



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name Starry Pre-school (Playgroup)

On accounts for the year
ended

2023

Charity no
(if any)

1022403

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

13/02/2024

Name:

D - BERSEY.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Trustees Annual Report
For financial year 01.01.23 to 31.12.23

Address: Park View
Sturry
Canterbury
Kent
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Governing Document: Pre School Learning Alliance Constitution

Objects of the Charity: To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age.

Trustees

Name and details of office held	Dates during which the named trustees acted if not for the whole period of this report	Names of directors of any corporate charity trustee at the date of this report	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint any charity trustee
I Turner – Chair Louise Johnson Z Brear - Chair	From 9.11.22 From 18.5.23 From 5.12.23	To 18.5.23 To 5.12.23	Sturry Playgroup
Mrs E Hawkes – Secretary Kirsten M'Clelland	From 25.9.19 From	To 14.7.23	Sturry Playgroup
Mrs M Hunt - Treasurer	From 28.9.22		Sturry Playgroup
Laura Kinghorn – Member	From 5.12.23		Sturry Playgroup
Angela Harvey – Member	From 15.03.16		Sturry Playgroup
Tracey Johnson - Member	From 15.03.16		Sturry Playgroup

Trustee selection method: All trustees are nominated by the Members of Sturry Playgroup and are re-elected each year at the AGM and EGM.

Activities and Achievements:

The charity is managed by the playgroup committee and staffed by;
1 Manager, 1 Administrator/ Senior Practitioner, 1 Senior Practitioner/ SENco/ Health & Safety Officer and 4 Practitioners.. We have two independent people to maintain our garden. We had three members of Staff resign and we have employed three new members to replace them.

I can report another year where we have successfully been able to meet our main aims and objectives.

Our sessions were full, and we have a healthy waiting list, there are currently 43 children on the register and a further 46 children on our waiting list. We have a criteria for admissions and this is used to ensure that we can offer as many sessions as possible, to as many children and ensuring sustainability for future years for the pre-school.

All staff continue to attend regular training including our 'in house training' and online training which has proved successful following feedback from staff. Training is also arranged in conjunction with the collaboration that the Pre-School belongs to and Tracey leads. Angela has completed the Early Years Development Programme which has helped to support staff and children with Communication & Language, Maths and Personal Social & Emotional Development. We maintain a highly qualified and experienced staff team which means that we can meet legal requirements even in times of unplanned absence. Isabelle and Evie, our new Staff members, are both working towards their level 3 qualifications. Steph has completed the Advanced SENco course.

The committee have organised a variety of fundraising activities, most of which were all very well supported, and we have been able to purchase new resources with this.

We were able to welcome new committee members to replace those leaving in July when their children left to go to school and other points during the year, for various reasons.

The accounts attached, show a deficit. This year we have had some large expenses such as replacing the front door and locking system, fixing the security gate and intercom system and maintenance of the large trees and hedges in the back garden. We have also had to pay back dated rent to KCC due to their delay in agreeing our new lease, which is still yet to be finalised. We have also purchased new equipment including a new sand tray and cupboards for the role play area. The Local Authority has continued to pay DSG funding for all those eligible, however the funding rates do not cover our costs, which has resulted in us having to increase parent fees and other means of income, to ensure that we remain financially sustainable for the future. Finances are always a concern, particularly with the planned increased costs of utilities, consumables and of minimum wage from April 2024 and in addition the funding changes for those eligible.

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee that -

- The trustees have approved the above; and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signature



Full Name Mrs Z Brear
Position Chairperson

Date 19th March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

For the financial year ended 31.12.23

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>Donations, legacies etc.</i>				
Donations	500		500	-
<i>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</i>				
Fees Parents	16,831		16,831	18,388
Fees Early Years Funded	112,269		112,269	106,106
Annual Contribution	1,425		1,425	1,575
<i>Operating activities to generate funds</i>				
Fundraising	2,715		2,715	2,964
Sub-total	133,740	-	133,740	129,033
<i>Other Receipts</i>				
Milk Refund	704		704	595
Uniform	518		518	589
Training	585		585	-
Other	2,918		2,918	2,178
Collaboration Receipts	12,245		12,245	12,149
Bank Interest - HISA	179		179	5
Petty Cash Out	-120		-120	-150
Total Receipts	150,769	-	150,769	144,397
<u>Payments</u>				
<i>Payments for generating funds</i>				
Fund-raising	328		328	275
<i>Charitable payments</i>				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Consumables	3,676		3,676	4,205
Insurance	2,111		2,111	2,141
Rent & Rates	5,196		5,196	1,407
Staff Costs	102,886		102,886	102,125
Staff pensions	6,161		6,161	4,968
Training	766		766	814
Utilities	5,300		5,300	5,091
Building & Grounds Maintenance	7,964		7,964	5,037
<i>Management & Administration</i>				
Admin	4,277		4,277	3,903
Telephone / Broadband	1,242		1,242	961
Website / Text Messaging	106		106	65
Advertising	-		-	-
Inspection	50		50	50
Uniform	805		805	971
Other	3,634		3,634	2,235
Collaboration Payments	10,846		10,846	7,000
Sub total	155,349	-	155,349	141,246
<i>Other Payments</i>				
Purchase of Equipment	3,886		3,886	1,269
Total Payments	159,235	-	159,235	142,514
Net of Receipts/(Payments) -	8,466	-	8,466	1,883
Cash Funds last year end	28,722		28,722	26,839
Cash Funds this year end	20,256	-	20,256	28,917

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

For the financial year ended 31.12.23

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
<i>Cash Funds</i>		
Giro Bank Current A/C	20,256	
Petty Cash	131.39	
High Interest Savings Account	50836.86	
	<u>71,224</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</i>		
Play Equipment	20,700	
Books	550	
Building	27,610	
	<u>48,860</u>	
<i>Liabilities</i>		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Balance Sheet

Opening balance	<i>Current A/C</i>	28,917	<i>Current A/C</i>	Closing Balance	20,256
01.01.23	<i>Petty Cash</i>	114.96	<i>Petty Cash</i>	31.12.23	131.39
	<i>HISA</i>	50657.72	<i>HISA</i>		50836.86
Adjustment		<u>79,690</u>	TOTAL		<u>71,224</u>
Loss / Profit	-	8,466			
		<u>71,224</u>			<u>71,224</u>

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Z Brear (Chairperson)

Date

20.2.24

M Hunt (Treasurer)

Date

1.2.24