

# **Stonebroom Pre-School Trustees Annual Report 2021 - 2022**

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Ofsted Registration No. EY311549  
Early Years Alliance Membership No. 25838  
Registered Charity No. 1026865

## **Trustees:**

Anisha Eccleshare (Chairperson)  
Helena Latham (Secretary)  
Rebecca Whittaker (Treasurer)  
Kathryn Moseley  
Katie Clarke  
Beth Graham  
Dawn Clark  
Alice Eyley-Jones  
Hannah Dixon

## **Introduction**

Stonebroom Pre-School has been running for 50 years providing an invaluable resource for the local community and wider area. The pre-school is a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity that serves Stonebroom and its surrounding villages by delivering high quality, local and cost effective educational childcare to 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

The pre-school has adopted the Early Years Alliance Model Constitution. The employed staff are supported by a voluntary management committee comprised of parents and other interested parties.

We currently offer pre-school care in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, with funded and non-funded places available to 2 – 4 year olds. We offer three hour sessions in the morning and afternoon, Monday to Friday in term-time.

## **Achievements and Performance**

2022 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stonebroom Pre-School, and following the significant effect of Covid-19, the focus of the 2021-2022 academic year was upon returning to normal service, to maximise the benefit of the pre-school to all those involved with it. While we persisted with increased cleaning and strict illness protocols to

continue to guard against any outbreaks of infection, we determined to re-establish many of our events and procedures from prior to the pandemic, and fully reconnect with our parents, carers and the wider community.

While child occupancy levels remained subdued during the early part of the year, they increased over the proceeding months as parents and carers became more comfortable with, and were able to return to, their customary routines.

In February, our Manager Faye departed due to a family relocation, with the thanks of everyone involved with the pre-school for the time she was with us. Assistant Manager Barbara once more agreed to act up to the Manager role until a new permanent Manager could be appointed.

The trustees would once again like to place on record their gratitude to Barbara for her hard work and commitment during her tenure as Manager. Barbara's dedication to the pre-school over several years now has been the primary catalyst for both its survival and success, and we are very grateful for all of her effort and sacrifice.

We would also like to thank Pre-School Practitioners Mary and Stacey, who stepped up to Acting Assistant Manager roles to support Barbara during this time, and indeed all of the staff, who have as ever been dedicated, professional and a credit to the setting. They have continued maintaining and improving their skills through training, as well as becoming fully conversant with and enacting the new EYFS framework.

We continued to improve the setting throughout the year, with the trustees and staff comprehensively redecorating the interior and exterior environment, and having new energy-efficient lighting fitted inside the building.

Our fundraising and community event calendar was able to fully resume, and we held a successful Halloween event, Christmas performance, Easter bonnet parade, sports day and graduation ceremony, along with our annual school trip to White Post Farm.

We also re-introduced our very popular Christmas Fair fundraiser, but the crowning glory of this year's events calendar was a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary summer fair held at the pre-school in June, to which we invited current and former children, parents, carers, staff, trustees and the entire local area. This was a huge success, not only raising a considerable sum for the pre-school, but also helping us to re-engage with the community following the difficulty and isolation of the last two years.

Financially, the diminished child numbers in the early part of the year combined with well-documented rising energy, food, staff and other costs meant that despite careful monetary control and increased fundraising revenue we made a loss of £5689.59. However, our reserves remain healthy thanks to the diligence and profitability of previous years.

Therefore, following our pre-planned fee increase in September 2021, our fees remained frozen throughout the rest of the year, in order that we might stay as affordable as possible for the local families we serve. We continue to be one of the very lowest cost providers in the local area, at significantly lower cost than many local commercial operators.

In conclusion, the trustees feel that despite the continuation of a very difficult period for the early years childcare industry as a whole, the pre-school once again met its aims and objectives and continues to be a great asset to the local community.

## **Aims and Objectives**

We aim to continue delivering a comprehensive, high quality early years education to all of our children, offering a choice of activities appropriate to their ages and stages of development. We will maintain our focus on individuality, progression, and care. We aim to encourage parental involvement from the outset, for the benefit of the children and pre-school alike.

We look forward to appointing a new permanent Manager, and hope to attract greater numbers of children back to the pre-school as we continue to re-establish ourselves following the pandemic, and aim to return to economic profitability. It is also crucial to recruit new parents and carers to secure long term stability with regard to our voluntary committee of trustees.

Thank you to all involved for your hard work over the past year, and for the year ahead.

Anisha Eccleshare (Chairperson)  
On behalf of the Committee of Trustees  
Stonebroom Pre-School

**Stonebroom Pre-School**

Accounts for Year End 31/07/2022

<b>Opening Balance 01/08/2021</b> (All Accounts)	£	51,804.87
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**Income**

Fees	£	9,126.50
Funding	£	43,880.20
Uniform Payments	£	147.00
Milk Rebate	£	200.09
Grants	£	300.00
Fundraising	£	2,416.37
Donations	£	6.00
Other Income	£	5,799.64

<b>Total</b>	£	61,875.80
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**Expenditure**

Wages	£	58,144.21
Consumables	£	1,181.73
Food	£	631.20
Administration	£	766.15
Equipment	£	832.96
Services	£	3,747.38
Insurance	£	969.53
Training	£	227.40
Other	£	1,064.83

<b>Total</b>	£	67,565.39
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<b>Income</b>	£	61,875.80
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<b>Expenditure</b>	£	67,565.39
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<b>Profit</b>	-£	5,689.59
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<b>Closing Balance</b>	£	46,115.28
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

STONEBROOM PRE SCHOOL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 July 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

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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").

Independent  
examiner's statement

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.

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:

Tracey K Priest

Date:

25 MAY 2023

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