

Trull Saplings Preschool

England & Wales · Charity number 1018745

Details

Other names TRULL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-03-16

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

Activities: At Trull Saplings Preschool we care for children aged from 2 years to school entry. We provide the children with a well planned and safe environment that makes organised provision for children and interest through a wide range of activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TRULL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-20	£124,264	£117,237	-	-
2024-08-20	£114,097	£113,317	-	-
2023-08-20	£121,526	£115,723	-	-
2022-08-20	£99,756	£99,579	-	-
2021-08-20	£77,401	£83,698	-	-
2020-08-20	£88,583	£81,814	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rhys Davies	Chair	2023-10-21
Claire Lawrence		2026-04-07
David Saunders		2022-10-11
Deborah Hepple		2025-10-15
Esther McCann		2024-10-13
Jenny Shephard		2023-11-01
Joanne Canninford		2025-10-15
Katy Sellick		2025-10-15
Lucas Woodward		2025-10-15
Mollie Preston		2024-10-13
Rebecca Diane McAuslan-Crine		2025-10-15

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 21st August 2024 To 20st August 2025

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Charity registration number: 1018745

Objectives and Activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing a safe and satisfying group play, in which parents have a right to take part.• Encouraging other charitable activities through which parents may help the children.• Furthering the aims of the Pre-school Learning Alliance The Charity aims to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment, offering a range of fun and educating activities within a happy atmosphere
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission

Additional information (optional)

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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the Charity, identifying the difference the Charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year the preschool advanced its objectives in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have continued to maintain and fostered even stronger links between parents' families and setting through fundraising and community events that have been facilitated through pre-school. • We have received strong positive feedback from parents and carers about the experience children receive on settings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invested in staff training. • We have continued to maintain strong links with Trull Primary school, and Trull All Saints Church.

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Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The year ending 20 August 2025 was a considerably good for the preschool as we saw a steady increase in the number of children.</p> <p>This year, funding totalling £98,557 (2024 - £87,527) was received from Somerset County Council in respect of the preschool services provided to the community. Fundraising this year was did increase due to the events we had with the preschool community. Therefore, Fees from parents, other fundraising activities, petty cash received, and a small amount of interest contributed additional income of £25,707 Total income to for the year was £124,264 (2024 - £114,097).</p> <p>The largest expense in the year continues to be the wages of the preschool staff, with the new National Minimum wage we had to make an increase in staff wages. We did have a lower number of staff.</p> <p>The total cost to the Charity was £100,492 (2024 - £95,705) which represents over 85% of the Charity's total expenditure in the year.</p> <p>As a result of the above the pre-school has returned a surplus of £7,027 (2024 – £780) in the year which has increased the reserves held by the Charity to £46,127 (2024 - £39,100).</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Trull Saplings Preschool holds reserves in order to cover the cost of 6 months' rent and rates plus enough to cover the redundancy costs of the current staff, should the preschool need to stop trading for any reason. Money is also held to pay for any large unforeseen repairs/replacement of equipment.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>£46,127</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the Charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>Regulatory Changes: Government guidance around early years funding and charging practices shifted during 2025, alongside further changes to OFSTED inspection procedures. Meeting new expectations—particularly around staff-to-child ratios and the level of required staff training—may lead to adjustments in</p>

		<p>our operational practices and future budgeting.</p> <p>Rising Operational Costs: Increases to the national minimum wage and pension contributions have put additional pressure on staffing costs. Recruiting and retaining qualified practitioners is becoming increasingly challenging. At the same time, the cost of maintaining our facilities and purchasing educational resources continues to rise each year.</p> <p>Maintaining Financial Stability: Balancing high-quality care with affordability for families remains an ongoing challenge. To remain financially sustainable, we rely on maintaining at least 30 children on roll throughout the year. Any reduction in numbers has a direct impact on our ability to cover essential running costs.</p> <p>Projected Drop in Numbers: We also anticipate a significant number of children transitioning to school in September of the next financial year. This expected reduction in enrolment is likely to affect our income and will require careful planning to manage the financial impact.</p>
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the Charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of Charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trull Saplings Preschool is governed by its constitution dated 5 October 1981 and as amended on 13 October 2011 and 27 June 2018.
How is the Charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charitable association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Board of Trustees must consist of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary together with not less than 2 and not more than 9 other elected members, with up to a further 3 co-opted members. Co-opted members can be brought in at any point during the academic year to ensure continuity of governance. Not less than 60% of the Trustees shall be Family Members (i.e. individuals who are a parent or guardian of a child attending any group run by the Preschool. Members of the Preschool can put themselves forward for election to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members are elected for a period of one year and must retire at the next. Annual General Meeting but can stand for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years.

