

TIGERS
Childcare



PARENT INFORMATION PACK & REGISTRATION FORM

Early Years Centre, Ridgewood

COMPANY INFORMATION

Tigers Childcare is a business name owned by Tiger Time Limited – registered address College Business and Technology Park, Ballycoolin, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Company Registration number 488188.

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ABOUT TIGERS EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Our environments are designed into areas of interest where the children can learn and explore. All learning is child lead and planning comes from staff observations and each child's emerging interests. The curriculum is extremely individualised meaning that every child has the ability to be an individual and to develop at their own pace.

We make learning fun and memorable. Children are encouraged to have opinions and to question and participate. We use hands-on materials for all learning.

Each child is allocated a key worker who is responsible for the children's developmental path. Parents receive daily updates and monthly learning stories on their child's developmental progress and a plan for the path ahead.

Our childcare rooms are designed into key areas of interest for child-lead exploration. Each room will have a small motor area, dramatic play area, block play area, gross motor area, small play area, mess play area, art centre, book corner and quiet/chill out zone. Each area is designed to constantly challenge a child's development and make learning fun.

Our outside play area is also vitally important. We believe that there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing and as such outside time is time-tabled daily. Our outdoor environment allows for a combination of dramatic play, gross motor development, sensory expropriation and risky taking.

Research has shown that children like to play in outdoor environments that look as if they built them themselves. Taking this into account our garden is very different from your stereotypical child's playground. It allows for a child's holistic development. Many open-ended materials have been used to allow the child's imagination shape and change the space.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday to Friday from 7:30am – 6:30pm for 51 weeks of the year.

Tigers Childcare is closed for all bank and public holidays. In addition Tigers Childcare is closed for one week of the Christmas school holidays.

LOCATION

Tigers Early Years Centre is located in the Neighbourhood Centre, Ridgewood, Forest Road, Swords.

NUMBER OF SPACES/PLACES AVAILABLE

Places in all of our programmes are strictly limited and priority will be given to families residing in the locality of the relevant centre, and families who are regular users of that centre. Enrolment is also limited to the available spaces on site and is restricted to regular users. The following places are available:

- Discoverers Room (children aged 0 -2 years) – 10 places available
- Explorers Room (children aged 2 – 3 years) – 12 places available
- Active Cubs Room (children aged 3 – 6 years)
 - Morning Class (9:15am – 12:15pm ECCE sessional pre-school class) – 20 places available
 - Afternoon Class (13:15 pm– 16:15pm ECCE sessional pre-school class) – 20 places available
 - Full Day Service (3-6 year olds) – 22 places available.

Please note that the number of available spaces is subject to change.

POLICY & PROCEDURES

This document must be read in conjunction with our general Policy & Procedures, a copy of which is available on the 'Parent's Page' of our website. The page is password protected. You can obtain the password from a member of staff.

STAFF/CHILD RATIO

Tigers operate a staff to child ratio, in accordance with Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

- Discoverers Room (children aged 1-2 years) – Staff to child ratio 5:1
- Explorers Room (children aged 2 – 3 years) – Staff to child ratio 6:1
- Active Cubs Room (children aged 3 – 6 years)
 - Morning Class – Staff to child ratio 11:1
 - Afternoon – Staff to child ratio 8:1

STAFF TRAINING/ EXPERIENCE

Tigers employ only trained and experienced staff members. Our managers have at least FETAC Level 6 in a childcare qualification or hold a degree in Early Childhood Education and all other employees have at least FETAC Level 5 in a childcare qualification. Each employee must also pass a Garda Vetting check before employment.

TYPES OF CARE AND PROGRAMMES OFFERED

We offer a number of childcare options. These options are designed to offer as flexible a service to the parents as possible.

➤ ***Discoverers (children aged 0 – 2)***

Children from the age of 1-2 are constantly discovering the world around them. Development is taking place rapidly on a daily basis. The discovery room is designed to meet the needs of a child at this stage of development. We understand that all children are developing at different paces and so our practitioners are on hand to observe each child's progress and track their future learning path.

The room is split into a number of areas for exploration:

Dramatic Play: Children are starting to explore the world around them. They are starting to act out what they see in the real world and so our dramatic play area allows for children to explore real life experience. From the home corner to dolls, animals and real life foods our discoverers love to play with the materials.

Messy Play: Children of this age are exploring many things with their senses. It is important that they have the opportunity to touch and feel many different textures. Our messy play allows them to explore their senses with touch and feel in a safe environment.

Block Play: This area allows for an introduction into the use of building materials. Children learn about stacking, order and balance.

Book Area: Books are introduced at an early stage. This allows our discoverers to explore literacy and language development.

Small Play Area: Children can explore the worlds around them and are introduced to different people, animals and objects from the environment in which they live.

Small Motor Area: Through age appropriate puzzles, games and tools the children start to develop the fine motor skills they will need for future development.

Treasure Baskets and Heuristic Play: These open ended play experiences provide infants with opportunities to personally select, discover and handle objects in order to construct their own understanding.

Gross Motor Steps: The steps allow our children to explore crawling and walking up and down a stepped area. The cross lateral development of using this piece of equipment is important to a children future development.

Quiet Area: This is a soft play area for quiet play and chill out time. It is important that children have a quiet space protected from noisy play.

Sleep Room: Our Discoverers have their own sleep area. This area is supervised at all times by an adult and is a relaxing area for rest and sleep.

➤ **Explorers (children aged 2 – 3)**

Our Explorers (age 2-3) are becoming experts in the world around them. They need challenges to build on the skills already learned and push them further in their individual development. They need to be able to challenge themselves within a safe environment and with support realise that they are active players in the world around them.

Our Explorer's room is divided into a number of key areas in order to stimulate the children's development:

Dramatic Play: Children at this age are starting to develop language skills at a rapid rate. The dramatic play area allows children to use these language skills and test them within a safe environment. It also allows a child to work out real life scenarios and problem solve through play. Our dramatic play area changes throughout the year in order to allow our Explorers use their imagination in play.

Messy Play and Art Area: Sensory exploration and artistic play take place here. All materials are at a child's level and the children are welcome to use the area as they wish at any time of the day.

Block Area/ Construction Area: This area has an array of building and construction materials. Skills developed in this area are the basis for early maths. Children are encouraged to create, design, and problem solve through the use of building materials.

Small Play: The small play area uses small replicas of the world around us. This area is used for play, sorting and classification. This is all-important to your child's development.

Book area & Quiet space: The book area is filled with an abundance of reading materials to fill our Explorers with the love of reading and literacy. Through the use of stories we hope to build on language development. The quiet area is a protected space for children to rest or play alone.

Small Motor Area: Materials are provided to build on the child's fine motor skills. These materials include puzzles, games, and manipulation apparatus.

Gross Motor Area: Challenges our Explorers to further build upon their movement and motor skills. Climbing and stepping are still a key part of learning although over and under, pulling and crawling movements are introduced.

The Explorers space and also the curriculum offered daily allows each child to reach their full potential. Planning is displayed weekly so that parents are aware of their child's learning path.

➤ **Active Cubs (children aged 3 – 6)**

Our Active Cubs (3-6 years) operates as our pre-school classroom. We offer both sessional (ECCE year) and full time places in two creative environments.

The emphasis of our learning is that children are given the building blocks to become active in their learning. This allows for school readiness and gives the children empowerment in their future learning.

All key learning and new concepts are delivered within a circle time. Delivery of information and learning within a group opens up the floor for collaborative discussion. It allows our Active Cubs to ask questions and to problem solve with the guidance of their practitioners. It allows for the Active Cubs to push their development by asking "what if" questions and to innovate while developing.

Our play space is divided into key areas of interest for the children to explore:

Dramatic Play Area: This area constantly evolves and changes to allow children explore the outside environment within a safe space. It will change from home, to shop, from school to restaurant. Children love to explore, act out and problem solve in this space.

Messy Play and Art Station: Like our Explorer Room, sensory exploration and artistic play take place here. All materials are at a child's level and the children are welcome to use the area as they wish at any time of the day.

Block and Construction Area: The Active Cubs are now experts in the area of construction. In our Active cubs Room we challenge our learners through the introduction of new materials and our favourite large blocks for further fun.

