

KILLEAN PLAYGROUP LIMITED

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Objectives and activities

As per the constitution, the company's objectives and activities are specifically restricted to the following: to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) of Killean and its surrounding greater ward area (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in particular;

(a) to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group and to promote the preservation of health of the beneficiaries;

(b) to support the vision and values of Early Years- the organisation for young children (hereinafter called 'Early Years');

(c) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

The playgroup is open Monday to Friday - 9.00 to 12.30 and employs 4 qualified staff. It provides a facility where the children can learn in a safe and stimulating environment at their own pace. The playgroup works to provide the pre-school curriculum and is proud to have been recognised by Early Years with an Accreditation. 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.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The School reopened after Covid-19 restrictions in September 2020. After a difficult few months of working from home and keeping in touch with parents and children virtually, this was a welcome relief.

Objectives include getting children back to a normal routine and enhancing learning and development through face to face teaching.

Going concern

Management have considered a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements as part of their assessment of the appropriateness of the going concern assumption, and have concluded that the going concern basis is appropriate.

The effect of Covid-19 in 2020 has not created any doubt on the ability of the company to continue. Being a childcare facility, the premises were instructed to close but the company is supported by the Department of Education and has sufficient reserves to meet its financial obligations.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mrs Pauline Dowdall
	Mrs Fionnuala O'Neil
	Mrs Collette King
	Mr Patrick Mc Namee

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Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 14 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Pauline Dowdall
Trustee



Mrs Collette King
Trustee

Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

Killean Playgroup is a company limited by guarantee and accepted as charitable by HMRC. The company is also a registered charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under charity number 101320. The company was incorporated on 22nd February 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company, and is governed by its Articles of Association. The liability of the members is limited in that every member of the company undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The charity trustees are also directors of the company. There were no changes to the Directors during the financial year.

Organisation Structure

The Board consists of four Trustees who administer the playgroup and meet monthly. The Board has appointed a Playgroup Leader to manage the day-to-day operations of the Playgroup. The Playgroup leader has delegated authority, within terms of delegated approval, for operational matters including staff supervision, delivery of Playgroup activities and budgetary management. The Playgroup is affiliated to the Early Years organisation and works very closely with their Early Years Specialist to ensure that staff are up-to-date with policy and practice within the sector. Staff also undertake regular training.