



Welcome to Skryne Hill Preschool.

We aim to actively promote the holistic development of children attending our preschool by providing a safe, secure and developmentally appropriate environment. We are committed to offering a preschool that is engaging, inclusive, welcoming and respectful of the input of the parents.

We welcome and appreciate your continuous feedback so that we can provide the best Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) experience for your child.

Please remember that you can speak to Alison by popping in for a quick chat, calling 086-8427682 or emailing skrynehillpreschool@gmail.com.

Our Facilities

We extended our preschool in January 2018 by constructing a beautifully light and bright purpose-built preschool room which includes a construction area, role-play and home area, library, mark-making area, sand/water, art area, and music and movement area. We also have a large outside natural play area. Our curriculum supports children's Well-being, Identity & Belonging, Communication, and Exploring & Thinking following Aistear, Ireland's Early Childhood Curriculum Framework.

About us

We can currently cater for up to 22 children on a sessional basis from the age of 2.5 to 6 years. The staff ratios we operate on are 1 adult to 11 children. We operate a play based curriculum with High Scope and Montessori influences.

We are open from 9.00am to 12.00pm Monday through to Friday for 38 weeks of the year in line with local schools. We can provide an optional extra half hour each day depending on demand.

Fees

ECCE only children	FREE
Non ECCE children	€15 per day/€65 per week

Optional extras

Extra half hour	€5 per $\frac{1}{2}$ hour/€25 per week
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****Please note that extra half hour(s) MUST be booked in advance****

We are fully insured, registered with DCYA/Tusla and subject to regular inspection by Pobal, Tusla and Dept. of Education and Skills.

Our Staff Team

Alison King is the owner/manager of Skryne Hill Preschool and holds qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education at FETAC Level 5 and 6 as well as a Degree in Art, Design, Mixed Media and Textile Design.

With over 15 years' experience working in the Early Years sector, Alison is also a trainer with the National Childhood Network working with and mentoring preschools throughout Meath and Louth.

ECCE Scheme

Skryne Hill Preschool offers free preschool places (*3 hours per day, 5 days per week, 38 weeks of the year*) for children eligible for the ECCE scheme. Children with a birth date between 1st Jan and 31st December 2015 will be eligible for 2 years free ECCE starting September 2018. Children with a birth date between 1st Jan and 31st December 2016 will be eligible for 2 years free ECCE starting September 2019.

What will my child do at preschool?

Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn. Play is the optimum learning relationship for a child. The best learners at whatever age or stage of development are those that are best prepared to handle change.

Our curriculum allows the children to learn through play as the adult provides experiences to encourage children's creative, emotional, social and physical development. Each week, activities are planned based on observations of the children's interests whilst also incorporating learning themes.

Sample Daily Plan

9.00am	Arrival/Free Play
9.10am	Morning Meeting
9.20am	Free Play
10.20am	Tidy Up/Wash Hands/Eat Snack
11.00am	Outdoor Activities
11.30am	Group Work
11.45am	Music & Movement /Songs, Stories and Rhymes

Holidays/Closures

Skryne Hill Preschool is closed on all bank holidays. Exact closure dates will be detailed on our calendar which will correspond with local school holidays but here is an indication of what to expect.

Halloween - 1 week

Christmas - 2 weeks

February midterm - 1 week

Easter - 2 weeks

Closed end of June

Overview of our Policies and Procedures

Please note that our full list of policies and procedures are available for all parents to view.

Below is an overview:

- **Healthy Eating Policy:** We encourage healthy snacks; therefore no crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks. We may also have to exclude some foods in cases of food allergies.
- **Positive Behaviour Policy:** We support children to learn from their mistakes. We encourage forgiveness, discussion and conflict resolution.
- **Accident Policy:** All accidents are recorded - parents will be notified and will be required to co-sign any accident forms.
- **Open Door Policy:** Parents are encouraged to share any talents they may have e.g. flower arranging, knitting, storytelling, crafts, etc. Parents can also make an appointment to discuss their child at any time.
- **Collection Policy:** Only the authorised person(s) named on the admission form can collect the child. Any changes will need to be discussed in advance with Alison.
- **Illness Policy:** If your child is ill, they may need to be excluded in order to prevent the spread of infection. Children should be well enough to take part in all preschool activities including outdoor play.
- **Child Protection:** We have a dedicated trained child protection officer on the premises.
- **Toileting Policy:** We require that all children be toilet trained but we understand that accidents happen so a change of clothes is advisable. Parents must sign a form giving permission for their child's clothes to be changed.
- **Opening Hours:** We open Monday to Friday 9.00am-12.30pm. Parents are asked to respect this as our premises are not insured outside these times.
- **Fire Safety Policy - Fire Drills** with the children are carried out monthly and fire equipment checked regularly.