

## Trustees Annual Report for 2021/22

Aghadowey Pre-School Playgroup is a playgroup set in grounds belonging to the Education Authority (previously Cullycapple Primary School) providing excellent pre-school facilities. It is a charity governed by trustees and managed by a committee. The management committee and trustees rely on the continued support and input from the wider playgroup community (parents and carers), particularly with fundraising, to ensure the sustainable and prosperous future of this vibrant and caring pre-school playgroup.

### **AIMS AND APPROACH**

Aghadowey Pre-School Playgroup aims to provide pre-school education the year prior to starting school and even as young as 2 years and 10 months in a safe and secure environment. The playgroup staff, supported by the management committee are committed to encouraging children to learn and develop key skills through play and following a curriculum to support each child in reaching its full potential in preparation for starting school.

The staff and Committee operate within playgroup policies and procedures renewed annually to ensure the safeguarding of children, staff and the wider playgroup community. Beyond this our management committee structures itself to include the following functions to comprehensively meet the requirement of running a charity and providing a duty of care to our playgroup staff:

- Financial
- Legal and administrative
- Operational and staffing
- Fundraising and community engagement

We have regular support from an Early Years Specialist and are subject to an annual inspection to ensure compliance of minimum standards set by social services through the timely completion and follow up of actions and recommendations.

### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

Our Playgroup receives money from the Education Authority over the course of 10 months, for each child who has received a funded place for their Preschool year. In addition to this we provide pre-pre playgroup sessions for those who are not in their funded year. Fees for those sessions are £7.00 per day. All money received by the Playgroup is used for Playgroup expenses.

The Playgroup holds two bank accounts – a Current account and a Reserve account.

We operate out of a mobile, and as Trustees, we recognise that the mobile will have a limited life span. Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 show total receipts for the year being £48,864, total payments of £48,582 and a surplus of £282.

The overall bank and cash balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 shows we have £22,954.

All payments in the accounts were for the benefit of the Playgroup.

This report has been prepared to the best of our knowledge.

Signed by the Trustees

Date

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