

# **Legacurry Pre-School**

## **Annual Report & Statement of Accounts**

For the year ended 31 August 2025

Charity number: NIC105675

**Legacurry Pre-School  
Trustees' Annual Report  
For the year ended 31 August 2025**

The trustees present their Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities at that date.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

Legacurry Pre-School	Registered Charity in Northern Ireland - NIC105675
c/o Mrs Bertha Walker	
7 Ballycrune Road	
Hillsborough	
BT26 6NQ	

**Charity Trustees**

The charity trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

John Ferguson	Chairperson	(appointed 15th October 2024)
Zara-Lee Jess	Secretary	(appointed 15th October 2024)
Bertha Walker	Treasurer	
Sarah-Jane Maguire		(appointed 15th October 2024)
Colin Munn		(appointed 15th October 2024)
Helen Brann		(appointed 15th October 2024)

The following trustees resigned 15th October 2024

Naomi Stafford	Victoria Coburn
Alex McCully	Charis Rodgers
Katherine Hamilton	Sarah Lowry

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Those charged with governance of the charity are the trustees also known as the Management Committee, as elected annually by the staff and family members of pupils, are charged with the management of the charity. The charity staff organise the day to day running of the pre-school. The charity's governing document is the Constitution.

To be elected as a trustee of the charity a person must be a member. The committee is re-elected each year at the AGM. Nominations for elections to the committee may be made by any family member of the students and seconded by another. Members of staff cannot be committee members.

The committee must hold at least one meeting every term.

**Purpose**

The trustees seek to promote play based learning environments and advance education for all children under statutory school age of Legacurry and its surrounding area.

This is achieved 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 pre-school and to promote the preservation of health of the children. The charity supports the values and principles of Early Years.

The property and funds of the charity must only be used to fulfill the purposes.

### **Activities and Objectives**

Legacurry Pre-School will deliver the benefits detailed in our Public Benefit statement through a curriculum that will be planned to ensure that the children learn and develop within the six areas of the curriculum, the arts; language development; early mathematical experiences; personal, social and emotional development, physical development and movement and the world around us. Observations and assessments of each child's development will take place, relevant planning will be carried out to ensure the provision is sufficient to further advance this evidential learning.

Through a continuous process of evaluation the trustees will carry out plans necessary for improvement of the childrens educational provision. This process will include regular staff meetings, ongoing training, support from local primary schools and the Early Years Organisation. We also seek feedback from parental interviews and questionnaires, inspections carried out, recommendations and support given by Social Services and the Education and Training Inspectorate.

### **Achievements**

During the year the pre-school received grants from the Education Authority which were primarily used to pay the wages and salaries of the charity, running costs, insurance, etc. The committee also organised multiple fundraising activities through the year and collected weekly contributions from parents. These funds were used for the daily snacks for the children and to purchase equipment and resources for the pre-school.

This year the pre-school has been able to further increase its fundraising activities. Whilst the funds raised have not reached levels from several years ago, the trustees and staff are very grateful for the continued support.

### **Financial Review**

The charity's main source of income each year is from the Education Authority which was £63,200 for the year. The increase is mainly due to the Department of Education implementing a one off large increase to the funding per child early in the year. This amount also included a one off £2,000 grant for outdoor play.

The weekly contributions amounted to £4,166 and fundraising activities achieved £1,145.

We are very grateful for the continued support of the family and friends of the children at Legacurry Pre-School as these funds are essential in providing the children with new equipment regularly and different learning experiences. The income overall has shown an increase of 18% which is primarily due to the increase in EA funding as mentioned.

The expenses for the year amounted to £63,087 (£67,579 in 2024) which is a decrease of 7%. The main movement relates to the decrease in equipment and resources costs which vary each year. There were also other small movements within other expenses.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

### Early years education

Medical and educational research has demonstrated that the major development of intelligence, personality and social behaviour in people occurs in the first few years of life. It is estimated that half of all intellectual development potential is established by age four. Success and indeed failure in early years leads to success or failure in school and consequently throughout life. At Legacurry Pre-School we firmly believe that investing in children at an early age is crucial. High quality early childhood education has lasting effects on learning and motivation. We believe that providing a facility where the children of the surrounding areas can access pre-school education of a high standard, we are increasing the ability of those children to benefit from primary school education and consequently secondary/grammar school education and further education in later years.

### Advancing the education of children in the pre-school

We see our benefit to the public as multi-layered. Children in our care are encouraged to see education and learning as a valuable, enjoyable and necessary part of life. As a result of this we hope to see more children accessing further education and leaving their education equipped with the necessary tools to enter the workforce. This in-turn will result in fewer people accessing unemployment benefit, less need for welfare assistance, higher income tax payments and reductions in crime. 'A better educated and more stable workforce leads to a more productive society'. There is an increased ability for parents to work while their children are well cared for at pre-school resulting in increased incomes, increased tax payments and reduced need for public assistance.

### Working in partnership with parents and health care professionals

We work closely with parents and health care professionals to screen children at an early age to identify developmental problems, speech and language difficulties and other special educational needs. Early intervention will benefit children, parents and the schools which these children will move on to. We provide support for parents and offer good examples of positive adult/child interactions, appropriate care and parenting skills. We treat parents as partners and learn from them, helping them to understand the curriculum and their children's development. As part of our education programme we promote healthy lifestyles, healthy eating etc. to both children and parents. We encourage children to look after themselves and make them aware of the benefits of exercise and healthy eating. This part of their education, we believe, will instil good practice for later life thus reducing health problems, etc. in the future and reducing the burden on the health service.

At Legacurry Pre-School we aim to encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive progress. Helping children to develop skills, learn concepts, follow directions, play well with others and become excited about learning. We promote good behaviour and support parents to promote good behaviour at home. We believe that instilling the foundations for respect for others, respect for boundaries and a respect for your environment will have long term benefits for our community and society as a whole.

The charity trustees have had regard for the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

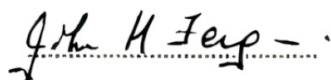
**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and statements of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As the charity's income does not exceed £250,000, the trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities.

Approved by the trustees on 9 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John H Ferguson', written over a dotted line.

John Ferguson  
Chairperson

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Legacurry Pre-School**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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25 November 2025

**Legacurry Pre-School**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Receipts:</b>					
Fundraising activities	<b>2</b>	1,145	-	1,145	1,324
Grants	<b>3</b>	61,200	2,000	63,200	53,140
Interest on deposit account		114	-	114	132
Enrolment fees		720	-	720	624
Weekly contributions		4,166	-	4,166	3,893
Milk refund		365	-	365	276
Sundry		568	-	568	245
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>68,278</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>70,278</b>	<b>59,634</b>
<b>Payments:</b>					
Salaries		51,130	-	51,130	52,281
Equipment and resources		2,273	2,000	4,273	7,239
Early Years membership and costs		2,050	-	2,050	2,738
Snack costs		1,097	-	1,097	1,534
Operational costs	<b>4</b>	2,205	-	2,205	2,014
Other costs	<b>5</b>	2,332	-	2,332	1,773
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>61,087</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>63,087</b>	<b>67,579</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>7,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>(7,945)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>7,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>(7,945)</b>
<b>Reconciliation at 31 August:</b>					
Cash at bank & in hand at start of year		12,092	-	12,092	20,037
Surplus / (deficit) for the year end		7,191	-	7,191	(7,945)
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31 August</b>		<b>19,283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,283</b>	<b>12,092</b>

**Legacurry Pre-School**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2025**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Funds reconciliation</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand at start of year	12,092	-	12,092	20,037
Surplus / (deficit) for the year end	7,191	-	7,191	1,236
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31 August</b>	<b>19,283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,283</b>	<b>21,273</b>

**Bank and cash balances**

Bank deposit account	9,285	9,170
Bank current account	9,898	2,822
Cash in hand	100	100
	<b>19,283</b>	<b>12,092</b>

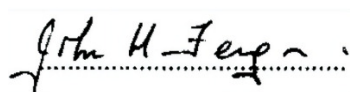
**Other assets**

Prepayments (insurance)	-	87
	<b>-</b>	<b>87</b>

**Liabilities**

Trade creditors	-	-
Tax and social security	-	366
	<b>-</b>	<b>366</b>

Approved by the trustees 9 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 John Ferguson  
 Chairperson



**Legacurry Pre-School**  
**Notes to the Statement of Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2025**

**1 Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds are primarily from the Education Authority, weekly contributions for children and fundraising activities. The grant received from the Education Authority in respect of funded places at the pre-school is for general running costs and therefore is not restricted.

The charity does not have any restricted funds.

**2 Fundraising activities**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Christmas jumper day	-	-	-	39
Smarties tubes	274	-	<b>274</b>	-
Dress up days	131	-	<b>131</b>	52
Cash for Clobber	-	-	-	268
Photographs	-	-	-	80
Christmas decorations	-	-	-	123
Christmas hamper	-	-	-	300
Fitness evening	-	-	-	235
Easter fundraising	130	-	<b>130</b>	220
Teddy Bears Picnic	90	-	<b>90</b>	-
Christmas Sale	78	-	<b>78</b>	-
T-shirt fundraiser	140	-	<b>140</b>	-
Sports day	302	-	<b>302</b>	-
Other	-	-	-	7
	<b>1,145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,324</b>

**3 Grants**

The following grants were made to Legacurry Pre-School:

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Education Authority	61,200	-	<b>61,200</b>	50,740
Education Authority - outdoor play grant	-	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	-
Education Authority - other grants	-	-	-	2,400
	<b>61,200</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>63,200</b>	<b>53,140</b>

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**4 Operational costs**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest & charges	-	-	-	-
Rent and heating	600	-	<b>600</b>	600
Insurance	597	-	<b>597</b>	520
Running costs	276	-	<b>276</b>	213
Computer costs	264	-	<b>264</b>	240
Staff clothing	-	-	-	54
Staff training	-	-	-	194
Independent examination	150	-	<b>150</b>	150
Sundry	318	-	<b>318</b>	43
	<b>2,205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,014</b>

**5 Other costs**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Milk	325	-	<b>325</b>	316
Parties / activities / trips	1,402	-	<b>1,402</b>	836
Staff expenses	388	-	<b>388</b>	503
Gifts	217	-	<b>217</b>	118
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	<b>2,332</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>1,773</b>

**6 Transactions with related parties and trustees**

There were no transactions with trustees or related parties during the year.

No remuneration or expenses were paid to trustees or related parties during the year.