

About Us

Carrigeen Community Pre-School was opened in 2003; we are based in the community hall, and provide early childhood education for the 3-5 year old age group. Our location is based in the centre of Carrigeen Village, right beside the primary school which means parents can drop siblings off to the primary school at the same time and place!

We provide the free ECCE scheme which entitles each child of preschool age up to two years of early childhood care and education. For further information on this scheme go here:

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Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday, 9:15am to 12.15pm.

An optional extra half hour is available if enough interest is expressed. We operate the same school calendar as Carrigeen primary school.

Enrolment: To enrol your child in Carrigeen Community Preschool, drop into the preschool and pick up a registration form. All new admissions are dealt with on an individual basis to ensure that the unique needs of each child are met. Every effort is made to admit children with specific needs providing that the needs of the individual child can be met within the service.

PROGRAMME:

Our curriculum is in line with Aistear – The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework. For more information on Aistear click here.

Our community-based preschool uses a Play based and Montessori curriculum to aid each child's development.

In line with the Aistear curriculum we support children to learn through play and social interaction. Child care practitioners observe the children's emergent interests and extend their learning using these interests. We provide open ended materials and toys for play and learning activities, such as play dough, painting, block play, sand and water, junk play / design and making, arts and crafts /cutting and sticking. We also promote music and dance.

Language and literacy is promoted in circle time, story time, small group work and pre writing. Mathematics and science is also promoted using the Montessori materials and using open ended questioning to encourage problem solving and foster curiosity and imagination among the children. Healthy eating is very important in our setting. A healthy snack is encouraged for mid morning break. We make fruit salad with the children each Friday to allow children to taste a wide variety of fruits with their peers. In very cold weather we make soup with the children.

We have a beautiful new outdoor room which provides a secure, natural stimulating space where children can get plenty of fresh air, play time, and an opportunity to nurture their imagination. They can play in the large sand area, take advantage of the sloping green grass area, a crawling tunnel and shelter area, paths and little bikes, a mud kitchen to have great fun exploring and discovering through fun activities.

Weather permitting we take the children outside to play every day. The Aistear Curriculum recognises that children learn equally well both indoors and outdoors. Appropriate clothing is essential to ensure the children are comfortable being outdoors.

We have a minimum of two child qualified care practitioners at the preschool at all times.

Mary Fleming: BA hon's degree in Early Childhood Education & Care, Diploma in Montessori-education.

Noreen Walsh: FETAC Level 5 Childcare course.

Kitty Hewetson: FETAC Level 5 Childcare course.



Our Outdoor Room



Working together.



Practicing road safety.



Relaxing.



Enjoying the trikes