

## What is the ECCE scheme?

The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme provides early childhood care and education for children of pre-school age.

From September 2018, children can participate in the ECCE scheme from 2 years 8 months of age and continue until they transfer to primary school (provided that they are not older than 5 years and 6 months at the end of the pre-school year). There will be only one entry point to the ECCE scheme from September 2018. Children must be 2 years 8 months by September to start on the ECCE scheme. The entry points of January and April will remain for 2018.

All children are entitled to 2 full academic years or 76 weeks from September 2018.

### Eligible Age Range

To avail of the ECCE Programme with effect from:	Children must have been born between the following dates (both dates inclusive):
September 2017 - June 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013 - 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2014
January 2018 - June 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013 - 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2014
April 2018 - June 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013 - 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015
September 2018 - June 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2014 - 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2015
September 2019 - June 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015 - 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2016
September 2020 - June 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016 - 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2017

## ECCE Guide for Parents

 What should I look for when choosing an early years' service?

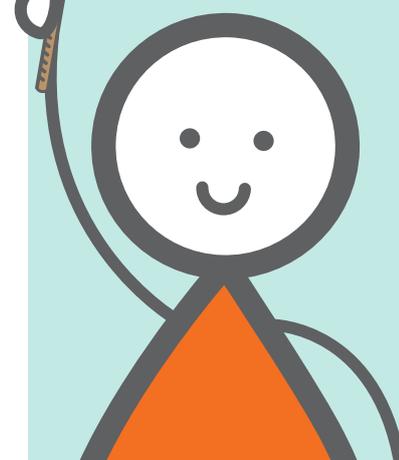
 Go to ECI Website: <http://bit.ly/ChoosingChildcare>

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## Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)

The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone TD, has introduced a new model to enable children with disabilities to access and fully participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme.

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) is a child-centred model, involving seven levels of progressive support, moving from universal to the targeted, based on the needs of the child and the pre-school provider. Further information is available at Access Inclusion Model website <http://aim.gov.ie/>



## Children born in 2014

Birth month and year	Entry Point	Number of weeks 2016-2017	Entry point	Number of weeks 2017-2018	Entry Point	Total eligible weeks	Start school year	Start school age
Jan 14	Apr 17	12	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	88	Sep 19	5.8
Feb 14	Apr 17	12	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	88	Sep 19	5.7
Mar 14	Apr 17	12	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	88	Sep 19	5.6
Apr 14	-	0	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	76	Sep 19	5.5
May 14	-	0	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	76	Sep 19	5.4
Jun 14	-	0	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	76	Sep 19	5.3
Jul 14	-	0	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	76	Sep 19	5.2
Aug 14	-	0	Sep 17	38	Sep 18	76	Sep 19	5.1
Sep 14	-	0	Jan 18	23	Sep 18	61	Sep 19	5
Oct 14	-	0	Jan 18	23	Sep 18	61	Sep 19	4.11
Nov 14	-	0	Jan 18	23	Sep 18	61	Sep 19	4.10
Dec 14	-	0	Jan 18	23	Sep 18	61	Sep 19	4.9

## Children born in 2015

Birth month and year	Entry Point	Number of weeks 2017-2018	Entry Point	Number of weeks 2018-2019	Entry Point	Total eligible weeks	Start school year	Start school age
Jan 15	Apr 18	12	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	88	Sep 20	5.8
Feb 15	Apr 18	12	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	88	Sep 20	5.7
Mar 15	Apr 18	12	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	88	Sep 20	5.6
Apr 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.5
May 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.4
Jun 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.3
Jul 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.2
Aug 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.1
Sep 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5
Oct 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	4.11
Nov 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	4.10
Dec 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	4.9

## Children born in 2016

Birth Month and year	Entry Point year 1	Number of weeks 2019-2020	Entry point year 2	Number of weeks 2020-2021	Total number of weeks	School start year	Start school age
Jan 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.8
Feb 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.7
Mar 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.6
Apr 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.5
May 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.4
Jun 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.3
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Sep 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5
Oct 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	4.11
Nov 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	4.10
Dec 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	4.9

## Children born in 2017

Birth Month and year	Entry Point year 1	Number of weeks 2020-2021	Entry point year 2	Number of weeks 2021-2022	Total number of weeks	School start year	Start school age
Jan 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.8
Feb 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.7
Mar 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.6
Apr 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.5
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