

Naíscoil na Seolta

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108156

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-10-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: 1 To strengthen the growth of an Irish-speaking community in the east Belfast area. 2 To encourage holistic development of children within the playgroup. 3 To provide Integrated Irish-medium education at pre-school level for the children of east Belfast are and in doing so promote the growth of Irish-medium Education and Integrated Education. 4 Enhance the development of the Irish language and Irish-medium education of children under statutory school age in preparation for education in an Irish-medium primary school. 5 To offer appropriate play facilities, and to assist parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the Naíscoil, ensuring that the Naíscoil offers opportunities for all children, regardless of religion, culture, race or means. 6 To encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and promote public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in the local area. 7 To support the values and principles of all relevant associated bodies.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

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

Who the charity helps: Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£59,762	£75,784	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Burns		
Andrew Irvine		
Daibhead Hamilton		
Gearóidín Monroe		
Mr Alastair Drew Harrison		
Mr Aodán Mac Séafraidh		
Mr Ian Mcmillan		
Mr Norman Uprichard		
Mr Paul Lynas		
Mrs Gráinne Lynn		
Mrs Heather Robinson		
Mrs Linda Ervine		
Ms Claire Mitchell		
Ms Emer Mary O'neill		
Ms Julie-Ann Waterworth		

Naíscoil na Seolta

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108156

Accounts

Charity registration number 108156 (Northern Ireland)

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

J Waterworth
A Burns
I McMillan
G Monroe
G Lynn
E M O'Neil
A Mac Séafraidh
N Uprichard
C Mitchell
L Ervine
P Lynas
A D Harrison
Rev A R Irvine
D Hamilton
H Robinson
A McCammon
H Floyd

Charity registration

Northern Ireland

108156

Independent examiner

Miscampbell & Co
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NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in deciding what activities they should undertake.

The year to 31 March 2025 was a significant year for Naíscoil na Seolta, as we enjoyed an increase in the number of children attending and moved to our new purpose built accommodation at Montgomery Road in East Belfast.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

We began this reporting period with 14 children in attendance and ended the period with 22 children. Of these 22 children, 7 were 'pre-school' and 15 were 'Pre Pre' (two years before school). The increase in numbers was in part due to the Naíscoil's growing reputation for excellence, in part due to an ongoing rise in interest in the Irish language in East Belfast and in part due to the superb new facility we moved to in January 2025

In January 2025 we moved into a purpose-built building, designed to accommodate Naíscoil na Seolta and Scoil na Seolta, a new Integrated Irish-medium Bunscoil (primary school). In co-locating and partnering with Scoil na Seolta, this will provide parents with an option for a pre-school provision leading seamlessly into a primary school provision all in the one location. We believe this will make Naíscoil na Seolta an even more attractive option for families and help drive a further increase in numbers of children attending in future reporting periods.

In the 2025/2026 reporting period, our Management Committee will be considering with the help of professional advice the option to amalgamate with Scoil na Seolta into one legal entity, in the form of a primary school with a nursery unit.

The success we enjoyed in this reporting period was the result of passion, dedication and sheer hard work by our wonderfully talented staff and Committee members. As Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to record my sincere thanks to each one of them.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Committee that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Naíscoil's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J Waterworth

A Burns

I McMillan

G Monroe

G Lynn

E M O'Neil

N McDowell

(Resigned 2 October 2025)

A Mac Séafraidh

N Uprichard

C Mitchell

L Ervine

P Lynas

A D Harrison

Rev A R Irvine

D Hamilton

H Robinson

A McCammon

H Floyd

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


P Lynas
Trustee


Rev A R Irvine
Trustee

26 January 2026

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Naiscoil na Seolta for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 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.

The 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.



Jonathan R Bethel
Miscampbell & Co

6 Annadale Avenue
Belfast
BT7 3JH

Dated: 26 January 2026

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	2,179	57,583	59,762	17,060	250,970	268,030
Total income		2,179	57,583	59,762	17,060	250,970	268,030
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	4	14,503	61,281	75,784	6,291	55,019	61,310
Total expenditure		14,503	61,281	75,784	6,291	55,019	61,310
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(12,324)	(3,698)	(16,022)	10,769	195,951	206,720
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		46,830	235,841	282,671	36,061	39,890	75,951
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		34,506	232,143	266,649	46,830	235,841	282,671

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		4,297		373
Current assets					
Debtors	11	30,292		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		237,076		287,597	
		<u>267,368</u>		<u>287,597</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,016)		(5,299)	
Net current assets			<u>262,352</u>		<u>282,298</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>266,649</u>		<u>282,671</u>
The funds of the					
Restricted income funds	13		232,143		235,841
Unrestricted funds	14		34,506		46,830
			<u>266,649</u>		<u>282,671</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26 January 2026


P Lynas
Trustee

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Naiscoil na Seolta is an unincorporated charity.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the . Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Naíscóil has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the .

