



Spraoi Chill Mhantáin

ECCE/ CCSP/ CCSU policy:

1. It is noted that parents of preschool children like to keep their child at home as they feel that when they go to “big school” they will have to be at school every day. With this in mind, parents can often keep a child home when they could be at preschool.
2. It is also noted that the funding body for ECCE, CCSP/ CCSU is now implementing a policy that requires a child to attend preschool for the amount of days they have been allocated every week, unless there is illness or a valid reason not to attend.
3. Therefore if a child is registered for 5 days, they must regularly attend for those 5 days. The same applies to children registered for a smaller number of days.
4. Should a child be absent for more than 20 consecutive days, they must be deregistered from the service effective immediately. This is not a policy of this service, but a policy of POBAL, who are the statutory agency who administer the funding (taxpayers money) and so are tasked with ensuring monies are spent correctly.
5. Should a child be registered for a number of days, and regularly attend for less days, they will be deregistered and reregistered for the reduced number of days. Their other days will be offered out to children awaiting places.
6. POBAL are entitled (and are now enforcing) that should the above scenario arise in point 5 above, they will demand repayment of funding from the service. If this does take place, the parent will be responsible for paying the service any monies withdrawn from the service by POBAL.
7. In exceptional circumstances, POBAL can be lenient. Therefore it is vital that if there are extenuating circumstances, you engage with the service to explain absence so that they, in turn, can engage with POBAL on your behalf.

Date policy put in place: 28/01/2019

Date policy comes into effect: 28/01/2019

Signed (Parent/ Guardian)_____

Date_____