

Ardcarne, Boyne
Monday Mornings 10am-12 noon
National School Hall
Cootehall
Kate Ryan



Athleague
Tuesday Mornings 11am-12:30pm
Suck Valley Angling Centre
Serena Walsh 090 6663602

Ballinameen Parent & Toddler Group
Monday Afternoons 1pm-3pm
Thursday Mornings 10:30am-12:30pm
Ballinameen Health Centre
Emma Butler 086 0515093

Boyle Parent & Toddler Group
Tuesday & Thursday Mornings 10:30am-12:30pm
Boyle Family Resource Centre
Louise Carty 071 9663000 (sending email)



Brightsparks Parent & Toddler Group
Lisacul Community Centre
Tara McGreal 0876773991

Buttercups Parent & Toddler Group
Monday Mornings 10:00am-12:00pm
Old Playschool
Veronica 086 8728565

Carniska Strokestown
Wednesday Mornings 9:30am-11:30am
Carniska Old School
Mary Parker 087 2767780



Castlerea
Wednesday Mornings 10:00am-12:00pm
Cuain Aire Resource Centre
Siobhan Despard 094 9622831

Croghan Parent & Toddler
Friday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
The Fairy Bush
Aisling 071 9668315

Elphin Parent & Toddler Group
Elphin Community Centre
Mary Rattigan 086 3699064

Fourmilehouse Parent & Toddler Group
Wednesday Mornings 9:30am-11:15am
Fourmilehouse crèche
Maire Neary 090 6629957



Frenchpark & Districts Childcare Ltd Parent & Toddler Group
Monday Mornings 10am-12pm
Linda Devine 094 9870111

Greenfields Parent & Toddler
Friday Mornings 10:30am-11:30pm
Lisnamult Community Centre
Roscommon
Lisa O'Rourke 090 6626152



Kiltoom Parent & Toddler Group
Tuesday Mornings 10am-12pm
Ballybay Parish Hall
Caroline Muldoon 085 7029368

Knockcroghery Parent & Toddler Group
Wednesday Mornings 10am-12pm
Knockcroghery Community Centre
Sinead Lyons 086 3427444



Lisacul Parent & Toddler Group
Friday afternoons 12pm-2pm
Lisacul Community Centre
Marian 0877425952

Loughlynn Parent & Toddler Group
Friday Afternoons 12:30pm-2:30pm
Loughlynn Community Centre
Mairéad Woods 086 1856880 (Not running)



Oran/Clooneycolgan Parent & Toddler Group
Monday & Thursday Mornings 10:30am-12:00pm
Clooneycolgan Community Centre
Sharon Brandon 090 6662578

Roscommon Town
Tuesday mornings 10:30am-12:30pm
St. Colmans Club >>>>>>>>>

Stepping Stones Parent & Toddler Group - Ballaghaderreen
Wednesday Mornings 10am-12pm
Unit B1 of Supervalve Store
Mary Towey (Will ring back)



Tulsk Community Childcare Parent & Toddler Group

Darena Hanly 087 2404167



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Parent & Toddler Groups



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What is a Parent & Toddler Group?

Parent and toddler groups are where parents and carers of young children can come together socially, usually one morning a week. This usually takes place in a child centered environment. Parent and toddler groups offer opportunities to engage in play activities with children while socialising and networking with parents. Parents and carers are responsible for their children throughout the session and the overall organisation is a shared responsibility.

Advantages of a Parent and Toddler Group

- Both children and adults are socially integrated.
- They operate during term time so are convenient.
- The children get the opportunity to socialise and interact with peers enabling them to develop socially and gain confidence within the group.
- They can be a good starting point to preparing your child for some form of daycare.
- Children get the opportunity to play with new toys and join in activities with new people in a new environment.
- Adults get the opportunity to socialise with each other and to learn from each others experiences. It alleviates the isolation often felt by those caring for very young children.

What to expect from a parent and toddler group

No two parent and toddler groups are the same. There will always be variations among the children, adults and the environments. Parent and toddler groups and local support groups are where adults and children can meet people and develop friendships. Parent and toddler groups are run in a safe and friendly environment where interaction and socialising is usually experienced.

Roscommon County Childcare Mission Statement

'Roscommon County Childcare Committee promotes the consolidation, development and delivery of high quality childcare services and facilities which are affordable and accessible to local parents and their children. Roscommon County Childcare Committee also supports childcare providers, parents and other key stakeholders in line with the objectives of the National Childcare Investment Programme 2006-2013 (NCIP)".

Parents/Carers Role in the Parent and Toddler Group.

Parents and Carers are very important to Parent and Toddler Groups. Without them, the group could not exist. Each parent/carer is responsible for their child throughout each session. They should ensure their child's safety and encourage maximum levels of interaction for the child to develop socially. Parents also communicate with each other during the sessions.

Parent and Toddler Funding

The Katherine Howard Foundation (KHF) funding for Parent and Toddler groups for 2009 will now be administered directly by the County Childcare Committee's. These grants recognise that Parent and Toddler Groups are providing informal support to parents, grandparents and childminders, as well as to young children and are an important source of social contact especially for families new to an area, such as those from other countries.

The grant scheme for Parent and Toddler groups will be operated on a flexible basis to respond to the local needs of the groups, and in accordance with national agreed criteria and an approved assessment process. Applications for funding under this scheme should only be made by Parent and Toddler Groups that are organised on a not for profit basis and involve the participation of parents in the community.

The role of Roscommon County Childcare Committee in a parent and toddler group

Roscommon County Childcare Committee can provide support to parent & toddler groups by going out on advisory visits. We will also provide assistance in sourcing funding and training for parent and toddler groups in the county.

