

# CASTOR AND AILSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1023316

## Details

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**Other names** CASTOR AND AILSWORTH PLAYGROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1993-06-30

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY: (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY; (B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS; (C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

**Activities:** Provides care/education for pre-school children

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Peterborough City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£121,760	£109,808	-	-
2024-08-31	£109,808	£90,224	-	-
2023-08-31	£92,688	£95,391	-	-
2022-08-31	£101,210	£94,928	-	-
2021-08-31	£76,417	£86,374	-	-
2020-08-31	£86,374	£85,823	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Elizabeth Boardman		2019-07-06
Freya Talbot		2024-10-17
Jennifer Ashman		2022-07-18
Lucie Bailey		2025-09-25
Rachel McDermott		2022-07-18
Samantha Adams		2023-12-07
Shamila Mirza		2025-09-25
Tracey Squire		2018-07-18

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## Treasurer's Report for AGM 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

The 2024-25 school year saw a continuation of the positive developments we had seen the previous year. Pupil demographic again enabled us to claim very welcome additional funding, and continued staff changes have meant the Redundancy provisions remain more than adequate at current levels so once again we have not had to contribute any additional funds to this area. The government continued its phased roll out of its additional funding programme during the year and from this school year parents of children over 9 months that meet the criteria can claim 30 hours a week funding. Whilst we do not take children until their second birthday, we are undoubtedly seeing younger children joining us for more hours this term.

Funding received this year was £103,603.76 up from £89,176.65 the previous year. However, fees paid by parents inevitably continued to drop and were £14,267.09 down from £17,440.55. These changes are a direct result of the roll out of increased government funding and is a trend I expect to accelerate this year.

Disposable income at the end of the year was £22,121.12 up from £17,528.71. We have also been able to increase our contingency fund to £20,000. Which coincidentally is the amount we lost during the covid era.

Fundraising had another good year raising £1386.86 at various events. In addition, we received a very generous total of £1300 from Ailsworth Parish council. All money raised is, as always, set aside to be spent for the benefit of the children at the setting.

Whilst all of the above mentioned has given us a sound financial base moving forward there are still some uncertainties within the early years industry and the national press paints a very gloomy picture of current and future prospects, a situation that is not, thankfully, currently being felt here.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sam on a successful first full year as leader. Also, thanks go to Rachel on guiding the setting through a financially successful but, sometimes, I am sure difficult first year as Chair.

Also, thanks once again to Nicola Goy for checking and signing off last year accounts. Once this years are approved, I will submit them to the Charity commission.

**Castor and Ailsworth Preschool**

Income and expenditure account 31/08/25

	<u>2025</u>	£	<u>2024</u>	£	
<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Fees and vouchers	£	14,267.09	£	17,440.55	
Fundraising	£	2,913.81	£	2,398.98	
Donations	£	-	£	-	
Funding	£	103,603.76	£	89,176.65	
HMRC SSP/CJRS	£	-	£	-	
Interest on 35 day account	£	785.93	£	-	
Other	£	189.38	£	792.10	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>121,759.97</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>109,808.28</b>	
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Salaries	£	89,028.96	£	75,607.59	
Rent and rates	£	7,845.50	£	7,809.50	
Provisions	£	204.45	£	462.69	
Equipment	£	391.31	£	193.93	
Bank charges	£	182.60	£	186.05	
Office admin and costs	£	3,101.59	£	2,534.22	
Training	£	816.40	£	25.00	
EYPP	£	1,527.55	£	321.99	
Other	£	3,437.63	£	1,731.73	
Fundraising costs	£	226.95	£	258.70	
Spend from fundraising	£	2,720.00	£	1,093.11	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>109,482.94</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>90,224.51</b>	
<b>Balance for year's activities</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>12,277.03</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>19,583.77</b>
C/fwd year end 2024		£	61,438.46	£	41,854.69
<b>Year end reconciliation</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>73,715.49</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>61,438.46</b>
Year end reconciled balance		£	73,715.49	£	61,438.46
less Petty Cash		£	-	£	-
less Insurance		£	-	£	840.00
Set aside fundraising		£	<b>1,594.37</b>	£	<b>2,674.68</b>
less Money set aside (contingency)		£	<b>20,000.00</b>	£	<b>10,545.07</b>
less Money set aside (redundancy provision/future development)		£	<b>30,000.00</b>	£	<b>29,850.00</b>
<b>Agreed (disposable) Balance at year end</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>22,121.12</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>17,528.71</b>

## Independent Examiner's report

**This independent examiners report relating to their accounts is to the trustees and members of the Castor & Ailsworth Pre-School**

Accounts are prepared for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Account schedules are set out on page 1 & 2

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)\* and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1] which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

or

2] to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 10/05/2026

Nicola Goy ACMA  
3 Maffit Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough, PE57AG.

