



**Press Release From: Roscommon County Childcare Committee 15/09/2022**

### **New Core Funding Model To Support Childcare Providers/Staff Teams, Children and Families**

100% of services in County Roscommon have now signed up to Core Funding which comes into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Irene Cafferky County Childcare Coordinator/Manager with Roscommon County Childcare Committee stated *'I want to acknowledge the commitment of our Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Childcare (SAC) providers in working alongside our team to implement this new funding model for their service and the families and children they support through their programme of early learning and care. This means a commitment by our services in County Roscommon to freeze their fees for parents for the programme year 2022/2023. Our team continue to be available for support on 0949622540 or on [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie). Our website provides a lot of useful information [www.roscommonchildcare.ie](http://www.roscommonchildcare.ie)'*

The core funding programme under Minister O Gorman of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth also recognises ELC staff qualifications and further supports a graduate led sector throughout County Roscommon. The recent employment regulation order signed off by government was a landmark moment for the ELC/SAC sector in supporting those who nurture and develop our youngest citizens and future leaders. Core Funding agreements come into effect from 15<sup>th</sup> September. Services will publish and display their "Parent Statement" and make available it to parents.

County Roscommon providers who have signed up to Core Funding will be required to:

- a) Follow the fee management system.
- b) Implement the quality improvement measures under the Workforce Development Plan.
- c) Implement the relevant practice frameworks.
- d) Develop, implement, and report on an annual quality development plan.
- e) Provide transparent financial reports and participate as required in cost surveys and other necessary data-collection exercises.
- f) Offer the NCS and ECCE programme to all eligible children/parents, including children accessing the NCS through sponsorship arrangements.

If you are a parent and have a query on any aspect of your child's access to ELC/SAC contact out team at 0949622540 or email us at [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie)

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