



# Ready, Steady, Grow!!

Creche, Montessori, After School

## INFORMATION BOOKLET

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## Mission statement:

We at Ready, Steady, Grow are committed to providing each child in our care the chance to grow in an environment that is fully accepting of individual needs and which promotes self confidence and leads to self belief and independence.

The atmosphere within our crèche is calm, loving and every person is treated with respect and consideration.

Healthy eating, fitness, fun and learning are important parts of the care we provide as they are essential to help the children reach their full potential for concentration, creativity and development.

## Background:

A native of Killanny , from Corcreaghy my name is Jenny Kerley ,I completed a Social Studies Diploma in Athlone I.T., followed by Childcare & Montessori training in Dublin , where I lived until I moved to Dundalk last year. I have extensive experience in childcare over the last 12 years and have a great passion for my job.

I have been in a management role in both Wee Care & Cocoon , childcare facilities where I worked in Dublin & am delighted to be undertaking this venture in the parish.

When the Community Centre was built, the committee had an interview process to find a suitable candidate to set up a crèche . I was the successful interviewee & the concept of Ready, Steady, Grow was conceived. I received one of the last capital childcare grants available to help with the build.

All staff on the team were interviewed, fully qualified , experienced and fully embrace the ethos of Ready, Stead, Grow.

Following all of the above Ready, Steady, Grow was born and will open in January 2010.

We are very excited about meeting, playing, teaching and having fun with the young members of Killanny and surrounding communities families.

# Our aim:

To provide

- High quality childcare service
- Warm, loving & respectful environment
- Stimulating educational programme
- Fun filled developmental activities, daily routines will be displayed in each room
- Interactive equipment & materials to support development activities for each age group
- An environment where independence is nurtured
- Communication: Daily report sheets for each child
- Develop an open & honest relationship with parents
- Listen to any queries or worries you or your child may have
- Enjoyment: Lots of toys, games, music, laughter & fun !!
- A safe , respectful & pleasant workplace for our staff
- Encourage further training for staff to maintain a high quality service

## Ready, Steady, Grow!! Crèche

- Full Day Care facility
- 1-12 years catered for
- Capacity for 45 children
- Full and part time places available
- Purpose built facility
- Montessori & After school care provided
- Opening hours 7.45-18.15 hrs

### Service will provide:

- Qualified, competent & caring Staff
- Safe & secure premises
- Spacious outdoor play area
- Nutritious balanced meals
- Sleep room for rest periods
- Safe drop off & collection area
- Health Board approved centre with supporting policies and procedures

# Our Service:

- Each age group's needs catered for individually
- Centre designed so each age group will have their own space designed to stimulate their learning & development
- Each child will be encouraged & helped to progress at their own pace
- Each room will promote independence & guide your child to their next stage
- Parental involvement is key to the child's positive development
- Staff will be approachable , understanding & deal with matters confidentially
- Age Groups:
  - Wobblers 1-2 years
  - Toddlers 2-3 years
  - Montessori 3-5 years(must be toilet trained)
  - After School 5 years plus
- An induction process will slowly ease your child into their new surroundings
- We will work with you & your child to ensure you are comfortable before leaving your child with us in your absence
- Everything is child sized to allow for maximum independence
- On enrolment a copy of our policies & procedures will be made available to parents
- Parent's are asked to clearly label their child's belongings and to discourage their children from taking items from home to crèche unless it acts as a comforter

# Wobblers:

- The wobbler room will promote independence , encourage mobility , care for themselves, others & their environment e.g. feeding, tidying etc
- This room will have a wide range of colours, shapes, sizes & textures to stimulate your child's senses
- Group activities: singing, dancing ,story time, free play, musical instruments
- Art & crafts: painting, gluing & sticking
- Table top activities: puzzles, blocks, threading
- A fun environment conducive to learning & exploring
- Activities: Play dough, water play, sand play, texture play, cooking
- Outdoor : Safe & secure playground with appropriate toys
- Physical activities: action songs, throwing & catching
- Parents must provide nappies, wipes & any creams needed

