Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) provides a range of supports to enable children with a disability to meaningfully participate in the ECCE preschool programme (<u>www.aim.gov.ie</u>). Parents/carers/legal guardians and preschool providers make AIM applications jointly, through an on-line system.

New Application for AIM 2020/21

New applications for Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) support for 2020/21 are now open. Please note, although the AIM application system is open and in light of public health guidance, the delivery of AIM supports are dependent on the timing and nature of the re-opening of the ECCE programme for 2020/21. Further detail on this will be made available by the DCYA in due course.

If your child is due to start the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme in September 2020 please contact the preschool that your child will attend. The pre-school provider in partnership with you as the parent/carer/legal guardian can consider and apply for one or more targeted supports under Levels 4-7 of the model. You can find more information about the targeted supports under the AIM Programme at https://aim.gov.ie/for-parents/

If your child is currently availing of AIM supports and is moving to another pre-school in September 2020/21 a new AIM application will need to be submitted to the new pre-school provider.

In light of the Covid-19 restrictions, a number of adaptations to the AIM application process have been made to allow applications to be processed during this time. The application process will outline this and your pre-school provider will be able to talk you through these adaptations.



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