

**CASTLE DOUGLAS NURSERY (ELCC)**  
**POLICY ON CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION**

Policy Statement:

All children will be treated with dignity and respect at all times and they will be encouraged to realise their potential.

In our Nursery class we will achieve this by:

- Actively consulting children and valuing their views
- Enabling children to make informed choices
- Treating everyone equally and fairly
- Providing opportunities to be involved in the evaluation of learning activities
- Encouraging children to participate at all times. No child will, however, be forced to participate against their will
- Encouraging children to make decisions and feel involved
- Treating children with dignity at all times
- Ensuring that staff listen to children and take their suggestions, ideas and thoughts into consideration
- Providing opportunities for children to express their views, exercise choice and where possible influence the activities undertaken in our Nursery
- Wherever possible making relevant adaptations and adjustments, to the ways in which we communicate and gather information, to empower all the children
- Ensuring staff record comments and observations regarding the experiences of the child, including children's own comments in individual PLPs/ Nursery Planning records

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