



## Care, Learning & Play Policy

Registered by the Care Inspectorate, we are required to provide a safe and caring environment for every child in our care and to keep track of their learning and development progress.

We aim to provide a safe and caring environment where children are stimulated through play which allows them to learn, grow and develop as individuals.

As per Scottish Government guidelines we adopt the Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) approach, and the eight SHANARRI wellbeing indicators. (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included.) We incorporate wellbeing records for every child, in their journals, to ensure we are meeting each of these indicators and providing the best possible care.

Children learn best through play so we strive to offer a variety of activities that will support them in their development.

We do this by following principles set out in the Realising the Ambition: Being Me document and the Curriculum for Excellence, to support children in the following areas:

- Expressive Arts
- Languages and literacy
- Health and wellbeing
- Mathematics and numeracy
- Religious and moral education
- Sciences
- Social studies
- Technologies

We make use of the following activities and resources to encourage learning and development:

- Books
- Small world toys
- Construction toys (Lego, Duplo, mega blocks etc)
- Pretend play (toy kitchen, shop, doctors set etc).
- Dressing Up Clothes
- Water/Sand play
- Arts and Crafts.
- Music, singing and rhymes
- Cooking & Baking
- Gardening
- Outdoor play and equipment
- Computers / ICT Equipment
- Outings

We will ensure there is a good mix of both indoor and outdoor activities and focus mostly on child initiated activities. We will regularly observe your child and make notes in their individual journals. We will also discuss any observations regularly with you so as we can work together to support your child with the next stages of their learning and development.

If there is a particular activity that you would like us to do with your child, please let me know. We are happy to support activities that you are doing at home or events that have happened. For example if you have been to a wedding, a new baby is expected or has arrived or you are celebrating a religious or cultural festival; we can continue this theme by providing the children with material to use and support their understanding through books and other resources.

We are also required to obtain "All about me" updated every 6 months. This is to ensure the information we hold about your child is relevant and up to date, however it is your responsibility to update us ASAP with any changes to your child's information. Such as toileting or home life.