

Roscommon CCC Weekly Bulletin for the Early Learning & Care & School Age Childcare Sector in County
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Message from our County Childcare Coordinator Irene Cafferky

As always, we welcome any feedback on our communication with you and if you need to have something clarified or discussed in more detail, then please contact a member of our staff team (details updated below).

We aim to reach as wide an audience as possible and would be grateful if you could distribute this to each member of your staff teams and place on your bulletin/information board for sharing of information or indeed through your social media. We hope you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative and beneficial.

As many of our sessional services are breaking up now for the summer period, we would like to take this time to wish those of you that are off for the summer period a well-earned rest. The remainder of our services in County Roscommon remain open for full day care and afterschool services and we look forward to seeing what fun activities you have planned, and we will keep you informed of any new developments as they arise.

Kind Regards & Happy Reading,

Irene Cafferky, County Childcare Coordinator/Manager and Roscommon CCC Staff Team Carmel, Sinead, Aine & Martina



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We ask that if you need to contact a member of our team that you now use the contact details as outlined below.

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All updates and our weekly newsletter/bulletin from us to your service will now come from our info@roscommonchildcare.ie address. Your assigned development officer will also keep in regular contact with your service for any support needs.



Visit our website at <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/> Roscommon CCC has uploaded a variety of useful resources for services and parents on our resource page on our website.



<https://www.facebook.com/roscommonchildcare/> where we will continue to post relevant information for our sector as the central local information hub for the ECCE sector in County Roscommon.




[JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON ROSCOMMON CCC WEBSITE](#)


Roscommon CCC Jobsboard is updated regularly check it out here:
<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/jobs-board/>



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TIP of the
WEEK



 Roscommon County
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Committee CLG

Process for checking ECCE fees lists for the 2021/2022 programme year

Once your service has completed the ECCE Fees List a copy should be sent to your local CCC for verification. This can be sent by email, screenshot or any other electronic means. The relevant CCC will review the Fees List and will liaise with your Service to support and advise if amendments are required.

Where a service is requested by the CCC to amend a fees list on the Hive the service should submit a screenshot of the amendments to the CCC.

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Ask The Team - Roscommon CCC Team answering queries as they arise for the sector.



Ask The Team




Q . Early Years Service Re-registrations

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For Early Years Service re-registration, Tusla are reviewing all information submitted to them and will contact you. Tusla urge you to review any emails you received from them regarding any outstanding documentation and ensure you have everything that is required as this will make the process of registration much quicker. You can continue contact your County Childcare committee for support - www.myccc.ie . You can contact Tusla regarding early years service applications on 061 461715.



Roscommon CCC Training/Continuing Professional Development Events/Workshops

Workshop	Date	Time	Content & Who To Contact
Parent & Toddler Group Grant Workshop	Tuesday 20 th July	10am - 11am	Workshop will be held via MS Teams and go through the grant application. Contact Áine on 094 9622540 /087 7744404 or email aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie to book your place.
Fee policy workshop	Thursday 22 nd July	7- 8pm	 <p>Roscommon CCC will be hosting a FEE policy workshop for service providers on Thursday 22nd July @7pm. This will take providers through creating ECCE, NCS and CCSP fee lists. We will also go through the common errors and omissions. To book your place on this workshop please e mail carmel.dunne@roscommonchildcare.ie</p>

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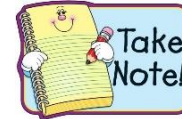
DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

****Today** Friday 16 July 2021**

- Childminding development grant applications close, see below for further information.

Friday 23 July 2021

- The deadline for submission for April 2021 FIRs



Friday 30 July 2021

- Parent and Toddler Group Grant application deadline.

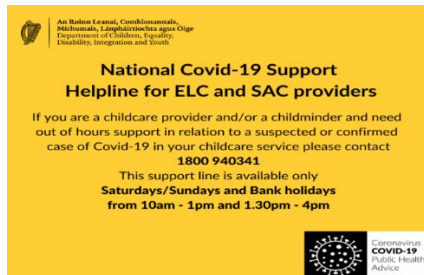
Tuesday 31 August 2021

- Playing outside grant applications close, see below for further information.

