



## A Sure Start Children's Centre

### Learning, Care and Play Policy

#### Rationale

*Clarendon Children's Centre is committed to the helping children achieve more by encouraging confidence, independence and enjoyment of learning in the children who attend the Centre. The Centre will offer the highest possible quality learning, care and play opportunities to ensure better outcomes for all Centre users.*

*Clarendon Children's Centre has written this policy to ensure that best practice and procedures are carried out at the Centre. This policy complies with the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework.*

#### Aims:

- *To enable children to become inquisitive, resourceful and independent learners.*
- *To develop high self esteem and help children develop the skills necessary to build positive friendships and relationships.*
- *To develop tolerance and understanding in children in order that they respect the ideas, cultures and beliefs of others.*
- *To help children understand their local community and how they are an integral in ensuring that the community is harmonious and happy.*

#### Implementation of Policy

At **Clarendon Children's Centre** we provide a stimulating and exciting environment which allows children to grow, develop and achieve more.

#### Programme of Activities

- The Centre will assign an Outreach Worker to every Play and Learn Session. They will provide a well-planned and organised learning and play environment that provides children with a rich range of activities which enable them to investigate explore and problem solve.
- The Outreach Worker will be responsible for responsible for communicating with the child's parents or carers and children's centre's volunteers.
- **Clarendon Children's Centre** will ensure that activities are well planned and based on the child's starting point, needs and interests. Activities will be planned indoors and outdoors to enable children to learn and explore in many different ways.

- Activities will be planned to enable children to develop thinking skills and encourage a natural curiosity in their surroundings. The Centre recognises that children are individuals and will plan activities which enable all children to achieve.
- The Centre will involve children in planning and assessing their learning at a level appropriate to their age and ability.
- The Centre will display the termly weekly activity in the play room.

***Clarendon Children's Centre will provide opportunities for:***

- Staff to reflect on practice at team meetings and in supervision. Where possible staff will be allowed opportunities to observe other Children's Centre's in action and learn from best practice in the local area.
- Staff to demonstrate positive role modeling and respond appropriately to children to enable them to achieve more within the centre or by signposting them to specialized services.
- Members of staff will celebrate achievements by all children.
- The Centre will provide children with a wide range of equipment and resources appropriate to their age and interests and which enable them to achieve better outcomes.
- Children will be offered access to outdoor play every day, subject to weather conditions.
- The Centre Manager will ensure that members of staff effectively plan, analyze and evaluate sessions and plan their next learning step effectively.

***Any questions about this policy should be directed to the Centre Manager Sue Burgess***