



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 22nd - 25th April

National News

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national news this week!](#)

Local News

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local news this week!](#)

Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to
mary@cavancce.ie

You can see all the up to date
vacancies on our website here:
<https://cavancce.ie/jobs-board/>



Deadlines and Important Dates

1st May 2025

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund
application process closes

13th May 2025

Everyday Spaces

14th May 2025

May Core Funding Review and
Confirm open from 2nd May-14th
May 2025

24th May 2025

National Aistear Conference



Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2025 2026

The Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) is open to applicants for the academic year 2025/2026. NSLF will cover 90% of the course fees for successful applicants.

Information on the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund can be found [here](#). Applicants must contact NSLF@pobal.ie to request a link to register on the NSLF Student Portal, upload their employment details and complete the new application process. The application process closes on **1st May 2025**.

May Core Funding Review and Confirm

Prior to completing the Review and Confirm task on please ensure the following:

- Your service profile is up to date
- Your Core Funding application is at 'approved' status
- Any update due dates are completed

The Review and Confirm task can then be completed

- R&C with changes
- R&C without changes

Partner Services with an approved May Review and Confirm record can auto-populate their Application Module for the 2025/2026 Programme Year. This will help reduce administration. More information to follow.

Mandatory questions added to service profile

From **May 2nd** additional questions will be added to the service profile:

Facility Details section:

- **Two** new mandatory questions about wheelchair accessibility will be added. These questions were previously part of the Annual Early Years Sector Profile.


Staff Information:

- New mandatory questions are added for each staff type.
- Two job titles will be removed from the 'Out of Ratio' staff type: AIM Level 7 (Assigned to specific children) and Equal Start Resource Allocation. Existing 'Out of Ratio' staff with these job titles will be updated to 'In Ratio Staff.' These need to be reviewed, and all mandatory fields updated.

All new questions are mandatory, existing staff information needs to be review and updated.

Everyday Spaces

 Tuesday, 13th May 2025

 4M – 8PM



Everyday Spaces Checklist ensures that babies, toddlers and young children are included in decision-making within their everyday work.

This course can form part of your QAP requirements for 25/26!

Complimentary light bites and refreshments will be available during the event

On completion of the Everyday Spaces, Early Years Educators training, participants will be able to:

- Describe the International and National rights, policy and legislative obligations of organisations in Ireland to involve babies, toddlers and young children in decision-making.
- Identify how the Participation Framework can support them to involve babies, toddlers and young children in decision-making in their everyday practice.
- Apply the Everyday Spaces Checklist through using practical approaches to listening to babies, toddlers and young children and involve them in decision-making in everyday settings.

Follow this link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1304074194019?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Critical Incident Briefing



 Monday, 28th April 2025

 Online

 3:00 PM

All ELC, SAC, and registered childminding services are required to have a Critical Incident Plan as outlined in the Tusla Quality and Regulatory Framework (QRF) and the National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services.

Employers also have a legal duty to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of their employees under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

◆ What This Training Covers:

