

Helping us to Help you.

The Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service are committed to research and evaluation of our Service.

We require your co-operation and participation in helping us to support the children and families that we work with.

Your information will be stored securely and confidentially. Any reports we generate (for our funders or research) will be completely anonymous and you will be part of thousands of families assisting us in supporting and improving our services.



Contact us

If you would like to make a referral or would like to know more about our ECDS, please contact

Our Values:

*Respect, Honesty, Compassion,
Justice and Fairness.*



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Early Childhood Development Service (ECDS)



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Who we are

The Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service (DoCCFS) is a voluntary public benefit non profit organisation working across the Dublin and Meath region. All our staff are professionally qualified to work with children in Early Years.

Our Early Childhood Development Service (ECDS) is funded by the following:

- **Tusla Child and Family Agency**
- **Pobal**
- **ECCE (Dept of Children and Youth Affairs)**
- **Reception and Integration Agency (RIA) Department of Justice & Equality**
- **Daughters of Charity**

While attending our Service, families will be required to sign a Consent Form prior to their child being offered a place.

Consent relates to:

- **Confidentiality**
- **Information gathering/sharing**
- **File-keeping**
- **“Helping us to Help You” Survey**

What we offer

The DoCCFS provides quality early childhood care and education to children between two and six years. All centres operate the ECCE scheme which entitles each child to three hours free pre-school, five days per week, for 38 weeks of the year.

Children attending our service are given the opportunity to play, learn, socialise and develop their independence skills in a safe, child centred, friendly, fun and nurturing environment. The ECDS provides a nutritious meal (in most centres) with a varied menu and healthy snacks each day. All dietary needs can be catered for.

The DoCCFS work in partnership with parents and referrers. As a professional organisation we work under legislation which strives to protect the rights and welfare of children. Each centre is Siolta accredited and follow the Aistear curriculum in early years education. Our centres are inspected by the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) Pre-School Inspection Service.

Our professionally qualified staff receive ongoing training, support and supervision.

Fees vary per centre. Please contact the centre manager for further information. Referrals are accepted from a variety of referral sources. Self referrals are welcome. All places are allocated by a selection committee. However, priority is given to Social Work referrals.

Other services and support we offer:

Child development is supported in numerous ways in our centres in partnership with parents and carers.

Our staff are trained to use Child Observational Records that support the child's development in competence, confidence and creativity throughout his/her placement.

The child's social, emotional, spiritual, cognitive and communication skills are encouraged and supported in preparation for school readiness and independence.

Children with additional needs are supported with onward referrals to appropriate services when required e.g. Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Assessment of Needs etc.

Children attending are provided with opportunities to express themselves through the media of art, music, sport and child literature and most importantly in a learning atmosphere of fun tolerance and respect.

Parents are supported by

- **Parenting Programmes**
- **Educational talks**
- **Parents Advisory Committee**
- **Family fun days, sports days, celebrations and open days**