

Paddington Playgroup

Charity Registration No: NI107246

Trustee's Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2022

Public Benefits

Paddington Playgroup is a long established playgroup in rural County Tyrone. We are fortunate to have a number of long serving staff who endeavour to provide a high standard of care and education through a play based pre-school curriculum. Parents play a vital role within our group as they make up the majority of the committee and as with the staff in the playgroup we are fortunate to have a number of long serving members on the committee. We aim to offer equal access to all children within our community and the majority of children who attend are all from the local community

What are the direct benefits flowing from your organisation's purposes?

1. Children receive the best start to their educational life.
2. Children are physically and psychologically healthy, eager to learn and respect those that are different.
3. Children have a direct connection to their local community
4. Services are delivered which support families and working parents.

How can the benefits identified above be demonstrated?

Both pre-school and after school services are subject to regular inspections and have achieved the highest possible standards. There is also a strong body of evidence which supports the important benefits of early intervention. No harm arises from the work undertaken. The charity's beneficiaries are children aged 3-4 for playgroup and 4-12 for after school service. There is no private benefit flowing from any of the purposes.

What does your organisation do?

Paddington operates a playgroup service for children aged 3 Years for the year before they enter primary school. We can accommodate up to 52 children across 2 sessions (am and pm) across five days per week term time. This is pre-school education which is focused on learning and development of children and adheres to the Early Years curriculum. It promotes play based learning and provides opportunities for children to achieve their full potential and we endeavour to support any child who is presenting with signs of developmental delay. We are registered with Social Services and our inspecting Trust in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust. We work closely with Early Years for support and guidance on developing best practice for preschool settings. We also have a strong relationship with parents and the local primary school (St. Joseph's Primary School). We ensure that all staff adhere to regular mandatory training and training needs are discussed and explored through supervision each year. We employ 5 people in this service. We also have an after school service for primary school aged children. This operates 2pm to 6pm, 5 days per week. We work closely with working parents and the local primary school to deliver this service.

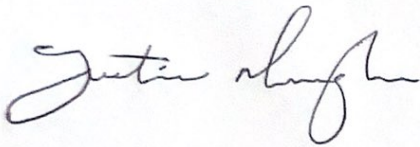
Achievements, Performance, and Results for the Year 2022

In 2022 we accommodated 40 children in the playgroup setting for the school year. There continued to be some mild disruptions to services in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However our staff body continued to work tirelessly to ensure the provision of a well-rounded playgroup experience for all children who attended. As with every year we maintained positive links with our primary school partners, St. Joseph's Galbally and a few other neighbouring schools to ensure the transition to primary school was well managed. We also recruited a new member of staff for the incoming school year of September 2022 to June 2023.

Financial Review

The financial statements for the year were presented at the AGM and accepted and approved by the trustees. Brian Robinson Accountancy Ltd has carried out a review of these accounts and has completed an Independent Accountants report. The financial performance was in line with trustees' expectations and the charitable organisation remains in a sound financial position at the year end. The results for the year are set out on pages 2 and 3 of the financial statements.



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On behalf of Paddington committee