*\* Section 144(2) those with a gross annual income over £1m or with a gross annual income over £500,000 and assets with an aggregate value exceeding £3.26 million*

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## Treasurer's Report for AGM 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The 2023-24 school year saw some big and unexpected developments, with major changes in senior staff and our financial status returning to its pre pandemic levels. I should outline the basics behind the financial improvement. Pupil demographic resulted in an unprecedented level of additional funding being available to us, staff changes have meant the redundancy provisions are currently more than adequate at £29,850 so we have not had to top that up this year, from April 2 year funding has been available to working parents, this has seen an increase in younger pupil numbers and 2 year funding is £8.02 per hour Versus £5.41 for 3 and 4 year olds. Since the start of this calendar year we now take pupils from the age of 2 rather than the previous 2 ½. Also, since successfully taking over as leader at Christmas Sam has kept a very tight rein on staffing levels which has resulted in lower staffing costs this year compared with 2022-23 despite staff receiving salary increase of 5% to 10%.

Funding received in 2023-24 was £89,176.65 up from £70,251.67. However, fees received dropped to £17,440.55 from £19,527.62. This is a trend I would expect to continue as more Government funding becomes available over the next few years.

Our disposable income at the end of 2023-24 is £17,528.71 up from £377.18 at the end of 2022-23. A truly remarkable recovery.

Fundraising had another fantastic year, congratulations to Jodie, and the staff and committee members that have been involved in the various events. £2140.28 was raised after costs during the year, slightly beating the previous year's total. This included two donations of £250 from Ailsworth Parish council and Bennetts Motorcycles, our thanks go to them. Halloween was again a great success, as was the village wide table top sale in the spring. These were complimented by numerous other fun events throughout the year. All of this money is set aside to be spent on the children at the setting.

As I look forward, I am more optimistic about the financial situation than I have been since the pandemic. We now have enough reserves set aside to hopefully survive another such event. 15 hours a week funding is available this year to working parents of children over 9 months who meet the criteria, so this now covers all two year old children starting with us. Then starting in Sept 2025 all children over 9 months will be entitled to 15 hours universal funding with an additional 15 hours

available to working parents. This looks likely to further increase our pupil numbers, especially the number of younger starters.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sam on her successful move to leader and Zara on becoming the new deputy. Also, many thanks to Jodie for her time as Chair and her solid support during some really difficult times.

Also, thanks to Nicola Goy for again checking and signing off last year's accounts. Once this year's are approved, I will submit them to the Charity Commission.

**Castor and Ailsworth Preschool**  
Income and expenditure account 31/08/24

	<u>2024</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Fees and vouchers	17440.55		19527.62	
Fundraising	2398.98		2329.26	
Donations	0.00		0.00	
Funding	89176.65		70251.67	
HMRC SSP/CJRS	0		0	
Other	792.10		580.37	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>109808.28</b>	<b>109808.28</b>	<b>92688.92</b>	<b>92688.92</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Salaries	75607.59		78813.09	
Rent and rates	7809.5		7375.5	
Provisions	462.69		950.78	
Equipment	193.93		242.49	
Bank charges	186.05		163.85	
Office admin and costs	2534.22		2128.56	
Training	25.00		410.00	
EYPP	321.99		2604.58	
Other	1731.73			
Fundraising costs	258.7		248.63	
Spend from fundraising	1093.11		2454.45	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>90224.51</b>	<b>90224.51</b>	<b>95391.93</b>	<b>95391.93</b>
<b>Balance for year's activities</b>		<b>19583.77</b>		<b>-2703.01</b>
C/fwd year end 2023		41854.69		44557.7
<b>Year end reconciliation</b>		<b>61438.46</b>		<b>41854.69</b>
Year end reconciled balance		61438.46		41854.69
less Petty Cash		0		0
less Insurance		840		0
Set aside fundraising		<b>2674.68</b>		<b>1627.51</b>
less Money set aside (contingency)		<b>10545.07</b>		<b>10000.00</b>
less Money set aside (redundancy provision/future development)		<b>29850</b>		<b>29850</b>
<b>Agreed (disposable) Balance at year end</b>		<b>17528.71</b>		<b>377.18</b>

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Signed: *N Goy*

Date: 25/02/25

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### Treasurer's Report for AGM 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The 2022-23 school year began with an extremely difficult financial start during the Autumn term. Pupil demographics resulted in additional staffing costs whilst income remained subdued. This situation improved in the Spring and Summer terms but even after two profitable terms we still lost approx. £4500.00 for the school year.

