

# DID YOU KNOW?

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT OUT OF SCHOOL CARE IN SCOTLAND

### Care Inspectorate registered OSC services

1007 OSC services in Scotland, for 723 this is their main service.

593 breakfast clubs

603 holiday services\*

### Number of children

46,080 in out of school care

4,460 in holiday club (50 services)

**Total of 50,540 children\***



### Number of hours OSC provides

Full time term-time place = **570 hours**  
(3 hrs per day x 5 days x 38 weeks)

Full time holiday-place = **600 hours**  
(10 hrs per day x 5 days x 12 weeks)

**Total = 1,170 hours per annum**

The out of school care sector is the largest provider of play opportunities for school-aged children. Article 31 of the UNCRC is the child's right to culture, leisure, rest and play and is at the heart of out of school care provision.



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## The Scottish Out of School Care Network (SOSCN)

The Scottish Out of School Care Network is the national charitable organisation (Scottish charity no: SC020520) supporting the development of high quality out of school care, which includes term-time after school, holiday and breakfast clubs, across Scotland. All of our work is underpinned by our commitment to supporting and promoting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and supporting the wellbeing of children through the GIRFEC approach.

SOSCN supports children's rights to play, care and learning.

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## Out of School Care in Scotland

In Scotland there are nearly 980 after school care services, 585 holiday services and 536 breakfast clubs. In total the sector provides childcare places for over 50,000 children; this makes it the largest provider of play and leisure opportunities for primary school-age children in Scotland.

Out of school care services are registered with, and regulated by, the Care Inspectorate against the same national care standards as other daycare of children services such as nurseries.

Out of school care staff are registered with, and regulated by, the Scottish Social Services Council; in accordance with legislation, managers of out of school care services must either be qualified to, or working towards a degree level qualification in Childhood Practice, the same as managers of other daycare of children services.

Although out of school care has a key role in supporting parents and carers access employment and training opportunities, we believe that out of school care should be based upon the child's needs for play, care and learning opportunities outside school, and as such should be a universal right for all children.

## How Out of School Care Supports the Wellbeing of Children

Out of school care services are child-centred services operating with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of their work- out of school care ensures that all children have their rights to be consulted and listened to; to access play, leisure, rest and cultural activities, and for disabled children to be supported by appropriate services.

Out of school care services should meet the individual needs of the children in their care and support the children's wellbeing and development.

