

## Let's Play Cork Playground Stencil Schools Initiative 2022

The Let's Play Cork initiative, established in 2019, promotes play opportunities for people of all ages and abilities across Cork. To date a series of play activities, resources and projects have been delivered to families, communities and organisations with immense success. Some of the resources and projects include:

- Let's Play Cork Booklet & Pack- Children-
- Let's Play Cork Booklet & Pack- Older Adults
- Online Play Resources
- Pop up Play events
- Play Streets
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Since 2019, we have been working to improve play opportunities in various spaces across Cork. As part of the Let's Play Cork initiative, we are delighted to announce an exciting partnership in play promotion between the HSE Health Promotion & Improvement Department & Cork Local Sports Partnership to support play activity in schools. Children have an innate capacity and urge to play. Play which is directed by children is critically important to their everyday lives. Access to quality play, both structured and unstructured, is known to help improve children and young people's overall physical, mental, social and emotional health, well-being and development. Through play children and young people make connections between themselves and the world around them.

The aim of this initiative is to make play the easier option for primary schools in Cork. Currently, schools can borrow the playground marking stencils from the Health Promotion Department and organise paint and laying themselves. Funding has become available through Cork Local Sports Partnership this year to subsidise the paint and laying of the stencils in your schoolyard.

The playground stencils on your schoolyard will enhance the physical environment to promote physical activity, child development and play.

**We are pleased to offer schools in Cork the opportunity to access the following:**

<b>Option 1</b>	Existing Loan Scheme-Borrow Stencils Only	FREE
<b>Option 2</b>	Painting and laying of stencils	€200

This initiative is heavily subsidised by Cork Sports Partnership, Healthy Ireland and the HSE Health Promotion and Improvement Department.  
Please note the same stencils are being used in both options.

## Steps involved in the Application Process

- Step 1.** Schools register their interest in taking part by filling out the application form and indicating their preferred option.
- Step 2.** Registration will be acknowledged by Cork Sports Partnership (CSP) and schools will be contacted to confirm acceptance and their preferred option.
- Step 3.** Schools will be serviced on a first come first served basis.
- Step 4.** On receipt of payment for Option 2 CSP will arrange to have the playground stencils laid on a suitable day.
- Step 5.** CSP & the Health Promotion and Improvement Department, HSE will follow-up with the school to seek feedback on the initiative.

## Application Form

<b>School:</b>			
<b>School Address:</b>			
<b>School Contact Person:</b>			
<b>E-mail:</b>		<b>Mobile Phone:</b>	
<b>No of participants at School/Class level</b>	<b>Number of children in the school</b>	<b>Number of Boys   Number of Girls</b>	

## Commitment

Please confirm the school's commitment to each of the following items in the Initiative:  
(Please tick all programme criteria)

- ✓ Interested in participating and promoting this new school playground markings initiative.
- ✓ Commit to cleaning the playground in advance of the stencils being laid i.e., moss free and brushed.
- ✓ Payment on receipt of acceptance on to the initiative (€200).

**Please Note:** Places are limited for this programme and schools will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Additional schools will be placed on a waiting list for a future phase of the programme.

Tick (x)

**Please return completed application to: Catherina Lane at [healthyireland1@corksports.ie](mailto:healthyireland1@corksports.ie)**