

Choosing Out Of School Care



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Falkirk Childcare Information Service

Useful Links

Care Commission	● Regulation of care services & inspection reports	www.carecommission.com
Care Standards	● What to expect from care services	www.infoscotland/nationalcarestandards
Child Protection Line	● Worried about a child? Call 0800 022 3222	www.infoscotland.com/childprotection
Disclosure Scotland	● Criminal records check organisation	www.disclosurescotland.co.uk
Falkirk Council	● Local authority, information & leaflets available	www.falkirk.gov.uk
Fire Safety	● Fire Law in Scotland	www.infoscotland.com/firelaw
HMIE	● Education inspection reports	www.hmie.gov.uk
Scottish Government	● Government information and Care Standards	www.scotland.gov.uk
SOSCN	● Scottish Out of School Care Network	www.soscn.org
SSSC	● Register of social care staff	www.sssc.uk.com



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How do I find an Out of School Care Service?

Falkirk Childcare Information Service can provide you with full details and also a wide range of information on childcare provision, pre-school education and childcare issues.

Phone - 01324 506632

Fax – 01324 506604

Email – childcare@falkirk.gov.uk

Website – www.scottishchildcare.gov.uk, www.falkirk.gov.uk/childcare

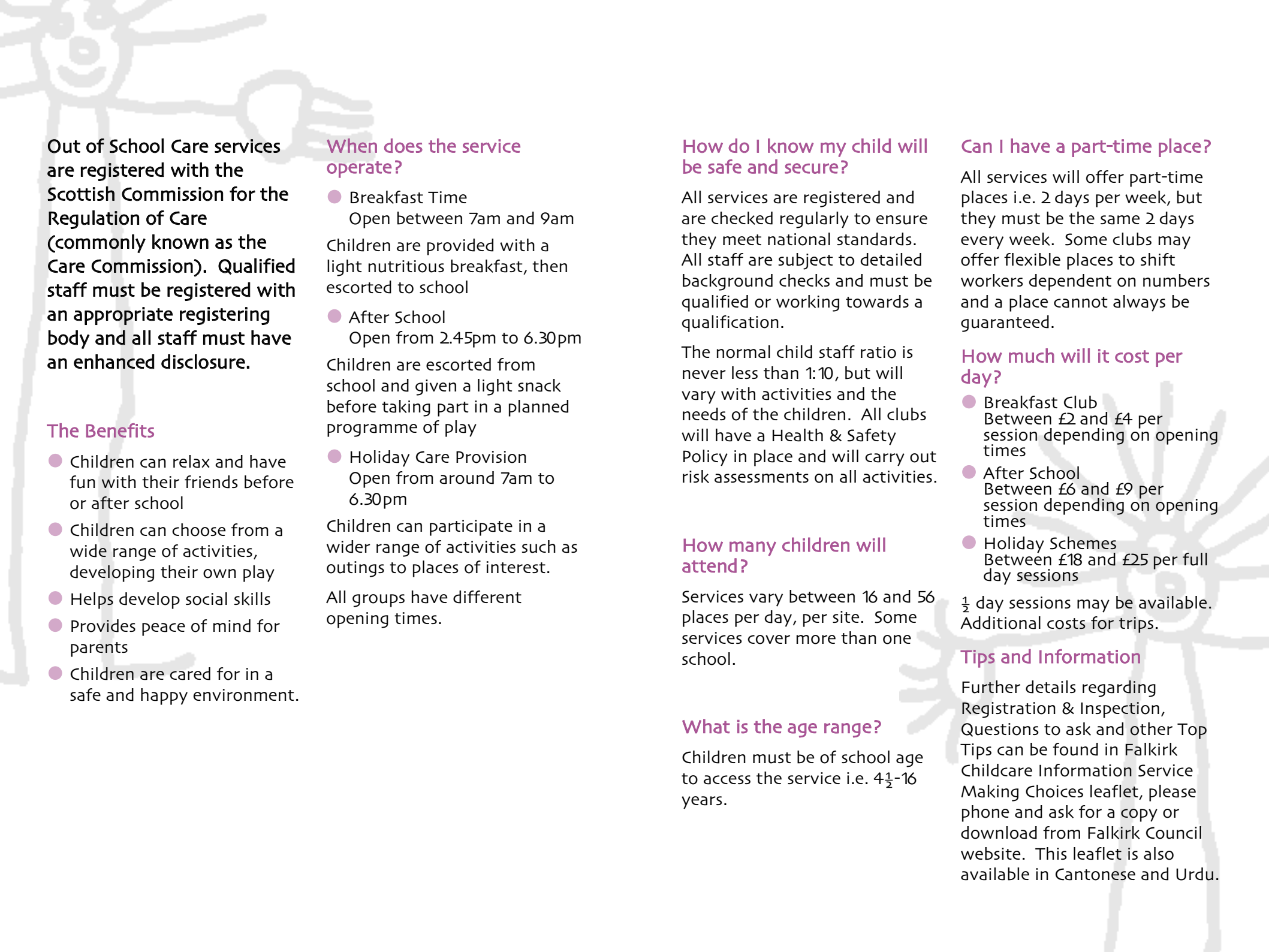


Out of School Care services are for children to play and have fun in groups.

They are usually based in schools or community centres to help those families who require childcare for a variety of reasons - there is a charge for these services.

Written in conjunction with the Falkirk Out of School Care Network.

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Out of School Care services are registered with the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (commonly known as the Care Commission). Qualified staff must be registered with an appropriate registering body and all staff must have an enhanced disclosure.

The Benefits

- Children can relax and have fun with their friends before or after school
- Children can choose from a wide range of activities, developing their own play
- Helps develop social skills
- Provides peace of mind for parents
- Children are cared for in a safe and happy environment.

When does the service operate?

- Breakfast Time
Open between 7am and 9am

Children are provided with a light nutritious breakfast, then escorted to school

- After School
Open from 2.45pm to 6.30pm

Children are escorted from school and given a light snack before taking part in a planned programme of play

- Holiday Care Provision
Open from around 7am to 6.30pm

Children can participate in a wider range of activities such as outings to places of interest.

All groups have different opening times.

How do I know my child will be safe and secure?

All services are registered and are checked regularly to ensure they meet national standards. All staff are subject to detailed background checks and must be qualified or working towards a qualification.

The normal child staff ratio is never less than 1:10, but will vary with activities and the needs of the children. All clubs will have a Health & Safety Policy in place and will carry out risk assessments on all activities.

How many children will attend?

Services vary between 16 and 56 places per day, per site. Some services cover more than one school.

What is the age range?

Children must be of school age to access the service i.e. 4½-16 years.

Can I have a part-time place?

All services will offer part-time places i.e. 2 days per week, but they must be the same 2 days every week. Some clubs may offer flexible places to shift workers dependent on numbers and a place cannot always be guaranteed.

How much will it cost per day?

- Breakfast Club
Between £2 and £4 per session depending on opening times
- After School
Between £6 and £9 per session depending on opening times
- Holiday Schemes
Between £18 and £25 per full day sessions

½ day sessions may be available. Additional costs for trips.

Tips and Information

Further details regarding Registration & Inspection, Questions to ask and other Top Tips can be found in Falkirk Childcare Information Service Making Choices leaflet, please phone and ask for a copy or download from Falkirk Council website. This leaflet is also available in Cantonese and Urdu.