

Birthdays Policy

Birthdays Policy Statement

Askea Community Childcare Centre acknowledges that each child's birthday is a 'special event' and needs to be celebrated. The centre implements a Birthday policy to ensure that the celebration of children's birthdays are managed in ways that are safe, equitable and included in the daily routine.

Principle of Birthdays Policy

This policy is underpinned by the Child Care Act 1991 and Early Years Services Regulations 2016

Procedure for Birthdays

To implement this Birthday Policy we have the following procedures in place:

1. Staff are aware of children's dates of birth and discuss birthdays with the children
2. Parents/guardians are informed that birthdays are celebrated with the children in the rooms
3. Staff inform parents/guardians of their right to request that their child does not participate in the celebration of birthdays if that is their wish.
4. Staff and the other children will sing Happy Birthday to the child celebrating their birthday
5. Staff advise parents/guardians that they may provide a shop bought cake with original wrapping, listing ingredients for allergy purposes which will have candles for the child to blow out and "make a wish"
6. Parents can additionally bring a small selection of extra shop purchased treats for children if they wish, but must check with staff beforehand to ensure that they are suitable
7. Photos are taken of the birthday party by staff and parents/guardians are invited to leave a camera, if they wish, for photos of the 'blowing out of the candles' by their child

This policy was agreed and adopted by Askea Community Childcare Centre

Date. _____

Signed by. _____ on behalf of management

This policy will be reviewed on 1st September 2017 in collaboration with staff and parents