


Manifesto for School Age Childcare in Scotland

1. A long-term economic recovery funding and business planning package, with tailored support to services in the greatest need, including rural services and services in the lowest income communities.
2. Ensure gender equality is supported by the provision of school age childcare as women are often the main child carers, and they will need affordable, accessible and high quality childcare in order to work, train or other support.
3. Provide subsidised childcare places for children with disabilities and additional support needs in breakfast clubs, after school childcare and holiday clubs.
4. For families experiencing poverty and food insecurity, subsidised places in breakfast clubs, after school childcare and holiday clubs, with access to nutritious and culturally appropriate meals during school holidays and opportunities for play and socialising activities. This is crucial to addressing the attainment gap.
5. Subsidised support to create more access to after school clubs for children from black and minority ethnic communities, including asylum seekers and refugee children.
6. Support packages through subsidised places in after school childcare and holiday clubs for lone parents seeking re-employment, training, or respite care.
7. Subsidised support to enable care experienced children and those with kinship carers to access after school childcare and holiday clubs.
8. Support to the professionals working in the field with funding for training and qualifications, to be paid at least the real living wage, and to help recruit a diversity of skills and talents to a refreshed sector.
9. Provide free or low cost, and guaranteed access, to space in schools and local community venues.
10. Relax planning constraints on the re-use of defunct land or premises which could be transformed at low cost into school age childcare, play, care and learning spaces indoors and to help create new green and adventure spaces outdoors.

 [Link to: Key asks evidence sources](#)

About School Age Childcare & the Scottish Out of School Care Network



There are 1,000 school-age Care Inspectorate-registered childcare services in Scotland supporting 80,000 children and employing over 5,000 childcare professionals within the voluntary, private and public sectors.

School-age childcare services provide children with play, care and learning opportunities before and after school, and all-day during holidays, which in turn enables parents and carers to access employment, education and training opportunities.

The Scottish Out of School Care Network (SOSCN) knows that school-age childcare positively supports children's social, emotional, mental and physical development and overall wellbeing, and that is why we believe these benefits should be accessible to ALL children and young people in their local communities.



Supporting the development and delivery of quality school-aged childcare since 1991, the Scottish Out of School Care Network is the national charity and membership organisation representing out of school care services in Scotland.

At the heart of our work is the commitment to support and realise children's rights to access play, care and learning opportunities in local communities across Scotland.



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