Whilst we have seen some recovery since the end of the pandemic other issues are continuing to make life difficult for our finances. A 20% increase in Village hall rent, a near 10% increase in the minimum wage, a legally enforced increase in staff holiday pay of approx. 25%, and sadly a member of staff on long term SSP have all adversely affected our finances whilst the Govt increased funding by less than 6% in April.

Funding received in 2022/23 was £70,251. this was a drop from £76,998 the previous year. Whilst fees paid by parents also dropped to £19,527.62 versus £21,349

We continued to add £250 a month to our Redundancy provisions, these now stand at £29,850.

Our disposable income at the end of the previous year was £3621. Having lost £4500 this year we were then running a negative balance. The committee voted to transfer a suitable amount from the contingency fund to return this to a positive amount. £1263.44 was transferred leaving us with a disposable balance of £377.10 and a contingency fund of £10,000.

Fundraising has seen another great year and I would like to thank Jodie, the wider committee, and Kerry and the preschool staff for their efforts. All money raised is set aside to be spent for the children's benefit at the setting. This year £2080 was raised. A truly brilliant Halloween party at the school hall raised £500, various Christmas events nearly £400. Easter events over £500. The list is longer than ever. Easy fundraising has pickup up as well this year with over £100 received so far.

The financial problems I listed earlier have affected all early year's settings and they have sadly been closing in unprecedented numbers. We have only survived because we had built up some cash reserves before the pandemic. However, there is some good news.... It would seem the Government are finally beginning to take note and have given all settings an additional increase in funding from

**Castor and Ailsworth Preschool**  
Income and expenditure account 31/08/23

	<u>2023</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Fees and vouchers	19527.62		21349.50	
Fundraising	2329.26		2300.33	
Donations	0.00		101.96	
Funding	70251.67		76998.05	
HMRC SSP/CJRS	0		115.62	
Other	580.37		345.00	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>92688.92</b>	<b>92688.92</b>	<b>101210.46</b>	<b>101210.46</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Salaries	78813.09		79880.26	
Rent and rates	7375.5		6343.25	
Provisions	950.78		1342.83	
Equipment	242.49		1761.14	
Bank charges	163.85		174.45	
Office admin and costs	2128.56		2058.89	
Training	410.00		130.00	
EYPP	2604.58		1375.09	
Other premises			1684.44	
Fundraising costs	248.63		178.45	
Spend from fundraising	2454.45			
<b>Sub</b>	<b>95391.93</b>	<b>95391.93</b>	<b>94928.8</b>	<b>94928.8</b>
<b>Balance for year's activities</b>		<b>-2703.01</b>		<b>6281.66</b>
C/fwd year end 2022		44557.7		38276.04
<b>Year end reconciliation</b>		<b>41854.69</b>		<b>44557.7</b>
Year end reconciled balance		41854.69		44557.7
less Petty Cash		0		0
less Insurance		0		821.53
Set aside fundraising		<b>1627.51</b>		<b>2001.33</b>
less Money set aside (contingency)		<b>10000.00</b>		<b>26850.00</b>
less Money set aside (redundancy provision/future development)		<b>29850</b>		<b>11263.44</b>
<b>Agreed (disposable) Balance at year end</b>		<b>377.18</b>		<b>3621.40</b>

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Signed: 

Date: 19/01/24

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## Treasurer's Report for AGM 18th July 2022

The school year 2021-22 saw a slow but steady return to normality with regards our finances. The autumn term was still a difficult period and pupil numbers were below normal for the time of year. This resulted in a small financial loss for this period. By Christmas I estimate our total losses during the pandemic had reached approximately £13,000. Since that time pupil numbers have improved and are now close to the levels we would normally expect.

It is too early to report final figures but funding this year is estimated to be £76,998 up from £59,808 during the previous year. Whist fees paid by parents is estimated to be £20,500 up from £14,035. The improvement I mentioned are clearly reflected in these figures.

We continue to add £250 a month to our Redundancy provisions, these now stand at £26,100. Despite losing a senior long serving member of staff this amount is still only just in line with the amount required if ever needed, we will need to continue adding to these for the foreseeable future.

The pandemic, as previously reported was an expensive period for us, and one we only survived because we had built up a reserve of cash over the previous years. We have decided that we now need to make sure we are as prepared as possible for any future problems. With this in mind we have decided to re allocate the future development fund of £11,263 to become a contingency fund for such events and will continue to add to this every year as finances allow.

