

# Before and After Pre-primary Program Pilot

## Frequently Asked Questions – Parents/families

### What is the Before and After Pre-primary Program Pilot?

We want families to have access to before and after programming for children attending the pre-primary program. The Before and After Pre-primary Program pilot will run for six months from January to June 2019 and will offer a seamless day for children. Children will access the before and after pilot program onsite, where their pre-primary program is being offered.

### Is the Before and After Program Pilot optional?

This is a voluntary, fee-based program that will focus on recreation and promote movement, outdoor play, and physical literacy.

### Who will offer the program?

The program will be led by staff with specialized recreation training and there will be program standards that must be followed.

### Why do a pilot?

As we continue to expand pre-primary over the next four years, we want to explore how we can offer a before and after program to support families to access pre-primary. This pilot will help us gather the information we need.

### How, when and where do I register?

Information about registration date and time will be shared soon through your child's Pre-primary Program.

### What time does the program start and end?

The hours of operation of the pilot program will be decided by the providers of the program, in response to community need and the program will be open when school is open.

### What is the cost?

Families may choose to access the program for a fee, like any other before and after program offered in a school or the community. The program will be delivered by an approved childcare or recreation provider. The provider will determine the cost and we expect that it will be in-line or less than similar programs that are already offered in the community. The typical parent fee for a before and after program is between \$15 and \$19 per day.

### Is there subsidy available?

Families with an annual household income up to \$70,000 may be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy Program and are encouraged to contact Subsidy Program at 1-844-804-2084 or [www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/families/childcaresubsidy.shtml](http://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/families/childcaresubsidy.shtml)

What do children need to bring for the before and after program?

Nothing new or additional is needed from what they take for their Pre-primary day. Children will be inside, and outside, so appropriate clothing and footwear is needed. The spare clothes that families provide for Pre-primary will be used if needed.

Children will receive a nutritious and healthy snack every day in accordance with the Food Standards for Recreation settings.

Who will deliver the program?

Only regulated childcare providers, and municipal and non-profit recreation providers will be delivering the program. Common program delivery standards will be developed to ensure quality programming, monitoring and evaluation.

What will my child be doing in the program?

The program will be focused on outdoor play. You can expect your child to spend a lot of time outside playing with the other children or toys. Staff will take part in the play to make sure the children are monitored.

My child has special needs. Will they be able to take part?

The Before and After Pre-primary Program Pilot will be an inclusive program that will welcome and meet the needs of all children enrolled in Pre-primary. The Pre-primary team and the Before and After Pre-primary Program Pilot team will work together to ensure that the supports available during the Pre-primary day after available before and after.

My child has a condition that requires medication to be administered. Will the program staff make sure my child takes their medication and help them to administer it?

Yes, staff will ensure medications are administered according to written instructions that are provided by parents. All medications will be stored safely.

Will I be able to be involved in the evaluation?

Yes, families will have an opportunity to share their experience.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

If your child is currently enrolled in the Pre-primary Program at one of the 10 pilot sites for the Before and After Pre-primary Program Pilot, please contact them for more information.