

# Caledon Playgroup

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The Trustees present this Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Caledon Playgroup was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 17/07/2020. Charity Registration Number 107700. The Playgroup is a non-profit making organisation on where any profits made are used to extend the range of activities offered by the Playgroup.

## Organisation

The Playgroup is administered by a Management Committee. It is registered with the Southern Health and Social Care Trust to provide pre-school education for 26 children on a part time basis. It receives funding for these places under the Department of Education PEAGS Programme. The Playgroup is supported by an Early Years Specialist and Social Services Link Social Worker.

## Objectives and Activities.

Caledon Cross Community Playgroup was started in 1999 by a group of local parents and villagers who identified the need for Playgroup facilities for children in the community.

Caledon Playgroup provides a warm, secure, stimulating healthy and happy environment where all preschool children can learn through play. We recognise and value childhood as being an important stage of life and encourage each child to progress at their own individual pace.

The Playgroup works closely with Early Years and various statutory authorities to advance pre-school education through the provision of safe and satisfying group play, the recognition of rights of parents/carers to take responsibility for involvement of all activities of the Playgroup, the promotion of the health of the children at all times and also to adhere to the values and principles of Early Years. A wide range of activities provides experiences across the whole Early Years' curriculum. (DENI Curriculum is followed.) We expect our staff to ensure that every child matters and activities are planned to cater for every child's needs.

This coming year we hope to have special events to celebrate 25 years of our Cross Community Playgroup. We are very grateful to everyone in the local community who have volunteered to support and help at our celebrations.

