

Kids Inn After School Club

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 30th June 2024

Trustees: Mrs Mary Slevin
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Kids Inn After School Club is governed by a constitution dated 29th January 2012 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 28th November 2014 under charity number NIC100918.

Our Vision

At Kids Inn our vision is to provide high quality play care for children that will differentiate us and enable us to become the childcare provider of choice for families in the local communities.

At Kids Inn children will play, learn and develop in a safe and secure environment providing positive play experiences in their childhood, from a qualified, experienced and passionate staff team.

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Mission

To the children:

To seek and provide a variety of formal and informal play opportunities in a suitable and flexible environment which will contribute to everyone's learning and development.

To our staff:

We are committed to providing our staff with equal opportunities for learning and personal development to encourage innovation and continuous improvement in the effectiveness of Kids Inn and to promote respect and great parent-practitioner relationships.

Values

At Kids Inn we believe that play is a natural, healthy activity and that providing good quality play opportunities means ensuring choice, equality of opportunity, recognising children's abilities, respecting children's needs and wishes and allowing children space, time and understanding for play.

Kids Inn is primarily an After-school club setting and is a registered charity. At Kids Inn we provide out of school care for children aged 4-12 years old. This enables parents in the local communities to be able to work, train or return to further education in the knowledge their children are being cared for in a safe, secure and stimulating environment. Kids Inn has been in operation since January 2001, at present we cater for 30 children at any one time. The club is open from 2pm until 6pm every day during term time and operates from 8am to 6pm during school closures. The club offers a full-time summer scheme over the summer months. At Kids Inn we offer the children a varied programme of activities which are planned around their development, interests and ideas. These activities include arts and crafts, cookery, games, opportunity for outdoor physical and challenging play etc. Kids Inn is registered with the Western Health and Social Care Trust and is inspected annually.

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Objectives

Is to offer a welcoming, secure, safe, stimulating and healthy environment by providing the following:

- Caring, friendly, motivated, experienced and qualified staff
- A bright, attractive and welcoming Club where parents feel content leaving their children
- A high standard of up-to-date policies and procedures to adhere to
- Safe, educational and stimulating equipment and resources
- A high standard of supervision from play workers always
- A healthy a nutritious snack and foods throughout the day.
- A place where children can be happy and feel valued

Aims and Objectives

At Kids Inn we aim to provide a variety of play opportunities and experiences that meet all children's individual needs and interests as well as contributing to their learning and development. We have a weekly planner displayed for parental viewing and base our pan around children's interests' ideas and needs. We provide activities such as:

- Construction and games
- Puzzles and books
- Pretend Play
- Sand and Water
- Arts and crafts
- Cooking Activities
- Indoor and outdoor Physical play
- Computers
- Climbing frames/tunnels
- Messy play opportunities
- Sensory play
- Role play
- Gardening/ Natural play

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Our aim is to give as much freedom of choice to children as possible. We achieve this by having weekly Kids Inn discussion meetings, to gather ideas and personal interests from the children. We then draw up our programmes around these interests.

- The play workers set up optional daily activities for the children to participate in
- The playworkers aim to extend the children's play opportunities by providing them with resources required to build on and further their ideas
- The play workers will give the children their own space to develop ideas in play and will only intervene if the child requests for them to do so of for health and safety reasons

We have boundaries and agreed rules within the group which are on display, the aim of this method is to promote positive behaviour.

All play workers are made aware of the play values and principles at their induction and implement these within their practice daily. We also aim to provide training in order to support the play workers continued professional development.

Additional Needs

At Kids Inn we recognise that children with disabilities and learning disabilities have the right to services and facilities in such a way that they can achieve the fullest possible social integration and individual development.

Kids Inn aims to provide access and support for children with individual needs and requirements. At kids' inn we will make every effort to ensure that children with special needs are integrated with other children and adults. We will also ensure that there is a range of equipment and resources to support individual learning and development.

The role of The Early Years Team

Kids Inn works closely with The Western Health and Social Care Early Years Team to ensure we provide the best possible environment and service to ensure the children are cared for in a safe, welcoming environment where they can flourish. Kids Inn is inspected annually by WHSCT and all records are available for parents to view.

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Parental Information

At Kids Inn we are managed by a voluntary committee of present and past parents. We strive to improve the service we provide and are always working towards future improvements. This is something we cannot achieve without the help of service users- our parents. We are continuously encouraging parents to attend committee meetings and have their say/ideas in their child/children's childcare provision. Kids Inn committee meet monthly to ensure the smooth running of the organisation.

Parents are given a parental handbook at registration with all relevant information and some of our policies and procedures are including all parent's sign up to policies and procedures and complete consent forms at registration. Parents are made aware that they can view all our policies and procedures and their child's files at any time.

The Trustees have had regard to the Public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The results of the charity's activities during the year and of its position at the year end are included in the Receipts and payments account on page 6 and the Statement of assets and liabilities on page 7.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Kirsty Mullan
Trustee



Stephen Rainey
Trustee