Additional information (optional)

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Trull Saplings Preschool
Other name the Charity uses	
Registered Charity number	1018745
Charity's principal address	Trull Church Community Centre Church Road Trull Taunton TA3 7JZ

Names of the Charity trustees who manage the Charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rhys Davies	Chair	Appointed 11th Oct 2022/re-elected 21 October 2023	
2	Dave Saunders	Trustee/New secretary	Appointed 11 October 2022/Appointed 11 October 2023 – to date	
3	Jenny Shepherd	Treasurer	Appointed 01 November 2023	
4	Rebecca Isom	Newly appointed Secretary/Trustee	Appointed Trustee 11 th October 2022, Took Secretary role January 2023 – Resigned Secretary role 11 th October 2023. Still served as Trustee Resigned/Left 12 October 2024	
5	Zoe Morgan	Trustee	Appointed 11 October 2022/Resigned/Left 12th October 2024	
6	Dominic Paterson	Trustee	Appointed 11 October 2022 Left/Resigned 12 October 2024	
7	Lucy Yeomans	Trustee	Appointed 11 October 2022 Resigned/Left 15 October 2025	
8	James Hannam	Trustee	Appointed 01 November 2023 Resigned/Left 15 October 2025	
9	Molly Preston	Trustee	Appointed 13 October 2024	
10	Esther McKann	Trustee	Appointed 13 October 2024	
11	Joanne Canninford	Trustee	Appointed 15 October 2025	
12	Rebecca Dianne McAuslan-Crine	Trustee	Appointed 15 October 2025	
13	Deborah Hepple	Trustee	Appointed 15 October 2025	
14	Katy Sellick	Trustee	Appointed 15 October 2025	
15	Lucas Woodward	Trustee	Appointed 15 October 2025	
16	Claire Lawrence	Trustee	Appointed 07 April 2026	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the Charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the Charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian Charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the Charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	CLAIRE LAWRENCE	David Saunders
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	Secretary
Date	05/06/26	

Trull Saplings Preschool
Accounts for the year ended 20 August 2025


	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
RECEIPTS		
Fees	13,067	24,215
Funding	98,557	87,527
Fundraising	992	1,590
HMRC Repayment	10,839	-
Other	706	662
Deposit Account Interest	103	103
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>124,264</u>	<u>114,097</u>
PAYMENTS		
Salaries	100,492	95,705
Payroll Costs	730	735
Admin	380	1,301
Staff Training	200	969
Rent & Utilities	10,711	10,727
Insurance	614	594
Equipment and consumables	1,807	1,349
Present & Parties	-	230
Subscriptions	1,228	941
Milk	23	-
Other	1,052	766
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>117,237</u>	<u>113,317</u>
SURPLUS	<u>7,027</u>	<u>780</u>
Brought forward	39,100	38,320
Add surplus for the year 2025	7,027	780
	<u>46,127</u>	<u>39,100</u>

Trull Saplings Preschool
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Accounts for the year ended 20 August 2025

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Bank and cash	<u>46,127</u>	<u>39,100</u>
Unrestricted Funds	<u>46,127</u>	<u>39,100</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 09/06/26

and signed on their behalf


CLAIRE LAWRENCE

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRULL SAPLINGS
PRESCHOOL**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trull Saplings Preschool (the Charity) for the year ended 20th August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 9th June 2026



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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 21st August 2023 To 20th August 2024

