



Mission Statement

'Hummingbirds' is an educational nursery which aims to provide educational experiences for children in their early years, offering the opportunity for children, whatever their ability, to work towards their full potential in a Catholic/Christian environment.

The nursery will seek to engender open and honest channels of communication between staff, parents and children, where all opinions and concerns will be valued.

The nursery will aim to encourage a caring community which allows for individual self-development, and the development of a growing relationship with the school (SS Mary & Michael's), the parish of SS Mary and Michael's, and the wider community.

Philosophy

"Hummingbirds" is an educational nursery which initially seeks to provide early years education for children aged from 2 to 4 years. We hope to offer a rich play and learning environment which would enhance the children's development.

Play is a fundamental way in which children can make sense of the world and enrich their experience. It offers a foundation for children to explore and develop intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically. In meeting the needs of the children as individuals we would aim to provide a secure, happy and stimulating Catholic/Christian environment in which the whole child can grow and develop.

AIMS

1. To provide an environment where parents are welcomed and appreciated as the first educators of their child.
2. To provide opportunities for parents to share and develop parenting skills with others.
3. To provide opportunities for the child to develop and enhance skills which will enable them to interact socially with their peer group and the adults within the nursery environment.
4. To provide opportunities for the child to express thoughts and feelings and to begin to deal with them.
5. To help the child develop a sense of belonging within the community.
6. To help the child to develop moral values within a Catholic/Christian context.
7. To learn respect and consideration for others, their ideas, beliefs and cultures.
8. To provide a literary rich environment to develop language and communication skills to help the child express and articulate thoughts and feelings.
9. To provide opportunities for exploratory play enabling the child to investigate and solve problems.
10. To provide opportunities for children to express themselves creatively and aesthetically.
11. To provide opportunities for children to develop their motor skills, spatial awareness and orientation through developmental education.
12. To build on the child's existing experiences from the family environment.
13. To provide opportunities for outdoor play to enhance the child's physical development, gross motor skills and appreciation of the natural world.