

Limerick Social Service Council offers a number of family support services including;

- Community Sisters
- Counselling Service
- Crèche
- Family Advocacy Service
- Family Welfare Conference
- Parent Support Programme
- Pre-school Service
- Services for Older People

There's something special about what the LSSC Early Years Service can offer.

Please view our website or contact the Centre Manager for details on the Fees and the Centre's policies. Application Forms are available from the Centre's Reception.

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promoting dignity and growth of all people

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Starting at a Crèche or a Pre-school is a big step for children and their parents.

Our aim is to nurture each individual child's emotional and physical wellbeing as well as their developmental and learning needs from birth to five years old.

Our team are always on hand to listen, understand and share your experience.



## WHO WE ARE

Welcome to the LSSC Early Years Service where we offer excellent full-time and sessional childcare services to children from 3 months to 4 years of age.

The LSSC Early Years Service is part of the Limerick Social Service Council (LSSC), one of the largest and longest serving community services in Limerick.

The LSSC, established over 50 years ago, offers a range of services throughout communities in Limerick City and County. In addition to Early Years services, the LSSC offers parent and family support, advocacy, counselling and support for older persons.

## WHAT WE OFFER

We offer a full day Crèche Service and a Pre-School Service (mornings only) five days a week.

We pride ourselves on providing a caring, stimulating and happy environment for every child in our care. We like to think that we can offer each child a more rounded, richer experience that cannot be found elsewhere.

The LSSC Early Years Service is a safe place where each child can enjoy the freedom to explore the life they are growing into. We give the highest attention to the safety and protection of children.

## CURRICULUM

We follow the Áistear Curriculum which we deliver through a play based curriculum. We ensure that each child at the Centre receives an integrated, balanced, and stimulating approach appropriate to their age and developmental stage. Our focus on a play-based curriculum ensures that our environment and our daily routines are structured so that children can play which we believe is a hallmark of children's healthy development.

Our qualified staff provide an environment that is conducive to play and learning and which reflects the principles and standards of the Siolta and the Áistear curriculum.

## OUR STAFF

Our team of staff, led by the Centre Manger, are committed to providing a high standard of service. All our staff are trained in Early Childhood Care & Education to a minimum of FETAC Level 5, are Garda vetted prior to employment by the LSSC and receive regular training updates in Child Protection and child care practices.

In line with our legal requirements and best practice, the ratio of staff to babies is 1:3 and for toddlers 1:6. The ratio in the Pre-school Service is 1 Leader and 1 Pre-school Assistant to 12-22 children.

## OUR CENTRE

The LSSC Early Years Service is located in a purpose-built facility, which is designed to the highest standard and ensures the best and safest environment.

Within the Centre, we have space for each child to be nurtured, to be encouraged, to be stimulated and to be really cared for. We have separate rooms and spaces depending on each child's age and developmental requirements. These include a Baby Room, a Toddler Room and the Pre-school.

## HEALTHY EATING

Mealtimes are a great opportunity to promote independence, good manners and acceptable social behaviour. At the Centre, healthy meals and afternoon snacks are served daily. Our in-house cook prepares a range of nutritious dishes to suit the dietary requirements of all our children.

## OUR ETHOS

Our ethos is to welcome and value all children as individuals and appreciate their uniqueness by offering a service tailored to each child's needs. We are therefore very proud of our welcoming and homely environment where the needs of each and every child lie at the heart of our ethos and practice.

We acknowledge the central role of parents (and guardians) as the primary carers and educators of their children. We are committed to being open, inclusive, welcoming and respectful of the parents (and guardians) whose children attend our Centre.

## OUR STANDARDS

Our service has gained accreditation in Siolta, which is the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and is designed to acknowledge services who strive to improve quality across all aspects of practice in early childhood care and education (ECCE). This award applies to all settings where children aged from birth to six years are present.

Our Centre in compliance with the Child Care (Pre-School Services) Regulations 2006 is notified to the HSE and inspected regularly.

## WHEN ARE WE OPEN

**Crèche:**  
Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm

**Pre-school:**  
Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## HOLIDAYS & CLOSURES

**Crèche:**  
Closed 4 days in January, 2 weeks in August & Public Holidays.

**Pre-school:**  
Open term-time  
Closed 2 weeks at Easter, 2 weeks at Christmas & Public Holidays.

## SECURITY

For security purposes, all access points to the Centre and rooms are monitored by CCTV. All parents, authorised collectors and visitors must first identify themselves to staff prior to admission.

Children can only be collected by persons over the age of 18 who designated by the parents or legal guardian of the child and named on the collection consent form.

