

Wee Chicks



2025

Pop-Up & Creche Childcare Service



Our Vision

*Our vision is that every child should grow up active, healthier and happier.
To empower families by building stronger minds for a healthier future.*

Our Mission

*Working in collaboration with other organisations, our mission is to break down the barriers of childcare. To empower parents and children, providing high quality, affordable childcare services with a focus on positive mental health and support.
Thus enabling us to build strong minds, for a healthier future!*

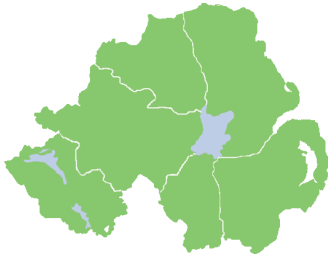
1. What is Pop-Up & Creche Childcare?

When you have an event, e.g. wedding, conference or training, your children are professionally cared for. Enabling the adults to relax, fully participate and enjoy the event.

We come to you, to provide a site-specific childcare provision. You are assured of a premium level of childcare on site. This allows the children to play and make new friends under the professional, capable supervision of excellent registered child-carers.

Or

Our Creche is a registered facility @111-113 Limestone Road Belfast BT15 3AB. We have availability for up to 12 children from 9.45 am to 1pm with additional room hire from Currie. Currie Primary School room hire is a short walk from Limestone Road with a bus stop outside the building and plenty of parking facilities.



Did you know?

Wee Chick are a Market Leader and were the first provider in Northern Ireland to provide Pop-Up Childcare. We have been delivering this service since 2017.

2. How does it work?

Pop up Childcare:

- We will liaise directly with your venue to carry out our own initial risk assessments.
- Our Wee Chicks team can rapidly transform any suitable room – to provide a fun, safe and stimulating environment for children ranging from 6 weeks to 12 years old.
- The Pop-Up sessions can run for a minimum of 2 hours.
- You can relax, knowing that we have public liability insurance, health & safety, safeguarding and all other requirements are met to the highest of standards.

The success of our Pop-Up Childcare service lies in

- the experience of our staff
- the quality of the toys
- providing government recommended staffing ratios (these vary according to the child's age)
- the expert organisation of the overall service for you on the day.

Or

- Book your childcare places & room hire at Wee Chicks & Currie Primary School.

2.1 Key Features

All staff undergo regular training sessions to keep them totally up to date with their skills and changing legislation. All staff are Enhanced Access NI Checked, reference checked at least 1 first aid trained member of staff on site at all times.

You will be part of a truly unique aspect of childcare through using our services. A lack of childcare is a barrier to adults' participation in events, e.g. Training. So, we remove this barrier for businesses, parents and children alike. Our entire philosophy is based on this ethos and as such we provide an excellent quality service which is available to all.

2.2 How much will it cost and what is available?

We always provide a free quotation, as each event is unique.

Our Pop up & Creche Childcare follows the following ratios

Child to Adult ratios

0 - 2 years - one adult to three children

2 - 3 years - one adult to four children

4 - 8 years - one adult to six children

9 - 12 years - one adult to eight children

Creche & Room Hire @ 111-113 Limestone Road is £95 set up fee to register parents and £35 per child per session paid to Wee Chicks plus

Room hire paid to Currie Primary of

£20 per hour

£50 for half day

£70 for full day

Or

Full written Risk Assessment and visit of the room to be used for pop up childcare a one off fee of £95.00

Minimum of 2 hours (please speak with management to discuss regulations)

Bronze package: 2 Members of staff, insurance, equipment £158.88 per hour

Additional staff member £35.40 per hour.

Silver package: 2 Members of staff, insurance, equipment £158.88 per hour

Additional staff member £35.40 per hour. Plus £4 per head




Gold package : 2 Members of staff, insurance, equipment £158.88 per hour

Additional staff member £35.40 per hour. Additional cost for snack & entertainment.

Depends on numbers quotation available on request

Please see your suggested Bronze, Silver or Gold packages below:

A PLATINUM PACKAGE can be tailored to suit your needs and requirements - Just let us know what you want!

Key Features			
Qualified and experienced staff	✓	✓	✓
All staff Access NI checked	✓	✓	✓
Insurance	✓	✓	✓
Risk Assessments	✓	✓	✓
Age appropriate toys and equipment	✓	✓	✓
All staff in uniform	✓	✓	✓
First aider on site	✓	✓	✓
Wellbeing Activities	✓	✓	✓
Arts & crafts activities	✗	✓	✓
Face painting	✗	✗	✓
Healthy snack	✗	✗	✓

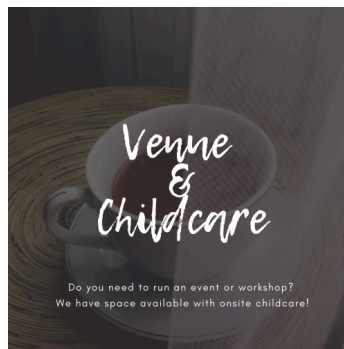
PLATINUM PACKAGE includes all of the above and our team can also arrange additional entertainment in your Pop-Up Childcare package. We have a fantastic network of face painters, mindfulness coaches as well as creative individuals who can bring a range of arts and crafts to engage in messy play, therapeutic play/non bake cooking etc. We provide age appropriate activities and games, as well as theme planning and event coordination. For PLATINUM – YOU just let us know what you want!

