

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL (DRIFFIELD)

England & Wales · Charity number 1035653

Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS PLAYGROUP (DRIFFIELD), ALL SAINTS PRE-SCHOOL (DRIFFIELD)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-03-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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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: Pre-School Nursery Education

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Riding Of Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£173,881	£171,767	-	-
2024-08-31	£192,313	£180,665	-	-
2023-08-31	£169,062	£156,020	-	-
2022-08-31	£148,289	£131,186	-	-
2021-08-31	£107,990	£135,565	-	-
2020-08-31	£170,557	£134,427	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Frances Thea Cooke	Chair	2023-09-01
Benjamin Jordan Cooke		2023-09-01
ELAINE PAULA WARCUP		
Kate Hardgrave		2023-09-01
PATRICIA MOUNTAIN		2015-11-02
ZOE HELEN HAWKEN		2026-03-31

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First Steps Pre-School AGM

Thursday November 27th 2025

Trustees Report

Overview of the Year

This past year has been an incredibly positive and productive one for our setting. We've had many successful fundraising activities with each event not only raising vital funds but also bringing our families, children, staff, and committee members together. We began the year with our Obstacle Course in October, an energetic and exciting event that proved to be a highlight for the children. It was not only fun-filled but it was also a tremendous fundraising success, generating an impressive contribution towards enhancing our provision.

Our Christmas Raffle and Festive Photograph sales once again lived up to their reputation as popular seasonal favourites. Families engaged enthusiastically, and the support received during this busy period helped boost our fundraising total significantly.

In the spring term, we hosted a Family Fun Easter-Themed Bingo Night, which brought together families, staff, and committee members for an enjoyable evening of games with chocolate-themed prizes. The event created a warm and lively atmosphere and provided another excellent fundraising outcome.

In February we held our Quiz Night. Finally, we rounded off the year with our much-loved Summer Fair, a fantastic celebration that offered fun activities, community spirit, and an important final fundraising boost before the end of the year.

Fundraising is essential to our setting, and the benefits to the children are wide-reaching. The money raised directly supports resources, experiences, and improvements that enhance the learning environment and enrich the daily experiences of every child who attends.

We extend a huge thank you to our dedicated fundraising committee members, who give their time, energy, and support to make these events possible. Their commitment is invaluable, and without their hard work, we would not have been able to raise the vital funds that make such a difference to our setting.

Key Achievements

This year has been marked by several important achievements that have strengthened our provision and contributed to the ongoing development and success of the children in our care.

- **Enhancing Our Provision Through Fundraising**

Thanks to the outstanding fundraising efforts throughout the year, we have been able to significantly enhance key areas of our provision. These improvements have directly supported the children's development, giving them access to richer learning environments, new resources, and opportunities that encourage curiosity, independence, and confidence.

- **Implementation of Our New Curriculum**

A major milestone this year was the implementation of our new curriculum. The

staff team has worked exceptionally hard to design and develop this curriculum, ensuring it reflects the needs of our children and the values of our setting. Since its introduction, it has created a wealth of meaningful learning experiences and has enabled each child to shine, grow, and achieve in ways that are unique to them.

- **A Dedicated and Skilled Staff Team**

Our staff team continues to be one of our greatest strengths. Their commitment, professionalism, and passion for early education have been central to the success of the setting. They work tirelessly to create engaging, nurturing, and enriching experiences for the children, and their dedication is evident in the progress and happiness of the children throughout the year.

- **Following the Little Wandle Programme**

This year, we have continued to follow the Little Wandle phonics programme, and we have been delighted to see a noticeable improvement in the children's awareness of the sounds within words. This growing phonemic understanding lays a strong foundation for early reading and will have a direct, positive impact on their future literacy success.

