

Puzzles Playgroup - Charity Registration No: NIC100805

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Trustees Report: Financial Year September 2023 – August 2024

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 reflected within our annual inspection form The Early Years Trust which was carried out 27/03/24 and also within our parent feedback at the end of the year and inspection. We supported children and families this year with a range of additional needs, we help to guide with direction for health care professional and also help children reach their best potential. We secured funding through the Childcare Partnership Grant (920.00) this allowed us to upgrade our children's chairs and drawers to allow children easy access to their resources. We also were awarded £200 from Warrenpoint Port to help towards a summer trip to Fort Evergreen so it was more affordable to everyone. We had a good demand for our sessions with

all sessions full to capacity. All staff has their core training up to date and also their own personal development training to ensure a safe and well run playgroup.

Financial Report

Net income for the year £51,751 and total running cost £58,176 which included staff wages, rent, insurance, telephone, internet, general playgroup expenses, uniforms, training and subscriptions.

Funds are in a good state financially.

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