

# Bunratty Community Childcare Centre

uses a HighScope-based curriculum, supported by Aistear Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

While your child is in our care we create an environment which provides him/her with varied play opportunities to:

- develop their self-confidence, initiative, creativity and problem solving skills **(WB)**
- learn about social relationships, the world around them, math's, science and technology, reasoning and language **(ET)**
- develop positive attitudes to self, others and to future learning **(WB)**

We support meaningful adult child interactions which enables the child as an individual to progress in all areas of their development **(C)**. We encourage child lead activities where the adult facilitates each child to make choices around their own learning, celebrating each child's uniqueness **(IB)**.

## The HighScope programme gets results

Findings from the original HighScope study (1962-1967 in Ypsilanti, Michigan) found that using HighScope curriculum has positive effects from the time the child attended the setting up until adulthood, including better school achievement and literacy, higher adult earnings and home ownership. (HighScope Educational Research Foundation, 2005).

## Aistear is Ireland's Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

Aistear was developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) and describes children's learning using four themes:

- **Wellbeing (WB)**
- **Identity and Belonging (IB)**
- **Communicating (C)**
- **Exploring and Thinking (ET)**



## Learning Outcomes for Children

- Language and Communication
- Problem solving
- Making choices and decisions
- Social and emotional development
- Physical development
- Health and well-being
- Creativity, art and music
- Science and maths