

# **Trustees Annual Report for** **September 2022 - August 2023**

## **HISTORY**

Islandmagee Playaway Playgroup is a registered charity and is a playgroup situated in Islandmagee. We have been established on the Island for around 42 years and carry out preschool education for the children of the area. We are a cross-community organisation, with five members of staff and are run by a parents' management committee consisting of parents both past and present who are responsible for the overall decisions and governing of the playgroup. Playgroup is governed by a constitution and has policies and procedures in place as per regulations. We are registered for 26 children between the ages of 2 years, 10 months to 4 years old for 5 mornings per week term time. We are based in Islandmagee Community Centre, Gobbins Centre.

## **AIMS**

Islandmagee Playaway Playgroup aims to educate the local preschool children in all areas of learning as instructed by the Department of Education, Northern Ireland. We provide activities through which the children achieve their learning objectives through play. We provide activities such as water/sand play, jigsaws, painting, play dough, arts and crafts, role-play, storytelling, music, and outdoor play. We aim to ensure that all children can access and achieve their learning requirements over the year before the start of primary school. Our admissions policy states that we welcome all families from the community irrespective of their social class, religion, race, culture, disability, or special needs. We are annually inspected by Health and Social Care Trust, and Environmental Health to ensure we meet all relevant standards. We have an Early Years advisor who helps keep us up to date. We are also inspected by the Education Authority which is available for the public to view.

## **Financial position**

The report covers the period up until 31st August 2023. We receive monthly deposits from the Education Authority for each preschool child in attendance. This pays for staff salaries and rent for the hall, with additional fundraising. We also received several grants this year due to various funds. We carry out internal fundraising activities which are organised by the Parents Committee. The trustees are grateful to all the parents both past and present for their efforts in helping raise valuable funds and resources. In the years 2022 to 2023, Islandmagee Playaway Playgroup showed a profit of £ 17,055.45, including fundraising valued at £ 15,801.14 and this will be reinvested back into the playgroup to buy new and additional resources.

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Date

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