



Gaelscoil Mhainistir Na Corann

INFORMATION FOR
PARENTS



Fáilte go Club Spraoi



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce our services to you and to inform you that we propose to open our service at Gaelscoil Mhainistir Na Corann on Monday 20th February 2023 (This is a provisional date - TUSLA registration application pending).

About Us

Club Spraoi was founded in 2016 and launched in the Cork area in September 2017. I developed Club Spraoi Before and After School Childcare as a flexible, affordable and quality solution to parent's childcare needs. This is an on-site childcare service within a primary school, enabling parents to drop their children to school before they go to work, and return to the school to collect them in the evening (Before School Care from 7:30 to 8:40, After School Care from 1:40 to 6pm).

The children are cared for in a safe and familiar place, where they can play with their friends and take part in a well- designed fun and active programme of activities that recognises the unique needs of this age group.

Our Current Locations


We currently operate at four Cork Primary Schools, with approximately 180 children attending daily, availing of before and after school care.

- Beaumont Boys & Girls NS, Cork
- Brooklodge NS, Glanmire, Cork
- Rochestown Educate Together NS, Cork
- Our Lady Of Lourdes NS, Ballinlough, Cork



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Our Services

We provide before and after school care during term time and on school holidays we run a Holiday Care programme (subject to demand). Families can use our services on a regular or casual basis; whatever your childcare needs (subject to availability). You can book daily, weekly, or can book the full term/school year if you so wish.

Bookings must be paid for a minimum of one week in advance, however if a cancellation is made up to 24 hours before the session start time, you will receive full credit for that session. Due to this flexible cancellation policy, we are therefore often able to facilitate last minute 'on the day' bookings.

If you make a booking and pay for it in full, once you cancel with 24hours notice, you will receive full credit for the cost of the session. As a space becomes available as a result of a cancellation, it can be immediately be booked by a parent who is needing a last-minute/ emergency booking.


Our Fees

7:30 to 8:40	€6.60
1:40 to 2:40	€6.60
1:40 to 3:40	€12.10
1:40 to 4:40	€16.50
1:40 to 5:40	€22.00
1:40 to 6pm	€25
2:40 to 3:40	€6.60
2:40 to 4:40	€12.10
2:40 to 5:40	€16.50
2:40 to 6pm	€19



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Programme of Activities

Just like children, each of our sites are totally unique and each Coordinator tailors the programme and schedule to meet the needs of their group. The following is an overview of the typical schedule/programme:

Breakfast Club (7:30 to 8:40)

We offer a healthy breakfast including cereal, toast and fruit. After breakfast, children can choose from a selection of games and activities, read a book, listen to music or simply chill out if they so choose.

Afterschool Club (1:30 to 6pm)

We collect the Junior and Senior Infant children from their teachers at 1:40. During the hour until 2:40, we offer them a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, and water. The children can choose from a range of activities and games, selected and planned by the staff for this younger age group.

At 2:40, all children are accounted for and signed in. The following is a sample schedule for the afternoon:

2:40 to 3:40 Supervision of Homework

3:40 to 4:10 Snack time

4:10 to 4:40 Outside play time


4:40 to 5:40 Planned Activity

5:40 to 6pm Free Play and tidy up



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Activities

While structured activities are fun and important, free play time for children is essential after a busy day at school. We offer a programme with a balance of both free play and structured activities. All our clubs are unique and are managed to ensure the best use of the facilities available. At Club Spraoi we create a safe, fun and engaging environment which fulfils children's needs, giving them the best experience possible. All equipment and resources are provided and children have free choice of activities. These resources are presented effectively to encourage children to follow their individual interests. Activities are suitable for all ages and are adapted for indoor and outdoor play and include a chill out zone, dressing up, lego and other constructive toys, cooking and baking, arts and crafts and books.



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Our Staff

Our staff are Garda Vetted, trained in Child Protection, Food Safety, Management of Challenging Behaviour and First Aid (with a minimum of one staff member at each location with the First Aid Response (FAR) training).