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Trull Saplings Preschool holds reserves in order to cover the cost of 6 months' rent and rates plus enough to cover the redundancy costs of the current staff, should the preschool need to stop trading for any reason. Money is also held to pay for any large unforeseen repairs/replacement of equipment.
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		<p>level of required training could necessitate adjustments in our practices and budget.</p> <p>Rising Operational Costs: With new announcement of increase in minimum wage as well as the Pension adjustments, maintaining and indeed hiring qualified staff is a real concern. Additionally, maintaining facilities procuring educational materials become costlier each year. Balancing quality care with affordability is an ongoing struggle as this means we have to pour in even more resources into making sure at all times in the year we have a minimum of 30 children with us to keep our heads above the water.</p>
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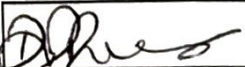

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RUTH DAVIES	DAVID SAUNDERS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	17/6/25	



Trull Saplings Preschool
Accounts for the year ended 20 August 2024

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £ As restated
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
RECEIPTS		
Fees	24,215	30,480
Funding	87,527	88,308
Fundraising	1,590	2,670
Other	662	37
Deposit Account Interest	103	50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>114,097</u>	<u>121,545</u>
PAYMENTS		
Salaries	95,705	92,049
Payroll Costs	735	991
Admin	1,301	202
Staff Training	969	-
Rent & Utilities	10,727	10,804
Insurance	594	-
Equipment & Consumables	1,349	1,714
Refreshments	-	82
Present & Parties	230	149
Subscriptions	941	917
Other	766	2,783
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>113,317</u>	<u>109,691</u>
SURPLUS	<u>780</u>	<u>11,854</u>
Bought forward	38,320	26,466
Add surplus for the year 2024	780	11,854
	<u>39,100</u>	<u>38,320</u>

**Trull Saplings Preschool
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Accounts for the year ended 20 August 2024**

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £ As restated
Bank and cash	<u>39,100</u>	<u>38,320</u>
Unrestricted Funds	<u>39,100</u>	<u>38,320</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17/6/25 and signed on their behalf

 (RHYS DAVIES) CHAIR
 (DAVID SAUNDERS) SECRETARY

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Alexandra Shore

Date: 17 June 2025

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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements and Performance

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Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The year ending 20 August 2022 was a much bigger improvement post the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that we have seen a steady increase in capacity. This year, funding totalling £88,308 (2022 - £56,988) was received from Somerset County Council in respect of the preschool services provided to the community. Fundraising this year was really very well done as we saw a significant total amount raised £2,670 (2022- £1,549). Therefore, Fees from parents, other fundraising activities and a small amount of interest contributed additional income of £33,218. Total income for the year was £121,526 (2022 - £99,756).</p> <p>The largest expense in the year was the wages of the preschool staff, the quality of whom is critical to the realisation of the charity's objectives.</p> <p>The total cost to the charity was £98,838 (2022 - £83,012) which represents over 85% of the charity's total expenditure in the year.</p> <p>As a result of the above the pre-school has returned a surplus of £5,803 (2022 - £177) in the year which has increased the reserves held by the charity to £32,269 (2022 - £26,466).</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Trull Saplings Preschool holds reserves in order to cover the cost of 6 months' rent and rates plus enough to cover the redundancy costs of the current staff, should the preschool need to stop trading for any reason. Money is also held to pay for any large unforeseen repairs/replacement of equipment.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>£32,269</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>Regulatory Changes: The landscape of early childhood education regulations by OFSTED shifted slightly in 2023. Compliance with new requirements especially staff: children ratios as well as level of required training could necessitate adjustments in our practices and budget.</p>