The Finance and Impact returns (FIRs) for April 2021 are available for completion at Pobal Online



The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth would like to emphasise the importance **for all community services** to continue to complete and submit the Finance and Impact Returns (FIRs) to Pobal. These returns provide essential information that allows DCEDIY and Pobal to identify and help services to resolve problems. They also act as an informative tool for services in the effective planning of their financial future and highlight the real effect of closure due to Covid-19 on community services. The deadline for submission for April 2021 FIRs has expired. If you have not yet submitted your return please now do so by Friday, 23 July 2021. If you require any assistance in completing the return please contact your support officer.




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**National Covid-19 Support
Helpline for ELC and SAC providers**

If you are a childcare provider and/or a childminder and need out of hours support in relation to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in your childcare service please contact **1800 940341**

This support line is available only **Saturdays/Sundays and Bank holidays from 10am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 4pm**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Covid Case Support Helplines

There are two helplines available to services who have a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in their service.

1. The HSE have a helpline to advise service providers if they have been informed of a Covid-19 case in a child or a staff member. The number is **01 511 9777** It is open Monday –Friday 8.30 –4.30 and 10 –4.30 Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays.

2. For those services who need support on engaging with the relevant authorities due to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19, there is an out of hours helpline. The number is 1800 940 341. The service will be available Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays from 10.00 –13.00 and 13.30 –16.00.

Webinar on public health advice

The Department hosted a public health webinar for services which included an update on the changes to the HPSC guidance. The webinar is published on first5.gov.ie.



OUTDOOR ENHANCEMENT GRANT

- The online application process for the Outdoor Enhancement Capital Grant 2021 is now taking applications on the Hive.
- To be eligible, applicants must have been contracted with DCEDIY to provide Early Learning and Care and or School Age Childcare Programmes on the 3 May 2021 and have a minimum of one child registered in respect of one or more of the DCEDIY registration-based schemes.
- The amount of grant available is pre-determined and calculated based on the number of individual children registered with the service as of 3 May 2021.

Number of children registered	Grant Allocation
1-49	€1,000
50-100	€2,000
101+	€2,500

- The timeframe for eligible expenditure under the grant is from **1 June 2021 - 31 December 2021**.

Payments for this grant will start on Friday 25 June and will be made weekly after that date. You should receive 100% of the grant, within 10 working days following the submission of your application.



Parent and Toddler Group Grant initiative 2021

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG (Roscommon CCC) in collaboration with the Department of Children, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Youth (DCEDIY) are seeking applications for the Parent and Toddler Groups Initiative Grant 2021.

If you are interested in setting up a new or existing Parent and Toddler Group and would like to make an application for 2021 funding, the Parent & Toddler group guidelines and an application pack can be [downloaded here from the Roscommon CCC website](#) or alternatively contact aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie by email or phone our office on 0949622540. Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm July 30th 2021. An information workshop will take place on July 20th to support groups applying for the grant please get in contact with Áine on the details above to book your place.



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ACCESS & INCLUSION MODEL (AIM)



What is AIM?

The **Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)** is a model of supports designed to promote inclusion and to ensure that children with disabilities can meaningfully participate in the **Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)** free pre-school programme in mainstream pre-school settings.

AIM is a child-centred model, offering a range of universal and targeted supports. It offers tailored, practical supports based on need and **does not require a formal diagnosis of disability.**



AIM Universal Supports – promoting inclusive settings

Universal supports are designed to promote and support an inclusive culture within pre-school settings.

Training to support inclusive practice is being rolled out for pre-school staff. Many settings now have a qualified **Inclusion Coordinator.**

AIM Inclusive Play is a set of sensory and educational play resources. AIM Inclusive Play packs have been distributed to all ECCE-registered pre-school settings across Ireland for the use of all children registered on the ECCE programme.

AIM Targeted Supports

For many children, AIM universal supports will be sufficient to ensure inclusion. However, some children may require one or more further, specific supports to ensure that they can participate fully in the ECCE programme.

These might take the form of specialist advice and support, **specialist equipment or appliances, minor building alterations, therapeutic intervention** or, in a small number of cases, **extra assistance** in the pre-school room.

While AIM does not fund Special Needs Assistants (SNAs), in some cases funding may be provided either to **reduce the child-to-adult ratio** in the pre-school room or to fund an extra staff member as a shared resource with other children in the ECCE setting.



