25/8/2021

Dear Parent(s),

At Glengurt N.S. we have three childcare services located on the premises. We set these service up over the last few years, the breakfast club is the most recent addition. These services are run to provide childcare support to parents. We do not run these to create a profit and often run certain services at a loss. The Board of Management have approved the running of these services and believe these are important to the school and community.

2-3 Afterschool Club

Children from Juniors and Seniors are supervised in Ms Longe's classroom by Doreen and Noelle. This service is particularly beneficial for parents with children in Juniors/Seniors. It allows parents to have only one collection time in the evening.

Activities:
Homework supervision
Free play with friends
Group play outside.
Art Activities

Numbers are very high for this service. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to complete homework during this slot. We advise parents to check homework is complete when your child returns home.

3-6 Afterschool Club

For all students of Glengurt N.S. This service is based in Mr Dalton's classroom

- We have a fridge, electric kettle, microwave oven, electric oven to store and with assistance prepare their food. Children will need to bring something to eat and drink.
- Homework supervision
- Activities depend on the children's interests: art and crafts, outdoor games, and Lego/wooden blocks are currently very popular. We also bake every Friday.

Breakfast Club

For all students of Glengurt N.S.. This service is based in Ms.Longe's classroom. The service will run from 8:00am to the opening of school.

- Children will be provided breakfast when they arrive, this will consist of Tea, toast and cereal.
- Activities depend on the children's interests: art and crafts, outdoor games, and Lego/wooden blocks are currently very popular.

Start Date and Booking

All our childcare services will begin on Wednesday 1st of September.

If you are interested in Breakfast club, 2-3 or 3-6 Club please contact Doreen on (087) 9600038.

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If you have a query regarding the service please contact Doreen, if they are unable to answer your query please ask them to pass on your information to me and I will contact you.

Interest is extremely high this year and we must have adequate time to arrange a second staff member on certain days.

In light of this, you need to book your child in for the following week by the previous Friday. We will try our best to help parents who are stuck, however, we have limited places and must run on a first come, first serve basis.

Pricing for 2020/2021		
2-3 Club		
€3 per afternoon.		
3-6 Afterschool Club		
Number of Children	Per day	
One Child	€10	
Two Children	€16	
Three Children	€23	
Breakfast Club		
Number of Children	8:00-8:30 Arrival	8:30-9:00 Arrival
One Child	€5	€3
Two Children	€8	€5
Three Children	€12	€7

Structuring of Classrooms for our Childcare services.

Pods (Groups) and the bubble systems (classes) are in use throughout the school. We will continue this system as best possible when your child enters into our childcare services.

- Children in the 2-3 club will sit in the same seats with children from the same pod during 2-3 Club.

In the Breakfast and 3-6 club, it may be more difficult to ensure pods and bubbles do not mix. However, we will work based on the follow seating and working arrangements,

1. Families sit together
2. Children from the same Pods sit together
3. Children from the same classroom bubble sit together.

In all of these scenarios we will aim to ensure at least 1m distance between, families, pods and class bubbles.

Cleaning:

Cleaning will be vitally important this year. It is imperative we ensure rooms are cleaned in advance and following a childcare session.

We are proposing the following daily routine.

Time	Room	Routine
7:30-9:20	Ms.Longe's Room	• Breakfast Club is held
9:20	Ms.Longe's Room	• All tables and chairs are wiped down. • Fog machine used to disinfect air • Windows opened
2:00	Yard/Shelter Ms.Longe's Room	• Children attending the 2-3 Club are brought outside to the yard or shelter. • All tables and chairs wiped down. • Windows opened
2:05	Ms.Longe's Room	• Children return to room and sit in their same seats again.
3:00	Yard/Shelter Mr.Dalton's Room	• Children attending the 3-6 Club are brought outside to the yard or shelter. • All tables and chairs wiped down.

		• Books from 5th and 6th class boxed up and lids closed. • Fog machine used to disinfect the air. • Children brough back in and sit with their family, pod or class bubble where possible. If these options are not available the child will sit in their own seat whilst ensuring 1 metre social distance from other children.
After 6:00	Mr.Dalton	• All tables, chairs and surfaces to be wiped down.

Subsidies available to parents:

We would also like to point out the advantageous subsidies available to parents from the government. E.g. some parents may be able to avail of these services for free.

There are two subsidy schemes available to parents. The first one **Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP)** is only available to parents already registered on the system. Úna will contact you to discuss your entitlement.

The second subsidy scheme available is the **National Childcare Scheme NCS** this is income assessed subsidy for children up to 15 which is means-tested.

Parents must apply for this themselves. The steps are listed below:

How to apply

You can apply online at ncs.gov.ie

To apply online, you need:

- A verified MyGovID account
- Your children's information, including their date of birth and PPS numbers
- Your employment and income-related details
- Your partner's PPS number (your partner does not need a verified MyGovID account)
- Your partner's employment and income-related details

The NCS website has a step-by-step guide to the online application process.

What happens when my application has been approved?

1. You get a unique code called a CHICK (Childcare Identifier Code Key) when your application is approved

2. Your provider then uses the CHICK and your child's name and date of birth to register your child on the National Childcare Scheme
3. You get an email notification asking you to confirm that the hours of childcare are correct
4. Your subsidy is paid directly to your childcare provider on your behalf
5. Your childcare provider subtracts the subsidy from your childcare bill

I am aware a lot of information has been given to you in this pack. We hope we have provided some clarity. If you require further detail please contact Doreen or myself.

Kind regards,
Bernard and all the afterschool staff.