Events

This year has been filled with a variety of wonderful events that have enriched the children's experiences and strengthened our sense of community. Our annual Nativity, held at the community centre, was once again a great success and a cherished highlight for families. We were delighted to welcome the Living Eggs programme back into the setting—funded through our fundraising efforts—which allowed the children to experience the joy and fascination of watching chicks hatch and grow over a fortnight. In May, our Rising Five children began their transition-to-school activities, including visits from local school staff and attending stay-and-play sessions within their new EYFS settings. Throughout the year, we also held parents' evenings to share children's progress and continued to welcome prospective families during our summer term open days, offering them the opportunity to explore the setting and meet the staff. We concluded the year with a special treat for our Rising Five children—a summer party on our field. The children enjoyed one final day of play with their friends, joining in games, dancing, and interacting with small farm animals. Parents attended alongside their children and commented on how wonderful the day had been—a huge success and a well-deserved celebration for our school leavers.

Staff Updates

This year has brought several significant staffing changes, each shaping the development and direction of our team.

In January, an increase in the number of children attending the setting provided us with the opportunity to welcome a new Level 3 practitioner. Jayne Magin was successfully appointed and settled into the team remarkably quickly, becoming a valued member almost immediately. Sadly, due to unexpected changes in her personal family circumstances, Jayne had to leave us at the end of the term. Her departure was felt by all, and we chose to delay recruiting a replacement until later in the year.

At the end of the summer term, we experienced another important change when Rebecca Moffat, our Deputy Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead, left her role

to support her husband's business. Rebecca's departure was a significant loss to the setting, and her absence was strongly felt by both staff and parents.

Following this, Gemma Broadhead was appointed as our new Deputy Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. In addition, Rose Davies is to begin training to become our new Deputy SENCO, further strengthening our capacity to support children with additional needs.

The committee also appointed a Level 3 practitioner, Cody, who joined us in September. Cody has quickly become an invaluable part of the team. The children adore her warm and engaging presence, and staff consistently comment on her hard work, positive attitude, and strong commitment to teamwork.

We are still in the process of adding Zoe Hawken to our management committee and are very much looking forward to working with her. We hope the paperwork will soon be approved.

The hard work and advice from our current volunteer management committee is much appreciated and their support plays a crucial part in the overall running of the group. This meeting tonight aims to highlight the work done over the past year and encourage others to become involved and help lead the group forwards.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the entire staff team on behalf of both myself and the management committee. They are supportive, dedicated, and exceptionally hardworking. First Steps would not be the wonderful place it is without their ongoing commitment, care, and professionalism.

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees	22,212		23,538	
Funding	147,000		161,004	
Other	468		838	
		169,679		185,380
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Rent	5,288		5,272	
Wages and NIC	141,234		146,751	
Insurance & Licences	2,278		1,475	
Cleaning	359		481	
Stationery, Paper & Paints	476		563	
Provisions	594		506	
Rates and Water	1,443		1,348	
Electricity	2,639		8,862	
Telephone, Internet & Website	1,819		1,470	
General Expenses incl. vouchers	1,474		2,108	
Training	-		209	
General Repairs and Renewals	159		671	
Outdoor Painting	2,800		-	
Accountancy Fees	300		276	
Professional Fees	-		50	
Equipment	2,132		1,952	
Teachers 2 Parents	211		200	
Fruit / Food	771		769	
Hire of Equipment	239		720	
Bank Charges	62		63	
Transfer to fundraising account	573		595	
Depreciation of Computer Equipment	212		212	
		165,066		174,553
 <u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>				
		4,613		10,827

