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Mr Thomas Mallon  
Naíscoil an Chéide  
St. Francis of Assisi Primary School  
Madden Row  
Keady  
Co. Armagh  
BT60 3RW

Our ref: 1853/AG/SM

30 September 2024

Dear Thomas

**Re: Naíscoil an Chéide – Income & Expenditure Account**

Please find enclosed the following in relation to the above for the year ended 31 March 2024.

1. Income & Expenditure Account.

Can you please arrange to sign the enclosed documents at your earliest convenience and return to this office for onward submission to the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland.

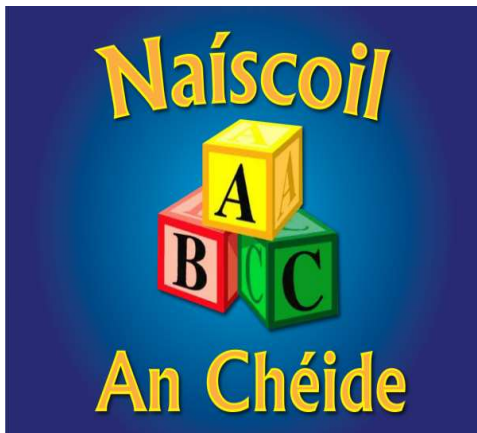
If you have any queries regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Gallagher at our office.

Yours sincerely,

*SCC Chartered Accountants*

**SCC Chartered Accountants**

**Naíscoil an Chéide**  
**Financial Statements for the year ended**  
**31 March 2024**



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## **Charity Address & Other Information**

### **Trustee Board**

Mr Thomas Mallon  
Ms Áinín Cassidy  
Ms Patricia-Anne Murray  
Mr Michael Beagan

### **Charity Address**

St Francis of Assisi PS  
Madden Road  
Keady  
Co. Armagh  
BT60 3RW

### **Independent Examiners**

SCC  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
17 College Street  
Armagh  
Co. Armagh  
BT61 9BT

### **Bankers**

Ulster Bank  
7 Upper English Street  
Armagh  
Co. Armagh  
BT61 7BL

## Trustees' Report

The financial year the report relates to is:  
1st April 2023 to the 31st March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024. 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 and 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, 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 2022/23 and in 2023/24 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 £6,207 (2023: £12,950). 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  
Co. Armagh  
BT60 3RW

## Trustees

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

Thomas Mallon  
Áinín Cassidy  
Patricia-Anne Murray  
Michael Beagan

## Independent Examiner:

SCC  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Armagh  
BT61 9BT

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



Thomas Mallon (Trustee)  
Date: 30 September 2024

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NAÍScoil AN CHÉIDE**

We report on the income and expenditure accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is our responsibility to:

- 1) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- 2) follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 3) state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

## **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

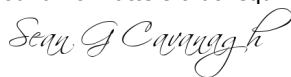
We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe;

- 1) That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act ;
- 2) That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- 3) That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
- 4) That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matter (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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**Sean G. Cavanagh**  
**For and on behalf of SCC**  
**Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors**  
17 College Street  
Armagh  
Co. Armagh  
BT61 9BT

**30 September 2024**

**Náiscoil an Chéide**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
EA Grant/PEAGs	<b>58,646</b>	58,411
Snack Fees	<b>891</b>	910
HSCNI	<b>934</b>	1,861
SHSCT	<b>2,320</b>	2,200
Donations	<b>120</b>	555
Fundraising	<b>9,765</b>	8,572
Milk Remit	<b>1,033</b>	891
Other	<b>1,677</b>	660
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>75,385</u></b>	<u>74,060</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Wages	<b>50,372</b>	45,895
Entertainment & Trips	<b>757</b>	890
Food	<b>3,018</b>	2,365
Equipment	<b>2,448</b>	1,884
Maintenance	<b>338</b>	146
Postage & Stationery	<b>647</b>	420
Educational Resources	<b>1,135</b>	3,366
Rent	<b>1,100</b>	1,100
Rates	<b>65</b>	57
Telephone	<b>311</b>	500
Insurance	<b>706</b>	642
Professional Fees	<b>-</b>	660
Accountancy	<b>2,132</b>	180
Sundry	<b>1,375</b>	145
PAYE	<b>2,496</b>	1,252
Pension Contributions	<b>2,134</b>	1,444
Sports Equipment	<b>144</b>	164
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>69,178</u></b>	<u>61,110</u>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b>	<b><u><u>6,207</u></u></b>	<u><u>12,950</u></u>

**Approval of Account**

The foregoing Income & Expenditure Account was approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2024 and signed by Thomas Mallon.

*Thomas Mallon*

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**Statement of Assets & Liabilities - Year Ended 31st March 2024**  
**for the year ended 31st March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds at 31.03.24</b>		
Total funds brought forward	69,469	56,518
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	6,207	12,951
Total funds carried forward	<u>75,676</u>	<u>69,469</u>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	75,676	69,469
	<u>75,676</u>	<u>69,469</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Unrestricted funds	15,000	15,000
Restricted funds	60,676	54,469
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><u>75,676</u></u>	<u><u>69,469</u></u>

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

## 1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows;

### a) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has the resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

### b) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on a cash payment basis.

## 2. Taxation

Naíscoil and Chéide is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

## 3. Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any payments from the charity.