

Puzzles Playgroup - Charity Registration No: NIC100805

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Trustees Report: Financial Year September 2022 – August 2023

Charitable Purpose

Puzzles Playgroup is a community group providing and promoting learning through play in a safe and welcoming environment for all children aged 2yr 10mth – 4yrs. We are inclusive of all cultures, religions, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities within our community. We run morning sessions Monday – Friday 9am-12pm. The Playgroup is managed by qualified staff and a Committee who meet regularly and have an AGM. Puzzles Playgroup is a non-profit group who keep fees to a minimum for parents so it is affordable and accessible for all the community.

The objectives of the group

The promotion of the education of children under 5 years by: (a) provision of a safe and educative childcare environment which is wholly inclusive to everyone in the local area, regardless of race, culture, religion or needs, (b) increasing the awareness of parents of the need for safe and supervised group play for their children, (c) bringing together all those who are interested in the wellbeing of the pre-school child for mutual support and training, and (d) make known to the general public the true value of pre-school education

Main achievements in the year

We provided a high standard of care and education which was reflected within our annual inspection from The Early Years Trust which was carried out 15/03/2023 and also within the Parent Feedback at the end of the year and at inspection. We secured funding through the Childcare Partnership Small Grant Funding (£975.22) to enable us to buy some sensory equipment and pod so we can be more inclusive of all children but especially children with SEN. We also were awarded £200 from Warrenpoint Port to help towards cost of our summer trip. We held a Christmas party and presents for all children and a summer trip to Fort Evergreen for parents and children. We had all our sessions taking up which should the demand for our Playgroup. All staff

has kept up to date with their core training and also their own personal development training to ensure a safe and well run Playgroup.

Financial Report

Net income for the year £49906 and total running costs was £51425 which included staff wages, rent, insurance, telephone and internet, general playgroup expenses, uniforms, training and subscriptions. Costs were closely managed during this period.

Funds are in a good state financially

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