

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Throughout our policies and procedures we will use certain terms and phrases. An explanation of their meaning is as follows:-

The Seven Areas of Learning And Development

The early learning goals are divided in seven categories as follows:-

1. Communication and language
2. Physical development
3. Personal, social and emotional development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the world
7. Expressive arts and design

Setting

This refers to the Pre-school.

Practitioners

This refers to all adults who work with the children in the setting, regardless of their qualifications.

Parent(s)

Whenever we use the word “parent” we include mothers, fathers, legal guardians and primary carers of children who are in public care.

Curriculum

We use this term to describe everything that a child will do, see, hear or feel within the setting through planned and unplanned activities.

Teaching

Teaching covers all duties and activities a practitioner will carry out within the Pre-school setting. This includes establishing friendships with both children and their families, planning the curriculum, supporting and extending children’s play, learning and development, observing and assessing children’s achievements and progress, and planning their next steps.

EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage