

# Mount Saint Catherine's Little Buds Playgroup and Big Buds Out of Schools Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107477

## Details

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Status	Received
Registered	2020-07-20
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** 3.1 The Group is established to promote play based learning environments for all children either under statutory school age or of primary school age (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) of the area served; Armagh City and its surrounding environs in Northern Ireland (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 recreation activities and 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; and b. to support the values and principles of Early Years.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Cross-border/cross-community, Disability, Education/training, Playgroup/after schools

**Who the charity helps:** Learning disabilities, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Travellers, Unemployed/low income, Victim support

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£74,569	£69,963	£0	5

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Corr		
Claire O'connor		
Danielle Lennon		
Gareth Leonard		
Joanne Garvey		
Leona Gallagher		
Lisa Mcavera		
Mrs Ann Maire Mclaughlin		
Mrs Jacqueline Trainor		
Ms Ciara Farley		
Petra Watkins		
Sally Sheridan		
Sarah Mckenna		
Sinead Murtagh		

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# Accounts

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**Little Buds Playgroup  
Income and Expenditure Account**

**Jul 24 - Jun 25**

Income

Early Bird	£341.00
Fees	£21,175.00
From wages	£50.00
Fundraising	£2,291.70
Grant	£1,092.00
Milk	£47.53
NICCS	£2,826.65
Pathway	£32,623.23
Registration	£520.00
SHSCT Grant	£1,492.35
SS Wages	£450.00
Santa	£130.00
Sundry	£48.18
Tax FC	£11,089.00
Trips	£393.00

**Total Income** £74,569.64

Expenses

Blackburn	£48.14
Creative Activity	£118.71
EY Membership	£96.00
Early Years	£678.36
Employee PAYE	£2,117.65
Employee Pension	£1,836.04
Fundraising Expenses	£240.00
Hope Education	£752.16
Mens Shed	£785.00
Mt St Catherines	£148.13
Overheads	
Employee Costs	£28,480.37
Finance Costs	
Bank Fees	£190.14
Total Finance Costs	<u>£190.14</u>
General Administrative Expenses	
Telephone and Internet	£604.77
Total General Administrative Expenses	<u>£604.77</u>
Premises Costs	
Property Insurance	£737.69
Total Premises Costs	<u>£737.69</u>
Total Overheads	<u>£30,012.97</u>
Pathway Wages	£30,038.98
Photocopier	£432.00
Play Resource	£120.00
Santa Expenses	£150.00
Snack	£1,650.00
Trips Expense	£739.50

**Total Expenses** £69,963.64

**Net Income** £4,606.00

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# Accounts

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Company Registration No. NIC10747 (Northern Ireland)

**LITTLE BUDS PLAYGROUP  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

# Profit and Loss

Little Buds Playgroup

Jul 23 - Jun 24

## Income

Blackburn	£3,413.86
Early Bird	£355.10
Fees	£25,779.00
Fundraising	£1,279.80
Graduation	£270.00
ICT Income	£329.00
Pathway	£30,724.67
Playgroup Money	£16.00
Registration Fees	£795.00
SHSCT Grant	£1,704.00
SS Wages income	£2,800.00
Santa	£115.00
Staff Contribution	£25.00
Sundry Income	£135.57
Tax FC	£9,078.00
Trips Income	£387.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£77,207.00</b>

## Expenses

Community PT	£1,251.60
Consumables	£1,390.08
Employee Pension	£1,548.09
Hope Education	£1,667.91
ICT	£872.12
Meal	£54.00
Membership Fees	£91.00
Mens Sheds	£1,100.00
Overheads	
Employee Costs	£29,839.13
Finance Costs	
Bank Fees	£127.26
Total Finance Costs	£127.26
General Administrative Expenses	
Postage and Stationery	£1.85
Telephone and Internet	£546.48
Total General Administrative Expenses	£548.33
Motor Expenses	£10.00
Premises Costs	
Property Insurance	£704.56
Total Premises Costs	£704.56
Repairs	£50.25
Total Overheads	£31,279.53

# Profit and Loss

Little Buds Playgroup

	Jul 23 - Jun 24
Pathway Wages	£19,930.93
Photocopier	£624.00
Play Resources	£60.00
Relax Kids	£1,198.80
SS Wages	£4,951.60
Trips	£168.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£66,187.66</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>£11,019.34</b>

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# Annual report

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## Little Buds Playgroup Minutes of AGM dated 14/11/2024

In attendance:

Chairperson: Ann Marie McLaughlin

Leader: Briega Delaney

Parent members: Ciara Farley, Helen Mullen, Jolita Paulauskaite, Emma Oliver, Alona Anonva, Louise Lavery, Emma Knipe, Liyena Boycheva, Laura and Chris Douglas, Neil McClelland.

- All parents were welcomed to the meeting.
- Parents introduced themselves to all.
- AMMcL give a short rundown on the background of the playgroup
- AMMcL spoke about the importance of bring a committee member- good for parents, good for Social Services, good for funders and good for playgroup.
- BD read out leader's report.
- Committee elected: Ann Maire McLaughlin- Chairperson, Ciara Farley- vice chairperson, Jacqueline Trainor- Treasurer, Chris and Laura Douglas- Secretaries. Parent members- Helen Mullen, Jolita Paulausaite, Emma Oliver, Louise Lavery, Emma Knipe, Liyena Boycheva, Laura Douglas, Chris Douglas, Neil McClelland.
- BD and AMMcL spoke about the programmes in the group- Eager and Able to Learn, Media Initiative, Solihull and Relax Kids.
- CF and AMMcL discussed events in the school – open day and school bingo.
- CF and AMMcL invited the playgroup children to the Keystage 1 Christmas Play.
- AOB: Playgroup was currently in their inspection period.

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## LITTLE BUDS PLAYGROUP ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

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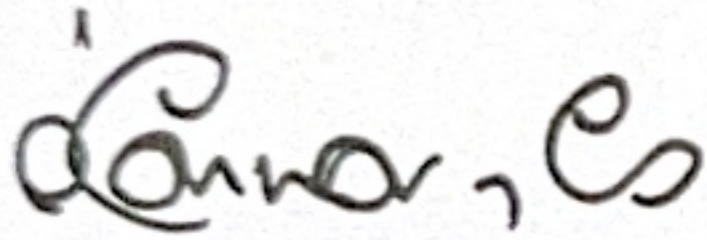
### Accountants' report to the board of directors of Little Buds Playgroup on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Little Buds Playgroup for the year ended 30 June 2024 as set out on pages 6 - 8 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Little Buds Playgroup, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Little Buds Playgroup and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them, as a body, in this report. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Little Buds Playgroup and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Little Buds Playgroup has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Little Buds Playgroup. You consider that Little Buds Playgroup is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Little Buds Playgroup. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.



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11 December 2024

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# Accounts

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Accounts For Year Ended 30th June 2023

Little Buds Play Group

Income		Expenditure	
Fund Raising	1649	Fund Raising	64
Equipment	89	Equipment	878
Echildcare	4875	Mount St Catherines	
Pathway	18645	Pathway	1233
Fees Income	30171	Fees	
Trips	265	Trips	231
Grant	2131	Pension Costs	
Registration	400	Wages	47350
Uniforms	30	PAYE/NIC	1171
Loan MST PS	1000	Administration costs	
General Income	62	Loan Repayment	1000
Kate Haffey Wages	200	Early Years	634
		Nest	1597
		Photocopy Exp	336
		Bank Fees	153
		Insurance	490
		Uniforms	
		Mobile Phone/Internet	498
		Petty Cash snack	1750
		Function	
		Stationery	143
		Sundries	253
		Repairs	135
		Training	1987
		Blackburn Equipment	1042
		Cleaning	153
Balance	1581	Balance	
	<u>61098</u>		<u>61098</u>

Signed Michelle Parks  
Michelle Parks

Signed Jacqueline Trainor  
Jacqueline Trainor

Dated: 01/05/24

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## Little Buds' Playgroup

### Minutes of AGM and Committee Meeting 11-05-22

Present: see attached Apologies: see attached

1. Briega welcomes the group and thanks all for attending. Gives background and context for the AGM.
2. We discuss the importance of a involved parents committee and how it can benefit the children and the group.
3. We elect new committee: Chair- AM McLaughlin  
Treasurer – Joely McCone along with J Trainor (present treasurer)  
Secretary – Aideen McReynolds

All positions are proposed and seconded.

All other parents present are willing to be non-office bearing committee members- Mr Biernacka, Anita Hendren, Shirley McKennel and K O'Neill.

4. We examine the Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2021.  
They are passed. We acknowledge how crucial the Pathways funding is to our survival – it pays most of our wages and training costs. This is form EA Early Years funds.
5. We have a fundraising update. This has been minimal over the last few covid-affected years but we had a Halloween fundraiser and currently there is a summer Raffle with prizes generously donated by many parents.
6. The possibility of the committee accessing funds from small grants to cover things such as the revamp of the outdoor garden. Staff would like an awning at the rear of building. Suggestions include the PSNI, Children in Need, Awards for All and Live Here/ Love Here Pollinator Grant. EY give a booklet of funders.
7. Graduation Gowns are discussed
8. Children will get a report in May.
9. Staffing is briefly discussed – the possibility of a reduction and advertising one post permanent as two staff were taken in previously on a temp basis. Advert to be posted in late May, early June.
10. Possibility of EA funding for overage playgroup places. Also there is the possibility of 16 afternoon places in the future.
11. All are thanked and next meeting set for 15<sup>th</sup> June.

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees  
of 'Little Buds Playgroup' Trust  
NIC107477**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2023 which are set out.

**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.

CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 4 August 2016

**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.

Name: *Kam H A* *Bookkeeper Diploma*  
*HNB*

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: *14 Wind Hill* *ARRMATH*

Date: *11 / 4 / 20 25*

