

Curriculum Policy

The Northern Ireland Curriculum Council defines the curriculum as being “the creation of a flexible, developing learning environment in which, the child will actively pursue his/her interest with the guidance and support of adults”.

Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered at Ballymagee Nursery helps children continue to do this by providing all of the children with play activities and experiences that are right for their age and stage of development.

Policy of Intent

To provide a curriculum which is inspiring, motivating, flexible and challenging whilst meeting the ever changing needs of the pre-school child through a child centred, play based environment. It is crucial that the learning will not be compartmentalised into formal learning areas. Instead it will take place in an informal holistic manner.

Procedures

- Provide a broad and balanced relevant curriculum that reflects all six curricular areas as set out in Curricular Guidance for Pre-School Education: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Language Development, Early Mathematical Experiences, Physical Development and Movement, The Arts and The World Around Us;
- Meet the individual needs of each child;
- Encourage progression;
- Stimulate children's natural curiosity;
- Encourage children to explore, investigate, experiment, solve problems and learn from trial and error, with emphasis upon first hand experiences;
- Ensure equality of opportunity;
- Provide a safe, secure, happy, caring and supportive environment;
- Environment and activities are well presented and attractive;
- Respect parents and other agencies as active partners;
- Ensure children are given suitable times and space for activities;
- Plan, observe and evaluate learning.