

## FUNCTION OF CASTLE DOUGLAS NURSERY (ELCC)

The function of Castle Douglas Nursery (ELCC) is to provide high quality early learning and childcare for children between the ages of 3 and 5. This is provided by qualified staff within a school environment. Children can start here from the term following their third birthday\* when they receive 5 x 3hrs 10 mins Government funded sessions per week, in either the morning or afternoon class. There are now a limited number of back-to-back sessions for children whose parents are in employment or training. This is provided by a team of fully qualified Early Years Practitioners (Nursery teacher, nursery nurses and support staff) in our Nursery Class (ELCC) within Castle Douglas Primary School. Up to 38 children may attend at a session. Castle Douglas Nursery class is able to accommodate children with a range of additional support needs who may be transferring to the Learning Centre/ Primary School here following time spent in the Nursery.

Qualifying Birthdates for term following 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday

\*1<sup>st</sup> March-31<sup>st</sup> August- starting in August for term one

\*1<sup>st</sup> September-31<sup>st</sup> December - starting in January for term two

\*1<sup>st</sup> January-29<sup>th</sup> February- starting in April for term three

Enrolment for the following school year is normally held in February with dates published in the local press and council website. We welcome any enquiries prior to enrolment.

