



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of Church Preen Pre-school.

On accounts for the year
ended 27th Aug 2021

Charity no
(if any) 1033121

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 27th Aug 2021.

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

Date: 27/06/22

Name: NICOLA MILLINGTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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CHURCH PREEN PRESCHOOL

<u>Receipts and Payments</u>		Year ended 31st August	2021	£
Nursery Education Funding		16000	Sustainability	£28,303.27
Parents' Fees				£ 1,653.85
Fundraising				£ 803.90
Other Receipts				£ 20.15
Total Receipts			from d.a.	<u>£30,781.17</u>
Advertising	£	-		
Insurance	£	754.27		
Wages	£	23,008.93		
Expenses	£	-	£500 for Laptop	
Payroll Processing	£	166.80		
Telephones	£	418.54		
Rent	£	1,190.00		
Consumables	£	133.43		
Dance	£	-		
Training	£	35.00	Math £35.00 Hours for training	
Petty Cash	£	500.00		
Ofsted	£	135.00		
Sundry	£	1,515.79		<u>£27,857.76</u>
Net Receipts				£ <u>£ 2,923.41</u>

Church Preen Pre-school Annual General Meeting

15th September 2021

Chair's report

We started the academic year (2020/21) on a positive note, with a good number of children on roll and more to join through the year as the first COVID-19 lockdown lifted. Maria, Marie and Jemma planned a fun and diverse educational timetable for the children, aligning this with the current COVID-19 regulations to provide a safe educational setting. We started to plan some fundraising activities. However, it wasn't long before cases began to rise and we were yet again in another lockdown. Despite this, everyone remained positive, the Pre-school was open for those children that needed it and Maria, Marie and Jemma continued to provide excellent care as usual. Finally, after a long winter, things began to open up in the spring and the final term of the year allowed for more freedom and even a Pre-school trip to the trampoline park. The year culminated in a combined sports day and graduation ceremony, which was thoroughly enjoyed by children and parents alike, thanks to the stupendous efforts of Marie, Maria and Jemma (the phrase 'herding cats' comes to mind!).

This year, Maria, Marie and Jemma have proved what a great team they are. Not only have they worked incredibly hard to provide a fun and educational timetable for the children, but they have continually adjusted their plans to comply with the changing guidelines. They have also been forefront in maintaining and improving the outdoor area for the children, I have often seen them heading in with pots of paint or bags of compost. They have come up with a variety of new and exciting ideas for the preschool and some of these (such as improving the outdoor play area) have been made possible by their hard work and dedication along with a generous donation from The Blakemore Foundation, for which we are very grateful. This academic year comes with new challenges in the form of the revised EYFS Framework and the potential of an Ofsted inspection but I have every confidence that the team will manage this well.

Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to maintain some links with the school. Initially hot meals from school were eaten by the Pre-school children in the village hall but as the year progressed they were able to head over to school for lunch time. They were also allowed to join in the early bird and after-school clubs as well as participating in some taster days. The link between the two settings is vital not only to serve the feed-in from Pre-school to Reception, but also it is highly beneficial for the children moving to school as their familiarity with the building, the staff and the school pupils eases their transition into school life. My hope is that we can strengthen this connection over the next year and (COVID-19-permitting) can combine some events both for the pupils and for fundraising.

Yet again this year the national lockdowns and ongoing restrictions limited our fundraising abilities. Simon James set up a Just Giving page for the Pre-school and designed a Dittloids quiz which was distributed out to and completed by staff, parents, friends and neighbours raising nearly £100. We were able to hold a raffle at the sports day using prizes from the Spar shop in Much Wenlock, thanks to another generous voucher from The Blakemore Foundation. We already have plans for fundraising in this coming year, starting with a table top sale in October, but more ideas are always welcome!

Clare Walshaw and I had a very successful meeting with Neville Ward in June this year. Neville confirmed that Shropshire County Council would commit to funding the Pre-school for 18 hours per week for the 2021/22 academic year, which gave us much welcomed security. Therefore we can continue to offer an educational setting from Monday-Wednesday. Neville was very complimentary about the staff and the committee, thanking everyone for their hard work in keeping the provision operating. Special thanks must go to Clare Walshaw whose excellent account keeping and regular communication has undoubtedly given Shropshire County Council the confidence to continue to support us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Neville and Shropshire County Council for their continued support which is greatly appreciated by everyone involved with the Pre-school. Their continued support shows that they really do value the service we provide to the community and gives staff the confidence to plan for the future.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Maria, Marie and Jemma who yet again have worked tirelessly and cheerfully in the face of the continuing uncertainty brought about by COVID-19. I have said it before but it still stands, you are all great assets to the Pre-school. I would also like to thank the members of the Committee (past and present) for their hard work and time to ensure the success of the Pre-school. It is down to the dedication of both Staff and the Committee that we start this academic year on such a positive footing with a good number of children on roll and confirmed financial support from the Council. Thank you all and well done.

Kind Regards,



Abi Clutterbuck-James