

HEYSHAM YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1022968

Details

Other names HYCC PRE SCHOOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-06-24

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Activities: Providing nursery education for children aged 2-5.

Classification

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

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£305,817	£178,557	-	-
2024-01-31	£178,557	£181,753	-	-
2023-01-31	£156,392	£155,105	-	-
2022-01-31	£172,497	£151,059	-	-
2021-01-31	£198,529	£144,436	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Roger Cleet		2018-07-17
Suzanne Marie Taylor		2017-09-28

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- g) To hire or acquire assets of any kind.
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Main Achievements During the Year

Over the past twelve months we have maintained the Pre-School and facilities to a high standard and continue to provide affordable education and childcare for the local community irrespective of background. Parent interactions were carried out face to face or via the telephone to support and inform parents.

The Sensory room is an asset to the setting and is a huge benefit to all the children, especially children with additional needs and sensory issues. It provides a cosy and relaxing environment for supporting children's personal, social and emotional development, especially for children affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). We continue to add to the resources available as and when they are needed and continue to build a broad resource base. Parents and local childminders with a connection to the setting can use this facility via prior arrangement.

We have continued to invest in our outdoor area and develop our allotment area on an ongoing basis, this year adding two apple trees. We encourage the children to plant and care for vegetables and fruits, learning about how seeds grow into plants we can eat - where food comes from and how to eat healthily.

Once again in the Spring term, we hired an incubator from Incredible Eggs. The children were able to look after the eggs, watch and learn in awe and wonder as the eggs hatched and little chicks emerged. We cared for them for 10 days, handled them and watched them grow. Incredible Eggs then returned to collect them and take them back to the farm where they live happy 'free range' lives.

In the run up to Christmas we had a roast dinner for all the children. We also had a party day with a magician, party food, games, music and dancing. All the children received a book as a gift from the setting for Christmas/winter holidays and a chocolate selection box.

Our landlords Lancashire County Council have verbally extended our lease, and have agreed revised heads of terms. We are responsible for the building including all utilities, services and maintenance. Our costs for maintenance of the building have increased dramatically as repairs are undertaken and costs of utilities soar.

Ofsted conducted an Inspection on 6th September 2024 and we were awarded a 'Good' rating. We received positive feedback and continue to strive to meet requirements which will see us continue to achieve a good rating and therefore provide a good quality of care and education for the children in our community.

The Pre-School has continued to purchase new resources to help the children's progress and development. The rejuvenation of our outdoor spaces which are a huge benefit for our children with regard to experiences and physical activity, is an ongoing action and require a great deal of expense and time.

Financial Review

Monies remaining in the Pre-School accounts at the end of the year will be held in reserve to allow for fluctuations in Pre-School numbers and in accordance with our additional objectives (item J) to allow for special purposes such as events, training and the purchase of new resources when needed in order to enhance the environment and maximise the learning opportunities for the children. We are also now mindful of the commitment to maintain the building and environment to a safe and functional standard, including the outdoors.

Preschool expenses, in accordance with item A of the Pre-Schools main objectives, have increased substantially with the signing of the lease. Daily running costs including wages, rent and purchasing new resources for the children continue to be budgeted for.

Heysham Pre-School

Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Natwest - Wages Account	160,837.64		201,188.28	
Natwest - Fund Account	18,053.67		13,844.65	
Natwest - Community Account	153,513.74		-	
Cash in Hand	171.78		543.78	
	<u>332,576.83</u>		<u>215,576.71</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	8,122.08		1,289.49	
	<u>8,122.08</u>		<u>1,289.49</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>324,454.75</u>		<u>214,287.22</u>
	£	<u>324,454.75</u>	£	<u>214,287.22</u>
Represented By:				
Capital Account				
Opening Capital		214,287.22		217,483.19
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		110,167.53		(3,195.97)
		<u>324,454.75</u>		<u>214,287.22</u>
	£	<u>324,454.75</u>	£	<u>214,287.22</u>

