



## TIDDLI-WINKS PLAYGROUP

Trustee Annual Report.

Charity Number. 103886

Date Registered 09/02/16

There has been a playgroup in church hall since 1983, however we became Tiddli-Winks Playgroup in 1990 having joined the Pre-School Expansion Programme (PEAGS) group in 1986. We are a Voluntary, Not-for-Profit, Locally Based and Committee Managed Playgroup. We have a constitution and hold an AGM once a year, with regular committee meetings throughout the year. There are ten members on the committee. From which office holders are appointed.

The playgroup is situated in the heart of the local community of Ballyholme. Although, playgroup is situated in a church hall, the church has no input to the running of the group.

We are a registered Charity with the Northern Ireland Charity Commission. No. 103886.

The playgroup was due to be inspected by Social Services, however due to our setting being close because of the ongoing pandemic this had to be cancelled. The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) inspection outcomes were very good. The inspectors reported that the playgroup has a high level of capacity for sustained improvement in the interest of all the learners. (March 2017) this report is included.

The playgroup is a member of Early Years – the Organisation for Young Children. We use this organisation for our payroll.

We are a PEAGS Playgroup. This means that we receive funding per child not a regular amount per setting. Therefore our funding is different each school year.

Our group is open to all families and their children between the ages of 2.10 and 4+ years of age, irrespective of ethnicity, ability, class, creed, religion, gender, colour or perceived political belief of their parents or guardians.

There were 24 children attending the group, five mornings a week, up until closing on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2020.

There are three full time members of staff and one part time. Providing an excellent adult to child ratio. All of the full time members of staff have been with the group for many years, in fact there are nearly 100 years of child care experience in the staff. All staff are up-to-date with Child Protection, First Aid, and Food Hygiene training. All staff have NVQ Level 3 in Child Education. The leader has a B.A. (Hons) in Child Education.

Tiddli-Winks Playgroup welcome children of all abilities and we have strong links with the local school and outside support agencies.

The playgroup curriculum offered by our group is one that takes into account the individual child's capabilities. Our trustees, committee and staff feel strongly that all children should be looked at as an individual and the curriculum tailored to suit them. Observations are carried out daily on each child and staff meet officially with parents three times a year, with two written reports.

Some of the years events include: - visiting Santa at the Ark Farm, the Owl man, Chinese New Year, Hanukkah, school visits, beach walks and shopping in the local shops.

The playgroup leader is also the groups Early Years Advisor. We have links to three different cluster support groups – Arc is one that the leader helped set up, meeting four times a year – the local North Down and Ards Education Authority cluster group and finally we meet a few times a year with the local P1 teachers.

All funds raised are re-invested into the group, in materials, events, rent and wages for the setting.

We do encourage the children to think about others less fortunate than themselves. To this end we organise a fund raiser each year to help local children's charities.

List of Committee Members:-

- Chair – Laura McCullough.
- Secretary – Amanda Espey.
- Treasurer – Sarah Young.

Others committee members – Susan Spence, Brian Spence, Andrea Jackson, Jenny Campbell, Lizzie Robinson, Sarah Fletcher.

List of Trustees:-

- Simon Doogan.
- Harry Brown.
- Pam Gibb.
- Heather Boyd.
- Gillian Cassidy.

Signatures of Trustees are held in the setting.

List of Staff:-

- Pam Gibb
- Heather Boyd
- Ailish Armstrong
- Gillian Heasley

Included in this report, copy of copy of Education and Training Inspectorate Report and a copy of a committee meeting. Due to early closure of setting there is not a copy of |Social Services Inspection Report for this academic year, the forms for the inspection have been forwarded to \Social Services and we will be inspected as soon as it is possible to reopen setting and it is safe to do so.