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Trustee Report

2021-2022

Meigh Community Pre School was first opened in 1983 to provide care for 3–5-year-old children in the local area. In 1999 funding was obtained from 'Childhood Funding' and from this we were able to build a purpose building for 26 children and this was opened on 17th April 2000 by Lady Moyra Campbell.

Our last inspection from the inspection form the Department of Education inspectorate gave us an 'Outstanding in all areas', we also had our inspection from Southern Health and Social Care Trust where we had no issues.

In the preschool we provide a daily healthy break for the children. We use the guidance of Boost Better Breaks to plan our menu

Currently we have 25 children who attend the preschool. We have three children who require 1:1 support. We gained the funding for these 1:1 Learning Support Assistants from both the EA and Short Breaks. We have a good committee who support the running of the preschool and helping us with fundraising. We have strong links with the local schools in the area and links with social workers and support agencies if required.

We welcome all children irrespective of ethnicity, ability, class, creed, gender, colour, or religious beliefs.

All staff are fully trained in child protection and first aid which are updated regularly. We have three staff members and one committee member with Designated Child Protection training. The preschool is inspected annually by southern health and social care trust, fire authority and food safety inspectorate. There have been no issues reported by any of these services this year.

Due to Covid 19, the preschool had to operate remotely for a period of time in term 1. We issued the children with remote learning packs, we communicated with children via Facebook, email, and group video chats.

Our outings unfortunately were limited in the second half of the year, but the children did perform a Christmas Carol service for their parents and grandparents on Facebook. At the end of the year, we held a covid friendly graduation ceremony for each individual child and memories created for their transition to primary school

Trustee: Mr Stephen Ellison



Mrs Catherine Best