

Equipment

It is the policy of Askea Community Childcare Centre that the play equipment available for the children is suitable, safe, age appropriate and linked to the curriculum or programme planning while providing new challenges and experiences for the developmental needs of the children.

Principles of Equipment

This policy is underpinned by the Childcare Act 1991 [Early Years Services] Regulations 2016 (Regulation 25)

Procedures for Equipment

To implement the policy the following procedures are in place

1. All equipment purchased is based on children's developmental needs and interests
2. When purchasing equipment staff must have a thorough understanding of the developmental benefits children gain from the equipment.
3. Equipment must be age appropriate and suitable to the different stages of child development for all the different age groups within the Centre
4. Staff are responsible for ensuring that all equipment is clean, safe and well maintained at all times
5. Equipment is checked regularly for broken parts and replaced, or repaired whichever is appropriate
6. The room plans must ensure that the equipment is accessible to the children, to promote choice and a sense of independence which is in accordance with the implementation of Síolta

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