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Naíscóil is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	50% straight line
Computers	50% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the 's balance sheet when the becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Naiscoil's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the 's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	2,179	-	2,179	9,535	-	9,535
Grants	-	57,583	57,583	7,525	250,970	258,495
	<u>2,179</u>	<u>57,583</u>	<u>59,762</u>	<u>17,060</u>	<u>250,970</u>	<u>268,030</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2025 £	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	40,184	45,989
Depreciation and impairment	4,669	373
Insurance	1,137	569
Telephone	174	244
Rent	19,154	6,819
Training	473	700
Uniform	159	698
	<u>65,950</u>	<u>55,392</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Support	5,207	4,718
Governance	4,627	1,200
	<u>75,784</u>	<u>61,310</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	14,503	6,291
Restricted funds	61,281	55,019
	<u>75,784</u>	<u>61,310</u>

5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank Fees	28	41
Heat & Light	655	1,679
Purchases	3,942	2,832
Maintenance	582	60
Consultancy	-	106
Governance costs	4,627	1,200
	<u>9,834</u>	<u>5,918</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable Expenditure	<u>9,834</u>	<u>5,918</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,440	-
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	4,669	373
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Employees	4	3
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	40,184	45,989
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	746	3,372	4,118
Additions	8,593	-	8,593
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,339</u>	<u>3,372</u>	<u>12,711</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	373	3,372	3,745
Depreciation charged in the year	4,669	-	4,669
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,042</u>	<u>3,372</u>	<u>8,414</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,297</u>	-	<u>4,297</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>373</u>	-	<u>373</u>

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	30,292	-
	<u>30,292</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	5,016	5,299
	<u>5,016</u>	<u>5,299</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

13 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
American Ireland Fund	17,288	-	-	17,288
Award for All Grant	6,085	-	(1,944)	4,141
Department of Tourism, Culture and the Gaeltacht	140,416	-	(19,153)	121,263
Foras na Gaeilge	24,680	-	-	24,680
Community Foundation	14,981	-	-	14,981
Department of Foreign Affairs	-	28,686	(28,686)	-
EB Northern Ireland	-	9,097	-	9,097
Community Fund NI	16,000	-	-	16,000
Community Fund Ireland	16,391	-	-	16,391
EA Pegs	-	19,800	(11,498)	8,302
	<u>235,841</u>	<u>57,583</u>	<u>(61,281)</u>	<u>232,143</u>

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
American Ireland Fund	-	18,993	(1,705)	17,288
Award for All Grant	-	10,000	(3,915)	6,085
Department of Tourism, Culture and the Gaeltacht	-	175,455	(35,039)	140,416
Foras na Gaeilge	7,499	29,836	(12,655)	24,680
Community Foundation	-	16,686	(1,705)	14,981
Community Fund NI	16,000	-	-	16,000
Community Fund Ireland	16,391	-	-	16,391
	<u>39,890</u>	<u>250,970</u>	<u>(55,019)</u>	<u>235,841</u>

14 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	46,830	2,179	(14,503)	34,506
	<u>46,830</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>(14,503)</u>	<u>34,506</u>

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

14 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	36,061	17,060	(6,291)	46,830

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	4,297	-	4,297
Current assets/(liabilities)	30,209	232,143	262,352
	<u>34,506</u>	<u>232,143</u>	<u>266,649</u>
	<u><u>34,506</u></u>	<u><u>232,143</u></u>	<u><u>266,649</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	373	-	373
Current assets/(liabilities)	46,457	235,841	282,298
	<u>46,830</u>	<u>235,841</u>	<u>282,671</u>
	<u><u>46,830</u></u>	<u><u>235,841</u></u>	<u><u>282,671</u></u>

16 Related party transactions

There is £29,284 due from Scoil Na Seolta (2024 - none).

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 108156

Accounts

Charity registration number 108156

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Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the should undertake.

