

# Puzzles Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100805

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2017-10-19

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The objectives of the group are the promotion of the education of children under 5 years by: (a) provision of a safe and educative childcare environment which is wholly inclusive to everyone in the local area, regardless of race, culture, religion or needs, (b) increasing the awareness of parents of the need for safe and supervised group play for their children, (c) bringing together all those who are interested in the wellbeing of the pre-school child for mutual support and training, and (d) make known to the general public the true value of pre-school education.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Counselling/support,Cultural,Disability,Education/training,Human rights/equality,Playgroup/after schools,Relief of poverty,Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Carers,General public,Language community,Learning disabilities,Parents,Physical disabilities,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Sensory disabilities,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£64,732	£56,462	£0	3

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Brigid Byrne		
Mrs Cathy Rodgers		
Mrs Evelyn Smith		
Mrs Kate Mcgivern		
Mrs Margaret O'gorman		
Mrs Noreen Tohill		
Mrs Roma Fitzpatrick		
Mrs Suzanne Kenny		
Ms Aine Mcgivern		

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# Accounts

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**PUZZLES PLAYGROUP**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST JULY 2024 TO 30TH JUNE 2025**

**RECEIPTS**

Fees	58,402.44
Family Subscriptions	680.00
Social Services Grants	2,458.00
Milk Reimbursement	928.20
Fundraising	210.00
Parties	60.00
Trips	153.00
Photographs	1,418.00
Warrenpoint Harbour	370.00
Bank Interest	53.01
	<b><u>£64,732.65</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

Rent	2,700.00
Salaries & Inland Revenue	43,170.41
Equipment & Resources	1,929.72
Milk	1,074.00
Bank Charges	379.31
Telephone	1,095.57
Provisions	1,054.15
Trips	595.00
Photographs	1,393.54
Stationery	651.06
Hospitality	689.30
Gifts	630.00
Early Years	96.00
Health Declaration	40.00
First Aid Training	234.80
Accounts Fee	130.00
Insurance	454.91
Parties	10.00
Access Check	5.00
Fruit	39.72
Postage	74.41
Cleaning	15.32
	<b><u>£56,462.22</u></b>

**Excess of Payments over Receipts** **£8,270.43**

**ACCUMULATED FUND**

Balance as at 1st July 2024	17,604.56
Deficit for the Year	8,270.43
<b>Balance as at 30th June 2025</b>	<b>£25,874.99</b>

**REPRESENTED BY**

Bank Current Account	22,344.61
Bank Business Investment Account	3,394.60
Petty Cash	135.78
	<b>£25,874.99</b>

In my opinion, from the records and books I received, the above Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the state of Puzzles Playgroup's financial position for the year ended 30th June 2025.



**Marian Shields**  
**Independent Examiner**  
**14th August 2025**

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# Accounts

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**PUZZLES PLAYGROUP**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST JULY 2023 TO 30TH JUNE 2024**

**RECEIPTS**

Fees	45,674.83
Family Subscriptions	830.00
Southern Health & Social Care Trust	2,533.20
Milk Reimbursement	819.30
Fundraising	264.00
Parties	90.00
Trips	353.00
Donations	300.00
Photographs	834.00
Bank Interest	53.56
	<b><u>£51,751.89</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

Rent	3,150.00
Salaries & Inland Revenue	46,816.64
Equipment & Resources	2,187.86
Milk	1,008.00
Bank Charges	395.60
Telephone	845.28
Provisions	702.32
Trips	330.00
Photographs	787.89
Uniforms	167.00
Cleaning & Toiletries	112.08
Accounts Fee	130.00
Early Years	91.00
Insurance	438.79
Parties	414.60
Hospitality	102.00
Retirement Gift & Flowers	287.99
Fruit	24.23
Postage	28.23
Stationery	136.69
First Aid	20.73
	<b><u>£58,176.93</u></b>

**Excess of Payments over Receipts** **-£6,425.04**


**ACCUMULATED FUND**

Balance as at 1st July 2023	24,029.60
Deficit for the Year	-6,425.04
<b>Balance as at 30th June 2024</b>	<b>£17,604.56</b>

**REPRESENTED BY**

Bank Current Account	14,253.32
Bank Business Investment Account	3,341.59
Petty Cash	9.65
	<b>£17,604.56</b>

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**Marian Shields**  
**Independent Examiner**  
**13th August 2024**

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# Annual report

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**Trustees Report: Financial Year September 2023 – August 2024**

**Charitable Purpose**

Puzzles Playgroup is a community group providing and promoting learning through play in a safe and welcoming environment for all children aged 2yr 10mth – 4yrs. We are inclusive of all cultures, religions, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities within our community. We run morning sessions Monday – Friday 9am-12pm. The Playgroup is managed by qualified staff and a Committee who meet regularly and have an AGM. Puzzles Playgroup is a non-profit group who keep fees to a minimum for parents so it is affordable and accessible for all the community.