HYCC Pre-school - Profit & Loss Year ending 31 January 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Income		
Parents	24,732.98	27,143.24
LCC Funding	267,792.47	151,157.62
Grants	9,184.00	0.00
Commission	94.67	136.77
Lunch Money	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	3,513.74	0.00
Donation	500.00	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	120.00
	305,817.86	178,557.63
 Expenditure		
Wages	147,918.93	130,215.08
Employers NI	2,927.85	1,891.68
Pensions	2,416.18	2,181.21
Supply staff	0.00	678.00
Rent	13,500.00	15,750.00
Water rates	1,724.08	3,039.37
Heat & Light	5,667.75	8,275.46
Milk & Food	1,171.47	1,311.18
Toys & Materials	1,786.98	2,373.63
Insurance	684.99	654.18
Phone	1,281.13	1,245.82
Postage	22.84	25.50
Stationery	394.50	620.29
Website	25.83	96.84
Printing	0.00	0.00
Equipment	5,707.09	0.00
Registration Fees	864.20	808.20
Training	120.80	265.00
Trip & Special events	700.00	648.40
Repairs	4,865.34	7,673.21
Uniforms & Clothing	142.80	167.40
Cleaning	1,206.95	1,204.47
Waste Disposal	543.27	503.88
CRB Checks	74.50	340.00
Sundry	868.84	554.90
Bank charges	242.01	221.90
Entertaining	0.00	0.00
Fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Accountancy	792.00	1,008.00
	195,650.33	181,753.60
 Profit/ (Loss) for year	 110,167.53	 (3,195.97)

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Natwest - Fund Account	13,844.65		13,707.88	
Cash in Hand	543.78		63.70	
	<u>215,576.71</u>		<u>219,276.91</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	1,289.49		1,793.72	
	<u>1,289.49</u>		<u>1,793.72</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>214,287.22</u>		<u>217,483.19</u>
		£ <u>214,287.22</u>		£ <u>217,483.19</u>
Represented By:				
Capital Account				
Opening Capital		217,483.19		216,195.83
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		(3,195.97)		1,287.36
		<u>214,287.22</u>		<u>217,483.19</u>
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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Income		
Parents	27,143.24	25,270.15
LCC Funding	151,157.62	130,695.78
Grants	0.00	0.00
Commission	136.77	76.84
Lunch Money	0.00	0.00
CJRS Grant	0.00	0.00
HYCC	0.00	0.00
Staff contributions	0.00	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	120.00	350.00
	178,557.63	156,392.77
 Expenditure		
Wages	130,215.08	111,726.27
Employers NI	1,891.68	973.00
Pensions	2,181.21	1,731.63
Supply staff	678.00	971.52
Rent	15,750.00	11,250.00
Water rates	3,039.37	2,350.71
Heat & Light	8,275.46	3,065.00
Milk & Food	1,311.18	1,287.97
Toys & Materials	2,373.63	3,700.15
Insurance	654.18	635.56
Phone	1,245.82	1,105.49
Postage	25.50	34.78
Stationery	620.29	721.75
Website	96.84	88.44
Printing	0.00	0.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Registration Fees	808.20	1,177.86
Training	265.00	862.26
Trip & Special events	648.40	269.07
Repairs	7,673.21	8,148.81
Uniforms & Clothing	167.40	354.76
Cleaning	1,204.47	1,669.62
Waste Disposal	503.88	673.20
CRB Checks	340.00	340.00
Sundry	554.90	741.62
Bank charges	221.90	217.94
Entertaining	0.00	0.00
Fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Accountancy	1,008.00	1,008.00
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	£	£	£	£
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Natwest - Wages Account	205,505.33		204,348.08	
Natwest - Fund Account	13,707.88		13,633.84	
Cash in Hand	63.70		40.23	
	<u>219,276.91</u>		<u>218,022.15</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	1,793.72		1,826.32	
	<u>1,793.72</u>		<u>1,826.32</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>217,483.19</u>		<u>216,195.83</u>
	£	<u>217,483.19</u>	£	<u>216,195.83</u>
Represented By:				
Capital Account				
Opening Capital		216,195.83		194,757.82
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		1,287.36		21,438.01
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Income		
Parents	25,270.15	19,081.04
LCC Funding	130,695.78	149,808.37
Grants	0.00	1,137.96
Commission	76.84	184.84
Lunch Money	0.00	0.00
CJRS Grant	0.00	2,285.69
HYCC	0.00	0.00
Staff contributions	0.00	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	350.00	0.00
	156,392.77	172,497.90
 Expenditure		
Wages	111,726.27	105,605.90
Employers NI	973.00	529.01
Pensions	1,731.63	1,475.45
Supply staff	971.52	0.00
Rent	11,250.00	13,500.00
Water rates	2,350.71	2,544.33
Heat & Light	3,065.00	4,500.00
Milk & Food	1,287.97	1,056.34
Toys & Materials	3,700.15	7,704.48
Insurance	635.56	0.00
Phone	1,105.49	1,013.04
Postage	34.78	26.26
Stationery	721.75	768.71
Website	88.44	80.88
Printing	0.00	0.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Registration Fees	1,177.86	2,940.26
Training	862.26	520.09
Trip & Special events	269.07	56.27
Repairs	8,148.81	5,760.32
Uniforms & Clothing	354.76	48.00
Cleaning	1,669.62	718.60
Waste Disposal	673.20	701.59
CRB Checks	340.00	315.00
Sundry	741.62	186.56
Bank charges	217.94	0.80
Entertaining	0.00	0.00
Fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Accountancy	1,008.00	1,008.00
	155,105.41	151,059.89
 Profit/ (Loss) for year	 1,287.36	 21,438.01