Fundraising has seen one of our best years ever with the total raised currently £2116.00 All of this money has been set aside for Kerry to spend on the children at the setting. The fundraising highlights were the always popular Halloween night which raised £500 and also the Herbie hunt day which raised an amazing £400. We were also able to get two big donations of £500 from Tesco and £500 from Prince build. Congratulations to Jodie and Kerry for their efforts in securing these funds.

Our disposable income at the end of 2020-21 was £1942.69, my early estimate is that this will increase to around £5000 by the end of this school year. It is planned that anything over £5000 will be transferred to the contingency fund.

I would like to congratulate Kerry and her team for once again providing a successful, happy setting for the children. I would also like to document my thanks to Village resident and former Chairman Simon Wooley who for many years has given up his time to examine and approve our accounts for the Charity commission. Simon is now stepping away and we are actively looking for a replacement.

**Castor and Ailsworth Preschool**

Income and expenditure account 31/08/22

	<u>2022</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Fees and vouchers	21349.50		14035.00	
Fundraising	2300.33		874.32	
Donations	101.96		186.00	
Funding	76998.05		59808.04	
HMRC SSP/CJRS	115.62		1510.49	
Other	345.00		4.00	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>101210.46</b>	<b>101210.46</b>	<b>76417.85</b>	<b>76417.85</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Salaries	79880.26		73157.57	
Refund of fees (Covid)				
Rent and rates	6343.25		6118.25	
Provisions	1342.83		1319.86	
Equipment	1761.14		1168.52	
Bank charges	174.45		41.85	
Office admin and costs	2058.89		1483.65	
Other / misc				
Training	130.00		260.00	
EYPP	1375.09		175.52	
Other premises	1684.44		982.68	
HGGI				
Fundraising costs	178.45		77.64	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>94928.8</b>	<b>94928.8</b>	<b>84785.54</b>	<b>84785.54</b>
<b>Balance for year's activities</b>		<b>6281.66</b>		<b>-8367.69</b>
C/fwd year end 2021		38276.04		46643.73
<b>Year end reconciliation</b>		<b>44557.7</b>		<b>38276.04</b>
Year end reconciled balance		44557.7		38276.04
less Petty Cash		0		0
less Insurance		821.53		
Set aside fundraising		<b>2001.33</b>		1219.91
less Money set aside (contingency)		<b>26850.00</b>		23850.00
less Money set aside (Future development)		<b>11263.44</b>		11263.44
<b>Agreed (disposable) Balance at year end</b>		<b>3621.40</b>		<b>1942.69</b>

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Accounts are prepared for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Account schedules are set out on page 1 & 2

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#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

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#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

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or

2] to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*Nicola Goy*

Date: 03/03/23

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3 Maffit Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough, PE57AG.

**CASTOR AND AILSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL**

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## Treasurer's Report for AGM 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The pandemic has continue to cause many issues within the education sector but early years settings were allowed to remain open during the whole of the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to congratulate Kerry and the team for keeping our setting safe, secure and open every day of this school year, this has taken a huge effort by everyone concerned and again we should be very proud of this achievement.

This achievement has come at a financial cost. Whilst Peterborough City council (PCC) did help us financially in the autumn term paying us an extra £6326.00 in funding to match the amount paid in the previous, pre pandemic, Autumn term, any additional help was removed at the start of 2021. This left us to manage reduced pupil numbers and pupil hours set against greater staffing requirements to meet Covid regulations.

As of today I am unable to report accurate figures for this year as there are delays in final payments from PCC and also we are continuing to invoice parents in arrears. The amount of funding we will receive this year is estimated to be £59,500 down from £64,784 for the previous year, and fees paid by parents are estimated to be £13,500 down from £18,168 the previous year. Set against these reductions final salary costs are estimated to be broadly in line with 2019-2020.

We have recently increased the amount we add to the contingency fund each month to £250 and also renamed this segregated pool of money 'Redundancy provisions' to accurately reflect what it is. This fund currently totals £23,600 and is very close to meeting our current liabilities if ever required. The future development fund remains at £11,263.

Despite the difficult environment Fundraising made £461 this year down from £683 last year but still a good amount, as always, this money is set aside to be spent on the children when required by Kerry and the team.

Our disposable income at the end of the 2019-2020 term was £12,978.00, my early estimate for this term is that we will be looking at a loss of around £10,000 leaving us with a disposable balance of around £3,000.00. Following a loss of £2,400 in the previous school year it can be seen that the pandemic has been a very costly time for us and the early years industry in general. We are hopeful that things will start to return to normal next term and a pick up in pupil numbers and hours attended over the last month has been encouraging.