**The objectives of the group**

The promotion of the education of children under 5 years by: (a) provision of a safe and educative childcare environment which is wholly inclusive to everyone in the local area, regardless of race, culture, religion or needs, (b) increasing the awareness of parents of the need for safe and supervised group play for their children, (c) bringing together all those who are interested in the wellbeing of the pre-school child for mutual support and training, and (d) make known to the general public the true value of pre-school education.

**Main achievements in the year**

We provided a high standard of care and education which reflected within our annual inspection form The Early Years Trust which was carried out 27/03/24 and also within our parent feedback at the end of the year and inspection. We supported children and families this year with a range of additional needs, we help to guide with direction for health care professional and also help children reach their best potential. We secured funding through the Childcare Partnership Grant (920.00) this allowed us to upgrade our children's chairs and drawers to allow children easy access to their resources. We also were awarded £200 from Warrenpoint Port to help towards a summer trip to Fort Evergreen so it was more affordable to everyone. We had a good demand for our sessions with

all sessions full to capacity. All staff has their core training up to date and also their own personal development training to ensure a safe and well run playgroup.

### **Financial Report**

Net income for the year £51,751 and total running cost £58,176 which included staff wages, rent, insurance, telephone, internet, general playgroup expenses, uniforms, training and subscriptions.

Funds are in a good state financially.

*Independent Examiner*

*Marian Shields Accountant*

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# Annual return

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I report on the accounts of Puzzles Playgroup for the year ended 30th June 2024.

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

I have examined your Charity Accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my 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.

My 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.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters and in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**Marian Shields**  
**Independent Examiner**  
**13th August 2024**

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# Accounts

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Fees	44,813.50
Family Subscriptions	510.00
Southern Health & Social Care Trust	1,311.60
Health & Social Care Board	975.22
Milk Reimbursement	518.35
Fundraising	383.00
Parties	60.00
Trips	250.00
Donations	300.00
Photographs	766.00
Bank Interest	18.59
	<b><u>£49,906.26</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

Rent	1,922.80
Salaries & Inland Revenue	39,210.20
Equipment & Resources	3,632.50
Milk	747.08
Bank Charges	408.07
Telephone	918.47
Provisions	1,102.71
Trips	452.00
Photographs	728.18
Cleaning & Toiletries	140.16
Early Years	87.00
First Aid	94.71
Accounts Fee	130.00
Insurance	415.96
Food Hygiene Course	57.60
Parties	892.25
Hospitality	58.06
Gifts	50.00
Fruit	30.18
Postage	69.22
Stationery	98.03
	<b><u>£51,245.18</u></b>

**Excess of Receipts over Payments** **-£1,338.92**

**ACCUMULATED FUND**

Balance as at 1st July 2022	25,368.52
Deficit for the Year	-1,338.92
<b>Balance as at 30th June, 2023</b>	<b>£24,029.60</b>

**REPRESENTED BY**

Bank Current Account	20,681.45
Bank Business Investment Account	3,288.03
Petty Cash	60.12
	<b>£24,029.60</b>

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#### **Main achievements in the year**

We provided a high standard of care and education which was reflected within our annual inspection from The Early Years Trust which was carried out 15/03/2023 and also within the Parent Feedback at the end of the year and at inspection. We secured funding through the Childcare Partnership Small Grant Funding (£975.22) to enable us to buy some sensory equipment and pod so we can be more inclusive of all children but especially children with SEN. We also were awarded £200 from Warrenpoint Port to help towards cost of our summer trip. We held a Christmas party and presents for all children and a summer trip to Fort Evergreen for parents and children. We had all our sessions taking up which should the demand for our Playgroup. All staff

has kept up to date with their core training and also their own personal development training to ensure a safe and well run Playgroup.

### **Financial Report**

Net income for the year £49906 and total running costs was £51425 which included staff wages, rent, insurance, telephone and internet, general playgroup expenses, uniforms, training and subscriptions. Costs were closely managed during this period.

Funds are in a good state financially

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*Marian Shields*

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**24th August 2023**

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