

## Trustee's Annual Report

2022/2023

**Charity name** – Mallusk community playgroup

**Registered charity number:** 101948

**Charity's principal address:** Academy sports club grounds

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### **Main contact:**

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### **Trustee's names:**

Christine Stewart

Nikki Fleck

Paula Hopwood

### **Summary of main activities**

Mallusk community playgroup is managed by the above trustee's and 6 parents. Trustees and committee members are elected at our annual AGM.

The committee supports the leader with the daily running of the setting, fundraising, recruiting, child protection, inspections and any other issues if they arise.

The trustees are also responsible for ensuring that policies, procedures and legal requirements are adhered to. They ensure that the charity's members understand the purposes set out within the constitution.

The committee plans for what the playgroup wants to do and how they will achieve it. They understand how the playgroup benefits the public by carrying out its purpose.

The playgroup continues to grow each year. There is a high demand for its service in the area. Mallusk is continuing to grow with many new

developments going up. The demand for places continues each year, the playgroup often has a waiting list.

We work in close contact with our partnering school – Mallusk Integrated primary school with the biggest majority of our children feeding into it.

### **Achievements and performance**

This year we had 22 funded Pre-School places, and 6 Pre-Pre School places. Our recent social services inspection highlighted the high quality of care that the children were receiving.

Our children continue to develop well with lots of positive feedback from parent/carers.

The staff have very good relationships with the children and parent/carers. The parent/carers are very supportive in helping the playgroup with fundraising.

Our children are able to transition into primary school more confident and happier in their next stage of learning.

The playgroup never has to advertise and see families continuing to return each year. The playgroup is often recommended by past and present parent/carers.

We have a low staff turn around and are proud to say we have a fantastic team.

The playgroup received a grant from Childcare partnership. This grant was for outdoors and enabled us to paint and tidy up our outdoor space.

We received Engage funding from the Education Authority to purchase new learning resources for the children after Covid 19.

We also began a new home school learning called – The Big Bedtime Read. We were allocated funding to set this up. The funding enabled us to purchase story sacks, books, props and storage. The children now all receives story sacks regularly to encourage reading at home.

We carried out the following fundraising this year with the support of our committee/staff/parent/carers;

- Non uniform days – Total - £154.60
- Christmas ballot – Total - £247.00
- Movie nights – Total - £272.50

- Teas & Coffees – Total - £54.20
  - Easter egg hunt – Total - £351.00
  - Smartie tubes – Total - £194.12
  - Book Swap – Total raised - £28.57
  - Textile recycling – Total - £320.00
  - End of year ballot – Total - £213.00
- Total raised - £1,834.99

The money we raised helped us to partly fund a trip to the castle and farm for the children. It also helped us to purchase essential equipment, resources and carry out general repairs in the setting. Without the fundraising this would not have been possible.

The playgroup is thankful for the support they receive from parent/carers and the committee, who work extremely hard each year to ensure the playgroup can function properly.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Full name: Christine Stewart

Position: Chair Person

Signature: 

Full name: Nicola Fleck

Position: Treasurer

Signature: N.Fleck