



John Scottus Pre-School

Children's Charter

This charter will be available to view and examine by all members of the school community: Parents, Staff, Board of Management and Trustees. They will be available for inspection in the Pre-school classroom in Old Conna, Ferndale Rd, Rathmichael, Co Dublin and on our School website.

Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 ([Síolta Standard 1: Rights of the Child](#)) ([National Standard 8: Care, Play and Learning](#))

Statement of Intent:

Young children rely on responsible adults to care and protect them. Our staff are in a relationship of special trust - one that is powerful and important. We recognise that our role is multi-faceted and we have developed this code of ethics to provide the best quality service possible.

Policy and Procedure:

This Code of Ethics is underpinned by the following principles.

- The well-being of the individual child is of fundamental importance.
- We acknowledge the uniqueness of each child attending our service.
- We consider the needs of the child within the context of the family and culture, as the family has a major influence on the young child.
- We take into account the critical impact of self-esteem on the individual child's development.
- We base practice on sound knowledge, research and theories, while at the same time recognising the limitations and uncertainties of these.

- We work to fulfil the right of all children and their families for access to services of high quality.

Procedure:

Based on the above principles we have developed the following Children's Charter.

Children's Charter:

- Children's welfare and their rights to a secure, healthy and happy childhood are paramount.
- The experiences children receive in their early years are critically important in terms of future development.
- Children are entitled to expect that all adults will respect, uphold and preserve their rights and to ensure that their feelings and wishes are taken into account.
- Children should have the opportunity to make choices and develop a sense of responsibility for their own actions appropriate to their age.
- Children, parents/guardians should not be discriminated against, particularly in relation to colour, age, race, religion, gender, disability medical conditions or background.
- Parents/guardians should be recognised and respected as children's first and continuing educators.