

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustee's have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', effective January 2015.

Reference and Administrative Information

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 3, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

Structure, Governance and Trustees

Carrick Pre-School is a charity registered with the NI Charities Commission (October 2014), Charity Number 100921 and is involved in a range of activities that provide education to young children under the statutory school age within the Newry & Mourne area. Education is provided primarily through the means of play based learning encompassing a range of social, personal, intellectual and physical development skills and activities.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

Membership of the Initiative is open to the following, irrespective of the ethnic identity, age, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class and marital status, political or religious opinion. The management committee is primarily made up of the parents of children who attend the preschool. The Committee consists of a Chairperson, Treasurer and additional members. All positions are elected annually at the Charities AGM.

Organisational Structure

The policy and general management of the affairs of the Initiative shall be directed by the Committee which shall meet periodically throughout the year and are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Aside from the management committee the organisation has operational staff including a general manager and play school support staff.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have not set a minimum level of reserves higher than the amount required for its fixed asset investments.

The Trustees regularly review the level of reserves held and consider opportunities to apply them in line with, and in furtherance of, its charitable objectives.

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Responsibilities of Trustees

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibility for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is also our responsibility to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Tax Status

Under Section 505 (i)(a) and (c) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, Carrick Pre-School is entitled to the charity tax exemption.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



Eamonn McGovern

Chairperson

11 09 2025



Noel McCarthy

Treasurer

11 09 2025