

# Bambi's Land Autism Preschool

## Parent Information Booklet



## Early Education & Intervention

Bambi's Land Montessori Preschool was founded by Claudia Fitzpatrick in 2008. In response to the need for specialised early education settings, an Autism class was introduced in 2017 to support children with Autism and their families.

At Bambi's Land Montessori & Preschool, we provide a caring and supportive space where children can grow and thrive. By focusing on key areas like communication, sensory experiences, play, and everyday life skills, we use early intervention and education to help build important skills for the future. We work closely with parents to support each child's unique journey, ensuring they have the foundation they need to succeed.



### COMMUNICATION

Supporting children to express their needs and building strong connections with others



### EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Helping children to understand and manage their feelings effectively



### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Assisting children in how to relate to others, build friendships and enjoy meaningful



### Play & Discovery

Encourage children to investigate new concepts and expand their curiosity



### Sensory Play

Exploring and understanding the world through their senses



### Creativity & Exploring

Helping children to discover new ideas and express themselves

## Our Team and Educational Approach

Our team combines extensive qualifications and a thoughtful educational approach to support each child's development.

Our Autism Preschool Team is made up of dedicated professionals, including a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA), Special Needs Assistants (SNAs), and Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Tutors. Each team member has completed Child Protection training and some have completed Paediatric First Aid Training. Our staff bring a diverse range of qualifications and experience, with credentials including a Master's degree in Applied Behaviour Analysis, degrees in Early Childhood Education and Montessori, and diplomas in Special Needs Assisting and Social Care. Additionally, many of our team members regularly engage in ongoing Professional Development (CPD) to stay current with the latest practices and techniques

Our Behaviour Analysts, Montessori Teachers, and Special Needs Assistants use a play-based curriculum inspired by Aistear, our National



Curriculum Framework. This approach helps each child explore their interests and adapt to their needs. We use various ABA strategies to support learning and development. For example, we break skills into smaller, manageable steps, teach through everyday activities, and provide gentle guidance to help children learn independently. We also teach social skills through practice and role-playing. By combining these methods with positive behaviour support and each child's Individualised Education Plan (IEP), we create a nurturing environment that promotes growth and learning in many areas.

***"Early childhood education is not merely a stage, it's the foundation for acquiring skills that will navigate the future."***

### WHAT OUR SCHOOL DAY LOOKS LIKE

Our daily schedule includes a variety of activities: the day begins with free play, followed by circle time, and then a mix of one-on-one and group sessions. We have snack times twice during the day, along with outside play. The day concludes with stories, songs, or group games. Please be aware that this routine may change occasionally.



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Our school day starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 12:30 PM. If you anticipate being late, please inform us through the group message. If your child has appointments that necessitate arriving late or leaving early, we ask that you notify the staff a few days in advance whenever possible.



## What Your Child Needs For School

Each child should bring a school bag containing their lunch and a water bottle. Additionally, please pack a change of clothes, including underwear (if this applies), socks, and a top and bottoms. Each child will also need to bring one packet of wipes, which will be kept in the classroom; we may request additional wipes as needed. For those who require them, please provide nappies to be kept in the school bag. Our school follows a healthy eating policy, but we understand that some children have specific food preferences. We encourage parents to provide foods that their child will eat while aligning with our healthy choices guidelines.

**Please inform us if your child has any allergies.**

On warm and sunny days please apply sun protection before your children arrive to school.

Parents please note that you cannot park directly outside the school gates please find parking in surrounding areas.



## Contact Information

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School Email: [bambis\\_land@yahoo.ie](mailto:bambis_land@yahoo.ie)

A WhatsApp chat group has been set up to allow staff and parents to communicate.

**Finally, we hope you found this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us, should you have any questions.**

**We look forward to meeting you all**