Small Play Area: Allows our cubs to play with the real and fictional world. Whether it's the farm, the garage or the dinosaur world our children's imagination comes to life in this area.

Fine Motor Skills Area: Our little hands get ready for future development through handwriting, lace tying and bottle opening and pouring. It is in this space that we develop through fun activities. Puzzles, games, manipulation and practice help to pave the way. We also explore the use of Montessori equipment.

Book and Quiet Space: An abundance of books allows us to explore social and emotional issues as well as to travel to far-flung places in our imaginations. This space allows for group stories as well as asking as a quiet space for children who wish to relax.

Music and Sound: Our room has an area for music play. This allows a child to explore and be creative. Whether listening or creating there is lots of fun to be had.

Gross Motor Skills: Our important fine motor skills depend on our gross motor skills being developed and strong. Our program has a focus on outdoor play, inside movement breaks and active play. There is a constant focus on making sure that each child has strong building blocks for core body movement and so active play is part of the daily timetable.

➤ **ECCE Scheme Pre-School**

We provide a sessional pre-school service to children aged between 3 and 5. This service is offered under the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme, which provides a free pre-school year to children in the year before they are due to start primary school. In general, children are eligible for the ECCE scheme if they are aged between 2 years 9 months and 3 years 8 months on 1 September of the year that they will be starting.

Our pre-school class runs from 9:30am – 12:30pm, and 1:15pm- 4:15pm Monday to Friday for 38 weeks of the year. Our pre-school calendar is available for you to view in the centre.

Certain enrolment criteria apply to ECCE scheme pre-school places.

➤ **TEC Scheme**

We have limited places available under the TEC scheme. The objective of the TEC programme is to support parents on eligible training courses and eligible categories of parents returning to work, by providing subsidised childcare places. There are different categories available.

1. Childcare Education and Training Support Programme (CETS)

The CETS programme formerly catered for FAS and VEC training course participants and now provides childcare on behalf of the Local Education and Training Boards.

2. After School Child Care Programme (ASCC)

The ASCC is administered on behalf of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and provides after school care for primary school children for certain categories of working parents and parents on DSP employment programmes (not including Community Employment).

3. Community Employment Childcare Programme (CEC)

The CEC is administered on behalf of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and provides childcare for children of parents who are participating on Community Employment Schemes.

Certain enrolment criteria apply to TEC scheme places.

➤ **Part-time Care**

Part-time places are available, subject to availability, and at the discretion of Tigers Early Years.

ORDER OF DAILY ACTIVITIES

Discoverer & Explorer Rooms

Our timetable is directly related to each individual child's development and routine. The timetable will be displayed weekly for parents to view. Parents will also receive daily written feedback on their child and monthly learning stories with regard to their child's development.

Pre-School Classes

Tigers Early Years Centre operates a play based curriculum model, which is based around Aistear. Aistear is the national framework for early years education. Our rooms are broken into learning stations. These stations allow children a choice in their learning. Using a key worker system we observe each child's development over time, and individual plans are made to scaffold each child's learning experience. In a typical Tigers Pre-School classroom you would find the following learning stations:

- **Dramatic play station**
- **Small play corner**
- **Construction station**
- **Montessori corner**
- **Writing/ Art station**
- **Puzzles and small motor area**
- **Library and chill out zone**

A day in Tigers Pre-School allows children to experience learning through play. We believe that children of pre-school age learn best through play and hands-on experience. It is in their play that children make sense of the world. Staff follow a timetable to allow for structure during the day. However, the timetable is flexible and allows for the child-centered practice of following a child's emerging interests.

A typical day at tigers will see the children taking part in the following activities:

- **Free-play**
- **Circle time**
- **Station time**
- **Arts and crafts**
- **Drama and movement**

The curriculum pays particular attention to areas of language development, pre-reading skills, early maths, language and skills, and social and emotional development.

COLLECTIONS AND SECURITY

Parents will be given an enrolment form before their child starts in the programme. This enrolment form leaves space for parents to fill in two names, apart from their own, of people whom they give permission to collect their child. If someone other than these authorised people arrives to collect a child, the parent must be called and the collection approved before the child leaves the premises.

In the case of separated parents, we are not permitted to refuse a parent the collection of a child unless legal documentation has been provided.

