

Trustees Annual Report for 2022/23

Aghadowey Pre School Playgroup is set in grounds belonging to the Education Authority which was previously Cullycapple Primary School. We lease the ground from the Education Authority.

The playgroup provides excellent pre-school facilities for the surrounding community and is a charity governed by trustees and management committee.

The trustees and management committee give their time voluntarily, without charge to ensure the playgroup continues to provide an excellent and nurturing pre school environment for all children.

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 sustainability and continual development.

Aims and Approach

To provide pre-school education in 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 their full potential in preparation for starting school.

Our staff create an environment where each individual child is given opportunity to avail of a wide range of activities to help support and develop.

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 requirements 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 pre-school place. We also provide pre-pre playgroup sessions for children from 2 years 10 months of age. Fees for those sessions are £10.00 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 this mobile will have a limited lifespan.

Accounts for the year to 31st August 2023 show total receipts for the year being £70,438. This figure includes an amount of £16,000 being monies received following a court case. The total payments during the year were £53,850 leaving a surplus of £16,588.

The overall bank and cash balance at 31st August 2023 shows we have £39,542.

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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26/06/2024

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