

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG

An analysis of service provision for the Early Learning & Care & School Aged Childcare Sector in Ballaghaderreen & surrounds

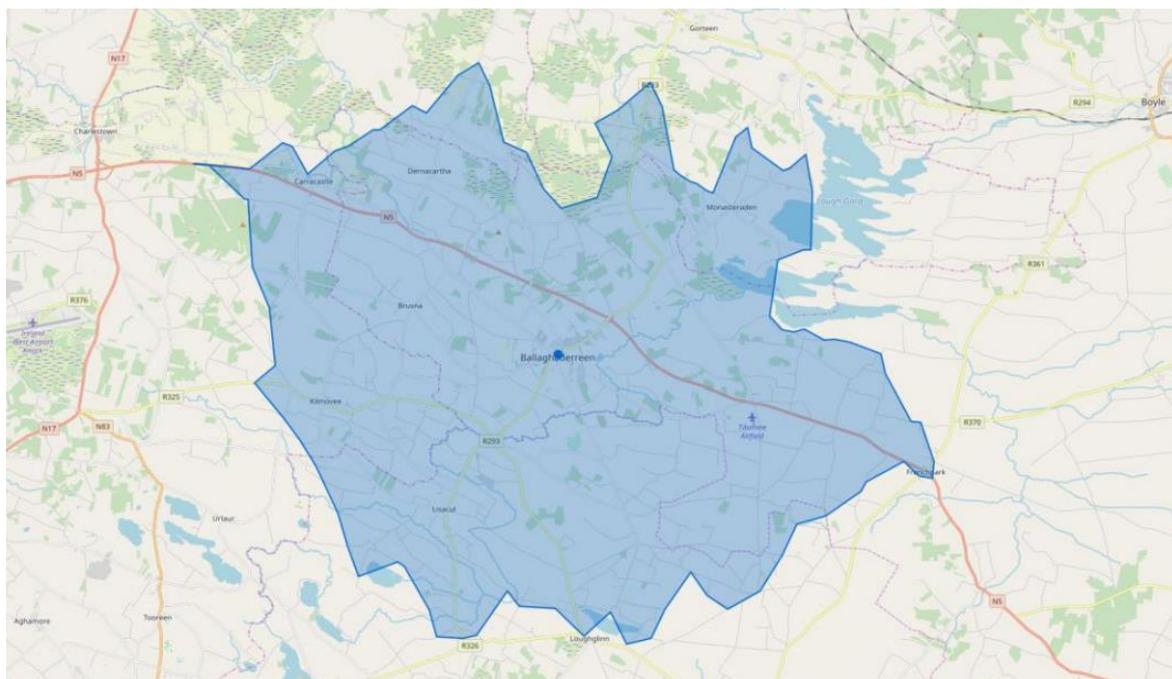


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This report by Roscommon County Childcare Committee provides an overview of the service provision of Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Aged Childcare (SAC) in the town of Ballaghaderreen and surrounding areas. The surrounding areas include services in counties Sligo & Mayo. This report will give a summary of the service provision of existing childcare services in the catchment area and recent ELC/SAC capacity figures collated by Roscommon County Childcare Committee (CCC) in May 2023.

Acronyms	
ELC	Early Learning and Care
SAC	School Age Childcare/Afterschool
FDC	Full Day Care
ECCE	Early Childhood Care and Education scheme
NCS	National Childcare Scheme
EROC	Emergency Reception & Orientation Centre
AIM	Access and Inclusion Model



Currently there are 2 early years services providing ECCE & NCS within the town of Ballaghaderreen. There is 1 service specific to the requirements of the Emergency Reception & Orientation Centre (EROC)

1. Service Name: The Growing Tree (1) located onsite within the EROC, Sligo Road, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon

Information about the service: Early Learning & Care service specific to the families & children of the EROC. This is a Tusla registered part time sessional service and operates 50 weeks of the year. The service allows parents to attend English & orientation classes from 9.30am to 2.00pm. The children are registered under the NCS- Sponsor referral programme.