FOOD

We ask that parents provide one snack per day for their child. Please do not pack sweets, crisps, popcorn, sugary treats, fizzy drinks or fruit juices. We ask that all snacks provided are healthy.

If your child is still taking a bottle or formula milk from a beaker, we ask that you provide both the formula and the bottle/beaker each day. Please be sure to label both the food the bottle/beaker.

Children who attend Tigers for the full day will be provided with breakfast (if they start at 7:30am), a hot lunch, and an afternoon snack.

Tigers will provide water through out the day for all children. We do not provide fruit juices or fizzy drinks and we ask that parents adhere to this policy when providing snacks from home.

Our hot meals are provided by Moon and Spoon who specialise in catering for children of all ages. They work closely with a consultant dietician to ensure that all of their dishes provide optimum nutrition. Using a mix of fun names, aromas, textures and flavours the food appeals specifically to children's senses. Because the menu is entirely balanced, it helps children develop excellent dietary habits from a very early age. You can find out more about Moon and Spoon on their website – www.moondandspoon.com.

NAPPIES/CREAMS/WIPES

If your child wears nappies we ask that you provide nappies, wipes, cream etc each day.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please ensure that you pack a change of clothes (including vest if necessary) for your child each day.

FEES

A booking deposit equivalent to one month's fees is payable upon application for a place on one of our programmes. Deposits for children who qualify for any childcare scheme (Universal or ECCE) will be based on the **full** month's fee and not the reduced price. If a parent wishes to withdraw a child from a programme one month's written notice must be provided, failing which the deposit will be retained. Subject to the necessary notice being provided the deposit will be refunded less any outstanding fees and charges. Please note the deposit cannot be used as the last month's fees.

		From September 2018
Junior Discoverers		€1,019 per calendar month (reduced to €939 per calendar month under Universal Scheme)
Discoverers Room	€950 per calendar month	€969 per calendar month (reduced to €889 per calendar month under Universal Scheme).
Explorers Room	€900 per calendar month	€918 per calendar month (reduced to €838 per calendar month under Universal Scheme)
Active Cubs (sessional pre-school)	Free under ECCE scheme or €278 per calendar month	Free under ECCE scheme or €304.95 per calendar month
Active Cubs (full-time care)	€850 per calendar month (reduced by €204.25 over 12 months of free ECCE year)	€867 per calendar month (reduced to €648.50 per calendar month for ECCE years*)
TEC Scheme	€5/15/25 per week depending on programme plus any optional extras.	No change
Camps	€110 – 150 per week	No change

***NB* our fees are increasing in September 2018 as outlined above due to the service being open for one additional week per year.**

* ECCE fee based on child being eligible to join the ECCE scheme in September of each year. Will be pro-rata if child joins scheme/service later in the year.

Unless otherwise agreed all fees are payable monthly in advance on the first of each month and again, unless otherwise agreed, are to be paid by direct debit. A €20 monthly administration fee will be charged where fees are not paid by direct debit.

Fee invoices are issued via email on a monthly basis. An email address must be provided on the registration form.

Fees are to be paid without deductions. For clarity please note that fees are due in full irrespective of a child not attending because of, but not limited to, illness or holiday.

Tigers is entitled, at its discretion, to charge an additional €10 per day for each day or part of a day payment is late. In addition Tigers will be entitled to terminate service with immediate effect if any payment stands overdue by seven days or more and please note such termination will be without prejudice to Tigers' right to enforce all of its entitlements herein to include payment.

Late Pickup Fee

Please note that in the event a child is not collected on or before the centre's closing time i.e. 6:30pm, a fee of €10.00 per minute or part thereof may be charged until such time as the child is collected. Repeated late pick-ups may result in Tigers terminating service.

FALSE INFORMATION (UNIVERSAL, ECCE & TEC SCHEMES)

The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs checks that all information you have provided in respect of your child's PPSN and date of birth is correct. They will contact us if they come across any discrepancies and we will ask the parent in question to reconfirm the details given and provide necessary documentation as proof.

If it transpires that you have given false information on your registration form you will be liable to pay fees to Tigers Childcare for the duration that your child attended.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register your child you need to complete the attached registration form and return it to us along with a booking deposit equivalent to one month's fee.