HEYSHAM YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1022968

Accounts

Heysham Youth and Community Playgroup
Trustees Annual Report – Year Ending 31st January 2022

The Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit with particular emphasis on the commission supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education and fee-charging during the planning process for all activities and while setting the pre-school aims and objectives.

For children aged between three and five years old and qualifying two year olds, fees for 15hrs per week are obtained from the County Council in the form of Early Education Funding at no cost to the parents/guardians. Some working parents also qualify for a further 15hrs extended funding for children over three if they meet criteria. Two year old children who do not qualify and those three year olds who take up additional hours to those funded by the council, are charged at the rate of £4.50 per hour. This fee has been set to cover costs and is the lowest possible amount chargeable in order to maintain the pre-school's high standards.

By continuing to maintain our fees at a low rate we have again been able to provide affordable education and childcare for children aged between two and five. This can be accessed by underprivileged families in the local area and provides safe and stimulating care for children from all backgrounds including children with special education needs and disabilities, children with English as an additional language and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. These children have been given a chance to flourish and develop in a positive nurturing environment and have been given a good start for when they enter mainstream education.

We follow the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' curriculum. This Statutory framework was changed and came into force in September 2021.

Meetings are held between children's key workers and their parents as and when needed to enable discussion of their development at pre-school and we operate an 'open door' policy, encouraging parents to talk to us whenever they need to. We continue to use an online Learning Journal, which allows us to share information with parents about their child's experiences and development and vice versa; this gives both practitioners and parents a more accessible and mutually beneficial communication tool. Parents engage with this technology much more than the traditional paper-based information.

As well the key objectives for the Pre-school outlined above, under the Pre-school Learning Alliance, HYCC Pre-School also holds the following powers and objectives:

- a) To provide accommodation and equipment.
- b) To raise money to pay for the Pre-School activities.
- c) To make such payments as shall be necessary.
- d) To fix and collect the fees payable in respect of children attending groups run by the Pre-School.
- e) Subject to adherence with all applicable legislation, to control the admission of children to the groups run by the Pre-School and if appropriate require parents or guardians to withdraw them.

