

Advantages of School Age childcare services:

ADVANTAGES FOR PARENTS

- 1 Safe in the knowledge that your child is being cared for in a safe and stimulating environment.
- 2 A locally based School Age Service means your child can attend a school in the local community.
- 3 A School Age Service provides opportunities for parents to return to work, education or training.

ADVANTAGES FOR CHILDREN

- 1 A fun and safe place to play and meet children of similar age.
- 2 A chance to take part in games, activities, hobbies and develop life skills.
- 3 Children will have a say in planning the activities provided, ensuring a choice for each individual child.
- 4 All children are welcome irrespective of cultural, financial or religious background.
- 5 A chance to get started on homework.



For further information or contact details on School Age Childcare, please contact your local County Childcare Committee.

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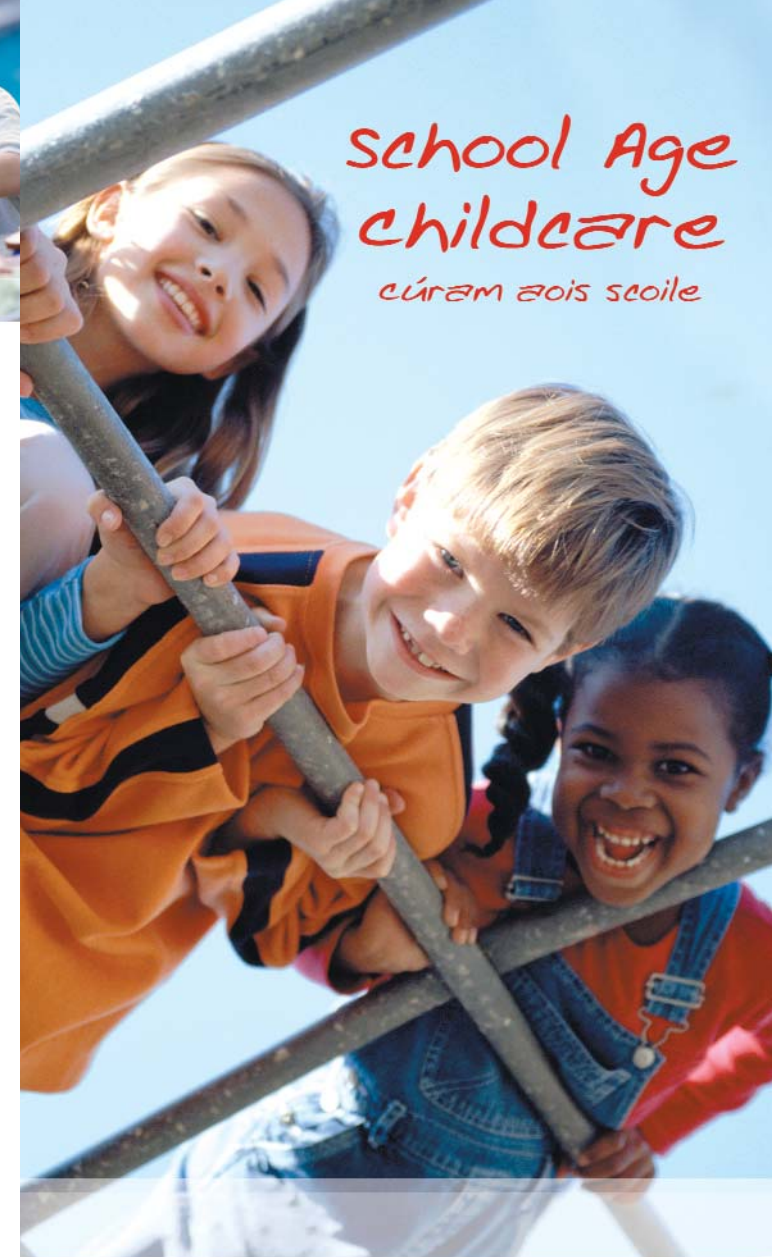
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School Age childcare service is one which provides and takes responsibility for children when they are not in the school setting, i.e., before school, after school and during school holidays. School Age childcare services should operate on the basis of an agreement between parents/carers and staff with on-going structured links with local schools.



School Age childcare occurs in a variety of different ways

- a relative
- a childminder
- within childcare services
i.e. Crèche / Full Day Care
- those that are extensions of playgroup sessional services
- Purpose built School Age Childcare services, School based After-school care, and Community based projects.



The school Age child

Children attending school age childcare services have different social and educational needs to those in pre-school.

Therefore school age childcare providers and staff need additional skills and abilities to those required in pre-school settings.

To provide a quality service the following should be considered:

TRAINING

- Accredited Childcare Training
- FETAC After-School module
- Social Care
- Youth Work Training /Experience
- Sport & Recreation, Sports Leadership
- First Aid
- Child Protection
- Workshops on Activities for 4-14 year olds

- 1 Developing a programme of activities
- 2 Developing policies and procedures
- 3 Liaising with parent/carers and teachers

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