

Multi-Media Policy

Tir na nOg Preschool recognises that children's television programmes, educational and recreational DVD's, music/radio can provide entertainment and education to children, provided that the material listened to, watched or played is age appropriate and supervised and is a very small element of the curriculum provided.

This policy covers the use of television, DVD's, music/radio, computers, internet.

Tir na nOg Preschool will ensure that the use of multimedia in its service will be age appropriate and supervised when used.

Policy & Procedure:

Tablet & the Internet:

These are only used by the staff. During the session we use various educational sites for music and dancing activities. The children are never given the tablet to use themselves. It is only used by staff for educational purposes and taking photographs.

Phones:

The landline phone and the service mobile phone are always kept on the premises during opening hours for emergencies and so parents can contact us if necessary. Staff are allowed to have their mobile phones in the room in case they are needed for any emergencies during the day.

Television / DVD's:

Television / DVD viewing is kept to a minimum and are only usually used as an educational aid for language, music, dance or in relation to learning of a specific topic. On the rare occasion, such as the last day of term they are used as a treat for the children to relax. If and when such media is used the programme/film will be age and stage appropriate. Only DVD's of G or PG certificate will be shown.

Music / CD's

At Tir na nOg Preschool we value music because it is a powerful and unique form of communication that can change the way children feel, think and act. It also increases self-discipline and creativity, aesthetic sensitivity and fulfilment. The CD's used are appropriate for young children and will contain no offensive or inappropriate language. Music must not be played too loud so that the children's voices may still be heard.