

Health Policy

It is the policy of Tir na nOg Preschool to promote a healthy lifestyle through prevention of illness and establishing healthy eating patterns. It is our policy to comply with current regulations including the Child Care (Preschool Services)C(No.2) Regulations 2006 and Food Hygiene Regulations.

Healthy Eating:

- We have a healthy eating policy in the preschool. Children are not allowed sweets, crisps, popcorn, chocolate or fizzy drinks.
- The staff always sits with the children at snack time to encourage good eating habits, stimulate conversation and enhance the quality of the interaction.

Illness Policy for Children:

- Children or adults who are sick or who may be a source of infection should not attend the service.
- Parents are advised that a child who has been sick during the night should not attend the service the next day.
- A child with a communicable illness should not attend the service.
- All parents are informed if a child attending the service has a communicable illness**

Illness Policy for Staff:

- Staff with a communicable illness should not attend the service.
- All parents are informed if a member of staff has a communicable illness.
- Arrangements are in place to provide relief cover while staff are on sick leave.

** For further guidance on Infectious Disease Control see page 96 of the Child (Care (Preschool Services) (No.2) Regulations 2006 Explanatory Guide.

Immunisation Policy:

When you enrol your child in our Childcare Service, please complete the immunisation section, in the registration form supplied.

Parents have the right to choose to Immunise their child or not.

Not all children attending this service may be immunised.

In the event of an outbreak of any infectious disease, all parents will be verbally informed. A dated notice informing all parents of any infectious disease outbreak will be displayed on our notice board.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases:

Parents are asked to notify this Childcare Service if their child has been exposed to a Notifiable Infectious Disease.

Public Health Doctors are responsible for the prevention and control of Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

On being notified of a Notifiable Infectious Diseases we will our local health centre for advice, information and support.

Non-Immunised Children:

In the case of children not immunised, the parents will be asked to seek advice, information and support from Community Services.