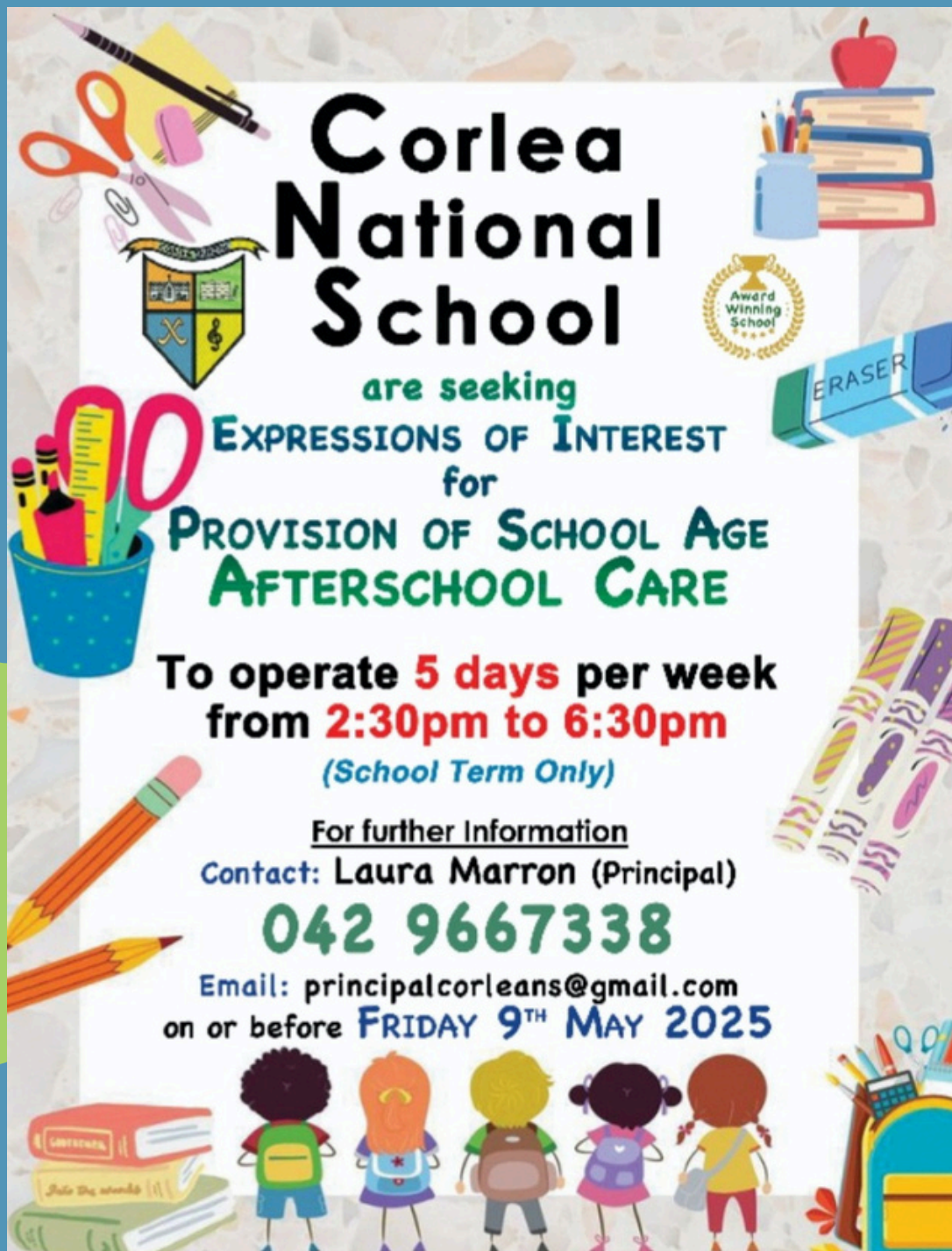
- Understanding regulatory and legal responsibilities
- Planning ahead for emergencies and critical incidents
- Learning how to respond professionally and appropriately in a crisis

Follow this link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1285900465909?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Expression of Interest for a new Afterschool Service

Corlea National School is seeking expressions of interest for the provision of School Age Afterschool Care. The service will operate five days a week, from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM during the school term. Interested parties can contact Principal Laura Marron at 042 9667338 or by email at principalcorleans@gmail.com. Expressions of interest must be submitted on or before Friday, 9th May 2025.



Corlea National School

are seeking
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
for
PROVISION OF SCHOOL AGE AFTERSCHOOL CARE

To operate 5 days per week
from 2:30pm to 6:30pm
(School Term Only)

For further Information
Contact: Laura Marron (Principal)
042 9667338
Email: principalcorleans@gmail.com
on or before FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025

Illustrations include: a pair of scissors, a pencil, a ruler, a pencil sharpener, a stack of books, a trophy labeled 'Award Winning School', an eraser, a pencil case, a stack of books, and five children with backpacks.

Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care

There are a few places remaining on the upcoming insightful in-person training - Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care by Barnardos. Please see details of the event and link to the booking form below.

This training is one not to be missed!

- 30th April
- 9.30am to 4.30pm
- The Sanctuary, off Smithfield in Dublin
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<https://www.barnardos.ie/events/trauma-awareness-in-early-learning-and-care-3/#em-event-booking-form>

Become a Play Champion in Monaghan & Cavan!

Passionate about Play? Join this exciting new initiative! Open to anyone 18+.

Benefits:

- Advocate for Play across all age ranges (Birth – 14 years)
- Inbuilt Peer Learning Support
- Advance your career opportunities
- Competitive rates of pay
- Occasional play events that can be worked around your other commitments

Join for an information session to find out more:

Location: Monaghan County Childcare Committee's Training Room,
17 The Grange, Plantation Walk, Monaghan, H18 KV82

Date: Monday, 28th April 2025

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



ISPCC

Le Cheile Cootehill

Staying Connected with your Teen

Le Cheile Cootehill will be hosting a one-hour informal session for parents exploring how to stay connected with your teenager.

This session will be led by **Janice Niblock**, the ISPCC Services Manager for Cavan/Monaghan.

To book, please contact **Bridget Boyle** on **0874181328**

Tuesday, 6th May
7.00 to 8.00PM

Hub Muinchille
Le Cheile
57 Market Street
Cootehill
Co Cavan
H16 HY50

Park Life

WHEN Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May
WHERE Con Smith Park

The heart and soul of Cavan Arts Festival for two magical days in the beautiful surroundings of Con Smith Park

REABHLÓID BABY RAVE	KYLE RILEY LITTLE FOLK ON THE ROAD	FOREST FEAST OUR HEALTHY AND TASTY FOOD AREA
J SMITH	MAMMOTH STREET SAMBA BAND	SLIPS EXPERIENCE
SLOW MUSIC SESSIONS <small>WITH BRENDAN MCCREANOR</small>	SKATE JAM WITH CAVAN CONCRETE SURFING	STORM ECHOES BY ORLA GALLIGAN
FILIDH	AMADAN ENSEMBLE MDME KAKAPO & SON	THE ROUTE 424 BRASS BAND

Website: cavanartsfestival.ie | **Socials:** @CavanArtsFestival

Stay tuned to our social media channels and check our website for updates, times and information.

CAVAN ARTS FESTIVAL 8

Parent Plus

Adolescents Programme (Aged 11+)

13th May - 17th June
Tuesday evenings
7 - 9pm

Supporting Parents

An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lámphairíochta agus Oige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

PARENTING CAVAN

BikeWeek

10th - 18th May 2025

**IT'S EASY, IT'S FUN
AND IT'S FOR EVERYONE!**

Kids Bikefest Cavan

Date: Saturday 10th May

Time: 1pm-1.30pm (5-8 years)
1.30pm-2.30pm (9+ years)

Venue: Cavan Leisure Centre

Age Limit: For children aged 5+

To register: Email dmcelroy@cavancoco.ie

CAVAN Sports Partnership
Cavan Leisure Centre
Cavan County Council

TRANSPORT FOR IRELAND

Visit bikeweek.ie



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything Childcare related!



Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:
admin@cavanccc.ie



We love sharing positive stories! If your service has a recent success, inspiring initiative, or uplifting update, why not feature it in our weekly newsletter?

It's a great way to highlight the incredible work you do, celebrate achievements, and connect with the community. Send us your good news, and let's spread some positivity together!

Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information:

- [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)
- [Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)
- General Covid-19 queries:
Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](#)

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:
Tel: 049 436 5856
Email:
admin@cavanccc.ie

**Regards, Cavan
County Childcare
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