

Kiddies Castle Early Years

General Information

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 28 February 2025

The Trustees present the Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Kiddies Castles Early Years was established in Castledawson in 1994 and its principal activity is serving as a Pre-School education Centre. The Centre is the only one of its type in the Castledawson area of Northern Ireland.

The area has seen little or no regeneration from the most economic downturn. The management committee come from all sectors of the community to work together with the staff on a cross community/cross culture basis. Together the charity supports the holistic development of children of all abilities ages 3 to 5 and offer their parents workshops and courses to enhance their child's development. The staff are experienced, trained in line with the minimum standards and promote high quality development. We deliver the DENI curriculum through observation, planning, assessing -ongoing evaluating, parent interviews and ongoing staff training, the staff identify and support the needs of each child's early years development.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees' of Kiddies castle Early Years confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(6) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the year ended 28th February 2025.

Achievements and Performance

Kiddies Castle Early Years continues to provide a High Quality of education, having provided places for pre school children and pre-preschool children throughout the year 2024/25. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity.

Financial Review

Financial Performance

The financial performance was in line with the Trustees' expectations. The charity in a sound financial position at the year-end. The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 7 to 9. The charity company returned net surplus for the year of £19,332 (2024: net deficit of £17,959).

At 28th February 2025, the total assets of the charity amounted to £112,267 (2024: £92,935) comprising of Non-Current assets and cash at bank or in hand.

Reserves Policy

The charitable company does not maintain a formal reserves policy however the Board of Directors continue to monitor the level of reserves held by the charitable company and are satisfied that these are adequate to meet any unforeseen expenditure incurred.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure

The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Trustees

The Trustees are listed on page 3.

Taxation Status

The charitable company is recognised as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs. Accordingly, the charitable company has availed of the exemptions contained in Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Taxes Act 2010 and Section 256 Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees Directors and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee Date:

Charity Registration Number: 104981