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Askea Community Childcare Centre recognises that each child is part of a larger community which is an integral part of their lives. A community is more than a location or set of people. Askea Community Childcare Centre believes in strong sense of community and will work together with those around them to support and help children and families to be involved in the wider community.

Principle of Statement

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

Procedures for Linking with the Community

- A range of information will be displayed to families which will outline the available local, regional and national resources to them. This will be kept up to date and families will be individually informed if there is a particular event happening which will suit them. Examples of these will be professional supports available, health services, parent supports, parent and toddler groups or similar, cultural or social events etc.
- Askea Community Childcare Centre produces a newsletter to help inform parents and the local community of events happening within the service and how this supports children's learning and development.
- It is important all children feel a part of the local community and begin to understand the sense of community. Children and families will be asked to join in local events which the service participates in e.g. local parades, summer festival etc.
- Throughout the year several local community representatives visit the service and talk to the children about what they do and when the children might visit them e.g. doctor, dentist, Garda, lollipop person etc.
- As an important setting to the children and families, we are dedicated to keeping in touch with all those who may have an involvement with the child and family. This will be done only with the families' permission and knowledge with the best interests of the child at the core of all correspondence.

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.