



Annual return for the year from September 1st 2021 to August 31st 2022

Aims and area of operation:

The aim of the Preschool is to provide a safe, stimulating environment for the care and education of children from the ages of two to five. We operate from rented premises in the Wollaton area of Nottingham and welcome children from Wollaton and the surrounding areas.

Sessions run every weekday during Nottingham City term time from 9.00 – 12.00 and 12.00 – 15.00 each day; with the option of a breakfast club from 8.15 until 9.00 and a lunch club from 12.00 until 13.00 for those attending the morning session. Children can stay all day from 8.15 or 9.00 until 15.00 if they choose.

There were 65 children on roll at the end of this year and we are registered to accommodate up to 35 in any one session. We have two rooms in operation, 'Acorns' for two year olds and 'Oaks' for three to five year olds.

Registration Details:

Charity Number: 1033374.

Registered Office: Kingswood Methodist Church, Lambourne Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 1GR.

We are also registered with the Early Years Alliance and OFSTED.

For details of our OFSTED reports, please use the unique reference number 254678. Our last rating by Ofsted was in April 2018, and we were rated 'good'.

We also operate under the close supervision and with the support of the Nottingham City Council Early Years Team, who facilitate funding for a proportion of our children (generally around 60-65% of the total in attendance). Parents and carers can also pay fees on a private basis if their children are not yet eligible for this funding.

Management of the Preschool

The Preschool is managed by a voluntary management committee, primarily made up of parents and carers of children attending the Preschool, along with staff representation.

Our Committee members during the academic year were:

Chair:	Sylvia Oates
Treasurer:	Christopher Cheeseman
Secretary:	Kieran Lalli
Committee members:	Usman Basharat Heather Hutchison

Preschool Supervisor
& Committee member: Gemma Beck

We operate under the standard constitution of the Early Years Alliance, with committee members elected annually through a system of proposals and seconding at the Annual General Meeting by members of the previous committee.

Achievements during the year

We were very pleased this year to see a two year project to refurbish our outdoor space come to fruition. The outdoor area we have sole use of during the week has been resurfaced with a cushioned rubber floor to three quarters of the area, leaving a small paved area under cover for sand play and our arts and craft shed. The new flooring has brightened up the area immensely as well as improving safety for the children when using play equipment. As well as benefitting the preschool it has also greatly improved the area for other users of the community building at weekends and during the school holidays.

We also took the opportunity to invest in accessible storage units for the children to help themselves to play items and equipment outside, encouraging them to further explore and develop their play and learning outside.

Other areas of note include higher spend this year on educational resources, which covers a wide range of items the children to use, including books, toys and small play equipment. We have continued to develop our provision into a more natural environment, moving away from brightly coloured plastic toys to wood and natural resources to develop the 'Curiosity Approach' to enhance the learning and play opportunities for all of our children.

Fundraising income has been low this year and we hope to improve on this in the coming year with more activities and events. It is also worth nothing we held fundraisers for other causes, a cake sale for the DEC Ukraine appeal raising £114 and a coffee morning for the mental health charity 'Young Minds' allowing us to donate £50. As always, we would like to thank the support of the parents and carers in attending our fundraising events and generously supporting us throughout the year.

Accounts for the year from September 1st 2021 to August 31st 2022

Please see these attached as a separate document. These have been independently examined by the Preschool Accountant, HJ Burton Accountants Ltd, and approved at the Annual General Meeting held on April 29th 2023.

On paper we have a deficit of £9,504, however it should be noted that this includes the spend of £9,594 on resurfacing the play area and improving our outdoor space as mentioned, and refitting/refurbishing a small space for use as the preschool office at a cost of £1,732. This money came from savings made in previous years and has therefore been allocated from our reserves.

We retain just over £65,000 in our savings account. Of this we hold an amount of £59,500 as a designated reserve in case of the preschool closing, this represents three months of running costs and the statutory redundancy payments which would be required for the staff team. The remainder we retain at present to allow for any shortfalls in running costs in future years.

Thank you for reading this report and your interest in our preschool. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via email at wollatonparkpreschool@gmail.com or telephone 0115 837 6420 during Nottingham City term times.

WOLLATON PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
NCC Funding	134,142	108,831
Private fees including Tax Free Childcare	28,564	33,301
Fund Raising	418	1,455
Fund Raising - Other	164	0
Donations through fees	100	340
SEND/DAF	4,315	1,539
Bank Interest	10	6
Government Grants - Job Retention Scheme	0	0
	<hr/> 167,713	<hr/> 145,473
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Wages and National Insurance	126,932	104,858
Employers Pension Contributions	3,183	2,656
Rent	16,206	15,689
Insurance	940	926
Telephone and Internet	589	437
Repairs and Maintenance	72	722
Office refit	1,732	
Accountancy and Professional fees	1,116	1,371
Milk and Snacks	1,089	513
Fixtures and Fittings	1,614	3,478
IT Equipment and Software	285	650
Outdoor / Play area	9,594	0
Consumables	6,273	6,349
Marketing and Publicity	666	89
Training Courses	1,023	1,192
DBS Checks	392	197
Donation from fundraising - Other	164	
Membership Fees	370	370
Educational Resources	3,553	2,920
Famly	1,426	1,591
	<hr/> 177,217	<hr/> 144,008
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</u>	<hr/> -9,504	<hr/> 1,465

Bank Balances 01 September 2021
Add Surplus of Payments over Receipts

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-9504
65096

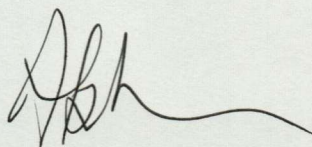
Bank Balances 31 August 2022

Bank Current Account
Bank Deposit Account

123
64973
65096

ACCOUNTANTS CERTIFICATE

I have prepared the Receipts and Payments account overleaf for the year ended 31 August 2022 from the books and vouchers of the Wollaton Park Pre-School Playgroup and from information and explanations supplied to me by the Treasurer.



H J Burton Accountants Ltd

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19 October 2022

WOLLATON PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2022

1. Consumables and Office stationery

Consumables Settings		1888
Consumables Settings Cleaning PPE	Cleaning and hygiene including PPE costs	1569
Consumables Arts and crafts	Everyday items used by the children e.g. Paint and paper	1235
Consumables Office		1450
Subscriptions and Publications		131
		<u>6273</u>

2. Fixtures and Fittings

Larger items not directly used as play equipment e.g. tables and chairs.

3. Membership fees

Ofsted registration	220
ELA Membership	115
Information Commissioners Office	35
	<u>370</u>

4. Other Donations

Donations through fees and from parents for specific activities, e.g. exercise mats. Also kind donations made by leavers this year.