2023-2024 has seen many new developments with Naíscoil na Seolta as an Integrated Irish-medium pre-school. As you know Naíscoil na Seolta was established previously as a result of a major Turas project that has been in the planning and development since 2018. The move to Garnerville Presbyterian Church rented accommodation in September 2022 has been successful in providing a level of stability and we are very grateful for this temporary accommodation. The past year has seen the fruition of plans to move to a more permanent site where the management and staff of Naíscoil na Seolta have complete control over a suitable building and hours of use. 2023-2024 also saw the development of a realistic and funded plan to see the establishment of an IME/Integrated primary school, Scoil na Seolta.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

2023-2024 has shown continued strong interest in our playgroup and pre-school provision by parents. A total of 14 children have attended Naíscoil na Seolta and we received expressions of interest for 31 places in 2023-2024. The period 2023-2024 has been our first year of funded pre-school PEG (Pre-school Education Group) places. The decision by PEG to allow us a concessionary 5 funded places (usually a minimum of eight places is required) has allowed us to get off the ground as a funded voluntary IME/Integrated pre-school and we now look forward to 11 PEG funded places in 2024-2025. Naíscoil na Seolta is now fully established as a voluntary pre-school provider. Further to this we have had 49 expressions of interest for 2024-2025 with 26 of these now having allocated Naíonra places (pre-pre-school). We now have over 100 expressions of interest for the next 4 years. These figures undoubtedly reflect the excellent work of staff, volunteer staff and committee members in attracting parents in the community and in promoting the many advantages of bilingual education. The past year has witnessed the consolidation of an especially talented and well qualified staff team (both paid and voluntary) reflected in our increased PEG and naíonra numbers for 2024-2025. The ability of staff to provide an interesting, playful, and educational environment for children as well as working well with parents, has been critical in building up the operation and image of the naíscoil in the community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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27 May 2025



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NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Naiscoil na Seolta for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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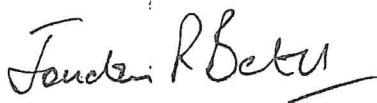
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My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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.



Jonathan R Bethel
Miscampbell & Co

6 Annadale Avenue
Belfast
BT7 3JH

Dated: 27 May 2025

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	17,060	250,970	268,030
Total income		<u>17,060</u>	<u>250,970</u>	<u>268,030</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	6,291	55,019	61,310
Total expenditure		<u>6,291</u>	<u>55,019</u>	<u>61,310</u>
Net income and movement in funds		<u>10,769</u>	<u>195,951</u>	<u>206,720</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		36,061	39,890	75,951
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u>46,830</u>	<u>235,841</u>	<u>282,671</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10		373
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		287,597	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,299)	
Net current assets			<u>282,298</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>282,671</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>282,671</u>
The funds of the			
Restricted income funds	12		235,841
Unrestricted funds			<u>46,830</u>
			<u>282,671</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 May 2025

Trustee



NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Naiscoil na Seolta is a unincorporated charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the . Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the .

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	50% straight line
Computers	50% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the 's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the 's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Donations and gifts	9,535	-	9,535	-	-
Grants	7,525	250,970	258,495	-	-
	<u>17,060</u>	<u>250,970</u>	<u>268,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £
Direct costs	
Staff costs	45,989
Depreciation and impairment	373
Insurance	569
Telephone	244
Rent	6,819
Training	700
Uniform	698
	<u>55,392</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)	
Support	4,718
Governance	1,200
	<u>61,310</u>
Analysis by fund	
Unrestricted funds	6,291
Restricted funds	55,019
	<u>61,310</u>

5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £
Bank Fees	41
Heat & Light	1,679
Purchases	2,832
Maintenance	60
Consultancy	106
Governance costs	1,200
	<u>5,918</u>
Analysed between:	
Charitable Expenditure	<u>5,918</u>

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6	Net movement in funds	2024
		£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	373
	<u>373</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024
	Number
Employees	3
	<u>3</u>

Employment costs	2024
	£

Wages and salaries	45,989
	<u>45,989</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	-	3,372	3,372
Additions	746	-	746
At 31 March 2024	746	3,372	4,118
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	-	3,372	3,372
Depreciation charged in the year	373	-	373
At 31 March 2024	373	3,372	3,745
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	373	-	373

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	5,299

12 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
American Ireland Fund	-	18,993	(1,705)	17,288
Award for All Grant	-	10,000	(3,915)	6,085
Department of Tourism, Culture and the Gaeltacht	-	175,455	(35,039)	140,416
Foras na Gaeilge	7,499	29,836	(12,655)	24,680
Community Foundation	-	16,686	(1,705)	14,981
Community Fund NI	16,000	-	-	16,000
Community Fund Ireland	16,391	-	-	16,391
	39,890	250,970	(55,019)	235,841

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

13 Unrestricted funds

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	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	36,061	17,060	(6,291)	46,830

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	373	-	373
Current assets/(liabilities)	46,457	235,841	282,298
	<u>46,830</u>	<u>235,841</u>	<u>282,671</u>

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (- none).