		<p>Rising Operational Costs: With new announcement of increase in minimum wage, maintaining and indeed hiring qualified staff is a real concern. Additionally, maintaining facilities procuring educational materials become costlier each year. Balancing quality care with affordability is an ongoing struggle as this means we have to pour in even more resources into making sure at all times in the year we have a minimum of 30 children with us to keep our heads above the water.</p>
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Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.49	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.48	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trull Saplings Preschool is governed by its constitution dated 5 October 1981 and as amended on 13 October 2011 and 27 June 2018.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charitable association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Board of Trustees must consist of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary together with not less than 2 and not more than 9 other elected members, with up to a further 3 co-opted members. Co-opted members can be brought in at any point during the academic year to ensure continuity of governance. Not less than 60% of the Trustees shall be Family Members (i.e. individuals who are a parent or guardian of a child attending any group run by the Preschool. Members of the Preschool can put themselves forward for election to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members are elected for a period of one year and must retire at the next Annual General Meeting but can stand for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Trull Saplings Preschool
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1018746
Charity's principal address	Trull Church Community Centre Church Road Trull Taunton TA3 7JZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

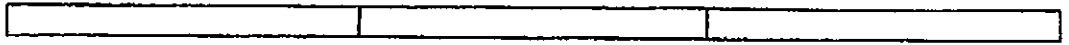
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustees (if any)
1	James Durnell	Chair	Left/Resigned 11th October 2022	
2	Rhya Davies	Chair	Appointed 11th Oct 2022/re-elected 21 October 2023	
3	Anna Temblett	Treasurer	Resigned/left 11th October 2022	
4	George McCartney	Treasurer	Appointed 11 October 2022/Resigned/left 20th October 2023	
5	Kim Gapper	Secretary	Left/Resigned 11th October 2022	
6	Comfort Smithson	Secretary	20 th October 2021 – Resigned/left 18 th December 2022	
7	Lisa Curtis	Trustee	Resigned/left 11th October 2022	
8	Barbara Victor	Trustee	Resigned/left 11th October 2022	
9	Kristen Davies	Trustee	Resigned/left 11th October 2022	
10	Rebecca Isom	Newly appointed Secretary/Trustee	Appointed Trustee 11 th October 2022, Took Secretary role January 2023 – Resigned role 11 th October 2023.	
11	Dave Saunders	Trustee/New secretary	Appointed 11 October 2022/Appointed 11 October 2023	
12	Dominic Paterson	Trustee	Appointed 11 October 2022	
13	Lucy Yeomans	Trustee	Appointed 11 October 2022	
14	Zoe Morgan	Trustee	Appointed 11 October 2022	
15	Charlotte Butler	Trustee	Appointed 11 October 2022/ Resigned/left role 11 th October 2023.	
16	James Hannam	Trustee	Appointed 01 November 2023	
17	Jenny Shepherd	Treasurer	Appointed 01 November 2023	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	



Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional Information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional Information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional Information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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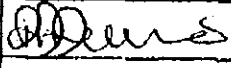

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RHYS DAVIES	David Sanders
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Secretary
Date	19/6/2024	

Trull Saplings Preschool
Accounts for the year ended 20 August 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
INCOME		
Fees	30,480	40,769
Funding	88,308	56,988
Fundraising	2,870	1,549
Trips	-	-
Milk	-	-
Other	20	446
Grants	-	-
Deposit Account Interest	48	4
TOTAL INCOME	<u>121,626</u>	<u>99,756</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	98,838	83,012
Payroll Costs	891	603
Admin	202	211
Staff Training	-	754
Rent & Utilities	9,943	10,806
Insurance	-	516
Equipment & Consumables	1,759	2,340
Refreshments	82	-
Present & Parties	149	101
Subscriptions	1,025	314
Trips	-	-
Milk	-	-
Fundraising	-	263
Grants	-	-
Other	2,734	659
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>116,723</u>	<u>99,579</u>
SURPLUS	<u>6,803</u>	<u>177</u>
Surplus brought forward at 21/08/22	26,466	
Add surplus for the year	6,803	
	<u>32,269</u>	

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRULL SAPLINGS
PRESCHOOL**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trull Saplings Preschool (the Charity) for the year ended 20th August 2023, which are set out on page 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alexandra Shore

