

CLOGHER VALLEY PLAYGROUP

(FORMERLY CLOGHER VALLEY FAMILY CENTRE LIMITED)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies act 2006, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Objectives and activities

The principal objective of the company continued to be the enhancement and development of education of children under statutory school age through the provision of playgroup facilities and encouraging the study needs of such children and their families.

Following the merger with Clogher Valley Playgroup, an unincorporated charity (Charity registration number: NI100302), the company became responsible for the delivery of the Charity's pre-school education activities with effect from 1 September 2022.

Review of activities

With effect from 1 September 2022, the company has been responsible for the operation of the pre-school education activities of Clogher Valley Playgroup.

During the year Clogher Valley Playgroup provided pre-school education to 32 children in the local area. Through the hard work and innovation of the Playgroup leaders, the management committee and parents, the children benefited from a wide range of activities during the year including:

- A fire fighter visit to Clogher Fire Station;
- A Police visit highlighting in-car safety;
- Weely baking and cooking experiences, including pancake decorating;
- Crafting valentines gifts for loved ones;
- Celebrating Chinese new year by making Chinese lanterns and learning some Chinese language and dance;
- Gardening in our eco-garden, and through feeding caterpillars which developed into butterflies, planting bulbs and seeds and watch them grow;
- World Book Day;
- Recycling, establishing a battery collection box to dispose of old batteries.
- Exercise, with a personal trainer attending over a 4 week period to encourage sport and movement.
- Natural world - Visits to local forests to explore different seasons and making bird feeders to hang on the trees on the premises to watch for different species of birds; and
- Community – Attending the local nursing home to sing for the residents, posting Santa letters at the local Post Office.

Future developments

The Playgroup continues to look for opportunities to enhance the pre-school education of Children in the local areas and to provide support to their parents.

Structure and governance

The company is registered as a company limited by guarantee. It is constituted under articles of association adopted by the members on 27 June 2022. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The oversight of the company is the responsibility of the trustees. The day to day management of the pre-school education is delegated to a management committee, who are represented on the board of trustees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Cont'd)

Trustees

The following trustees have held office since 1 September 2022:

Mrs G Boyd
Mrs B Boyd
Mrs C Finnegan

Mrs D Irvine
Mr S Robinson
Mrs T Thompson

Management Committee

The Management Committee are trustees of the charity and are elected each year at the AGM. They have delegated authority for the day to day operations of the Playgroup. The members of the management committees for the year ended 31 August 2023 were:

Mr C Reid (Chair)
Mr A McShea (Treasurer)

Mrs T Keenan (Secretary)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Board



Mrs G Boyd

Secretary

08 April 2024