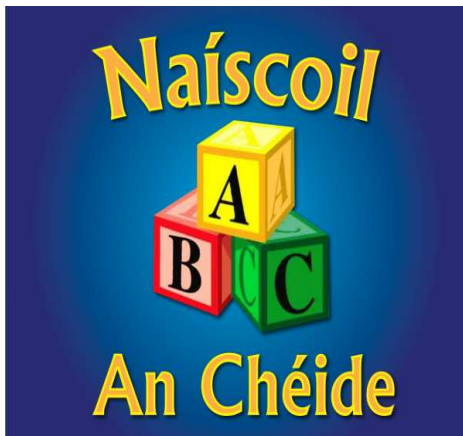


Naíscoil an Chéide
Financial Statements for the year ended
31 March 2023



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Charity Address & Other Information

Trustee Board

Mr Noel Flood
Ms Áinín Cassidy
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Trustees' Report

The financial year the report relates to is:
1st April 2022 to the 31st March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the Naíscoil is to enhance, through the medium of Irish, the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children by:-

- further developing the growth of the Irish-medium sector by establishing a Naíscoil in Keady for children aged 2 years and 10 months and above to pre school age;
- supporting the role of IME by developing an Irish-speaking community and Irish-speaking families in Keady which encourages the use of the Irish language outside of the school environment, further enhancing the language's use and visibility;
- ensuring that Naíscoil an Chéide is adequately resourced to meet the demands of those interested in IM education in Keady and its surrounding area;
- assisting parents and carers of IME children to support their children's learning;
- availing of the Naíscoil as a mechanism to develop the role of the IME as a focus for learning in the community and as a focus of making the community of Keady aware of the many advantages of IME;
- offering appropriate play facilities, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the Naíscoil; ensuring that the Naíscoil offers opportunities for all children, regardless of religion, culture, race or means;
- encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in the local areas;
- supporting the values and principles of the DHSS.

Public Benefit

Currently up to 24 pupils can progress through Naíscoil an Chéide, the Irish language pre-school, directly benefiting 24 children but also their parents and families by enhancing the Irish language, its community and the childrens' education through the medium of Irish. Since the Naíscoil was established in 2015, every year since we have had graduates who have received their pre-school education through the medium of Irish.

The pupils of Naíscoil an Chéide, their parents are the larger Keady community and our expanding Irish language community benefit in a non pecuniary manner from Naíscoil an Chéide.

Trustees' Report

There is no private benefit to the committee members or anyone else.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Naíscoil an Chéide is a pre-school through the medium of the Irish Language. We provide childcare/pre-school to those parents who wish to introduce their children to a second language and that language of choice is Irish. All activities are organised through the medium of Irish and the children develop their understanding of the language in a playful and creative environment. Naíscoil an Chéide is a non-denominational preschool.

Naíscoil an Chéide are registered with the Southern Health and Social Services Board and adhere to all requirements of the Trust in making provision for children. Naíscoil an Chéide's primary source of funding is from the Education Authority through their pre school education expansion programme which is essentially a premium paid for the delivery of the pre-school curriculum to children who attend pre-school one year before starting primary school. Those children who are younger and are not pre-school do not attract any funding.

In 2021/22 and in 2022/23 Naíscoil an Chéide has delivered the programme as per the Education Authority's specification from 08:45 until 12:00 5 days a week.

The management of Naiscoil an Chéide are delighted that the staff have had such a positive impact on our pre-schoolers with each child progressing on to their primary school of choice. Each year it is essential to fundraise in order to cover the costs of our programme. Our fundraising strategy is agreed and implemented at the start of each academic year and includes a Hallowe'en quiz, an Easter raffle and a coffee morning.

Financial Review

During the year the charity made a surplus of £12,951 (2022: £12,109). The charity does not currently have any debts.

Trustees' Report

Structure, Governance and Management

Naíscoil an Chéide is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity. It is managed by a voluntary committee. This committee is made up of the trustees and other members. The committee meets three times per school term and each meeting is minuted. There is a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer. The treasurer oversees the financial management of the charity, presenting a financial report at each meeting and presenting the accounts at the AGM.

Reference and Administrative Details

The name of the charity, as it appears on the register of charities is Naíscoil an Chéide. It is not known by any other name.

The charity number is 108446.

The address of the charity is as follows:

Naíscoil an Chéide
% St. Francis of Assisi Primary School
Madden Row
Keady
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BT60 3RW

Trustees

The trustees of the charity who served during the year are as follows:

Thomas Mallon
Áinín Cassidy
Patricia-Anne Murray
Gareth Mone
Noel Flood
Michael Beagan

Independent Examiner:

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Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Áinín Cassidy (Trustee)

Date: 12th June 2023