Date: *20th June 2024*

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Trull Saplings Preschool

England & Wales - Charity number 1018745

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **21 August 2021** To

20 August 2022

Charity name: Trull Saplings Preschool

Charity registration number: 1018745

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.	Para 1.17	The objective of the Charity is to advance the education of children below compulsory school age.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing a safe and satisfying group play, in which parents have a right to take part;• Encouraging other charitable activities through which parents may help the children;• Furthering the aims of the Pre-school Learning Alliance The charity aims to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment, offering a range of fun and educating activities within a happy atmosphere.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year the preschool advanced its objectives in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of our planned curriculum a wide range of toys and equipment have been available to enable the children to learn through play • Invested in staff training. • We have continued to maintain strong links with Trull Primary school, • We have had a visit from Ofsted and are very pleased to report that, thanks to the continued dedication and hard work of the staff, we have retained our 'Good' rating. • As part of our ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic, whilst stringent cleaning measures remain in place and we continue with other changes to our systems and procedures, the "one setting" rule has been relaxed for the start of the 2021/22 academic year. This will allow the pre-school to operate at more normal levels again and we are excited to have started the year with a record number of students. <p>The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of the staff for their commitment and contribution made throughout this challenging 12 month period and give a special mention to two individuals who left the pre-school this year.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The year ending 20 August 2021 was a challenging year for the preschool due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that we continued to operate at a reduced capacity.</p> <p>This year, funding totalling £56,988 (2021 - £54,397) was received from Somerset County Council in respect of the preschool services provided to the community. Fees from parents, other fundraising activities and a small amount of interest contributed additional income of £42,768 (2018 - £16,932),</p> <p>Total income to for the year was £99,756 (2021 - £77,401).</p> <p>The fundraising restrictions brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic were reduced for this reporting year, which resulted in an increased total of £1549 (2021 a £701).</p> <p>The largest expense in the year was the wages of the preschool staff, the quality of whom is critical to the realisation of the charity's objectives. The total cost to the charity was £83,012 (2021 - £65,749) which represents over 83% of the charity's total expenditure in the year (2021 – 78%) amounting to £99,579 (2021 - £83,698).</p> <p>As a result of the above the pre-school has returned a surplus of £177 (2021 – £6,297 deficit) in the year which has increased the reserves held by the charity to £26,466 (2021 - £26,289).</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Trull Saplings Preschool holds reserves in order to cover the cost of 6 months rent and rates plus enough to cover the redundancy costs of the current staff, should the preschool need to stop trading for any reason. Money is also held to pay for any large unforeseen repairs/replacement of equipment i.e for damages caused by a leaking storage shed roof.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>£26,466</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>Inflationary stress currently being placed on households making childcare a less viable option, leading to reduced uptake and therefore, preschool revenue. This is also felt directly by the preschool by the fact that staff wage costs have risen to 83% of expenditure, 5% higher than the previous year, yet the funding received by the council</p>

		remains unchanged, with further wage rises in the next reporting period, as well as rent rises and higher general expenses, it's clear to see that it will become extremely difficult for the preschool to remain profitable unless funding is increased.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trull Saplings Preschool is governed by its constitution dated 5 October 1981 and as amended on 13 October 2011 and 27 June 2018.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Trull Saplings Preschool
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1018745
Charity's principal address	Trull Church Community Centre Church Road Trull Taunton TA3 7JZ

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

Trull Saplings Preschool

Accounts for the year ended 20 August 2022

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
INCOME		
Fees	40,769	16,230
Funding	56,988	54,397
Fundraising	1,549	701
Trips	-	-
Milk	-	-
Other	446	-
Grants	-	6,072
Deposit Account Interest	4	1
TOTAL INCOME	99,756	77,401
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	83,012	65,749
Payroll Costs	603	887
Admin	211	955
Staff Training	754	1,019
Rent & Utilities	10,806	10,214
Insurance	516	667
Equipment & Consumables	2,340	3,282
Refreshments	-	-
Present & Parties	101	91
Subscriptions	314	610
Trips	-	-
Milk	-	-
Fundraising	263	25
Grants	-	-
Other	659	199
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	99,579	83,698
SURPLUS	177	(6,297)
Surplus brought forward at 21/08/19	26,289	
Add surplus for the year	177	
	26,466	

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRULL SAPLINGS
PRESCHOOL**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trull Saplings Preschool (the Charity) for the year ended 20th August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alexandra Shore

Date: 20th June 2023

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Trull Saplings Preschool

England & Wales - Charity number 1018745

Accounts

TRULL SAPLINGS PRESCHOOL (REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1018745)
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 20 AUGUST 2021

The trustees present their report of the charity for the year ended 20 August 2021.

