

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1026190

Details

Other names	KESGRAVE THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-09-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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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: We offer pre-school sessional care for children from 2 1/2 years old. We are committed to excellence in providing quality care and to facilitate pre-school learning through play.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE KESGRAVE (SUFFOLK) AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES.
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£172,968	£158,241	-	-
2023-08-31	£125,485	£132,588	-	-
2022-08-31	£120,505	£120,714	-	-
2021-08-31	£102,292	£115,165	-	-
2020-08-31	£99,617	£120,733	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Natalia Horsfield	Chair	2021-11-03
Amy Rose Furniss		2024-11-27
Carly Goodall		2017-11-28
Chandra Simone Dickins		2024-11-27
Charlotte Garnham		2023-11-15
Jessica Allen		2023-11-15
Lauren Collier		2023-11-15
Sophie Tree		2023-11-15

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AGM Chair Report: 27th November 2024

Thank you all for attending our 2024 AGM. It is great to see new parents and carers who are interested in joining our committee here at Three Bears.

As always it has been a busy and successful 12 months for the playgroup.

From a staffing point of view, our biggest change was Michelle stepping down as manager of the setting at Easter after 3 years. The role was taken over by Carly Goodall. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Carly on the fantastic start she has made as the manager of Three Bears over the last two terms, on how you have managed the team of staff and ensured that children at the setting receive a high quality excellent early years education.

Maintenance wise we have had a complete garden refurbishment outside with a new coat of paint on the fence and play equipment and new turf being laid, which has made a huge difference to the children as it means that they are able to go out when it has been raining and not worry about getting too muddy as they did with the previous grass. We were very lucky to be given a £7500 grant from Spark in order to complete this refurbishment. It was lovely to bring together the Three Bears community at the end of September to officially open our new garden and especially to have Margaret there who was one of the founders of Three Bears.

In terms of fundraising events, we held our bunny hop at Easter which the children always love and our annual summer fair in June which was our most successful summer fair recently. Across the year money has also been raised through cake sales, hamper raffles and My Child's Art. Looking ahead the committee is keen to organise fundraising events such as a quiz night to bring parents and the local community together to raise money for Three Bears.

Three Bears is currently in a strong position in terms of the number of children attending the setting. There was a high intake in September with a particular increase in the number of two year olds due to change in government funding. A number of children have increased their number of sessions for January meaning we are now full for every morning session with only a handful of afternoon spaces and a very healthy waiting list for September 2025. We are in a position now that we are having to unfortunately turn people away who are wanting to start immediately due to being at full capacity. This is especially encouraging given the closure of local nursery settings and confirms the excellent reputation that Three Bears has in the local community. Three Bears is in a good position for the foreseeable future and there is a noticeable positive feeling within the setting.

The committee is a very important part of Three Bears and is needed in order for the setting to run. I have been chair of the Three Bears committee for the past three years.

My role is to be the first point of contact for Carly as setting manager and to support with management issues, liaise with staff and to arrange and lead our half termly meetings. The committee ensures that we are fulfilling expectations whilst meeting our legal and educational obligations, however, the staff team led by Carly take care of the day-to-day childcare and learning journeys to ensure all children meet the EYFS criteria.

The parents on the committee have all had or currently have children who attend Three Bears. Being on the committee has given us the opportunity to see how the playgroup is run, develop a good relationship with the staff and to have an impact on our children's early year's education.

We would love new members to join the committee and to share their ideas, skills and experience as the setting needs parents input and assistance to run efficiently.

Thank you to all the current committee members for their hard work and dedication over the last year, for attending our meetings and for helping out at events. Your help and ideas are always needed and are very appreciated.

I would also like to thank all the parents and families for their help and support throughout the year with all that we do and finally a big thank you to Carly, Kerri, Jane and all of the staff at Three Bears for all of their continued hard work and for always ensuring that our children receive such excellent early years provision.

Thank you

Natalia Horsfield

Chairperson of Three Bears Playgroup

Kesgrave Three Bears Playgroup

Balance Sheet as 31st August 2024

Bank Current Account	£18,935.39
Bank Reserve Account	£31,980.91
Cash Box	£194.21
Cash Card	£0.00 card closed
Net Current Assets	<u>£51,110.51</u>
Deferred Income	£ -
Net Current Liabilities	<u>£-</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>£51,110.51</u></u>
Brought Forward 1st September 2022	£36,385.59
Profit for the year	£14,726.48
Total Funds	<u><u>£51,112.07</u></u>

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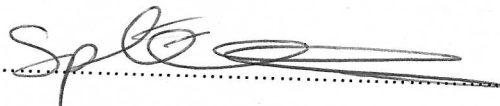
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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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Thank you all for attending our AGM. It is great to see new parents and carers who are interested in joining our committee here at Three Bears

As always it has been a busy 12 months for the playgroup, however this year also involved an Ofsted inspection which I will talk about in a minute.