ECCE Pre-School Registration

When registering your child for their free ECCE pre-school year the registration form must be accompanied with a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of their PPSN. A deposit of €65 is also required to secure their place. The deposit is fully refundable subject to a child taking up their place and being eligible for the ECCE Scheme. The €65 deposit is also fully refundable in circumstances where a place is not offered to a child.

Places are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to families residing in the locality and families who are regular users of our centre. Priority will be given to children who qualify for a place in September each year and who are enrolling for 5 days per week. Tigers will not 'hold' places for children who qualify for an ECCE place at a later date. In such cases parents can enroll their child from September and pay a monthly fee until such time as their child qualifies.

Is My Child Eligible for the ECCE Scheme?

From September 2018 there will be one entry point in September for children to join the ECCE class. The age of eligibility has been reduced from 3 years to 2 years and 8 months and the upper age limit remains at 5 years and 6 months. Children must be 2 years 8 months by September to start on the ECCE scheme.

To avail of the ECCE programme from :	Children must have been born between the following dates (inclusive)
September 2017 (until June 2018)	1st January 2013 - 31st August 2014
January 2018 (until June 2018)	1st January 2013 - 31st December 2014
April 2018 (until June 2018)	1st January 2013 - 31st March 2015
September 2018 (until June 2019)	1st January 2014 - 31st December 2015
September 2019 (until June 2020)	1st January 2015 - 31st December 2016
September 2020 (until June 2021)	1st January 2016 - 31st December 2017

TEC Scheme Places

In addition to the registration form the following documentation must be supplied – proof of the parent's PPSN, proof of the child's PPSN, a completed TEC application form, a letter from the course/work provider (on their headed paper) stating that the parent is eligible for the scheme and including the name of the parent, the name of the eligible course, the start date of the course, the number of weeks of the course. In the case of parents who are attending courses, a copy of the course calendar must also be provided.

Universal Scheme Places

In addition to the registration form the following documentation must be supplied – proof of the parent's PPSN, proof of the child's PPSN, a completed Universal/CCSP application form.

Name: _____

Telephone No (day contact): _____

Home address of either of the above if different from child:

With whom is child living? _____

Nominated Emergency Contact Person

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No (day contact): _____

Medical Information

G.P.'S name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Record of Immunisation

Please tick and enter date below:

1) Vaccination Schedule for children born on or after 1st October 2016

	6 in 1 + PCV + Men B + Rotavirus	6 in 1 + Men B + Rotavirus	6 in 1 + PCV + Men C	MMR + Men B	Men C + Hib + PCV

2) Vaccination Schedule for children born on 1st July 2015 – 30th September 2016

	6 in 1 + PCV	6 in 1 + Men C	6 in 1 + Menc C + PCV	MMR + PCV	Men C + Hib

3) Vaccination Schedule for children born on 1st October 2010 – 30th June 2015

B.C.G.	6 in 1 + PCV13	6 in 1 + Men C	6 in 1 + PCV13 + MenC	MMR + PCV13	MenC + Hib

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4) Vaccination Schedule for children born on 1st July 2008 – 30th September 2010

B.C.G.	6 in 1 + PCV7	6 in 1 + Men C	6 in 1 + PCV7 + MenC	MMR + PCV7	MenC + Hib

5) Vaccination Schedule for children born on 1st July 2006 – 30th June 2008

B.C.G.	5 in 1 + MenC	5 in 1 + Men C	5 in 1 + MenC	MMR + Hib

If your child was vaccinated prior to the dates shown in the tables above please provide us with a copy of their immunisation schedule.

Does your child have any of the following (if not applicable please write n/a next to each heading)?

Allergies: _____

Special needs: _____

Disability: _____

Illness: _____

Please notify us of any special care/attention that is required due to any of the above. If your child has every suffered from Febrile Convulsions please indicate below:

I consent to prescribed medicines by oral administration and others (inhalers/injectable adrenaline) in accordance with the policy and procedure of the service.

NB: Parents will always be asked to complete an Administration of Medication form prior to the medicines being given.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Name: _____

Date: _____

I consent to the administration of teething gels and temperature control medication (Calpol or equivalent) in accordance with the policy and procedures of this service.

