

## **Panda Cross Community Playgroup**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 July 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

#### **Reference and Administration Details**

The reference and administration details of the charity are as shown on page 2.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### ***Objectives***

Panda Cross Community Playgroup was established to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age of the area served Ballygawley and Castlecaulfield electoral wards and its surrounding environs in County Tyrone (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in particular: a) to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group; and to promote the preservation of health of the beneficiaries; and b) to support the values and principles of Early Years.

##### ***Activities***

The principal activity of the charity is providing pre-school education to children aged 3 – 4 years under the Early Years Curriculum in conjunction with the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Department of Education and Early Years – the organisation for Children and Young People.

##### ***Public Benefit Statement***

The Trustees of Panda Cross Community Playgroup confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(6) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the year ended 31 July 2023.

##### ***Achievements and Performance***

The Trustees have established the charity as a progressive enterprise that supports the development of a wide range of pre-school children from different communities in the area.

##### ***Financial Review***

##### ***Financial Performance***

The financial performance was in line with the Trustees expectations. The charity remains in a sound financial position at the year-end. The results for the year are set out in detail on page 6. The charity returned net incoming resources for the year of £14.

## **Panda Cross Community Playgroup**

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### ***Organisational Structure***

Panda Cross Community Playgroup is a charity administered and managed in accordance with its constitution, by the members of the Management Committee, constituted by clause 5 of the constitution. The constitution was formally adopted on 29 January 2014 by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with the constitution, committee members may hold office for a period of up to 3 years and shall retire in rotation with the longest serving one third to retire at each Annual General Meeting. If it is not possible to determine that, then the third to retire shall be determined by drawing lots. On retirement, members will be eligible for re-nomination and election.

#### **Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Mrs Ailis Cullinan Keown**

**Chairperson**

**Charity Registration Number: 101024**