# Toddlers

- This room will be set out into specific area's providing many learning opportunities for your child
- Toys and equipment will stimulate your child's senses
- Group activities: imaginative play, role play, singing, dancing, puppets, free play, musical instruments
- Circle time: learning shapes , colours, animals, the body etc, new theme each month
- Art & crafts: Painting, gluing & sticking, texture play
- Table top activities: jigsaws, peg boards, threading, blocks
- Activities: water & sand play , play dough, cooking, glupe
- Outdoor: safe & secure playground with suitable toys
- Physical activities: action songs, throwing & catching beanbags, balls etc
- Quiet time: time to look at books, listen to music, relax
- Staff will support parents & encourage independence when potty training
- Your child will be encouraged to be inquisitive and to ask questions to harness their natural curiosity
- Your child will practice social, language, reasoning & physical skills
- Parents must provide nappies, wipes & any cream's needed



# Montessori

- Preparing your child for 'big school'
- The Montessori room provides a rich, stimulating environment which will suit your child's needs
- The Montessori materials are child sized, attractive, self correcting & accessible, there are 5 sections
  - 1) Practical life materials allow your child to do things for themselves, aids concentration
  - 2) Sensorial materials bring about mental order, develops hand eye co-ordination, refines senses,
  - 3) Mathematical materials allow your child to learn maths in a concrete form that makes sense to a child
  - 4) Language materials follow the natural pattern of speech starting with sounds, words, phrases and sentences
  - 5) Cultural materials encourages an awareness of other cultures
- Circle time: learning new topic each week e.g. the big bang, dinosaurs, continents
- Group activities: singing, dancing ,story time, imaginative & role play, puppets, free play, musical instruments
- Art & crafts: Painting, gluing & sticking, texture play , cutting
- Table top activities: jigsaws, peg boards, threading, blocks
- Activities: water & sand play , play dough, cooking, glupe
- Outdoor: safe & secure playground with suitable toys
- Physical activities: action songs, throwing & catching
- Quiet time: library time, listen to music

# After- School

- Arrive from school & snack provided
- Dinner will be served when all after schoolers arrive at 3.30
- Homework time max 45 minutes
- Free play
- Structured activities: jigsaws, board games
- Art & crafts: painting, gluing, sticking, stencils
- Water & sand play
- Imaginative play: role play, dress up
- Music & movement: musical instruments & dancing
- Outdoor play- weather permitting
- Quiet time: to relax / read a book after our busy day
- All children attending our after school service can avail of full time care during school holiday
- There will be different camps for your child to attend throughout the year.... Easter, Summer, Halloween & Christmas

# Hours & Fees For Sept 2011

- **Wobblers & Toddlers**

9.15- 12.15 €15.00 per session

(includes snack) €70.00 per week

7.45-1.30 or

1.30-6.15 €18.00 per session

(snack & lunch) €85.00 per week

7.45-6.15 Full Day Care (all meals included)

Per Day €30.00

Full Time €140

- **Montessori: & ( ECCE SCHEME)**

9.15-12.15 or

12.15-3.315 €12.50 per session

(includes snack) €65.00 per week

7.45-1.30 €16.50 per session

(snack & lunch) €75.00 per week

7.45-6.15 Full Day Care (all meals included)

Per Day €28.00

Full Time €135.00

10% Disc for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sibling in family.

For Families of 2 or more Full Time Children (5 Full Days) 10 % disc per family.

€5 For Extra Hour

- **After school:**

2.00-6.15 €15.00 per session (Pick up from school)

(snack & dinner) €65.00 per week

3.00-6.15 €13.00per session (Pick up from school)

(dinner & snack) €55.00 per week

2pm -3 pm €5.00, 5 days €20

Full day care: Montessori prices apply

- **Breakfast Club** €5.00 Per Morning(includes breakfast & transfer to school)  
5 mornings €20

- **Bank Holidays/ Sick Days & Holidays Taken Are Payable.**

- **Children can avail of full day care if needed ,when possible . Advance notice needed.**