NB: Parents will always be informed when medication has been administered to their child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Name: _____

Date: _____

In the event of a medical emergency I hereby give permission to the management of Tigers Early Years to act on my behalf in case of emergency or accident and take such action as necessary for the benefit of my child. This decision is to be taken by the staff person in charge at the time of the emergency.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Name: _____

Date: _____

In the event that my child has a minor accident/injury/illness at Tigers and the staff are unable to reach me, I give my authorisation to Tigers to provide my child with Calpol (or equivalent).

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Child Name: _____

Date: _____

Additional Information

Persons authorised to collect child (other than parent/guardian)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone No (day contact): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone No (day contact): _____

Permission for Photographs/Videos

I hereby give permission for my child to be photographed/video recorded at Tigers Childcare. Photographs/videos may be used for the following:

- Documenting learning e.g. Observations, Learning Stories
- TUSLA Early Years Inspectorate / DES Inspectorate
- Service Evaluation
- In-Displays & Information
- Tigers Childcare Facebook Page & Website

Yes	No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Name: _____

Date: _____

Permission to Change Clothes

It may become necessary to change you child's clothing as a result of, for example, messy play or wet/soiled clothing.

I hereby give permission to Tigers Childcare to change my child's clothing if required.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Name: _____

Date: _____

Sunscreen Policy

Sunscreen is an essential part of keeping children safe in the sun. Per our Sunscreen Policy, during the summer months parents are asked to put sunscreen on their child in the morning (preferably all day sunscreen) before they arrive at Tigers. **We ask that you use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 as a minimum.** We would ask that you leave sunscreen in your child's bag so that the sunscreen can be reapplied during the day if necessary. Please sign below to give permission for Tigers Childcare to apply sunscreen to your child. Signing below also gives your permission for Tigers Childcare to use the sunscreen held on site in the event that your child does not have their own. If your child is allergic to any particular brands, please make a note of it below.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Name: _____

Allergies to known Brands: _____

Date: _____

Infectious Diseases

I will notify the service as soon as possible if my child is diagnosed with an infectious disease e.g. measles, viral meningitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Name: _____

Date: _____



PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read the Parent Information pack and in signing this parent agreement I confirm that;

- I have read and understood the Parent Information Pack and the Policies and Procedures document
- I agree to adhere to all stated policies and procedures
- I understand that Tigers Childcare is a business name owned by Tiger Time Limited.
- Unless otherwise agreed, I agree to pay my fees in advance on the first of each month.
- I understand that if I am late in paying my fees by seven days or more, Tigers Childcare may terminate service to my child/children.
- I understand that Tigers Childcare may charge an additional fee of €10.00 per day for each day that I am late in paying my fee.
- I understand that if I wish to remove my child from Tigers Childcare that one month's written notice must be provided, failing which my deposit will not be refunded.
- I understand that if I am late in collecting my child, a fee of 1.00 per minute, or part thereof, will be charged until such time as my child is collected.
- I have read the rules of behaviour management and understand that constant disruptive behaviour can lead to my child being excluded.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Date child first attended: _____ **Has deposit been received: Yes / No** _____ **Amount: €** _____

Has direct debit mandate been completed & signed? _____

Has each section on registration form been fully completed? _____

Has Parent Agreement been signed? _____

Date child last attended: _____ **Deposit refunded: Yes / No** _____ **Amount: €** _____



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CHILD PROFILE

We would like to get to know a little bit more about your child and your family life. The information you provide on this questionnaire will enable us to incorporate your family life, culture and traditions within our program and planning. We would also like to further extend on the children's understanding of diversity through the experiences we provide to the children based on your responses.

Child's name: _____

Any nicknames? _____

Child's Age: _____

DOB: _____

Who lives at home with your child (parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles etc.)? _____

Any Siblings? What are their ages? _____

Any Pets? How many? What type? _____

Child's religion & ethnic background: _____

Is there any information about holidays, celebrations or cultural events that we need to be aware of?

What family traditions would you like to share your knowledge about or provide information to your child's group?

Child's likes & hobbies: _____

Child's general temperament/personality: _____

Any favourite/special toys? _____

Any other information you'd like us to be aware of? _____