From a staffing point of view, Three Bears welcomed Laura who started working in the office for six hours a week as a finance and admin assistant helping Michelle out with the large amount of admin and paperwork that is involved in running the setting.

Maintenance wise the two trees and the adjacent hedge were cut back in February half term, toilet roll holders underwent necessary fixing and a sandpit lid was made by one of our ex parents. We have had discussions in committee meetings about refreshing the setting internally by painting the walls. Parent involvement would be necessary so hopefully that is something that can be completed in the near future.

In terms of fundraising events we held the bunny hop at Easter and our annual summer fair which was a big success. Unfortunately My Child's Art wasn't as successful at Christmas due to postal delays but I will leave the details about finances to Samantha to discuss in her treasurer report.

Three Bears currently has a good number of children attending sessions with some sessions now at full capacity. Together with numerous enquiries for places and the upcoming change in childcare funding from a younger age likely to result in parents wanting childcare places from a younger age, Three Bears is in a good position for the foreseeable future and there is a noticeable positive feeling within the setting.

The big event of the year for Three Bears was at the end of February when there was a full Ofsted inspection after six years and the setting achieved a good rating in all areas and overall. The report was positive and commented on how the children showed pride in their work, how staff had respectful and positive relationships with the children and made them feel valued at Three Bears and how the children quickly settle and gain independence from the many opportunities that are offered to them. A huge congratulations to all of the staff at Three Bears for such a wonderful report that highlighted all of the great work that you do here every day.

The committee is a very important part of Three Bears and the present committee members are myself as chair, Carly as secretary, Samantha as treasurer as well as Kelly, Jess, and Kim as parents and Michelle, Kerri and Jane as staff. The parents on the committee have all had or currently have children who attend Three Bears. Being on the

committee has given us the opportunity to see how the playgroup is run, develop a good relationship with the staff and to have an impact on our children's early year's education. The committee ensures that we are fulfilling expectations whilst meeting our legal and educational obligations, however, the dedicated staff team led by Michelle take care of the day-to-day childcare and learning journeys to ensure all children meet the EYFS criteria.

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I would also like to thank all the parents and families for their help and support throughout the year with all that we do and finally a big thank you to Michelle, Kerri, Jane and all of the teaching staff at Three Bears for all of their continued hard work and for always ensuring that our children receive such excellent early years provision. This year I personally saw how well the staff at Three Bears prepare the children for their transition to primary school academically, socially and emotionally as my own daughter Rosie went up to Cedarwood herself after two very happy years here at the setting.

Thank you

Natalia Horsfield

Chairperson of Three Bears Playgroup

Kesgrave Three Bears Playgroup

Balance Sheet as 31st August 2023

Bank Current Account	£4,929.67
Bank Reserve Account	£31,362.26
Cash Box	£90.51
Cash Card	£3.15
Net Current Assets	<u>£36,385.59</u>
Deferred Income	£ -
Net Current Liabilities	<u>£-</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>£36,385.59</u></u>
Brought Forward 1st September 2022	£43,467.95
Profit for the year	<u>-£7,103.43</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>£36,364.52</u></u>

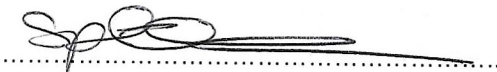
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AGM Three Bears Playgroup

17th November 2022

Chair Report

Thank you all for attending tonight's AGM meeting. It is great to see new parents and carers who are wanting to become a part of our committee here at Three Bears

We started the year still having some challenges due to Covid and illness within the setting. Luckily this has now started to ease as we have the Covid restrictions put in place by the government. This was welcomed as it meant that some of the wonderful activities that are planned for the children by the staff here at Three bears that had had to be cancelled due to Covid were able to start up again such as the sports day in the summer and the end of term picnic on Millennium field.

From a staffing point of view, Carly joined the team in March and we also welcomed Melissa back from her maternity leave in May. Michelle as Playgroup Manager with the assistance of Jane and Kerri continue to make Three Bears a positive, safe and wonderful environment for the children here to be in.

Three Bears currently has a good number of children attending sessions. Many started in September and have settled in positively with their new keyworkers. We have new children starting in January with their funded hours. We are lucky that the setting continues to be in a good position in terms of numbers, particularly given the news of local settings in the area closing down.

This year we have continued to see a number of essential maintenance taking place at Three Bears. The hedges were cut back, several tree branches were lopped and indoor repairs took place to the doors, noticeboards and fretwork. A new fingerguard was also installed on the fire door.

We are lucky to have a great and active committee here at Three Bears who are a very important part of the business. Current committee members are myself as chair, Carly Goodall who I would like to thank for all of her hard work in helping to organise the summer fair this year which was a big success, Samantha Cracknell who is our treasurer, Kelly Spurling, Kayleigh Woodall, Jessica Calver and Kim Rogers as well as Michelle, Jane and Kerri are also on the committee as staff members. Together we would welcome any others who

would like to join our committee tonight and become involved in supporting Three Bears. Input, assistance and new ideas from parents for things such as fundraising are always welcomed to run the setting efficiently.

Our fundraising team has raised a fantastic amount of money for Three Bears. Events such as the bunny hop at Easter raised £623, the summer fair raised £590, the raffle that we held at Christmas raised £160 and My Child's Art raised £40. In a current climate where early years education is severely underfunded and as charity, Three Bears is completely reliant on fundraising to provide all of the wonderful extras that are offered to the children here and so it has been fantastic to be so well supported by the parents and families of Three Bears in our fundraising efforts. The money raised went towards 2 new balance bikes, a new easel, 6 yoga mats, giant dominoes and a bowling set, extra resources for the role play mechanics and builders area, dinosaur bones, new books, a stand and shelving for the tuff tray, green sand, resources to build the volcano area and fairy garden, etc. We also had a parent of Three Bears who put us forward as a recipient for money raised from the Ports authority annual charity golf day. We received £1000, which is being used to develop a quiet and cozy space within the playgroup to support the emotional development of the children.

I would like to finish off by the thanking the members for all that they have contributed to the committee over the past year, the parents and families of Three Bears who continue to support the setting and to all of the staff for their continued hard work and dedication every single day in ensuring that not only do our children have the best early years education possible but also make sure that they develop emotionally, learn new skills and how to form friendships and that they are fully prepared for their transition to primary school each September.

Natalia Horsfield

Chair

Kesgrave Three Bears Playgroup

Balance Sheet as 31st August 2022

Bank Current Account	£25,812.37
Bank Reserve Account	£40,015.18
Cash Box	£170.12
Cash Card	£155.38
Net Current Assets	<u>£66,153.05</u>
Deferred Income	<u>£ 22,685.10</u>
Net Current Liabilities	<u>£-</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>£43,467.95</u></u>
Brought Forward 1st September 2021	£43,677.03
Profit for the year	-£209.08
Total Funds	<u><u>£43,467.95</u></u>

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AGM Three Bears Playgroup

11th November 2020

Chairs Report

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I cannot lie but this years report is quite difficult to produce. From the previous AGM the setting was only open for a few months until it's inevitable closure in March due to the outbreak of Covid-19. The staff worked extremely hard to make the necessary changes to enable a safe return for the children in July and I would like to thank all those involved. They continue to monitor the best practices for the Playgroup to adopt and since the return they deserve a huge amount of credit.

The committee is a very important part of the business and the present committee members are;

- Alicia Napthine
- Carly Goodall
- Rupert Marlowe (sadly stepping down from his role as treasurer)
- Kieran Cobb

We are actively looking for new members to join the committee as all our children are in their final year at Three Bears and we may not all continue in our roles next year. Ultimately the setting needs parents input and assistance to run the Playgroup efficiently and together with the staff, this is achievable if people are willing to put in some time and effort to help. If any parents would like to join the committee, we would be delighted for you to register your interest by providing your contact details with either the playgroup or myself – email: k.cobb@gmx.co.uk

We also have a great fundraising team who work hard organising events over the year to help increase the playgroups funds.

The fundraising team are;

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- Carly
- Kelly

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Particular thanks must go to both Teresa (manager) and Michelle (administrator) who have not only given their support to the committee but continued to manage and run the setting to an excellent standard.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents and families for their help and support throughout the year with all that we do, your help is always needed and is appreciated.

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Kieran Cobb
Chairperson of Three Bears Playgroup

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Bank Current Account	£20,981.56
Bank Reserve Account	£40,003.13
Cash Box	£61.62
Cash Card	£258.44
Net Current Assets	<u>£61,304.75</u>
Deferred Income	<u>£ 17,627.72</u>
Net Current Liabilities	<u>£-</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>£43,677.03</u></u>
Brought Forward 1st September 2020	£56,582.58
Profit for the year	-£12,873.43
Total Funds	<u><u>£43,709.15</u></u>

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Kieran Cobb
Chairperson of Three Bears Playgroup

Kesgrave Three Bears Playgroup

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Bank Reserve Account	£42,998.78
Cash Box	£100.19
Cash Card	£93.23
Net Current Assets	<u>£73,907.79</u>
Deferred Income	<u>£ 17,325.21</u>
Net Current Liabilities	<u>£-</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>£56,582.58</u></u>
Brought Forward 1st September 2019	£77,698.59
Profit for the year	-£21,116.01
Total Funds	<u><u>£56,582.58</u></u>

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