



Moatview Early Education Centre

At Moatview Early Education Centre we have a play-based curriculum influenced by *Aistear*, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

Why?

We believe our curriculum promotes independence, social skills, confidence, self-help skills and problem-solving among children. These are vital skills that support children through their life and into their future. These skills help them to be competent and confident learners.

Benefits and outcomes for children:

Promotes learning and development under *Aistear's* four themes

- **Well-being:** children are confident, happy and healthy
- **Identity and Belonging:** children have a positive sense of who they are, develop a sense of their culture and heritage and feel valued and respected as part of a family and community
- **Communicating:** Children share their experiences, thoughts and ideas and feelings with growing confidence and competence in a variety of different ways and for different purposes
- **Exploring and Thinking:** Children make sense of the things, places and people in their world

Aistear Síolta Practice Guide Introduction, 2015

Children learn these skills through play which is fun, age appropriate and meaningful to them in a way that they understand

What?

All children learn through various play and educational experience which gives them the opportunity to explore, expand their imagination and understanding of the world around them.

Children learn to interact with others positively and understand what is positively accepted in society. They learn about their environment and their community and respecting other children and adults. We speak basic Irish language to the children on a daily basis and explain the meanings of the words, songs and poems consistently and also explain these new words and phrases on our monthly newsletter for parents.

How?

Adults consistently encourage and reinforce positive behaviours throughout the day through praise and role modelling.

Some experiences are adult-led and some are child-lead following through on children's ideas, requests and interests.

We believe in the positive effects of outdoor play for children's well-being and physical health. Outdoor play creates opportunities for children to communicate and interact with the peers in a more relaxed environment.

We offer real life experiences including nature walks, trips to the local shop, park and library within the local community to support children's identity and belonging, sense of culture and encourage respect for nature and pride in their community.