



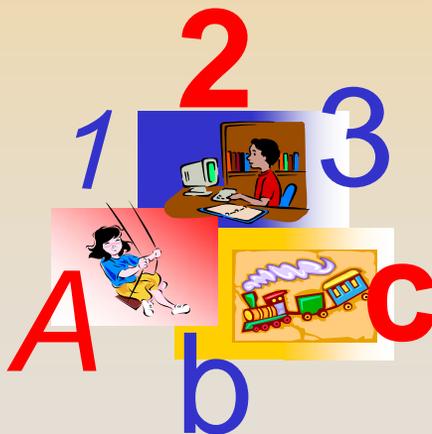
Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary Services



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*A child's smile is brighter
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Philosophy

- ✚ To provide a comprehensive Pre-School Service for children with an intellectual disability, including physical disabilities and challenging behaviour
- ✚ To provide a secure and caring environment for children attending the pre-school, where each child can develop to their full potential.
- ✚ To offer services to children within County Laois, stretching to the borders of Counties Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny and Offaly.
- ✚ To provide the services necessary to care for and support each child and to create a stimulating environment which will maximise each child's opportunity for growth.
- ✚ To work in partnership with parents/guardians and the Multi-Disciplinary Team



Multidisciplinary Team

- ✚ Community Nurse
- ✚ Dietician
- ✚ Occupational Therapist
- ✚ Psychologist
- ✚ Physical Education
- ✚ Physiotherapist
- ✚ Social Worker
- ✚ Speech & Language
- ✚ Paediatric Consultation
- ✚ Pre-school Staff
- ✚ ICT participation



Staff

Staff are dedicated and committed to providing each child with an individualised service.

Each child is assigned a Keyworker, this person has a special interest in the goals that are set for each child. This does not mean that they are solely responsible for that child as our policy is that we work as a team.



Programme Aims

Kolbe Pre-school achieves these objectives by utilising individually devised Programmes which ensures that each child is given the means and opportunity to:

- ✚ Develop communication skills through Speech & Language programmes.
- ✚ Develop physically through Physiotherapy and Physical Exercises
- ✚ Develop emotionally by treating each child with respect and dignity
- ✚ Develop social and recreational skills.
- ✚ Develop psychologically by providing the necessary support and encouragement needed for each child.
- ✚ Develop multiple skills using information and assistive technology.
- ✚ Develop means of relaxation, stimulation and socialising through music.
- ✚ Develop self-help skills.
- ✚ Develop sensory awareness through snoezelen, massage and aromatherapy techniques.