Naíscoil na Seolta

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108156

Annual report

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the should undertake.

2023-2024 has seen many new developments with Naíscoil na Seolta as an Integrated Irish-medium pre-school. As you know Naíscoil na Seolta was established previously as a result of a major Turas project that has been in the planning and development since 2018. The move to Garnerville Presbyterian Church rented accommodation in September 2022 has been successful in providing a level of stability and we are very grateful for this temporary accommodation. The past year has seen the fruition of plans to move to a more permanent site where the management and staff of Naíscoil na Seolta have complete control over a suitable building and hours of use. 2023-2024 also saw the development of a realistic and funded plan to see the establishment of an IME/Integrated primary school, Scoil na Seolta.

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27 May 2025



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Naíscoil na Seolta

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Annual return

NAISCOIL NA SEOLTA

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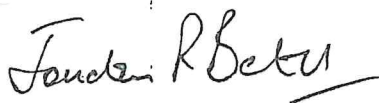
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4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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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Dated: 27 May 2025

Naíscoil na Seolta

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108156

Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-4-2022	To	31-3-2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant Community Foundation	-	18,000	-	18,000	12,531
Grant Community Foundation Ire	-	16,391	-	16,391	9,600
Foras na Gaeilge	-	35,800	-	35,800	7,364
The Insh Amencan	-	-	-	-	3,594
Parental Fees	4,792	-	-	4,792	1,637
Donations	5,931	-	-	5,931	42,437
TACA	-	2,000	-	2,000	150
Repayment from Signature Works	54	-	-	54	5,672
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	10,777	72,191	-	82,968	83,413
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,777	72,191	-	82,968	83,413

A3 Payments					
Salary	-	29,116	-	29,116	16,786
Rent	1,806	6,684	-	8,290	2,100
Project Costs	1,933	-	-	1,933	191
Phone Rental	145	-	-	145	2,888
Insurance	517	-	-	517	852
Equipment	1,168	-	-	1,168	7,805
Training	1,370	-	-	1,370	3,300
Web Design/ Promotion Materials	-	-	-	-	3,475
Office Materials	262	-	-	262	329
Phone Rental	-	-	-	-	56
Safeguarding + Training	-	-	-	-	1,034
Uniforms	379	-	-	379	412
Cleaning Materils	98	-	-	98	109
Sundry	835	-	-	835	738
Books	-	-	-	-	42
Food / Snacks	-	1,110	-	1,110	318
Bank Fees	35	-	-	35	40
Repayment of Loan Cairde Turas	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Loan C. ni Chatail	478	-	-	478	5,272
A3 Sub total	8,826	36,910	-	45,736	44,674
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

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Total payments	8,826	36,910	-	45,736	44,674
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,951	35,281	-	37,232	38,739
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	38,739	-
Cash funds this year end	1,951	35,281	-	75,971	38,739

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest €	to nearest €	to nearest €	to nearest €	to nearest €
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balances	36,080	39,890	-	75,970	38,739
	Total cash funds	36,080	39,890	-	75,970	38,739
	as per balances with receipts and payments account(s)	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

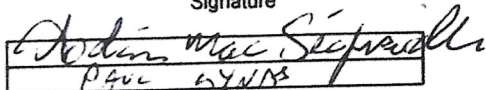
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest €	to nearest €	to nearest €	to nearest €	to nearest €
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Laptop x 2	Restricted	-	-	-
	Phone	Restricted	-	-	-
	Website	Restricted	-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

 Aodán Mac Seáfraigh
 Páirc GYMS

Print Name
 AODÁN MAC SEÁFRAIGH
 (Full Name)

Date of approval
 9/1/24
 9.1.2024

Naíscoil na Seolta

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108156

Annual report



Tuarscáil an Chathaoirligh

2022-2023

Chairperson's Report

2022-2023 has seen many new developments with Naíscail na Seolta as an Integrated Irish-medium pre-school. As you know Naíscail na Seolta was established previously as a result of a major Turas project that has been in the planning and development since 2018. The past year's move to Garnerville Presbyterian Church rented accommodation together with formal recognition as an integrated sector pre-school and funding as Pre-school Education Provider (to be granted in September 2023) has marked a significant step forward in development and status of Naíscail na Seolta. As a result, we will be able to continue as a "Naíonra", that is a *playgroup* for the youngest age group, in conjunction with the Naíscail/voluntary pre-school.

