

St Colmcille's Parent & Toddler Group Trustees' Annual Report 2022-23

Charity Name	St Colmcille's Parent & Toddler group
NIC Number	101153
Charity Address	191a Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3JB
Charity Trustees	Elizabeth Johnston Kathy Doherty Lorraine Devlin
Constitution and Governing Document	St Colmcille's Parent & Toddler Group Constitution, adopted 01/09/2014.
Purposes of charity	To provide play opportunities for children, social contact for their accompanying parent/guardian and refreshments for adults and children
Report Date	01/09/2023

Main activities to further the purposes of the charity for the public benefit

The 2022-23 year has been our first full year of operation since re-opening following the closure due to Covid. We have provided a Parent and Toddler group every Wednesday morning during term time. Attendance at the group has now reached a similar level to pre-Covid times. We continue to advertise online and in local free newssheets, and many of the group's patrons come through word of mouth.

We have been fortunate to recruit two new volunteers, which means that the group can still operate even if a volunteer is unavailable. However, we still need to recruit more volunteers to provide a fuller service, eg including craft activities.

Achievements of the Charity

The benefit to the children attending has been observed in their enjoyment of the activities and in the childrens' development over the course of their time attending the group.

The benefit to the adults attending has been observed in the convivial atmosphere and in their recurring attendance at the group. This is shown through faithful weekly attendance with a child from shortly after birth, and through returning to the group for another spell each time a subsequent child is born into the family.

Regard to Northern Ireland Charity Commission's Statutory Guidance

The Trustees have had regard to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Financial Position

The group ended the 2021-22 year with £876.86 in the bank current account and £2.89 cash in hand.

Signed:



Date:

01/09/23

Elizabeth Johnston, Chair.