- f) To borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of the property as security for any money borrowed subject to complying with the provisions of sections 38 and 39 of the Charities Act 1993 if it is proposed to mortgaged land.
- g) To hire or acquire assets of any kind.
- h) To buy, lease or rent any land or buildings and to maintain and equip it for the use of the Pre-School.
- i) To sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the Pre-School's property subject to complying with the provisions of sections 36 and 37 of the Charities Act 1993.
- j) To set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure.
- k) To maintain and pay for membership of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
- l) To ensure the property and assets of the Pre-School against any foreseeable risk and to take out other insurance policies to protect the Pre-School as required.
- m) To employ such paid and unpaid staff, agents and advisors as may be required from time to time.
- n) To do any other lawful things which are necessary or desirable to enable the Pre-School to achieve its aims.

Main Achievements During the Year

Over the past twelve months we have maintained the Pre-School and facilities to a high standard and continue to provide affordable education and childcare for the local community irrespective of background. Parent meetings were all carried out over the telephone or by prior arrangement.

The beginning of the year was again overshadowed by Covid-19 with the rise of a new variant called Omicron. Many schools again remained closed until February half term. We remained open as usual and continued to socially distance and use PPE as appropriate. We did have children and families affected by the virus and we continued to offer support to children by personally delivering home learning bags which included craft activities and communication activities including stories, rhymes and colouring/writing activities. We kept in touch with families via telephone calls and email with links to further online activities. Staff were also affected on a number of occasions, but we were able to manage absences without having to close the setting. Again, we are very fortunate to have large outdoor spaces and due to good weather we were able to spend a great deal of time outdoors.

Again our child intake for nursery in the Autumn term remained low, however this worked well as we supported a child with complex needs, who needed 1:1 care. Our preschool room numbers improved over the year as parents began to return to the workplace and needed childcare.

Our new Sensory room was fitted out in Spring 2021. This was a considerable expense however; we were able to use monies from fundraising and donations. The sensory room is a big asset to the setting and has been a huge benefit to all the children, especially children with additional needs and sensory issues. It has provided a cosy and relaxing environment for children whose social and emotional needs have been affected by the pandemic. We continue to add to the resources available as and when they are needed and are building up a broad resource base. Once all restrictions are lifted and we can invite parents to use of our facilities again, we will be able to offer sessions in the room to our parents with babies.

We paid for a landscaper to make additional changes to the outdoor areas to improve the environment and also make areas safe for the child with complex needs after an environmental audit. Members of the committee and volunteers continued to enhance outdoor areas planting shrubs and perennials.

The children again benefitted from planting and caring for vegetables and fruits and learned much about growth and change and healthy eating.

During the year we were able to begin allowing parents in the building, practising social distancing and wearing PPE. Again, we did not hold any fundraising events or go on a trip in the summer. For our end of year celebration we were given the loan of a bouncy castle for a week and had 'fun-days' every day with party food music and games. On the last day we invited parents to meet, 'socially distanced' on the field and everyone was able to say goodbye to their friends and had a lovely time.

Once again we did feel able to hold our annual indoor Christmas activities, but we provided all the children with a hot celebration meal and had a special visit from an entertainer dressed as 'Elsa' from Frozen. We also had a party day with a magician, party food, games, music and dancing and this felt like we were finally getting back to normal, which was wonderful. All the children received a gift from the setting for Christmas/winter holidays and a chocolate selection box.

From 1st April 2018 We entered into a five-year lease, taking sole responsibility for the building including all utilities, services and maintenance. Our last Ofsted Inspection was September 2018 and we were rated as 'Good'. We received positive feedback and continue to strive to meet requirements which will see us continue to achieve a good rating although our ambition would see us achieve outstanding.

The Pre-School has continued to purchase new resources to help the children's progress and development. The rejuvenation of our outdoor spaces which are a huge benefit for our children with regard to experiences and physical activity, is an ongoing action and require a great deal expense and time.

