

Ballymacash Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108489

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-02-16

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

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Activities

Purposes: The group is established to promote play based learning environments for all children aged 2 years and 10 months to statutory school age (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) of the North Lisburn area and its surrounding environs in County Antrim without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating with 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 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 and CEA guidance of pre-school education.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training, Playgroup/after schools

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£38,338	£45,593	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aidan Mccartney		
Mr Martin Mcpoland		
Mr Stephen Charles Gray		
Mrs Bernie Reid		

Ballymacash Playgroup

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/08/2024	To	31/07/2025	
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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					
Pupil Fees	32,079	-	-	32,079	30,857
Sponsorship	1,661	-	-	1,661	1,620
Donations	1,296	-	-	1,296	573
Grants	-	2,520	-	2,520	5,927
Fundraising	270	-	-	270	205
Dandelion Commission	57	-	-	57	86
Clothes Bank Commission	455	-	-	455	828
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	35,818	2,520	-	38,338	40,095
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,818	2,520	-	38,338	40,095
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	96	-	-	96	99
Salaries	40,446	-	-	40,446	37,640
Staff Training	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Exps	289	-	-	289	197
Playgroup Resources	303	-	-	303	130
Prof Fees & Insurance	1,373	-	-	1,373	604
Presents, Party Supplies & Snack	375	-	-	375	440
Telephone	117	-	-	117	132
Room Hire-EA	74	-	-	74	74
Repairs	-	2,520	-	2,520	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	43,073	2,520	-	45,593	39,315
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Fridge Freezer	-	-	-	-	-
Printer	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	43,073	2,520	-	45,593	39,315
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,255	-	-	- 7,255	780
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,910	-	-	5,910	6,690
Cash funds this year end	13,165	-	-	13,165	5,910

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	1,826	-	-	1,826	6,250
	Cash at Hand	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,826	-	-	1,826	6,250
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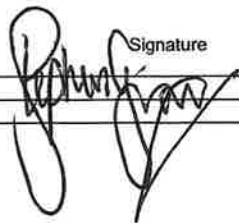
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B2 Other monetary assets						
				Total		

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B3 Investment assets					
		Total			

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fridge Freezer	Restricted			240
	Printer	Restricted			90
			Total	-	-

Categories	Details	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


Print Name
 22nd January 2026

Date of approval

STEPHEN O'BYR

Ballymacash Playgroup

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A1 Receipts					
Pupil Fees	30,857	-	-	30,857	31,775
Sponsorship	1,620	-	-	1,620	1,238
Donations	573	-	-	573	559
Grants	5,927	-	-	5,927	1,000
Fundraising	205	-	-	205	90
Dandelion Commission	86	-	-	86	72
Clothes Bank Commission	828	-	-	828	
<i>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</i>	40,095	-	-	40,095	34,734
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
<i>A2 Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,095	-	-	40,095	34,734
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	99	-	-	99	99
Salaries	37,640	-	-	37,640	37,209
Staff Training		-	-	-	14
Sundry Exps	197	-	-	197	210
Playgroup Resources	130	-	-	130	1,578
Prof Fees & Insurance	604	-	-	604	1,266
Presents, Party Supplies & Snack	440	-	-	440	483
Telephone	132	-	-	132	236
Room Hire-EA	74	-	-	74	
<i>A3 Sub total</i>	39,315	-	-	39,315	41,094
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Fridge Freezer	-	-	-	-	240
Printer	-	-	-	-	90
<i>A4 Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	330
Total payments	39,315	-	-	39,315	41,424
Net of receipts/(payments)	780	-	-	780	6,690
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,690	-	-	6,690	-
Cash funds this year end	5,910	-	-	5,910	6,690

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	6,250	-	-	6,250	5,470
	Cash at Hand	4	-	-	4	4
	Total cash funds	6,254	-	-	6,254	5,474

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Signature


Print Name
 STEPHEN BRY

Date of approval
 05/12/2024

Ballymacash Playgroup

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108489

Annual report

Governing Document & Constitution

Ballymacash Playgroup is run by a Voluntary Management and operate a Constitution adopted by the Committee and under the guidelines & criteria of the Early Years Organisation for young children.

Trustee Section & Management

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The Management Committee is made up of Parents of Children who have attended Ballymacash Playgroup and consists of a Chairperson (Mr Stephen Gray), Secretary (Mrs Bernie Reid), Treasurer (Mr Martin McPoland), Committee Member (Mr Aidan McCartney) and Playgroup Leader and non-voting member (Arlene McMurray).

Policies are made available to all parents in the main Playgroup Reception & copies available on request. Parents are informed of any newly amended policies. Parents are given core policies before their child starts Playgroup and sign an agreement form to say they have received, read & understood them.

The Committee meet at least 5 times a year and will hold an AGM each year in November/December. The meetings provide members and the Playgroup staff with an update on continuing progress and events happening within the Playgroup.

Safeguarding is always a standing Agenda item. Important happenings and any other issues are discussed & agreed upon. The Financial Accounts are independently examined and along with the Annual Report are approved by the Committee/Trustees and presented to the members at the AGM each year.

Objectives & Activities

Ballymacash Playgroup is funded solely by the fees of parents whose children currently attend the academic year in review (August - July) to provide pre-preschool education to children ranging 2years 10months to statutory primary school age.

We provide learning based on CEA guidance of pre-preschool education in a warm, inviting, safe and stimulating environment, where children can play have fun and at the same time be encouraged and helped by trained staff.