Address:

The Charity operates from:

Trull Church Community Centre
Church Road
Trull
Taunton
TA3 7JZ

Public benefit:

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

Trull Saplings Preschool is an unincorporated charitable association and is governed by its constitution dated 5 October 1981 and as amended on 13 October 2011 and 27 June 2018.

All the business of the charity is conducted in accordance with its governing document, along with the rules incorporated within this document.

The Trustees who have held office since the AGM in November 2020 are:

K Morey
M J Cahill
E McElwaine
C Gibbons
J Pollard
K Gapper
J Durnell
A Temblett
M Bodman
A Duncan
A Martin
C Martin
L Powers

The overall management and control of the Preschool rests with the individual members of the Preschool's management committee who are also the Trustees of the Preschool.

The Board of Trustees must consist of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary together with not less than 2 and not more than 9 other elected members, with up to a further 3 co-opted members. Co-opted members can be brought in at any point during the academic year to ensure continuity of governance.

Not less than 60% of the Trustees shall be Family Members (i.e. individuals who are a parent or guardian of a child attending any group run by the Preschool).

Members of the Preschool can put themselves forward for election to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members are elected for a period of one year and must retire at the next

Annual General Meeting but can stand for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years.

Objectives and activities:

The objective of the Charity is to advance the education of children below compulsory school age by:

- Providing a safe and satisfying group play, in which parents have a right to take part;
- Encouraging other charitable activities through which parents may help the children;
- Furthering the aims of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

The charity aims to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment, offering a range of fun and educating activities within a happy atmosphere.

Achievements and performance:

During the year the preschool advanced its objectives in the following ways:

- As part of our planned curriculum a wide range of toys and equipment have been available to enable the children to learn through play
- Invested in staff training including provision of a blended paediatric first aid course for 4 staff members.
- We have continued to maintain strong links with Trull Primary school,
- We continue to build upon the hard work that awarded the Pre-School an Ofsted 'Good' in its last inspection;
- As part of our ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the pre-school continued to operate at a reduced capacity throughout the year ending 20 August 2021 in order to protect the wellbeing of our staff and children with a "one setting" rule being in place for the whole year. Whilst stringent cleaning measures remain in place and we continue with other changes to our systems and procedures, the "one setting" rule has been relaxed for the start of the 2021/22 academic year. This will allow the pre-school to operate at more normal levels again and we are excited to have started the year with a record number of students.
- Invested in staff training including provision of a blended paediatric first aid course for 4 staff members.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of the staff for their commitment and contribution made throughout this challenging 12 month period and give a special mention to two individuals who left the pre-school this year.

Our Business Manager, Katy Morey, resigned due to focus on increasing demands within her other roles outside of the pre-school. Katy has worked tirelessly in her time with the pre-school and we are all incredibly grateful for her efforts. We are delighted to have found a suitable replacement and welcomed Louise Duffy to the team as our new Business Manager in June.

Karen Walkman also retired after a 20+ year association with the pre-school. Karen is remembered with great fondness by former students, their parents and her colleagues and we wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

Financial review:

The year ending 20 August 2021 was a challenging year for the preschool due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that we continued to operate at a reduced capacity.

This year, funding totalling £54,397 (2020 - £66,109) was received from Somerset County Council in respect of the preschool services provided to the community. Fees from parents, other fundraising activities and a small amount of interest contributed additional income of £16,932 (2018 - £16,974),

which along with COVID-19 grants of £6,072 (2020 - £5,500) brings total income to for the year to £77,401 (2020 - £88,583).

The COVID-19 grants received from Somerset County Council totalling £6,072 relate to the grants given to all Early Years Providers within Somerset.

Our fundraising ability has been restricted for the last two years by the Covid-19 pandemic and inability to hold many of our usual fundraising events but an amount of £701 was raised through activities we could do with the children including sponsored pancakes and easter bonnet sales. We are looking forward to being able to do more fundraising events now that the Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed.