Financial Review

Monies remaining in the Pre-School accounts at the end of the year will be held in reserve to allow for fluctuations in Pre-School numbers and in accordance with our additional objectives (item J) to allow for special purposes such as events, training and the purchase of new resources when needed in order to enhance the environment and maximise the learning opportunities for the children. We are also now mindful of the commitment to maintain the building and environment to a safe and functional standard, including the outdoors.

Preschool expenses, in accordance with item A of the Pre-Schools main objectives, have increased substantially with the signing of the lease. Daily running costs including wages, rent and purchasing new resources for the children continue to be budgeted for.

Heysham Pre-School

Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Natwest - Wages Account	204,348.08		182,954.15	
Natwest - Fund Account	13,633.84		13,186.54	
Cash in Hand	40.23		20.18	
	<u>218,022.15</u>		<u>196,160.87</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	1,826.32		1,403.05	
	<u>1,826.32</u>		<u>1,403.05</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>216,195.83</u>		<u>194,757.82</u>
		£ <u>216,195.83</u>		£ <u>194,757.82</u>
Represented By:				
Capital Account				
Opening Capital		194,757.82		140,664.12
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		21,438.01		54,093.70
		<u>216,195.83</u>		<u>194,757.82</u>
		£ <u>216,195.83</u>		£ <u>194,757.82</u>

HYCC Pre-school - Profit & Loss Year ending 31 January 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Income		
Parents	19,081.04	13,890.08
LCC Funding	149,808.37	176,681.08
Grants	1,137.96	0.00
Commission	184.84	0.00
Lunch Money	0.00	203.50
CJRS Grant	2,285.69	7,755.31
HYCC	0.00	0.00
Staff contributions	0.00	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
	172,497.90	198,529.97
 Expenditure		
Wages	105,605.90	101,030.24
Employers NI	529.01	943.92
Pensions	1,475.45	1,512.15
Supply staff	0.00	2,790.72
Rent	13,500.00	13,500.00
Water rates	2,544.33	1,768.30
Heat & Light	4,500.00	4,940.21
Milk & Food	1,056.34	1,120.68
Toys & Materials	7,704.48	1,886.47
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Phone	1,013.04	1,223.99
Postage	26.26	11.20
Stationery	768.71	692.03
Website	80.88	79.54
Printing	0.00	0.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Registration Fees	2,940.26	1,708.01
Training	520.09	785.00
Trip & Special events	56.27	0.00
Repairs	5,760.32	7,482.11
Uniforms & Clothing	48.00	165.60
Cleaning	718.60	1,081.39
Waste Disposal	701.59	464.23
CRB Checks	315.00	35.00
Sundry	186.56	207.48
Bank charges	0.80	0.00
Entertaining	0.00	0.00
Fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Accountancy	1,008.00	1,008.00
	151,059.89	144,436.27
 Profit/ (Loss) for year	 21,438.01	 54,093.70

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Main Achievements During the Year

Over the past twelve months we have maintained the Pre-School and facilities to a high standard and continue to provide affordable education and childcare for the local community irrespective of background. Parent meetings were all carried out over the telephone or at the foyer door on arrival or departure.

The year began, overshadowed by the threat of a 'new' virus originating in China, as parents and staff began to be concerned about the spread of the disease. By March the whole country had gone into lockdown and there was much insecurity about how to continue our support for our families. Being a charity we were not entitled to initial grants offered by the government due to our charity status, but nevertheless we stayed open as normal for children of key workers and vulnerable children, offering free meals and support. We later extended this support to children of families who we knew were struggling (although they were not classed as vulnerable). We are proud to say we stayed open as normal throughout the summer term and had no cases of the virus. We were able to offer support to children by personally delivering home learning bags which included craft activities, communication activities including stories, rhymes and colouring/writing activities. We kept in touch with every family on a weekly basis by telephone calls and also sent emails with links to further online activities and sign posts to support networks. Staff worked on a rota basis and we had two bubbles. Most of our time was spent in our large outdoor areas and we were extremely grateful to have such a wonderful resource.