The packages are available to the following:



Or

Do you need a venue and childcare?



We can provide work space and childcare if you need to run a course, event, workshop etc.

Don't yet have a venue? We can also recommend venues where we have already carried out risk assessment and provided successful childcare.

If you are interested in Wee Chicks Pop-Up Childcare Service, please contact us directly on 077 4616 9489 to receive a **free quotation** and a **tailored package** to suit your needs.

The Importance of Early Childhood Crèche Attendance for Children Aged 0-3

When a mother enrolls in a course to enhance her education or career prospects, ensuring that her child is in a safe and nurturing environment is crucial. Enrolling children aged 0-3 in a crèche during this period provides significant benefits for both the child's development and the mother's well-being.

1. Supporting Early Childhood Development

Research shows that the first three years of a child's life are critical for brain development. Attending a well-structured crèche offers:

- **Social Development** – Children interact with peers, learning important skills such as sharing, cooperation, and communication.

- **Cognitive Stimulation** – Exposure to structured activities, music, stories, and play supports language development, problem-solving skills, and creativity.
- **Emotional Growth** – Being cared for by trained professionals helps children build confidence, independence, and emotional regulation.

2. Reducing Over-Attachment and Encouraging Independence

While attachment to a primary caregiver is essential, excessive dependence can lead to difficulties in adapting to new environments later in life. A crèche allows children to:

- Develop trust in other caregivers and adults.
- Learn to cope with short periods of separation, making future transitions (e.g., preschool) easier.
- Gain a sense of routine and structure, which enhances security and confidence.

3. Early Intervention and Prevention

Early childhood is a key period for identifying and addressing developmental delays, behavioral challenges, or social difficulties. Our crèche staffed are with trained professionals ensures:

- **Early Identification** – Educators and caregivers can recognise speech delays, social difficulties, or emotional struggles at an early stage.
- **Timely Support** – With the right intervention, children can receive extra help in speech therapy, emotional support, or social skill development before problems become more significant.
- **Preventative Measures** – Structured environments reduce the likelihood of future learning or behavioral difficulties, ensuring children are well-prepared for formal education.

4. Enhancing Maternal Mental Health and Well-being

A mother pursuing education or training can experience stress, particularly if she is constantly worried about childcare. A reliable onsite crèche can:

- Reduce feelings of guilt or anxiety, knowing that the child is in a safe and stimulating environment in the same building.
- Provide much-needed time for personal growth, reducing stress and increasing self-esteem.
- Help prevent burnout, enabling her to focus on herself without feeling overwhelmed.

5. Building Social Connections and Support Networks

Attending a course provides women with the opportunity to socialise, build friendships, and create support networks, which are crucial for emotional well-being. Social engagement during this period offers:

- **Emotional Support** – Connecting with other women who share similar experiences fosters a sense of belonging and reduces feelings of isolation.

- **Shared Learning and Growth** – Engaging in discussions and collaborative learning builds confidence and reinforces personal development.
- **Long-Term Friendships and Professional Connections** – Establishing relationships with peers can lead to long-term friendships, career opportunities, and support beyond the course.
- **Improved Mental Well-being** – Social interaction is linked to lower stress levels, increased motivation, and improved overall mental health.

Conclusion

Placing a child in a crèche while the mother attends a course benefits both the child and the mother. The child gains social, cognitive, and emotional development while also receiving early intervention if needed. The mother experiences reduced stress, enhanced mental well-being, and the ability to focus on her education. Additionally, the opportunity for social interaction and support from peers strengthens emotional resilience and fosters a sense of connection. Investing in quality early childhood care is not just a practical solution but a vital step in building a better future for both mother and child.

Delivering Social Value

Wee Chicks is committed to making a lasting impact on the communities we serve. As a social enterprise, we deliver much more than childcare—we provide opportunities for personal growth, mental health awareness, and community engagement.

Our work with local organisations helps create accessible childcare solutions that promote positive mental health, enabling more people to engage fully in education, work, and community life. From child development workshops to personal growth sessions, we ensure that every programme we offer has a meaningful impact on both individuals and the wider community.

We don't just deliver childcare; we deliver social value that transforms lives and empowers communities.

Testimonials:

“The Mary Ann McCracken Foundation hired Wee Chicks to provide creche services as part of a project that we developed with and for migrant women. Kelly and her team worked with us and provided excellent advice and support, and the children in the creche were extremely well looked after. As Mary Ann McCracken opened a nursery school in the Clifton House almost 200 years ago, and the Wee Chicks staff definitely lived up to Mary Ann’s standards for kindness, knowledge and professionalism – Mary Ann would be proud!”

- Mary Alice (Mary Ann Clancy, McCracken Foundation, 2023).

“At the Belfast Met ESOL classes in Girdwood, Wee Chicks provide childcare assistance with an on-site mobile crèche so adult learners can attend English lessons. We are delighted with the service delivered by Wee Chicks and would recommend them to anyone looking for childcare provision. The staff are highly professional and strive to cater their services to all children regardless of their specific needs and cultural background. The standard of their provision is second to none.”

- Ligia Parizzi (Girdwood, Belfast Met, 2023).