The 6 areas of learning are Personal, Social & Emotional Development. Physical Development & Movement. Language Development. Early Mathematical Experiences. The Arts and The World Around Us.

We provide a full range of play activities appropriate for the age range, stage and child's ability to ensure that each child reaches their full potential while catering for each child's needs regardless of sex, race, culture, religious or financial background. Children that may need

additional support get extra help through the Playgroup working with external agencies such as Speech & Language, Occupational Therapists etc.

We ensure parents are informed of the application process to Nursery/P1 & children are prepared for this throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to join the Committee and take an active role in their child's development and activities. We take part in Help Kids Talk & Talk Boost Programme, Healthy Snacks & Teeth Brushing, Media Initiative in Respecting Differences and Rufus Handwashing Programme.

Achievements & Performance

Ballymacash Playgroup believe in Childhood in its own right and offers a place to as many as 60 children each year. The annual inspection process from the HSC Trust ensures we are meeting the standards required, with the quality of service exceeding many areas and the inspection report is made available to parents.

The Sensory Room, fully enclosed garden and very well-resourced setting provides a full curriculum of learning opportunities delivered by consistent staff who continually seek to improve their professional development in attending courses & training offered by Early Years Organisations. The staff maintain and update their core training in Designated Safeguarding Children Officer/Child Protection, Paediatric First Aid, Fire Safety & Manual Handling, Food Safety Hygiene Level 2 and Data Protection.

The fundraising efforts were well supported through the assistance of the Primary School partnership with the PTA in purchasing replacement tables. Other funding was raised through The Teddy Bear Sponsored Walk, Christmas & Easter Crafts, Photo Session Commission, Pre-loved Uniform sales and in lieu of presents donations.

The Playgroup is now set up for Gift Aid donations.

We were able to secure a grant of £5927.00 from the Halifax in April 24, this enabled us to continue with the costs of the accountant, new tables and extra costs involved with salaries and insurance.

Financial Review


The Committee received status to be registered as a Charity in May 2022 and have been reviewing the financial situation, they are continuing to apply for funding applications when criteria are met.

The Government launched a new scheme NICSS (Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy Scheme) to assist parents in receipt of Tax Free Childcare Vouchers through the Early Years this will assist the new intake and run from September 24 to March 25.

Public Benefit

The beneficiaries are the children and their families who avail of the excellent services provided in the widely diverse demographic area. This has been evidenced by the positive feedback from parents both new & returning. The children benefit by being better prepared for their transition on their educational journey and interacting with their Peers and Staff in a respectful manner with good social skills, resilience building and self-confidence, they learn to interact and have fun taking part and be creative with problem solving through different opportunities, also learning to be independent and be happy and content in the setting, to develop and achieve to their own individual potential.

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Signed  _____ Date 5th December 2024

Chairperson Ballymacash Playgroup

Ballymacash Playgroup

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108489

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ballymacash Playgroup

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 July 2024, which are set out on pages 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

The charity is preparing income and expenditure accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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 includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

My role, as the independent examiner, is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe:

(1) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008.

(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 matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Jennifer Carvill
29 Drumard Drive
Lisburn
BT28 2HY

31st December 2024

Ballymacash Playgroup

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108489

Accounts

Charity Name Ballymacash Primary Playgroup	No (if any) NIC108489
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Aug-22	To	Period end date 31-Jul-23
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	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					
Pupil Fees	31,775	-	-	31,775	-
Sponsorship	1,049	189	-	1,238	-
Donations	314	245	-	559	-
Grants	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Fundraising	90	-	-	90	-
Dandelion Commission	72	-	-	72	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,300	1,434	-	34,734	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,300	1,434	-	34,734	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	99	-	-	99	-
Salaries	37,209	-	-	37,209	-
Staff Training	14	-	-	14	-
Sundry Exps	210	-	-	210	-
Playgroup Resources	474	1,104	-	1,578	-
Prof Fees & Insurance	1,266	-	-	1,266	-
Presents, Party Supplies & Snack	483	-	-	483	-
Telephone	236	-	-	236	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,990	1,104	-	41,094	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fridge Freezer	-	240	-	240	-
Printer	-	90	-	90	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	330	-	330	-
Total payments	39,990	1,434	-	41,424	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,690	-	-	- 6,690	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 6,690	-	-	- 6,690	-

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B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	5,470	-	-
	Cash as Hand	4	-	-
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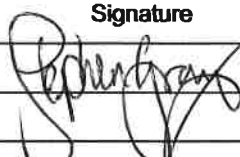
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fridge Freezer	Restricted	240	-
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			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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CHAIRMAN

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	STEPHEN GRAY	16/11/2023

Ballymacash Playgroup

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Annual report

Ballymacash Playgroup



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ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED JULY 2023

CHARITY Reg: NIC108489

Thursday 16th November 2023



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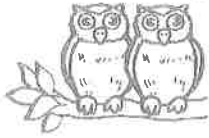
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Financial Review

The Committee received status to be registered as a Charity in May 2022 and have been reviewing the financial situation, they are continuing to apply for funding applications when criteria are met. Unfortunately, there has been a withdrawal of funding within the Early Years sector and an un-functioning Government increases the challenges ahead.

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Signed _____

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Chairperson Ballymacash Playgroup

16th November 2023

Ballymacash Playgroup

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108489

Annual return

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19th November 2023