>Yvonne Thornberry</b>	Ballycashin, Butlerstown, Waterford	051 384869

## **Pre-Schools in National Schools**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
<b>Play School</b>	Mount Sion N.S Barrack St., Waterford	051-377947 085-8393224 Contact: Marge Grant
<b>Our Lady's Nursery School,</b>	Ursuline N.S Ballytruckle, Waterford	086-8788142 Contact: Mairead Coady
<b>St. Declan's Pre-School</b>	Water St., Waterford	051-855200 Contact: Cathy Wallis
<b>Mercy Pre-School</b>	Mercy Convent N.S Military Rd., Waterford	051-877134 Contact: Kitty Rouse
<b>Stephen St. Pre-School</b>	25 Patrick St., Waterford	051-871716 Contact: Eleanor Fewer
<b>Naionra na Deise</b>	c/o Gael Scoil na nDeise, Gracedieu Rd., Waterford	051-843741 Contact: Joan Stephenson
<b>St Paul's Early Days Pre-School</b>	St Paul's Boys NS Lisduggan Waterford	087 6834915 Contact: Teresa Mulcahy
<b>Early Start Pre-school</b>	St Saviours NS Ballybeg (Dept of Ed )	Mary Fitzgerald Contact: 051-375175
<b>Presentation Play School</b>	Slievekeale Rd Waterford	087 6204077 Contact: Suzanne Rea

## **Community Play Groups**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
<b>Tir na nÓg</b>	Pitch & Putt Club Ferrybank, Waterford	087-2791516 Contact: Eileen Fitzpatrick

## **Community Day Care Facilities**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
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<b>St. Josephs Childcare Centre</b>	6-7 Lower Yellow Rd., Waterford	051-843512 Contact: Martina Long
<b>First Steps Crèche</b>	Ballybeg Community Centre, Waterford	051-379980 Contact: Carmel Staunton
<b>St Brigid's Children's Centre</b>	Powersfield, Hennessy's Rd Waterford	051 591548 Contact: Ger Lanigan
<b>Leapfrog Creche</b>	Grange Cohan, Waterford	051-879810 Contact: Jane Walker
<b>Women's Centre Childcare Service</b>	74 The Manor, Waterford	Contact: Anita Grant 051-850472
<b>Seans Eile</b>	Community Building, Killure Grove, Waterford	051-855734 Contact: Sharon Coady
<b>Sacred Heart Day-care Centre (For children with Special Needs)</b>	Ladylane, Waterford	051-877707 Contact: James Borland
<b>Ferry Fun Childcare</b>	Hillsfield Community Centre Bellmont Rd., Ferrybank	051 833280 Contact: Mary Purcell
<b>Waterford Childcare Centre</b>	Unit 607 Northern Extension Industrial Estate, Waterford	051-353913 Contact: Majella Cantwell
<b>Williamstown Community Childcare Centre</b>	Farronshoneen Ardkeen Business Park, Waterford	051-873918 Contact: Lucy Stephenson
<b>Birchwood House Pre School</b>	Birchwood House, Ballytruckle, Waterford	051 843891 Contact: Paula Ryan/Deirdre O'Shea
<b>Manor Childrens Centre</b>	Manor St John, Lisduggan, Waterford	051 590170 Contact : Marguerite Long

### **Private Day-care Facilities**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
<b>Little Scholars</b>	100 Bishopsfield Williamstown	051-820025 Contact: Ann Marie Ahearne

<b>Humpty's House</b>	1 Rockwood Mews, Grange Manor, Waterford	051-301867 Contact: Dawn Murphy
<b>Jigsaw Day Nursery</b>	Uppergrange, Williamstown, Waterford	051-858967 Contact: Eileen Acheson
<b>Play Together Childcare</b>	Mount Suir Gracedieu Carrickphierish Rd	086 3821194 Contact: Rebekah Donnelly
<b>Kidz Inc.</b>	Briot Crescent, Templers Hall, Waterford &	051 377066 Contact : Eimear Keating/ Jennifer Hannon
<b>Kidz Inc.</b>	Unit 53 Tycor Business Park, Waterford	051 353828 Contact : Eimear Keating
<b>Home from Home</b>	36 Williamstown Glen Waterford	051 306992 Contact: Olivia Hogan
<b>Bumble Bees Crèche</b>	Bellfield Ferrybank, Waterford	051 830542 Contact: Laura McLoughlin 086 9063134
<b>Woodlands Crèche</b>	C/o Leisure Centre Woodlands Hotel Dunmore Rd	086 3464183 Contact: Mary Molloy
<b>Little Darlings Creche</b>	Carraig on Aird, Six Cross Roads, Waterford	Contact: Denise Foley/ Shelley Glendon 051 392663
<b>Little Stars</b>	Kingfisher Club Tramore Rd Waterford	087 9860190 Contact: Susan Kennedy

