

Childminding Newsletter

The National Action Plan for Childminding

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Legislation and Regulation

The government has approved the drafting of Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2023.

It is proposed that the exemptions that prevent many childminders from registering with Tusla be removed so that new childminder specific regulations can be introduced.

The Act will propose a transitional period of three years for childminders to register with Tusla under the new regulations before registration becomes mandatory for all paid, non-relative childminders.

How will the new registration for childminders benefit you?

There will be many benefits to registering with Tusla as a childminder under the upcoming childminding regulations!

You will have greater recognition as a professional with training, funding and supports specifically for you as a registered childminder.

Childminding Development Grant 2023 Timeline!

Key Dates & Deadlines	Application Process
Starting 28 August 2023	You get a confirmation email from Sligo CCC You send an email back to accept your grant You get your first payment in your account - 75% of grant
13 October 2023	You must spend 100% of your grant by this date
27 October 2023	By this date, you must complete and submit your Expenditure Report with receipts to Sligo CCC.
Starting 13 November 2023	You will receive your second payment in your account - 25% of grant

Public recognition for childminders

Training for childminding

Support networks for childminders

Funding for childminders

It will give parents assurance and peace of mind, knowing that you are regulated and supported. They will be able to avail of childcare subsidies also.

So, when the register opens, there will be no need to wait for three years! Hop on board as soon as you can.

Fidget toys



Theraputty



Specialised tricycle



Specialised Car seat



Light table



Sensory tent



Specialised Buggy



Buy nothing before you get the funding



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Next steps

The Childminding Development Grant just closed on July 14, and Sligo County Childcare Committee is now processing all the applications.

If you have applied, **don't buy anything yet**, here is what will happen next!

- You will receive an email from Sligo CCC if your application is successful and confirming the amount approved.
- You **email Sligo CCC to confirm acceptance of the CMDG**. If you don't do this, you will receive no payments!
- The 75% advance payment is made to your bank account.
- You spend 100% of the grant awarded **before October 13**. Keep all your receipts.
- **You complete the CMDG Expenditure Report** and return it to Sligo CCC with all relevant receipts to the value of 100% of your grant. You can do this up to **October 27**.
- Sligo CCC assess your CMDG Expenditure Report and receipts
- Once approved, the remaining CMDG balance (25%) will be issued to your account.

If any submitted expenditure is deemed ineligible, you will have 5 days from the date Sligo CCC informs you to submit an appeal.

Contact your local Childminding Development Officer if you require assistance at any stage

Getting creative with environmental art!

Summertime is the perfect time to create natural art with the children!

It just takes a little organisation and a lot of imagination 😊



Code Brown - Use materials found in nature – mud, straw, feathers, rocks

Code Gold – Gather treasure, old jewellery, buttons, shiny wrapping paper

Code Green – Old bottle tops and lids, bits of toys, jigsaw pieces

The Sweet Shop – Separate and display your items in boxes with lids

The Blank Canvas – Lay out the materials and allow the magic to happen

Dig In – Use your hands to enjoy this sensory experience

Let Go – This temporary art is a poignant life lesson on letting go

Thanks to Sean Corcoran, The Art Hand, Waterford for these tips!



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Childminding events around the country



Frances confidently tackling the fire under the watchful eye of Keith recently at Fire Safety Training with Monaghan County Childcare Committee



Fire Safety Training with Cavan County Childcare Committee



Environmental art created in Louise's childminding setting in Waterford



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