



## Welcome to MOSAIC!

Congratulations – you have chosen an early childhood service that uses a professional educational system called Mosaic!

'MOSAIC is an electronic storybook (leabhar scéalta) that captures and documents the magic of early childhood learning and development. MOSAIC is a professional system that focuses on the child as a unique individual. This innovative platform addresses educator recording requirements and creates a snapshot in time that parents can treasure for life'.

This system is designed to support and enhance your child's learning and development and to keep you and nominated family members updated about your child's achievements, progress and daily care when in the early childhood setting.

Mosaic operates through two interlinked Apps – one for the early childhood service called 'MOSAIC Educator' and one for parents and family called 'MOSAIC Family'. **Mosaic Educator** enables Educators to document children's learning and development through a uniquely designed Storybook of learning achievements, skills updates, samples of children's work, photographs and videos. Educators working with your child use Mosaic to regularly observe your child during play, tune in to his/her interests and abilities and plan further activities to strengthen learning and development.

The interconnected **Mosaic Family** App enables parents and nominated family members to receive these precious updates in real time and to communicate efficiently with the early childhood service. Educators will regularly compile a variety of updates called '**Learning Stories**' for your child's unique Storybook and send them directly to your phone or tablet! **You will be able to save these documents, share them with other family members and use them to celebrate your child's achievements as they happen at home!**

**Why do we observe and compile Storybooks on children in this way?** We do this because it is a core component of **high quality practice in early childhood care and education**. Early childhood services are inspected by both Tusla and the Department of Education. This is to ensure that we are providing an appropriate early learning and care programme for the children in our service. Part of this is how we observe children's individual stage of development, plan for their unique needs and interests, assess their progress and share it with you! We do all this by framing our curriculum programme around Aistear – which is the Irish curriculum framework for children 0-6 years old.

## Involving the wider family in celebrating children's achievements



By using Mosaic, we value and recognise the importance of working as a team with you - parents and family for the benefits of your child.

'**MOSAIC Family**' is a separate App that links to '**Mosaic Educator**' so that approved family members can view and keep up to date with all your child's learning and development achievements as they happen. As updates will be received in '**real time**', this enables parents and family to reinforce learning and celebrate achievements to build confidence, self-esteem and nurture further learning. Invited family members using non-Irish phone networks can be included in your family package.

In addition, if you have a baby under 3 years old in crèche, you will receive a **Daily Care Log** and **Sleep Check** to inform you of what your child ate, drank, sleep times, nappy changes, mood etc. so that you are fully informed of your child's physical and emotional care each day.

### How can I access MOSAIC Family?

Once your child starts the early childhood service, the service Manager will make a Storybook for your child on the Mosaic platform. This Storybook is for your child only and is accessible by the Manager and Educators working directly with your child. Regardless of how many children you have attending the early childhood service, **the price is the same to view the Storybooks of multiple children in the same service.**

You can then access your child/rens individual Storybook(s) by subscribing to the MOSAIC Family App for either **Android or iOS devices**. Search for 'MOSAIC FAMILY' in Apps or directly access from the links below:

**For Android Devices: Go to the Google Play Store** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details...>

**For iOS Devices: Go to the Apple App Store** <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/mosaic-family/id1491733814>

REMEMBER: FAMILY MEMBERS using non-Irish phone networks can be added to your package by selecting the appropriate country code by the key parent.

**3 different package options will be available to you as follows:**

1. **Basic** – one user to view multiple children in from the one family €12.99 for one year
2. **Family** - 3 family members to view multiple children from the one family €19.99 for one year
3. **Family Pro** – up to 8 members to view multiple children from the one family €29.99 for one year

## What can I expect to receive when I sign up?

**New learning opportunities for children** connecting with technology by taking photographs and recording videos to help build their own story of learning.

**Children are able to take work home** in 'real time' rather than retaining work in the setting for a scrapbook

### **Effective Partnership with Parents**

Parents updates and communication in '**real time**' through notifications to their mobile device. This is invaluable for both the parent and child to discuss the child's day in the evening and enables parents to be more actively involved in the child's daily experiences.

**Communications**  
- messages from the early childhood service about events, reminders, closures etc.

**Learning Stories** - short stories about your child's achievements

**'Snapshot Reviews'** - progress updates or target setting for your child

**Videos and Pictures** - a varied gallery of photos and videos of your child in the early childhood service

**Daily Care Log**  
- a log of food, sleep, nappies and mood for children 0-3 years

**Transition Reports** - an overview of achievement for when your child is moving to a new room in the service or going to school

**Distinctive profiles of children** where you can really 'see' the uniqueness of each child, their personality, interests and strengths.

**Environmentally friendly** administration and documentation **that can be saved and stored.**

... and much more!



### Some important things to note:

- ✓ Regardless of how many children you have attending the early childhood service, **the price is the same to view the Storybooks of multiple children.**
- ✓ The platform is suitable for **babies, toddlers and pre-school children** and adapts to their individual abilities and stage of development.
- ✓ The email you used to register your child with the early childhood service will represent the **'Primary Authorised User'** email that will control which other family members can access your child's Storybook. Users can be **deleted/changed** by the Primary Authorised User at any time.
- ✓ Your subscription will last one year however **you can keep your child's Storybook forever.**
- ✓ **A full gallery of your child's photographs and videos** taken in the service will be included in each child's Storybook. You can print photographs as desired.
- ✓ If your child attends the service for a number of years, you will have the opportunity to access to a separate Storybook for each year – **showing progression through the different stages.**
- ✓ There is a communications platform on Mosaic Family where you will be able to **receive message notifications** about events or changes to the normal schedule. You will also be able to **send a message** to the early childhood service through your app.
- ✓ 'MOSAIC Family' is compatible with **both android or an iOS mobile devices.**
- ✓ Mosaic is an encrypted platform where access to children's photographs and audio is protected and controlled by passwords. Both parents and the service will abide by a Data Sharing Agreement and permission boundaries.
- ✓ Mosaic Apps enable **paperless solutions** for education administration – **Help us to GO GREEN, Go MOSAIC!**

### To find out more, check out:

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