# **Out-of-School Care**



The out-of-school care program is located at Cedar Elementary, Georgia Park Elementary, Ocean Grove Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary, Ripple Rock Elementary and Sandowne Elementary.

Hours of operation are before school from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and after school from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## LICENSED, QUALITY CARE

- The out-of-school care centres are licensed under the authority of island Health (Community Care and Assisted Living Act).
- As part of the licensing, at least one responsible adult must have their first aid with CPR endorsement.
- The adult to child ratio will be 1:12.

### COST

- Before-school \$10/day
- After-school \$25/day
- Before- and after-school \$35/day
- Full Day (i.e. Pro-D Day) \$45/day

## **SICK POLICY**

- We ask you to keep your child home if they are sick.
- We may call you to pick up your child if they are ill, even if they attended school that day.
- You will be charged for any days your child is away.

#### **Common Ouestions**

# Does my child have to attend the school where the childcare centre is located?

Yes. These spaces are only open to children who currently attend the school.

## If my child doesn't get into the program, is there a waitlist?

Yes. Your child will automatically be placed on the waitlist, and you will be informed.

#### Does my child have to attend full-time?

Priority will be given to children who attend five days per week. Part-time children will be considered.

#### Why does childcare cost so much?

Childcare is not funded by the province and must operate on a cost-recovery basis. We will review the costs to determine if adjustments are required.

#### How can I pay for childcare?

Payment is due on the first school day of the month. Cheque, e-transfer, or online payments are accepted. A \$50 NSF cheque fee applies to any cheque that is denied or cancelled.

#### I can't afford childcare, is there a subsidy?

Yes. The Affordable Child Care Benefit is available from the provincial government. Info can be found by searching 'Affordable Child Care Benefit' online.

#### Will the district cover childcare fees if I can't?

Unfortunately, childcare is unfunded and must not operate at a loss. It also cannot use funds from K-12 school funding. The only support is through the province's Affordable Child Care Benefit.

# My child has an educational assistant (EA) during the school day. Will my child have a dedicated EA during childcare?

During the school day, supports are provided based on K-12 funding. For before- and after-school childcare, families must apply through Supported Child Development. (cradacl.bc.ca)

#### What do I do if I have a concern about childcare?

You should speak to the childcare provider directly. If the issue is not resolved, you can contact the childcare manager at childcare@sd72.bc.ca.