Welcome to Sherpa Kids!

Dear Parent/Guardian
We are excited to extend our out-of-school-hours programme to Curro Rivonia.

Who are we?

Sherpa Kids brings South African parents an internationally benchmarked, structured and professional before-school, after-school and holiday-care programme, that is fresh, exciting and engaging.

Our focus is to provide a loving, caring, home-away-from-home environment for your children where there will be loads of learning, fun and personal development.

Sherpa Kids provides a safe and secure environment for the quality care of preschool and primary school children, through a structured well-balanced programme.

We achieve this by thinking ahead, anticipating what children might like to do to keeping them safe and happy; and by having planned activities and supervised free play.

To view more about our brand look us up at https://www.facebook.com/sherpakidssouthafrica or https://www.sherpakids.co.za

What do we do?

During our before-school, after-school and holiday programmes, our 'playducation model' guides the following:

- ✓ Engaging activities that are play-based and encourage learning
- ✓ Strong relationships based on trust, honesty and unwavering ethics
- ✓ Focus on well-being, where our children's health and safety are at the core of every decision
- ✓ Bridging between home and school as our children experience the same quality of care and love as they do at home and school
- ✓ New experiences and opportunities through exploration and encouragement
- ✓ Holistic approach which is child-centric

When do we do this?

Before-school care every school day during the school term
Times: 06:30 – 07:30

This is a breakfast club where early arrivals are placed under supervised care in a safe space as they lead up to the beginning of their school day.

A typical before-school daily routine would be:

- Roll call
- Breakfast
- Storytime
- Drop-off at class

After-school care every school day during the school term
Castle times: 14:00 – 18:00
Primary school times: 13:30 – 18:00

The structured afternoon begins immediately after school when our little ones are escorted to the designated aftercare space.

We'll supervise our primary school children's homework completion and help with projects, run a fun activity and then let them play so you can rest assured that they are safe, secure and having a great time.

A typical after-school daily routine would be:

- Roll call
- Lunch
- Homework supervision/project assistance/reading time (only for primary school learners)
- Playducation activity
- Afternoon snack provided by Sherpa Kids
- Free play

Holiday care every day during school holidays
Times: 07:00 – 18:00

Our holiday-care programme will have your children happy and tired after a fun-filled, activity-packed day.

Some days we focus on sporty activities and other days the activities might be music, dance and drama – but on all days (weather permitting) we spend our time outdoors, experiencing the sunshine and letting our bodies move.

Holiday-care routine:

- Free play
- Breakfast
- Playducation activity
- Morning snack
- Free play
- Lunch
- Reading time
- Playducation Activity
- Afternoon snack
- Free play

How do we do this?

Homework for our primary school learners

Our specially selected and trained staff review each child's homework requirements upon arrival. The children are then encouraged to complete the work independently while our staff actively engage with the children while they work.

Once the task is completed, the teacher on duty will acknowledge completion with a quick scan over the work produced. We do encourage parents to sign and review their children's homework diaries each day as this facilitates your understanding of what is being done during the school day.

We also use this session to assist with any project work and in the case of a no-homework day, our learners are encouraged to read a book that they have brought especially for this purpose.

Activities:

At Sherpa Kids our non-negotiable staffing ratio is 1:15 for primary school learners and 1:8 for our Castle children which ensures active engagement with children and not just babysitting!

Our day is interwoven with interesting themed activities based on arts and crafts, music and drama, sports and games, fun food and experiments and then we have a fun Friday activity.

Our aftercare programme runs a theme a week whilst the holiday-care programme has a fresh theme each day.

We've enjoyed themes such as X-Factor (music and dance) when our kids showed off their talents, affirmations (arts and crafts) where each child affirmed their superpowers such as kindness, bravery, etc,. learnt how to make slime (fun food and experiments) in a STEAM activity and ran workshops on self-defence (sport and games).

In line with global best-practice, all our activities are pre-planned on an activity planner similar to a school lesson planner and scheduled per age group. Nothing is done off-the-cuff and our activities are always delivered with interest, excitement and passion.

Meals

Traversing the maze of dietary requirements and the myriad of allergens associated with food becomes complex and for this reason we do not provide any meals at our programmes. We ask parents to please provide their child with a healthy breakfast and/or lunchbox which we are happy to heat if required. A fruit for the afternoon snack is provided at aftercare.

Staff selection

Our staff are the heart of our service and exude passion, energy and professionalism.

All staff hold a police clearance certificate and are trained in first aid. In addition, the manager on-site is trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), asthma and anaphylactic management.

Our staff either hold a tertiary qualification or are studying towards a qualification in childcare or education.

We provide support to our staff with our inhouse online training platform on which staff complete modules created specific for our before-school, after-school and holiday programmes. This not only ensures the delivery of a quality childcare service but also promotes ongoing self-development.

Safety and security

The health and safety of the children under our care is of paramount importance.

Our comprehensive policies-and-procedures manual includes protocol around quality standards, health and safety, child protection and emergencies and ensures that we have the necessary guidelines in place for any arising situation.

Our online booking system, AimyPlus, ensures that we have information related to allergies and emergency contacts, etc. It also allows you to specify four authorised people who can safely sign your child into or out of our service digitally.

In our effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we have implemented the following:

- A contactless sign-in/out process via a QR code
- Regular santisation and increased disinfecting of all equipment and resources throughout the day
- Temperature monitoring and recording of all staff and children on-site

What are the fees?

Before-school care only	
Annual contract (06:30 – 07:30)	R500 x 12
Ad hoc rate per day	R40
Aftercare only	
Annual contract: Full day Enrol for the full year of aftercare until 18:00 daily	R1 095 x 12 months
Annual contract: Half day Enrol for the full year of aftercare until 15:30 daily	R895 x 12 months
Ad hoc rate per day	R110
Holiday care only	
Ad hoc rate per day (07:00 – 18:00)	R195 per day
Weekly rate for full-day holiday care	R700 per week
Weekly rate for half-day holiday care (until 12.30)	R500 per week
Aftercare and holiday care combo	
Annual contract Enrol for the full year of aftercare until 18:00 daily, as well as holiday care for terms 1, 2 and 3 from 07:00 – 18:00	R1 450 x 12 months

How do I enrol?

In order to secure a booking for your child; enrollment and payment for the programme must be completed before attendance and can be done online in four easy steps.

1. Please access https://sherpakids-za.aimyplus.com and register your parent login details.
2. The programme venue is Curro Rivonia and the booking type is 'before and/or aftercare'.
3. To continue the process, click on 'next'. Select the option you require and click on 'book'.
4. Wait for your invoice that will be emailed to you, complete the payment process referencing your child's name and revert with your payment notification.

We're in this together

Sherpa Kids values our ethos of 'supporting families and making a difference'. We are looking forward to delivering a safe, stimulating, fun and engaging programme to your children as we're in this together.

Our centre director, Santoshnee Maduray is ready to answer any questions you might have and can be emailed at randburg@sherpakids.co.za or reached on 083 383 190.