The largest expense in the year was the wages of the preschool staff, the quality of whom is critical to the realisation of the charity's objectives. The total cost to the charity was £65,749 (2020 - £64,131) which represents over 78% of the charity's total expenditure in the year amounting to £83,698 (2020 - £81,814).

As a result of the above the pre-school has suffered a net deficit of £6,297 (2020 – £6,769 surplus) in the year which has reduced the surplus reserves held by the charity to £26,289 (2020 - £32,586).

Plans for future periods:

- To continue with our fundraising activities when government restrictions allow
- To increase our intake of children
- To continue to work in partnership with the local schools to ease transition for the older children by inviting the reception teachers for visits
- To continue monitoring our budget to ensure that the future of the Preschool is sustainable

M. Cahill
Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRULL SAPLINGS PRESCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 AUGUST 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Trull Saplings Preschool ("the charity") for the year ended 20 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

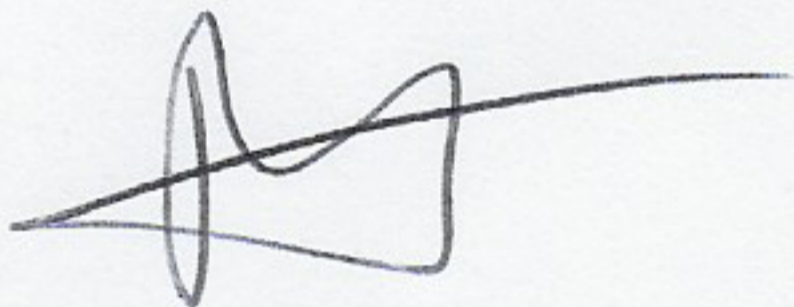
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Peter Watkins ACA
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Date..... 18-3-2022

Trull Saplings Preschool

England & Wales - Charity number 1018745

Accounts

TRULL SAPLINGS PRESCHOOL (REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1018745)
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 20 AUGUST 2020

The trustees present their report of the charity for the year ended 20 August 2020.

Address:

The Charity operates from:

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Public benefit:

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

Trull Saplings Preschool is an unincorporated charitable association and is governed by its constitution dated 5 October 1981 and as amended on 13 October 2011 and 27 June 2018.

All the business of the charity is conducted in accordance with its governing document, along with the rules incorporated within this document.

The Trustees who have held office since the AGM in October 2019 are:

J Gibson	Resigned 11 November 2020
K Morey	
M J Cahill	
R Saunders	Resigned 11 November 2020
E McElwaine	Resigned 5 March 2021
A Wiggans	Resigned 11 November 2020
C Gibbons	Resigned 2 February 2020
J Pollard	
K Gapper	Appointed 15 October 2019
J Durnell	Appointed 15 October 2019
A Temblett	Appointed 15 October 2019

The following trustees have been appointed since 20 August 2020

M Bodman	Appointed 11 November 2020
A Duncan	Appointed 11 November 2020
A Martin	Appointed 11 November 2020
C Martin	Appointed 11 November 2020
L Powers	Appointed 11 November 2020

The overall management and control of the Preschool rests with the individual members of the Preschool's management committee who are also the Trustees of the Preschool.

The Board of Trustees must consist of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary together with not less than 2 and not more than 9 other elected members, with up to a further 3 co-opted members. Co-opted members can be brought in at any point during the academic year to ensure continuity of governance.

Not less than 60% of the Trustees shall be Family Members (i.e. individuals who are a parent or guardian of a child attending any group run by the Preschool.

Members of the Preschool can put themselves forward for election to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members are elected for a period of one year and must retire at the next Annual General Meeting but can stand for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years.

Objectives and activities:

The objective of the Charity is to advance the education of children below compulsory school age by:

- Providing a safe and satisfying group play, in which parents have a right to take part;
- Encouraging other charitable activities through which parents may help the children;
- Furthering the aims of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

The charity aims to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment, offering a range of fun and educating activities within a happy atmosphere.