In the Autumn term our child intake was much reduced as parents kept their children away from settings for various reasons including, concerns about the virus, financial constraints, working from home. We continued to see this trend continue throughout the year.

Members of the committee and volunteers continued with the ongoing renovations of the outdoor areas, including the woodwork and the canopies on the large pergolas. We bought a new polycarbonate greenhouse, specifically designed for children's safety and bought plants, seeds, pots, compost etc for our allotment area, which the children loved to plant up and care for – they learned much about where food comes from and healthy eating. The bark digging areas were renovated and replenished and a number of large outdoor playhouses/resources were acquired.

We were not able to have parents in the building throughout the year, or have a trip out in the summer. We did not hold any fundraising days during this year, however we did do a small raffle for Easter and provided all the children with an Easter egg with the proceeds. We were not able to hold our annual Christmas activities but we provided all the children with a hot celebration meal and we

had a party day, where they could dress up and have fun. They all received a gift from the setting for Christmas/winter holidays.

We entered into a five-year lease from 1st April 2018, taking sole responsibility for the building including all utilities, services and maintenance. Our last Ofsted Inspection was September 2018 and we were rated as 'Good'. We received positive feedback and continue to strive to meet requirements which will see us continue to achieve a good rating although our ambition would see us achieve outstanding.

The Pre-School has continued to purchase new resources to help the children's progress and development. The rejuvenation of our outdoor spaces which are a huge benefit for our children with regard to experiences and physical activity, is an ongoing action as these had been allowed to fall into disrepair over the years and require a great deal expense and time.

We suspended the provision of hot lunches due to staffing and the difficulty with availability of goods and children staying for lunch brought a pack from home.

Financial Review

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Heysham Pre-School

Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Natwest - Wages Account	182,954.15		136,548.91	
Natwest - Fund Account	13,186.54		5,472.54	
Cash in Hand	20.18		23.51	
	<u>196,160.87</u>		<u>142,044.96</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	1,403.05		1,380.84	
	<u>1,403.05</u>		<u>1,380.84</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>194,757.82</u>		<u>140,664.12</u>
		£ <u>194,757.82</u>		£ <u>140,664.12</u>
Represented By:				
Capital Account				
Opening Capital		140,664.12		114,573.18
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		54,093.70		26,090.94
		<u>194,757.82</u>		<u>140,664.12</u>
		£ <u>194,757.82</u>		£ <u>140,664.12</u>

HYCC Pre-school - Profit & Loss Year ending 31 January 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Income		
Parents	13,890.08	29,132.40
LCC Funding	176,681.08	144,331.34
Lunch Money	203.50	1,096.50
CJRS Grant	7,755.31	0.00
HYCC	0.00	0.00
Staff contributions	0.00	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	4,898.89
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	198,529.97	179,459.13
 Expenditure		
Wages	101,030.24	106,317.33
Employers NI	943.92	2,747.62
Pensions	1,512.15	1,538.55
Supply staff	2,790.72	2,021.76
Rent	13,500.00	13,500.00
Water rates	1,768.30	3,715.15
Heat & Light	4,940.21	7,367.60
Milk & Food	1,120.68	2,822.84
Toys & Materials	1,886.47	1,519.06
Insurance	510.86	501.65
Phone	1,223.99	1,278.60
Postage	11.20	17.18
Stationery	692.03	251.16
Website	79.54	65.70
Printing	0.00	0.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Registration Fees	1,197.15	866.10
Training	785.00	843.65
Trip & Special events	0.00	1,279.99
Repairs	7,482.11	3,789.18
Uniforms & Clothing	165.60	194.40
Cleaning	1,081.39	804.03
Waste Disposal	464.23	446.74
CRB Checks	35.00	226.10
Sundry	207.48	245.80
Entertaining	0.00	0.00
Fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Accountancy	1,008.00	1,008.00
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	144,436.27	153,368.19
 Profit/ (Loss) for year		
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	54,093.70	26,090.94
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