



Clann Aire

Statement of Purpose and Function

Policy Statement:

The purpose of Clondrohid Community Crèche & Preschool services is to provide quality, affordable Early Years Care & Education in the local community. We are classified as a community, full-day care service. We are open for 49 weeks per year from Jan – Dec. We close for two weeks in August and one week at Christmas. We can cater for up to 150 children at any one time in our Centre.

Principle:

This policy is underpinned by the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Tusla Early Years Inspectorate and Quality and Regulatory Framework.

Details of Setting:

Name of service	Clondrohid Community Creche & Pre-School
Address of Service	Clann Aire, Clondrohid, Macroom, Co. Cork
Eircode	P12 C958
Telephone	026 43344
Email address	office@clannaire.com
Registered Person in Charge	Oliver Kelleher
Person in charge	Harriet Murray
Deputy person in charge	Niamh Casey- Full day care Manager/Creche Supervisor Maree Hoare- ECCE Manager/Deputy Administrator

Description of the service:

Type of care offered	Full day care, Part-Time care and Sessional (ECCE) care offered
Who the service is provided for	Children and families within the local area
Age range of the children	6 months- 5 years 6 months
Curriculum	Aistear and play based curriculum
Community or Private	Community
The number of weeks open per year	38 weeks for ECCE, 49 weeks for Full day care
Opening Hours	8:00am-6:00pm Monday to Friday

Number of Children and Staff

Room	Age Range	Ratio	Total number of children in room	Total Number of Staff
Caterpillar Room	0-1 years	1:3	8	2 Staff
	1-2 years	1:5		
Ladybird Room	1-2 years	1:5	10	2 Staff
Butterfly Room	2-3 years	1:6	14	3 Staff
Curious Cubs	From 2 years 8 months- 5 years 6 months	1:11	20 ECCE	2 Staff 1 Aim Staff
Busy Bears	From 2 years 8 months to 5 years 6 months	1:8	22 ECCE	2 Staff + 1 Aim staff
			24 non-ECCE	3 Staff
Busy Bees	2 years 8 months – 5 years 6 months	1:8	22 ECCE	2 staff+ 1 AIM staff
			18 non-ECCE	3 Staff

Total Number of ELC Children: 100

Our doors open to parents from 8am – 18.00pm Monday to Friday. Children from 6 months to school age attend these services. We also offer families the opportunity for them to transition onto our Afterschool services, if they are currently attending our full day care services, without going onto a waiting list.

We follow the Aistear Curriculum; we are mainly a play-based centre. Aistear is the National Curriculum Framework from birth to six years, in Ireland. www.ncca.ie

Our Mission: We aspire to the provision of high-quality childcare by providing children with a safe, trusting and non-biased environment. We encourage the children in our care to become confident, self-sufficient and good decision makers which are incorporated into our daily routine.

We value and highly regard the input of all parents as we regard them as the primary carers.

All children and families will be respected as individuals and as capable confident learners to reach their full potential and increase their self-esteem.

This statement is available for parents, staff, children and all relevant stakeholders to view at any time in our lobby.

All our Policies & procedures are available to parents to view on our website www.clannaire.com & in the Parents handbook.

The statement will be reviewed every 2 years or unless there is a change.

Person Responsible: Harriet Murray (Manager)

This policy was adopted by Clondrohid Community Crèche Pre-School & after School Services.

Signed by: Harriet Murray on behalf of Management (Manager, Owner, Chairperson)

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