Tulsa Registered

All of our locations are fully registered with Tusla (Child and Family Agency) and therefore comply with the requirements of the ***Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Aged Services) Regulations 2018.***

Ratio: We adhere strictly to the ratio requirements set out in the Regulations, of 1 adult to 12 children

National Childcare Scheme

We operate the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) which helps parents to meet the costs of childcare.

The scheme provides two types of childcare subsidy for children over 6 months of age:

A universal subsidy for children up to 15 years of age. It is not means tested. (€1.40 per hour)

An income-assessed subsidy for children up to 15. It is means tested. (Up to €3.75 per hour)


If you would like to find out more information regarding eligibility and to apply please visit

<https://www.ncs.gov.ie/en/>



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How to Register & Book

We use an online booking system that you will be able to access through the Club Spraoi website very shortly. We are working on this right now as we prepare for the upcoming (provisional) opening date of the 20th February. In the meantime however, I would ask all parents interested in availing of our services to email us at gsmnc@clubspraoi.ie and we will be delighted to take your booking enquiries and to answer any questions that you may have.

Tell us what you need!

In order to assist us in planing and staff recruitment, I would ask all parents interested in using our services to complete this very short survey:


<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClubSpraoiGSMNC>

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Testimonials

Club Spraoi is amazing my girls really enjoyed going and would ask to go even on the days, I was not at work. The food menu is awesome and the help with the homework was fab and most importantly the girls had so much fun and would often bring home bits they made and Ewa and the team were so kind and great to communicate with. – *L O’C (Club Spraoi Our Lady of Lourdes)*

I couldn't recommend Club Spraoi enough. My kids adore the after school program and never want to leave. Aine and the girls are fab and give such individual attention to all the kids there. It's a lovely, fun environment. Thanks to all the Club Spraoi gang. – *VB (Club Spraoi Rochestown)*


Club Spraoi has been an absolute godsend to me - I am the envy of other parents that do not have a similar facility in their school. During after school care, the kids do loads of activities such as basketball, football, tennis and loads of other kids games like chasing, hop scotch and skipping. My Son, Thomas is always full of stories about how much fun he has. It is wonderful to collect such an exhausted and happy child that is always outside in the fresh air, unless it's raining. It supports working parents in a very flexible and affordable manner with breakfast club, after school care and holiday camps. Good childcare can be hard to find - In my opinion, Club Spraoi is simply GREAT Childcare. – *H O’D(Club Spraoi Beaumont)*

Club Spraoi has been a fantastic experience for my son. It's a safe, fun environment where the kids get to do lots of different activities and make friends outside of their classroom. The staff are excellent and treat the kids with such great care and kindness. – *LB (Club Spraoi Brooklodge)*



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I literally could not live without the lovely amazing people that are Club Spraoi!! I have been using this amazing service 4 years now. My kids absolutely love going here! They have so many varied activities to suit all ages and all weather. The staff are outstanding and so accommodating. I just couldn't recommend this service highly enough! - *SH (Club Spraoi Beaumont)*

We are so thankful for the after school service in our school. Club Spraoi was a game changer for our family's childcare needs. The staff James in particular is so kind and considerate I know my sons are in safe hands. The flexibility & affordability is the most beneficial aspect as our needs change frequently. The owner is so professional, a mother herself and is clearly passionate about what she does. - *MW (Club Spraoi Beaumont)*

I cannot recommend Club Spraoi enough. My son absolutely loves it, and used to get upset when it was time to leave because he was having so much fun. All the carers are so lovely, and never once did I hear a complaint about any of them from my son. After school care as it should be. – *SS (Club Spraoi Brooklodge)*


My little boy started in Club Spraoi this year in the breakfast and afterschool club. We are absolutely blown away by Susan and her team. They are so accommodating and have gone to great lengths to help our little guy settle. They create such a caring and inclusive environment . We have a very happy boy and we highly recommend Club Spraoi.- *KMcM (Club Spraoi Brooklodge)*

My daughter attends Club Spraoi for 2 hours 3 days a week and she absolutely loves her time here. She looks forward to going to school when she knows she has Spraoi on that day. *VA (Club Spraoi Our Lady of Lourdes)*



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