Current childcare registrations: Currently for the ECCE year there are 34 children registered/ 1 NCS & 1 AIM level 7 support. (Source early years hive (19/04/2023))

2. Service Name: The Growing Tree (2) Convent Road, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon

Information about the Service: A community-based service, providing the ECCE scheme to approximately 22 children daily. This is a Tusla registered part-time sessional service and operates 38 weeks of the year. This service reopened in November 2022 after being closed for a number of years.

The service is planning to increase to provide an additional afternoon ECCE session to cater for the children in the area who cannot avail of a space in the morning ECCE session. This additional provision of an ECCE session will see an increase to approximately 38 children availing the free pre-school year.

The service is currently considering offering a school age childcare session from September 2023, this however, will be limited to spaces as it will run alongside the afternoon ECCE service when operational & will also require the recruitment of staff.

Current childcare registrations: Currently for the ECCE year there are 34 children registered/ 1 NCS & 1 AIM level 7 support. (Source early years hive (19/04/2023))

3. Service Name: Tir na nÓg Preschool, Ishlaun, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon.

Information about the service: This service is a Tusla registered sessional pre-school service that operates for 38 weeks of the year (September – June). The service provides childcare for 22 children in the morning session and up to 22 in the afternoon session.

Current childcare registrations: Currently for the ECCE year there are 33 children registered & 4 in receipt of Level 7 Aim support. (Source early years hive.19/04/2023)

4. Service Name: Brightsparks Preschool, Lisacul, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon approximately 6.6 kms from Ballaghaderreen and approximately 7 minutes' drive

Information about the service: This service is a Tusla registered part time sessional childcare service that operates for 38 weeks of the year during the programme year (September – June). There is a waiting list in operation. Some families from Ballaghaderreen who have transport avail of this service.

Current registrations: Currently for the ECCE year there are 26 children registered & NCS 20 registrations, 1 AIM support. (Source early years hive,19/04/2023).

5. Service Name: Toddle In, Loughglynn, Co. Roscommon- 10.7 km from Ballaghaderreen and approximately 12 minutes drive.

Information about the service: This service is a Tusla registered sessional service with ECCE & SAC provision.

Current registrations: Currently for the ECCE year there are 18 children registered & NCS 6 registrations, 1 Aim support. (Source early years hive,19/04/2023).

6. Service Name: Frenchpark and Districts Childcare, Frenchpark, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon- 13 kms from Ballaghaderreen and approximately 15 minutes' drive.

Information about the service: This service is a Tusla registered Full day Care (FDC) & school aged childcare service. The service currently accommodates 56 ELC spaces throughout various sessions during the day and 12 Toddler spaces. The service has a waiting list with over 48 children on it. Full day care provision has a waiting list in operation. Capacity of service is 82 & SAC 48.

Families from Ballaghaderreen who have transport avail of this service as it is the only FDC available in the locality.

Current registrations: Currently for the ECCE year there are 50 children registered & NCS 64 registrations (Source early years hive, 19/04/2023)

7. Service Name: Castle kids, Carracastle, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Mayo. 9.7 km from Ballaghaderreen and approximately 10 minutes drive

Information about the service: This service is located in County Mayo a short distance from Ballaghaderreen and operates FDC & SAC. There is a waiting list in operation up until 2026. This service is also expanding their SAC service in conjunction with the local National school. Families who have transport avail of this service and travel from Ballaghaderreen.

Current registrations: Roscommon CCC have been informed that there are 22 children registered on ECCE (X2 sessions) & 24 SAC children in attendance.

8. Service Name: Busy Bees, Gurteen, Co. Sligo. 14.5 km from Ballaghaderreen and approximately 12 minutes drive.

Information about the service: This service is in County Sligo and is a short distance Ballaghaderreen and operates a FDC & SAC. The waiting list is closed due to accommodating places on list. The service is booked up to 2027. Families who have transport avail of this service from Ballaghaderreen.

Current registrations: Roscommon CCC have been informed of current registrations including: 22 ECCE, 11 PRE-ECCE, 16 SAC, 30 FDC.

Useful sources: [Ballaghaderreen-Early-Years-Services-Survey-Report-May-2020.pdf](#)
(roscommonchildcare.ie)

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