## **Montessori Pre-Schools**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Waterford Montessori</b>	St. Benildus Church Hall, Newtown, Waterford	051-873354 Contact: Dawn Sheehan
<b>Jeannes Montessori</b>	The Bungalow, Lower Yellow Rd Waterford	051-392810 087-9111691 Contact: Jeanne Prendiville
<b>Newtown Montessori</b>	Friends Meeting House, Newtown, Waterford	086-8194705 Contact: Fionnuala O Regan
<b>Tiny Tots</b>	2 The Drive, Collins Ave; Waterford	051-858001 Contact: Magda Hutchinson

<b>Little Explorers</b>	24 Garranmore Dunmore Road Waterford	087-9273188 Contact: Jenny Gallagher (Also Afterschool Club)
<b>Park Montessori (Only registered under Irish Montessori Education Board)</b>	Sylvan Drive, Grantstown Park Dunmore Road	051 858151 Ruth White
<b>The Children's House</b>	22 Catherine St Waterford	051 852990

### **Private Play Groups**

Name	Address	Phone
<b>Mon Amis</b>	Villa Club House Ozier Park Waterford	087-6367791 Martina O Neill
<b>Bluebells Play Group</b>	Knockboy, Dunmore Rd., Waterford	051-879292 Contact: Helen McNamara
<b>Butler Centre Play Group</b>	Butler Community Centre, John's Park, Waterford	086 – 3938729 Contact: Rena Walsh
<b>Scallywags</b>	Scout Hall, Ballygunner	087 6537086 Contact: Fionnuala Fitzgerald

### **School Age Childcare**

Name	Address	Phone
<b>Jigsaw Afterschools</b>	Ardkeen & Williamstown	051-858967 Contact: Eileen Acheson
<b>Jenny's After School Club</b>	Garranmore, Farmleigh, Dunmore Rd	087-9273188 Contact: Jenny Gallagher
<b>Killure Grove After School</b>	Killure Grove, Airport Rd, Waterford	051 - 855734 (afternoon only) Contact: Jean Lyons
<b>Waterford Childcare Centre</b>	Northern Extension, Industrial Estate, Waterford.	051-353913 Contact: Majella Cantwell
<b>St Josephs Childcare Centre</b>	Lr Yellow Rd, Waterford.	051- 843512 Contact: Martina Long
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## Waterford City Parent and Toddler Groups

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Operating Hours</b>
<b>Butler Community Centre Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> John's Park Waterford	Jillian Wheaton 051 876907	Wednesdays 10.00 am to 12.00 noon
<b>Ferrybank Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> Parish Hall Ferrybank, Waterford	Rose O'Sullivan Katriona Ryan 051 851168	Thursdays 10.00 am to 12.00 noon
<b>Down Syndrome Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> c/o 31 Grange Lawn Waterford	Jacqui Burke 051 856143	1 Saturday per month 10.30 am to 12.00 noon
<b>The Minder &amp; Toddler Group</b> Millenium Building Church Rd., Lisduggan	Breda Farrell 051 351343	Mondays 10.30am to 12.00 noon
<b>Ardkeen Library Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> Ardkeen Shopping Centre Dunmore Rd., Waterford	Sinead Cummins 051 849755	Wednesdays & Fridays 10.30am to 12.00 noon
<b>Bumps, Babes &amp; Beyond Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> Ardkeen Community Rooms Dunmore Rd., Waterford	Marie Keating 051 377904 waterfordparentsnetwork@gmail.com	Wednesdays 11am to 1.00pm
<b>Inner City Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> Waterford City Library Lady Lane	Liz Power/Anne Goodwin 051 375261	Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon

### **Key Contacts:**

More information in relation to any of the above can be had by contacting:

#### **Health Services Executive:**

**Monica Ryan, Pre Schools Officer, 051-842897**

#### **Waterford City Childcare Committee:**

**Manor Village, Cork Rd., Waterford, 051- 860444**

#### **Waterford County Childcare Committee:**

**9 Emmet St, Dungarvan, 058- 48024**