

Dunnaman Pre-School (formerly known as Dunnaman Children Centre)
Charity Reference NIC101251
27 Fearons Close
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BT34 4ER

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Dunnaman Pre-School is an unincorporated members association. The Pre-School is governed by a Constitution document. Dunnaman Pre-School was previously named as Dunnaman Children's Centre.

In the Year Ended 31 March 2024 a deficit of £19,972 (2023 deficit £7,034), was generated on total income of £83,507 (2023- £131,483).

- The Principal Office holders were as follows:

- Chairperson:	Leanne Colgan
- Vice Chairperson:	Sarah McCulla
- Treasurer:	Nicola McAlinden
- Secretary:	Laura Feeney

Retiring committee members during the year: None

Parent members of the Committee are as follows:

- Laura Harper
- Catrina Donegan

All Trustees are appointed at the Pre-School's Annual General Meeting.

- Bankers Danske Bank
 Greencastle Street
 Kilkeel
 Co.Down
- Accountants Cunningham & McPartland
 197 Moyadd Road
 Kilkeel
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Objectives:

- The group has been established to advance education and to preserve and protect the health of children aged 3-5 years in the environs of Kilkeel, Co. Down by the provision of play facilities and recreational activities in the interest of social welfare with the object of enhancing the education and development of children without distinction of sex, race or of political religious or other opinions.
- Dunnaman Pre-School will continue to serve the community in a time of great economic restraint and post Covid recovery, and the trustees would again commend the efforts of staff and voluntary workers in this regard.
- The Trustees continue to be aware of the need to review operations and systems regularly to ensure the Pre-School operates safely and successfully for future periods.

Major Policies Adopted by Dunnaman Pre-School

Some of the main policies complied with are listed below. There are, of course, many other policies operated by the Centre to meet minimum standards:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Confidentiality
- Mobile Phone
- Equal Opportunities
- Financial Controls
- Health and Safety

Achievements:

- Dunnaman Pre-School greatly appreciates the support of all its funders. We highlight in particular the valuable support of Southern Health & Social Care Trust, Education Authority, Child Care Partnership & Fairplay. The association will continue to work to strengthen partnership relationships with all of our funders.
- 18 PEAGS funded places were provided from March – June 2023
- 24 PEAGS funded from September 2023 to March 2024
- Provided 4 spaces for children with additional needs.
- Extended Services Funding was secured to provide speech therapist support to the pre-school children staff and parents.
- Secured funding for Getting Ready to Learn program.
- Ran “Home Works Education” “Big Bedtime Read” programs in Pre-School.

- Continued partnership with St Colman's Primary School.

Future Plans:

- Currently the Pre -School works very hard to maintain a valuable community service, particularly, in a time of great economic pressure. Longer term the aim will be to expand the range of services provided and to secure the funding required to help this become a reality.
- Dunnaman Pre - School is aware of their duty to the local community and will continue to strive to improve the educational and social welfare of the immediate locality.
- To register Dunnaman Pre – School as a Limited Company
- To develop the outdoor play area which will meet the educational and physical developmental needs of the children who attend.
- Continue with provision of Getting Ready to |Learn Programs.
- Continue with provision of Extended Services Speech and Language programs
- Staff will continue to update training and attend relevant courses.
- The curriculum for the age group in the Pre - School will continue to be updated and adapted to meet the needs of the children.
- New resources will be sourced for the Pre-School to enhance children's development and experiences.
- Pre- School aim to become a standardised setting operating for longer hours.

Financial Review:

- Dunnaman Pre-School will continue to try to build sufficient reserves of funds to provide a stable environment for future delivery of childcare community services in the Kilkeel area.

Approved by the Trustees of Dunnaman Pre-School on14.8.2024.....

And signed on their behalf by:




