**Supporting children with extra needs**

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| Kinnegad Community Childcare Clg. welcomes all children and their families. We believe each individual, through the features of their unique character, adds value to the community. It is the diversity each individual which paints a picture of the real world most accurately. |

Children in our care:

* Our curriculum is a play based emergent curriculum based on each child’s interests and needs. The curriculum is supported by Aistear, the early childhood curriculum framework.
* Key educators observe individual children and extend their learning by planning activities based on their interests.
* Should an educator have a concern over a child’s progress/development, they should consult with the supervisor/manager.
* The child will be observed for a further short period of time to establish a plan/strategy or the need for extra support.
* If agreed that there is concern, the educator and or the supervisor/manager will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the concern
* The parents will be made aware of funding available to seek support through the AIM programme which give early years centres an opportunity to hire an extra member of staff to reduce the ratio in the room giving educators more opportunity to spend one on one time with children.

The role of an AIM support Educator.

* Assess individual needs through observation and consultation with parents and other educators.
* Formulate strategies and devise an individual programme
* Support and liaise with parents
* Co-ordinate planning with other Educators
* Keep written records

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