

# Childcare & Development



## Hello!

### We Are Whiterock Child & Family Centre

Whiterock Child and Family Centre is a beacon of hope for families, a haven where quality of life thrives. With a multifaceted approach, we empower families to enhance relationships and communication, reduce stress, and fortify mental health.



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# Hi there.

“My name is Mairead Breslin, and I am the Childcare and Development Manager at Whiterock Child and Family Centre.”

I have 27 years' experience in Childcare and Development and have spent the last 14 years of my career here at Whiterock.

We currently have 13 staff within the Childcare and Development Team, including myself and our Deputy Childcare Manager, Patricia Kelly.

We work closely with our centre Director and our family support team to provide a high-quality childcare provision which is responsive and stimulating, positively meeting, and influencing children's development and wellbeing. We are currently registered with the BHSCT for 56 children aged 0-11 years. Our qualified, experienced, and highly skilled staff deliver high Quality childcare incorporating all aspects of child development and need.

We are lucky to also have the benefit of Fiona Lovely, Play Therapist who comes in once a week, working with children and families who have identified as needing specialised support , Fiona continues to make a huge difference.

## We Have Many Programmes Which Run Simultaneously Including:

### Pathways

Welcome to a transformative initiative powered by the Department of Education funding, expertly administered by Early Years. Our mission is clear: to provide unwavering support to a diverse spectrum of children and families, including newcomers, ethnic minorities, and locals alike. We're not just improving access to education; we're supporting parents and caregivers in attending English classes and various learning and social groups, fostering a sense of community and empowerment. Through our dedication to early intervention, we aim to pave the way for brighter futures, enhancing the development and outcomes of children at risk of not realizing their educational potential through the provision of high-quality childcare services. By nurturing sustainability within the childcare sector, we're sowing the seeds for lasting positive change.

#### Here is a list of some of the things on offer:

- Department of Education funding administered by Early Years
- Support, newcomer, ethnic minority and local children and families.
- Support parents /carers to attend English classes and other learning and social groups.
- Support the identification of early intervention.
- Improves the development and outcomes of children at risk of not fulfilling educational potential through quality childcare provision.
- Improve sustainability within the childcare sector.



## Social Economy Daycare & After-school Care

At our exceptional childcare and development center, we prioritise high-quality care delivered by a team of highly qualified and skilled staff. Our commitment extends beyond nurturing your child's growth; we also aim to support parents and caregivers in their pursuit of education, training, and employment opportunities, ultimately enhancing their financial stability and overall quality of life. Moreover, by fostering a nurturing environment, we play an essential role in strengthening the broader community and economy, recognizing that a strong foundation in early childhood development has far-reaching benefits for society as a whole.

**Here is a list of the things we offer:**

- High quality Childcare and Development delivered by highly-qualified and highly-skilled staff.
- Supports parents/carers to study, train and work improving finances and quality of life.
- Supports the wider community and economy.





# Our Programmes

Welcome to the SureStart Programme, a community-driven initiative that embodies the spirit of collaboration and proactive support. At SureStart, we believe in working hand in hand with families to identify and address their needs at the earliest opportunity. We provide comprehensive assistance through Family Learning and Childcare provision, ensuring that both children and parents have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. Our commitment to the local community is unwavering, and we operate through a need-led partnership approach, seeking to empower individuals and families to reach their full potential. As a testament to our dedication, we actively participate on the Management Committee, where we give and receive support, ensuring that our program remains responsive and effective. Welcome to a community that cares, supports, and grows together.

## **At the centre you can find these services:**

- Working in partnership to identify and address need at the earliest opportunity.
- Providing support through Family Learning and Childcare provision.
- Supporting the local community through a need led partnership.
- Representing on the Management Committee, giving and receiving support.

***(Please note that Sure Start is a third party service provide.)***





# Our Programmes

## Out Of Schools

Welcome to our Out of Schools program, a collaborative initiative aimed at identifying and addressing the needs of our community at the earliest opportunity.

Through strong partnerships, we are dedicated to providing essential support through Family Learning and Childcare provisions, ensuring the well-being and development of our children. By operating in a need-led partnership, we actively engage with and support the local community, working together to create a more nurturing environment.

We are committed to representing and contributing to the program's success by actively participating on the Management Committee, where we give and receive support, making this initiative a powerful force for positive change.

Check out this list of information regarding the programme;

- Funded by BBC Children in Need.
- Support children aged 4-11 years.
- Take direct referrals and via our Family Support Hub.
- Address varying need including physical and learning challenges as well as family social and emotional challenges.
- Target specific need via one to one and small group work.





## Bright Start Holiday Grant

The Bright Start Holiday Grant Scheme is a vital initiative supported by the Department of Education. Our program is dedicated to ensuring high-quality childcare provision during holiday periods for children with disabilities, fostering an environment that not only supports their continued development but also provides routine and structure for both children and their families.

By reducing financial anxiety and offering invaluable support, our scheme strives to make holidays a time of joy and growth for every child, regardless of their unique abilities.

**Here is an overview of what is available;**

- Supported by Department of Education.
- Providing high quality childcare provision during holiday periods for children with disabilities.
- Supporting the maintenance of continued development.
- Supporting routine and structure for both children and families .
- Reducing financial anxiety.





## Sponsored Daycare

Introducing our Sponsored Daycare scheme, proudly supported by the BHSCT, we are dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families who are engaged with social services.

At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to playing a pivotal role in the care development and outcomes of these families, providing them with a safe and nurturing environment for their children to thrive.

Join us in building brighter futures and empowering these families through the power of quality daycare and comprehensive support.

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- Supporting children and families who are engaged with social services.
- Playing a pivotal role in the care development and outcomes of children and families.





## Belfast City Council

Belfast City Council is a steadfast supporter of our summer scheme catering to 4-11-year-olds, as we firmly believe in enabling quality learning and play opportunities for the city's young minds. Through our unwavering commitment, we facilitate enriching outings to educational and fun spaces, creating memorable experiences that foster growth and development.

By championing this initiative, we wholeheartedly support the delivery of a socially integrated, inclusive, and pro-learning summer scheme that brings our community closer together while encouraging lifelong learning and unity.

- Supports our summer scheme for 4–11-year-olds.
- Enable quality learning and play opportunities.
- Supports outings to educational and fun spaces.
- Supports us to deliver a socially integrated inclusive and pro learning summer scheme.



## Play Therapy & Integrative Therapy,



## Using Creative & Play Strategies

We are delighted that both Fiona and Jenny provide person centered services for our families on a Tuesday and Wednesday, these have proved to be an invaluable addition to Whiterock Child and Family Centre and have had an amazing impact on the lives of the children and families who have attended.

Play therapy and Integrative therapy help children to communicate at their own level using everyday play.

- This can help them learn to cope with what they're going through.
- To develop and to build relationships with others.
- To considering mental, physical, and emotional needs.
- To Using techniques and tools from different modalities to tailor an individual approach.

