



Cocooned in Care

Over the past three years the name 'Cocoon' has become synonymous with quality and innovation in childcare. The Irish-owned group is now one of the country's leading childcare providers, with seven centres in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow caring for just over 700 children.

Founded by Robert Buckley and Barry Cunningham in 2002, Cocoon has continually expanded since opening its first centre in Kimmage. The group now has branches in Rathfarnham, Artane, Tallaght, Naas, Blessington and Sallins. Cocoon plans to open seven new branches in 2007, including a large centre in Balbriggan.

Cocoon's aim is to provide the highest quality of childcare available in Ireland. It becomes obvious that this is not just a lofty ambition when you see for yourself the standard of their facilities, meet their caring and enthusiastic staff and witness the happy faces of the children in their care.

When you walk into a Cocoon centre, you will quickly appreciate why Cocoon say they have 'purpose-built' facilities. Everything is designed with children in mind. The rooms are bright, spacious and colourful, with lots of natural light. Each room is designed for the specific age group it caters for, so for example, 'wobblers' have

a soft floor surface and the baby room has its own kitchen area where formula is provided free for parents. Safety is a priority throughout the centre, with features such as elevated radiators and sockets and an intercom system at the entrance. Each room is fully equipped with lots of toys, books and art materials. For outdoor play, every centre has a large Astroturf garden complete with little cars, play houses and the like. A child's paradise!

Cocoon prides itself on carefully selecting staff that are qualified, experienced and genuinely love minding children. They have an extremely low staff turnover rate and are proud to say that most children will have the same group of carers in their baby, wobbler, toddler or pre-school room, for the duration of their time in that room. This is very comforting for parents.



Nutrition is a very important factor in any child's development and this is catered for by a full-time cook in each centre, providing freshly cooked meals and snacks daily, approved by consultant nutritionist, Emma Brown. Emma is also on hand to answer any dietary queries parents may have as another complimentary service Cocoon offer.

One of Cocoon's most unique services for parents is its 'Watch Me Live' internet viewing, where parents can monitor the progress and development of their children at any stage during the working day, simply by logging onto Cocoon's secure site. Webcams are positioned in each room in the centre and garden, and this adds to parents' peace of mind. It is also very useful if a mum or dad wants to see their little one's birthday party live!

Cocoon caters for children aged 3 months to 5 years on a full and part-time basis, with some centres providing after-school care. A sibling discount available for families with more than one child in its care. The group is an approved member of the NCNA.



**To find out more about Cocoon,
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or visit www.cocoonchildcare.ie**

Cocoon Childcare Centres

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| Artane | Kilmore Road | (01) 8487056 |
| Blessington | New Town Centre | (045) 900640 |
| Kimmage | Shelton Park | (01) 4099400 |
| Naas | Millennium Business Park | (045) 855005 |
| Rathfarnham | Fonthill Abbey | (01) 4938226 |
| Sallins | Main Road | (045) 895550 |
| Tallaght | Marlfield Mall | (01) 4622936 |

