

# **CLOGHER VALLEY PLAYGROUP**

**(FORMERLY CLOGHER VALLEY FAMILY CENTRE LIMITED)**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

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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 2024.

### **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 2023, 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 19 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:

- celebration of cultures throughout the year such as Halloween, Christmas and Chinese New Year in which children participate in numerous arts and craft activities relating to the theme and learn all about different traditions and beliefs;
- participation in the Debutots programme for six weeks, where the children partake in imaginative story telling, developing important skills emphasising on language and communication.
- Visits from Firefighters, Paramedics and Police under the theme of 'people who help us', highlighting in-car safety and road safety;
- Weekly baking and cooking experiences, including pancake decorating;
- Crafting valentines gifts for loved ones;
- 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, and a sports day at the end of term.
- 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)**

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### **Trustees**

The following trustees have held office since 1 September 2023:

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 2024 were:

Mr G Domer (Chair)  
Mrs S McElroy (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**

26 May 2025