



# Stepping Stone Aberfoyle Park Childcare & Early Development Centre

## Centre Philosophy

Stepping Stone Aberfoyle Park Childcare & Early Development Centre adopts a holistic learning approach which embraces the Early Years Learning Framework. We encourage each child to develop a sense of being, belonging and becoming. All children are unique and have the right to be treated equally and with respect. Children's views and ideas are recognised as an important part of developing a sense of self.

Using a variety of planned and spontaneous activities together with individual and group experiences, we aim to build on each child's understanding of their world and the environment in which they live.

Our focus is on growing each child's confidence, encouraging exploration and curiosity to enhance skills and promote successful outcomes whilst having fun. We believe that our role as educators is to support children to achieve their full potential in a warm and secure environment establishing solid foundations for their future learning journey.

We will provide an indoor and outdoor learning environment that is safe yet challenging, encouraging autonomy, self-help skills, problem solving, flexibility and play. We recognise that the physical environment, educator engagement and teaching interactions play a significant role in the developing child.

We will embed sustainable practices into every day routine and encourage families and the community to participate in making choices that respect our environment.

Families play an integral role in their child's ongoing development. The support and information shared and provided by the families is essential to maintaining high quality care and education. Families provide the link between the centre and home by sharing information, skills, cultural values and a sense of belonging.

We believe that trust, respect and collaboration are the basis for establishing strong partnerships between the community, families and staff. We will recognise and respect each child and their family's beliefs and values, embracing cultural diversities to strengthen our and each child's understanding of the world.



The Centre will strengthen its connections within the local community through participation in local activities; establishing links with a wide variety of outside agencies, such as schools, libraries and health services.

We aim to establish ourselves as a unique service within the community offering high quality education and care. Through reflection of our own practices, professional development, feedback from children, families, agents and the community we will continue to embrace the philosophy of continuous improvement.

Written by Centre Director and Staff Team in consultation with children and families.