The past year

2022-2023 has shown an increasing interest our playgroup and pre-school provision. A total of 19 children have attended Naíscail na Seolta and we received expressions of interest for 34 places in 2022-2023. Naíscail na Seolta has also seen the employment of a new staff team which has brought new success to the Naíscail. The ability of staff to provide an interesting, playful and educational environment for children as well as working well with parents, has been critical in building up the operation and image of the naíscail in the

community. 2022-2023 has seen this notable improvement in this regard with the work of a well-qualified and fully engaged team. Further to this, Naíscoil na Seolta's official status as a funded voluntary naíscoil (to commence September 2023) has given us a stamp of approval which has in turn inspired us to proceed with plans for 2024 and the coming years. This of course includes plans to create a Bunscoil commencing with Rang 1 (P1) in 2024.

Proceeding with these developments will not be possible at the Garnerville location. As a rented premises with restrictions in the hours of use, Naíscoil na Seolta is prevented from expanding both pre-school services and the developing a Bunscoil. Additionally, outdoor play has been very restricted at Garnerville, making the venue less than ideal. The problem of the Garnerville location has also arisen - it is quite a distance from many of the main residential areas and "wrap-around care" providers in east Belfast, making it less attractive to parents.

Other important developments have occurred in 2022-2023. Late in 2022 we were invited to apply for substantial funding from Ciste um Oileán Comhroinnte (The Shared Island Fund) to undertake a feasibility study to look at possible sites and requirements for a permanent location for Naíscoil na Seolta that would also allow for the development of a Bunscoil. This study was undertaken on our behalf by Quarter Chartered Accountants (Cathedral Quarter Belfast) in cooperation with Pilib Ó Ruanaidh (Iontaobhas na Gaelscolaíochta). This study identified several potential sites and resulted in the finding of what is, hopefully, a very suitable site for our future plans. This site is located on Montgomery Road, Castlereragh Road/Lisnasharragh area. A lease is currently being agreed with the owners and a planning application will go ahead in the autumn.

As a result of the completion of the feasibility study the committee of Naíscoil na Seolta has been able to enter into negotiations with An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán (Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media) for capital build funding and assistance with rental payments for the site identified as suitable for the development of the naíscoil/bunscoil. This assistance will help us make possible the establishment a permanent provision, effectively by-passing an unwieldy long-term bureaucratic process of applying for assistance to the Education Authority and DENI. It also allows us to approach the Integrated Education Fund/NICIE with concrete proposals and an associated application for salary

assistance in establishing an Irish-medium Integrated Pre-school/Primary School. Naíscoil na Seolta is, of course, also receiving help from Community Foundation Ireland, Community Foundation Northern Ireland and The Ireland Fund to help with salary, running costs and other projected costs. These funds are helping us to get well established until such time as Naíscoil na Seolta/Bunscoil can seek full recognition from the EA/DENI (as our pupil numbers allow).

Finally, the most critical aspect of our future development will be child/pupil numbers. Having sufficient numbers to meet the required quota of a minimum of eight children receiving Pre-school funding in the future as well as maintaining good numbers in "pre-pre-school"/naíonra which will bode well for future numbers in a Bunscoil thus enabling us to become a fully funded Irish-medium Integrated Primary School with associated Pre-school with, as mentioned, recognition from the EA and DENI.

Signed:	Chairman	<i>Adán mac Síofraigh</i>	Date	<i>9/1/2024</i>
	Secretary	<i>Al Jackson</i>	Date	<i>12/1/2024</i>
	Treasurer	<i>Paul</i>	Date	<i>9-1-2024</i>

Naíscoil na Seolta

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108156

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Naiscoil Na Seolta.

I report on the accounts of Naiscoil Na Seolta for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 01 to 02.

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 the charity accounts of Naiscoil Na Seolta 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.

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J.M. Leckey BA(Hons), MBA, PG Dip

Chartered Accountant

04.12.2023