



# Ballygawley Early Years Playgroup

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## Mission Statement

To provide a stimulating, safe and learning environment for children aged 3 to 4 years.  
To help them develop through play as equals whilst acknowledging their individual needs.  
We aim to give them the opportunity to develop as valued individuals.

- To learn through play in a safe, stimulating environment
- To enjoy the company of other children, interact and socialise
- To build relationships with adults away from the family in a safe environment
- To take part in a group which values everyone, whatever their race, gender, cultural background or special needs
- To develop his/her own character with the encouragement and support of adults
- To grow in self-confidence encouraging the ability to choose from a range of activities in a caring environment
- To develop independence of their own by managing apart from parents/guardians
- To encourage basic recognition of letters and numbers through play in preparation for school.

We strive to create a welcoming atmosphere with approachable staff to help create effective communication between parents and practitioners. When parents and practitioners work together, the results have a positive impact on the child's development and learning.

Ballygawley Early Years Playgroup is operational during term time from Monday to Friday. Currently we offer two part-time sessions;

- Morning session, from 09.00 to 11.30.
- Afternoon session, from 12.30 to 15.00.

Our playgroup is currently allocated 40 funded places under the Pre-School Education Programme. We currently employ 4 qualified child care workers, who follow the CCEA Curricular Guidance for Pre-school Education.