Achievements and performance:

During the year the preschool advanced its objectives in the following ways:

- As part of our planned curriculum a wide range of toys and equipment have been available to enable the children to learn through play
- We have continued to maintain strong links with Trull Primary school, and enhanced the children' s learning by using their outdoor space. This had to stop in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- We continue to build upon the hard work that awarded the Pre-School an Ofsted 'Good' in its last inspection;
- Following the announcement of the national lockdown on 23 March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic the pre-school remained open to keyworker children. This included keyworker children already using the setting as well as children of keyworkers who required an alternative solution where their usual childcare provider had been unable to remain open. The pre-school was only available for keyworker children between March – June 2020 due to the government guidance which placed restrictions on the amount of children in one room and despite some later changes in the guidance we continued to operate at a reduced capacity in order to protect the wellbeing of our staff and children.

The staff and trustees have worked tirelessly to make sure that the pre-school continued to deliver a service to the community when it was needed most and the Board of Trustees would like to place on record their thanks to all of the staff for their commitment and contribution made during this difficult period.

Financial review:

The year ending 20 August 2020 was a challenging year for the preschool due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, funding totalling £66,109 (2019 - £74,485) was received from Somerset County Council in respect of the preschool services provided to the community. Fees from parents, other fundraising activities and a small amount of interest contributed additional income of £16,973 (2018 - £21,185), which along with the COVID-19 grant of £5,500 (2019 - £nil) brings total income to for the year to £88,582 (2019 - £95,670).

The COVID-19 grant received from Somerset County Council totalling £5,500 relates to the grant given to all Early Years Providers within Somerset.

Our fundraising ability was restricted and in particular our main fundraising event for the year, the Trull Party in the Park which is held every other year and was due to take place in July 2020, was cancelled as a result of the government restrictions in place at the time.

The largest expense in the year was the wages of the preschool staff, the quality of whom is critical to the realisation of the charity's objectives. The total cost to the charity was £64,131 (2019 - £63,244) which represents over 78% of the charity's total expenditure in the year amounting to £81,814 (2019 - £82,574).

As a result of the above a net surplus of £6,769 (2019 - £13,096) has been generated which has increased the surplus reserve held by the charity to £32,586 (2019 - £25,817).

Plans for future periods:

- To continue with our fundraising activities when government restrictions allow
- To increase our intake of children
- To continue to work in partnership with the local schools to ease transition for the older children by inviting the reception teachers for visits
- To continue monitoring our budget to ensure that the future of the Preschool is sustainable

Signed by order of the Trustees on 14 June 2021 for the year ending 20 August 2020.



M J Cahill
Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRULL SAPLINGS PRESCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 AUGUST 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Trull Saplings Preschool ("the charity") for the year ended 20 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date..... 14/6/2021

Trull Saplings Preschool

Accounts for the year ended 20 August 2020

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
INCOME		
Fees	15,535	17,076
Funding	66,109	74,485
Fundraising	769	3,404
Trips	-	353
Milk	492	271
Other	139	47
Grants	5,500	-
Deposit Account Interest	39	35
TOTAL INCOME	<u>88,583</u>	<u>95,670</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	64,131	63,244
Payroll Costs	497	587
Admin	800	1,654
Staff Training	167	1,125
Rent & Utilities	10,402	10,277
Insurance	590	591
Equipment & Consumables	3,867	3,018
Refreshments	-	-
Present & Parties	303	422
Subscriptions	728	554
Trips	-	458
Milk	269	552
Fundraising	20	85
Grants	-	-
Other	40	8
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>81,814</u>	<u>82,574</u>
SURPLUS	<u>6,769</u>	<u>13,096</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION</u>		
Current Account Bank Balance as at 20/08/20	31,010	
Add outstanding bankings	244	
Less outstanding payments	<u>(6,465)</u>	
	24,789	
Deposit Account Bank Balance as at 20/08/20	<u>7,797</u>	
	<u>32,586</u>	
Surplus brought forward at 21/08/19	25,817	
Add surplus for the year	<u>6,769</u>	
	<u>32,586</u>	

