

# **Stonebroom Pre-School Trustees Annual Report 2022 - 2023**

Stonebroom Pre-School  
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Ofsted Registration No. EY311549  
Registered Charity No. 1026865

## **Introduction**

Stonebroom Pre-School has been running for 51 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**

This was a year of rebuilding and consolidation for Stonebroom Pre-School, following the damaging effects of the pandemic upon our financial reserves and child occupancy levels.

In January, we were delighted to welcome our new Manager Abby Cundy, whom we employed following an extensive recruitment process. Abby very quickly settled into her new role, and introduced a number of excellent and transformative ideas to complement the good work already done at our setting.

Interim Manager Barbara Bird returned to her Assistant Manager role, and the trustees would once again like to place on record their gratitude to Barbara for her hard work and commitment during this period. Barbara's dedication to the pre-school over many years has been unwavering, and we are very grateful for all of her efforts.

We would like to extend our thanks to all of the staff, who have been as dedicated and professional as ever. They continue to be exemplary practitioners, and are a credit to the pre-school and the local community.

As the summer approached, our Manager sadly informed us she would be forced to leave us in the autumn due to a family relocation. We began recruitment for a replacement over the summer, and were delighted to offer the role to Tammy Barson from September 2023.

All of our popular parental, fundraising and community events went ahead this year, and we held a successful Halloween event, Christmas Fair, Christmas performance, Easter bonnet parade, sports day and graduation ceremony, along with our annual school 'trip', which this year constituted the animals from White Post Farm visiting us, rather than us visiting them!

Child occupancy numbers gradually increased throughout the year from significant lows to considerable highs, as we finally achieved pre-pandemic levels of stability in this area. However, the continued well-documented rise in energy, food, staff and other costs meant that despite careful monetary control, and an unavoidable increase in the fees we charge, we made a substantial loss of just over £11,000. Despite this, our reserves remain satisfactory thanks to the diligence of previous years.

As a consequence of this loss, the trustees once again were forced to vote to increase fees from September 2023, which in conjunction with increased child occupancy, should ensure financial sustainability. As a charity, we try to stay as affordable as possible for the local families we serve, and 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 our new Manager becoming established, and we 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.

The Chairperson  
On behalf of the Committee of Trustees  
Stonebroom Pre-School

**Stonebroom Pre-School**

Accounts for Year End 31/07/2023

**Opening Balance 01/08/2022**

(All Accounts)

£ 46,115.28

**Income**

Fees	£ 21,796.00
Funding	£ 41,181.30
Uniform Payments	£ 100.00
Milk Rebate	£ 154.48
Grants	£ -
Fundraising	£ 1,137.72
Donations	£ 35.00
Other Income	£ 235.21

**Total** £ 64,639.71**Expenditure**

Wages	£ 66,119.32
Consumables	£ 1,133.94
Food	£ 733.98
Administration	£ 945.59
Equipment	£ 545.97
Services	£ 3,821.23
Insurance	£ 976.83
Training	£ 348.60
Other	£ 1,019.76

**Total** £ 75,645.22

<b>Income</b>	£ 64,639.71
<b>Expenditure</b>	£ 75,645.22
<b>Profit</b>	-£ 11,005.51



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 2023

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: 16 MAY 2024

Name: TRACEY K PRIEST

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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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.