Despite these unavoidable losses preschool does remain financially secure having been fortunate enough to have built up a financial cushion during previous years. Assuming things can return to a pre pandemic normal, we will be able to put this difficult period behind us. However if further difficulties arise from the pandemic then settings like ours can not continue to run with these levels of losses indefinitely without some help from the Department of education and Local authorities.

**Castor and Ailsworth Preschool**

Income and expenditure account 31/08/21

	<u>2021</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Fees and vouchers	14035.00		18168.86	
Fundraising	874.32		811.40	
Donations	186.00		110.00	
Funding	59808.04		64784.89	
Job Retention Scheme			2073.36	
HMRC SSP/CJRS	1510.49			
Other	4.00		425.94	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>76417.85</b>	<b>76417.85</b>	<b>86374.45</b>	<b>86374.45</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Salaries	73157.57		72448.72	
Refund of fees (Covid)			723.75	
Rent and rates	6118.25		5564.50	
Provisions	1319.86		1192.26	
Equipment	1168.52		1705.48	
Bank charges	41.85			
Office admin and costs	1483.65		1438.62	
Other / misc			1440.92	
Training	260.00		1080.00	
EYPP	175.52		100.96	
Other premises	982.68			
HGGI				
Fundraising costs	77.64		128.07	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>84785.54</b>	<b>84785.54</b>	<b>85823.28</b>	<b>85823.28</b>
<b>Balance for year's activities</b>		<b>-8367.69</b>		<b>551.17</b>

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Signed:



Date: 07/10/21

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### Treasurer's Report for AGM 21st July 2020

At the end of March this school year suddenly become unlike any other Preschool had experienced. Unprecedented decisions had to be made, protection of the pupils and staff, balanced against doing all we could for families needing childcare and making the correct legal financial decisions dominated.

Before I give the financial data I would like to congratulate Kerry and her colleagues who returned to work at the setting on 1<sup>st</sup> June for an outstanding personal and logistic effort. We should all be very proud of the efforts they have made.

Peterborough City council made a very early decision to continue to pay both universal and additional hours funding to us that would have been due in the summer term based on the hour's pupils were doing in the spring term. This resulted in funding this year being very slightly more at £64,784 than 2018-19s £64,156. The reality is this year's amount would have been higher as pupil hours would normally increase in the summer term, but it was still a very welcome gesture. This enabled us to pay staff during April and May at 80% without using the Governments Furlough system. It was made very clear to the industry that we could not be seen to profit for taking both funding and Furlough.

Fees received from parents this term so far are £16,687, versus £18,273 in 2018-19. As you can see this is only slightly lower and that is with minimal fees being received in the summer term. It is very clear to me that these figures reflect that we would have received far more income this school year than last if it was not for the C19 closure and subsequent restrictions.

We have continued to add £200 each month to the contingency fund and this now stands at £21,200, whilst the future development fund remains at £11,263.44. Fundraising this year was £683 versus £678 the previous year.

Our disposable income at the end of the 2018-19 year was £15,375, my early estimate looking at the current balance and upcoming liabilities is that the final balance for 2019-20 will not be too much lower than this amount. Everyone involved should be proud that we have survived a difficult period with minimal financial loss whilst doing the best we could for all our staff and acting correctly in line with the Governments financial guidelines.

**Castor and Ailsworth Preschool**

Income and expenditure account 31/08/20

	<u>2020</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Income</b>				
Fees and vouchers	18168.86		18273.03	
Fundraising	811.40		857.61	
Donations	110.00		0.00	
Funding	64784.89		64156.30	
Job Retention Scheme	2073.36			
HGGI				
Other	425.94		669.06	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>86374.45</b>	<b>86374.45</b>	<b>83956.00</b>	<b>83956.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Salaries	72448.72		67488.44	
Refund of fees (Covid)	723.75			
Rent and rates	5564.50		5793.40	
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Training	1080.00		822.60	
EYPP	100.96		64.11	
Other premises				
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Fundraising costs	128.07		179.07	
<b>Sub</b>	<b>85823.28</b>	<b>85823.28</b>	<b>81025.55</b>	<b>81025.55</b>
<b>Balance for year's activities</b>		<b>551.17</b>		<b>2930.45</b>
C/fwd year end 2019		46092.56		43162.11
<b>Year end reconciliation</b>		<b>46643.73</b>		<b>46092.56</b>
Year end reconciled balance		46643.73		46092.56
less Petty Cash		44.81		73.36
less Insurance		120.00		180.00
Set aside fundraising		636.49		
less Money set aside (contingency)		21600.00		30463.44
less Money set aside (Future development)		11263.44		
<b>Agreed (disposable) Balance at year end</b>		<b>12978.99</b>		<b>15375.76</b>

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Date: 12/10/20

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