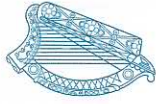




An Roinn Leanaí
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Department of
Children and Youth Affairs



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To: Whom it may concern

Dear Principal

The Community Childcare Subvention(CCS) Programme supports disadvantaged parents and provides support for parents in low paid employment and training or education by enabling qualifying parents to avail of reduced childcare costs (including Afterschool) at participating community childcare services.

There are approximately 913 community/not-for-profit childcare services nationwide participating in the CCS Programme, catering for up to 27,000 children annually.

Under Budget 2016, funding was allocated to provide for the expansion of the CCS Programme to new community/not for profit childcare services as well as private childcare providers in order to make CCS funding more accessible to families and children.

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs is now undertaking a publicity campaign aimed at parents to highlight the expansion of the CCS programme and is asking the relevant sectors for assistance in advertising the programme so as to bring it to the attention of eligible parents.

In this regard, the Department would be most grateful if the enclosed leaflets could be posted on notice boards in your school and that consideration be given to notifying parents by text message of the availability of the programme.

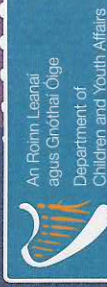
Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated

Yours sincerely

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NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR CHILDCARE COSTS?



THE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE SUBVENTION (CCS) PROGRAMME MIGHT HELP!

If you are a parent/guardian who is on low income, is in school, job training or in receipt of a social welfare payment then you may be eligible for assistance with your childcare costs.

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) currently provides financial help towards childcare costs for many of these parents/guardians under the Community Childcare Subvention (CCS) Programme. Perhaps you are eligible too?

AM I ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for CCS funding if you are in receipt of a social welfare payment and/or hold a medical card. The funding rates can be found on the [CCS Band Rates List](#) showing what 'band' is assigned to parents/guardians based on their eligibility. This list is available on the 'Childcare' section of our website WWW.DCYA.GOV.IE

I THINK I'M ELIGIBLE. HOW DO I APPLY?

Parents should contact their local childcare service or City/County Childcare Committee (CCC) for more information. You may be asked by your childcare service to provide proof that you are eligible to access funding. Contact details for your local CCC are available on the 'Childcare' section of our website WWW.DCYA.GOV.IE

HOW MUCH OF A DISCOUNT CAN I GET?

The maximum subvention is €95 per week but the amount will depend on how often your child attends the childcare service and what funding 'band' is assigned. Please refer to the [CCS Band Rates List](#) section of our Guide which is available on the 'Childcare' section of our website WWW.DCYA.GOV.IE or contact your local City/County Childcare Committee.