

St Colmcille's Parent & Toddler Group Trustees' Annual Report 2023-24

Charity Name	St Colmcille's Parent & Toddler group
NIC Number	101153
Charity Address	191a Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3JB
Charity Trustees	Elizabeth Johnston Gillian Hughes 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	01/10/2024

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

The 2023-24 year has consolidated the recovery of our operation following the disruption due to Covid. We have provided a Parent and Toddler group every Wednesday morning during term time. Attendance at the group has maintained a similar level to pre-Covid times. We continue to advertise online and in local free newsheets, and many of the group's patrons come through word of mouth.

We also provided a Parents' Social Evening, which was very well received by those attending, and we have been encouraged to strive to make this a regular event.

We have sufficient volunteers to provide a satisfactory level of service. However, the addition of one or two more volunteers would provide us with more flexibility in the range of activities we offer.

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 2023-24 year with £582.23 in the bank current account and £152.95 cash in hand.

Signed:



Date:

01/10/2024

Elizabeth Johnston, Chair.