



Dotcom creche lets parents keep closer watch

A NEW state-of-the-art creche which encourages parents to log on and watch their loved ones any time during the day opened in Blessington this week, writes Paula Campbell.

Cocoon Head Start, which was formally launched by Minister for Children Brian Lenihan on Monday, has been hailed as an Irish success story. It was set up by Robert Buckley and Barry Cunningham who founded the company in 2002.

In this new facility mothers and fathers can simply log on and see their kiddies throughout the day thanks to the installation of a webcam.

The webcams are fully monitored at all times and the purpose-built service, through *Watch Me Live* Internet viewing, enables parents to see their children live at any time of the day, from their personal computers at work or at home. Cocoon was one of the first companies to bring live online viewing of crèche facilities to Ireland.

Minister Lenihan said the growth of the company to six creches in less than four years was a "very impressive record in a relatively short timeframe. We are indebted to companies like Cocoon for providing such modern childcare centres and of such a high standard".



WEBCAM WONDER: Gillian Quinn and Laura Bermingham with children from the Cocoon Head Start centre, Blessington, which was launched on 12 June.