How can I apply for AIM targeted supports?

Applications for AIM targeted supports can only be made through a pre-school setting. Pre-school settings and parents/guardians make applications together.

Advice and support from Better Start Early Years Specialists can be accessed by phone (01-511 7222), e-mail (onlinesupport@pobal.ie) or via the AIM online application form through the Programmes Implementation Platform (PIP), the PIP system providers use for payments from Pobal.

To apply for **specialised equipment, appliances or a grant towards minor alterations**, pre-school providers, in partnership with parents or guardians, should complete the relevant part of the online application form on PIP.

To apply for **early years educational advice, therapy services or additional funding for extra support in the pre-school room**, pre-school providers, in partnership with parents or guardians, should complete the "Access and Inclusion Profile" on PIP. Applications will be assessed by Better Start, whose Early Years Specialists will consider the strengths and needs of both the child and the setting.

BETTER START

Better Start have a new website www.betterstart.ie

You can find information on Better Start's three operational programmes:

- Quality Development Service
- Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)
- Learning and Development

You might also like the Resources section or the Training and Events area for announcements on upcoming professional development workshops!



First 5 CPD

There are a range of CPD resources for practitioners available on the First 5 website. To view the full range of courses available please click [here](#)



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STORY TIME WITH ROSCOMMON COUNTY LIBRARY

See link below to a lovely story with Little Gem Puppets courtesy our friends in Roscommon Library the Fox, The Owl and The Hunter.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=125076509701198>



Ready to draw with Tina Mation – workshop 1 (dragon) - <https://fb.watch/6tbYDhXCOT/>

Ready to draw with Tina Mation – workshop 2 (tigercub) - <https://fb.watch/6tbKCiWAEB/>

Mythical adventure stories with Wayne O'Connor - <https://fb.watch/6tbVvnwosM/>

GALWAY ROSCOMMON EDUCATION TRAINING BOARD LAUNCH UPDATED COURSE

Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board (GRETB) wish to inform you of the **NEW Early Learning and Care level 5 QQI course** that has replaced the old Early Childhood Education and Play Course 5M2009.

GRETB are also providing for one more year full time the opportunity to learners who have completed the old Early Childhood Education and Play course 5M2009 to progress to the **level 6 Early Childhood Education and Play 6M2007**. These one year full time courses are available at Colásite an Chreagáin, Mountbellew from September 2021. Learners can apply through fetchcourses.ie and places are filling up. Email pauline.davoren@gretb.ie or call 09096 79231 for more information.



**Environmental
Health Association
of Ireland**

**FOOD SAFETY FOR SMES (LEVEL 2) - FOOD SAFETY TRAINING –
EHAI (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND)
CERTIFIED VIA ZOOM**

Description - HACCP Food Safety Training Course – FSAI Level I & II FREE REMOTE TRAINING COURSE

Monday & Tuesday, 19th & 20th July, 2021

Course objective: Is to give staff knowledge, skills and competence in HACCP Food Safety and good hygiene practice and incorporates Food Information Regulation 2011 (Allergen information requirement).

PLEASE GO TO THE ONLINE BOOKING LINK BELOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

NOW: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Roscommon/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/Food-Safety-for-SMEs-Level-2-Food-Safety-Training-%E2%80%93-EHAI-Environmental-Health-Association-of-Ireland-Certified-via-ZOOM.html>



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Barnardos have recently launched their Spring/ Summer 2021
Training Webinars.



[Children First Child Protection Training](#) – 10/11th August 10am-1.00pm - €90

[An Introduction to Supervision in Early Learning and Care](#) – 11th August 6.30-8.30pm - €25

[Designated Liaison Person Training](#) – 7/8th September 10am-1.00pm - €90

[Making the Most of Supervision](#) (3 day course for Supervisors) – 15th/16th September and 27th
October 10am-5.00pm - €454

[Children First Child Protection Training](#) – 14/15th September 10.00am-1.00pm - €90

[An Introduction to Infant Mental Health in Early Learning & Care](#) – 22nd September 7-9pm - €15

[Designated Liaison Person Training](#) – 28/29th September 10am-1pm - €90

[Trauma Informed Practice in Early Learning and Care](#) – 13th October – 7-9pm - €15

Barnardo's will continue to add events to the Training section of their [website](#)

