

Kool Kidz
@killowen

8th TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT - APRIL 2024

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INTRODUCTION

This is the first Trustee Annual Report as required by the Charity Commission NI. This relates to the financial year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. This document has been prepared based on guidance provided by the Charity Commission and trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Mrs Arlene Moon
Chair

Constitution and Purpose

Kool Kidz is a charity governed by a constitution and code of conduct.

Kool Kidz is established to promote play based learning environments for all children of the area served in Coleraine and its surrounding environs without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in particular:

a. to support Killowen Primary School and anyone residing in the Coleraine council area by providing educational facilities and activities through additional sessional care during the holiday periods.

b. To support and work in partnership with parents staff and others associated with Kool Kidz, in inclusively caring for and developing each child that attends Kool Kidz in a warm, friendly and happy environment.

Trustee Appointments

Only individual members can become Trustees, it is not open to corporate members. Applicants complete an application form for membership of Kool Kidz @ Killowen and submit that for approval by the existing Trustees. Once this is approved, a member can put forward his or her name as a nominee to become a Trustee by election at an Annual General Meeting, or in exceptional circumstances, the Trustees may decide to co-opt a member as a Trustee.

LEGALITIES

Registered as a charity in the name of:
KOOL KIDZ @ KILLOWEN SUMMER SCHEME

Address: Kool Kidz @ Killowen
 Killowen Primary School
 Shuttle Hill
 Coleraine
 Co. Londonderry
 BT51 3BZ

Phone Number: 02870342483

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Recognised Charity Number: NIC102390

Trustee Names	On 31 st January 2025	Served during 2023/24
Arlene Moon	Yes	Yes
Carol Spence	No	Yes
Charmaine McCook	Yes	Yes
Ruth McKendry	No	Yes
Gillian Cuddy	No	Yes
Andrea McFarlane	Yes	No
Robbie Moon	Yes	No
Lynne Caskey	Yes	No

MAIN ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Kool Kidz is a summer scheme which provides sessional day care during the months of July and August. It was set up in July 2013 and since it started many children and parents in the local area have utilised and benefitted from the summer scheme. Strong links have been developed with parents and the local community to allow children to engage in purposeful, healthy activities that meet the children's individual needs and choices. Kool Kidz is a body associated with the Early Years Organisation and the Early Years Team from HSCNI.

The benefits from this purpose include the following outcomes:

- enhancement of children's abilities (physical, intellectual, social, creative, mental and moral capabilities) in both their social and educational lives, through leisure time activities.

- the links that are created between home, Kool Kidz and the local community. It is demonstrated by reducing worries and anxieties of parents through supporting and working in partnership with them, staff and others associated with Kool Kidz.

- giving children the best possible chance in both their social and educational lives. Providing opportunities to engage in purposeful, healthy activities that will meet the children's individual needs and choices.

These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from parents, staff and others associated with Kool Kidz, through independent monitoring and evaluation of our services from parent questionnaires and staff meetings and by regular monitoring and evaluation of Kool Kidz by the leader and the sub-committee. In providing childcare for 4-11 year olds there is the uncertain risk of emergencies arising however, risk assessments are carried out on a daily and weekly basis. This risk is rare and the benefits of Kool Kidz outweighs the harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are the parents and the children who attend Killowen Primary School and also in the summer months those parents who have children aged 4-11 years old and who live in the Coleraine area and in the whole of Northern Ireland (Kool Kidz is open to those who reside in the local council area in the summer). A private benefit to trustees may arise from Disclosure Checks as these may be transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries. A number of the charity trustees are parents from Kool Kidz which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

A private benefit flowing from this purpose may arise from members of staff and ongoing training in child protection, paediatric first aid etc. Through this training staff gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries. The charity trustees are mostly parents from Kool Kidz which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

Review of Public Benefit Outcomes 2023-2024

Kool Kidz has carried out a number of activities (outlined below) against which to describe the public benefits to its purposes:

- Kool Kidz were able to keep up their links with local businesses to provide a wide range of outdoor activities for the children to benefit from. This provided them with education and fun activities throughout the summer period.

- Kool Kidz made links with local coaches who were able to coach multi sports sessions with the children promoting healthy lifestyles and exercise in outside areas.

Review of the Financial Position at the end of the Year
Financial performance in the year to March 31st 2024 has been consistent with the trustee's expectations. The charity has no assets and liabilities.

Reserves Policy

- To sustain Kool Kidz and enable the organisation to achieve its aims and objectives.
- To maintain an amount of cash reserve (small surplus) to provide educational and fun resources and activities for the beneficiaries who attend Kool Kidz.

Future Plans

- To continue to ensure that links within the community are adhered to and built upon.
- To ensure an element of Wellbeing and Nurturing activities are continued.
- To maintain similar enrolment numbers at Kool Kidz.
- To continue with and ensure that the new pension scheme is being adhered to for all members of staff.