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Trustee Report

2022-2023

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 24 children who attend the preschool, however we had 26 at the beginning of the year. A set of twins moved house and therefore move to a different preschool We have one child who has 1:1 assistance. We gained funding from Short breaks for the 1:1 Learning Support Assistant. We have a good committee who support the running of the preschool. Our main fund raiser this year was a staff climb of Slieve Gullion mountain.

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.

In December we were invited to the local primary school to view the dress rehearsal of the Primary 1 and 2 school plays. We took a bus over to the local primary school. In lieu of our summer outings, we had a fun filled final week in the preschool. We invited in Jurassic Arc, the Ice cream van and face painters. We also took a trip to the local play park.

Trustee: Mr Stephen Ellison

Mrs Catherine Best