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	£	2025	£	2024	£
<u>INCOME</u>					
Sponsored Obstacle		959		1,153	
Tonie Squares		231		-	
Xmas		603		-	
Photographs		472		-	
Christmas Fayre/Nativity		-		1,131	
Venesta Refund		-		515	
Bingo		-		383	
Other		-		190	
Bags to School		-		30	
Quiz night		302		341	
Transfer		4			
Teatowels		-		575	
Donations		200		1,686	
Summer fair		1,431		931	
		4,202		6,933	
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Lottery Licence		20		20	
Wet Sand Box		545		-	
Toys		30		300	
Living Eggs		294		294	
Raffle		37		75	
Supplies		695		738	
Music		-		131	
Charges		79		85	
Maintenance		210		-	
Books		114		69	
Teatowels		-		270	
Kitchen fitting		-		600	
Field Expenses		1,193		1,990	
Other		72		144	
Equipment		2,123			
Farm Visit		-		250	
New maths area		179		619	
Gift		50		-	
Depreciation of shed & lawnmower		230		230	
Event payments		830		298	
		6,701		6,112	
<u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u>		-	2,499	822	

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<u>BALANCES AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2024</u>				
Bank Current Account		57,891		47,512
Fundraising Account		6,184		6,892
Cash in Hand - General		46		23
- Fundraising				-
		64,121		54,427
Lawnmower		270		
Improvements to Property		8,436		7,176
Computer Equipment		425		-
		73,252		61,603
Excess of Income over Expenditure				
General Expenses	4,613		10,827	
Fundraising and Events	-	2,499	822	
		2,114		11,649
		75,366		73,252
		75,366		73,252
<u>BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025</u>				
Bank Current Account		62,432		57,891
Fundraising Account		3,915		6,184
Cash in Hand - General		331		46
		66,677		64,121
Lawnmower		180		270
Improvements to Property		7,176		7,176
Shed		1,120		1,260
Computer Equipment		212		425
		75,366		73,252
		75,366		73,252

These accounts have been prepared from the books and records presented to us by First Steps Pre-School.

Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
Date:

Report of the Independent Examiners of First Steps Pre-School Driffield

We report on the accounts of First Steps Pre-School Driffield for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- (b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011) and
- (c) state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement Year Ended 31st August 2025

In the course of our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - (a) proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011); and
 - (b) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
33-35 Exchange Street
Driffield
YO25 6LL

on 25th November 2025.

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First Steps Pre-School AGM

Wednesday November 20th 2024

Trustees Report

Fundraising

Fundraising activities have continued to take place across the year. In October 2023, we held a sponsored obstacle course, this is always a fun activity for the children, and we were delighted with the amount raised. Our Christmas Fair took place in December and the Santa's grotto was exceptionally popular, there was quite a queue to visit Father Christmas. It was a delight to see how much care and consideration he took to spend the time talking to each child. Without a doubt a very memorable experience for them. We held an Easter Bingo in March at the Community Centre, which helped to raise funds to support the development of the field. In June, our usual Summer Fair was a success with lots of games and outdoor activities for the children and their families to participate in. Above all, the fundraising events not only raise money for the pre-school but also provide an opportunity for families to come into the setting, meet the staff team and socialise with other families too. As a group we are thankful to our generous fundraising committee who give up their time to help organise these events. Without a doubt we would not raise the amount we do without their support.

We have used some of the money raised from the Autumn and Spring fundraising events to fund much needed developments on the field. A huge thanks must go to John Roberts who has given a significant amount of his own time to order and erect a substantial fence around the outer perimeter. He has also done some significant work to prepare the ground, bringing in a digger to move and level the soil, create a base for a shed and lay new grass seed. The field now has a designated mud kitchen area and a digging pit. Wildflower seeds have been sown and daffodils and lilies have been planted in beds and borders. The field continues to require maintenance and additional resources before we can use the field with the children in the Springtime.

Funding generated from the Summer Fair allowed us to purchase and resource a maths area within the setting. This has been a very popular addition to our continuous provision and already we have heard and witnessed some rich mathematical thinking and language from the children using it.

The money has also helped to pay for experiences for the children such as Living Eggs and The Purple Pig Company.

Events

The annual Nativity was a success at the community centre. A small group of children have enjoyed weekly visits to Waterview Lodge to spend time with some of the visitors there. Overtime the children (and adults) built wonderful bonds and enjoyed playing games and making craft items together. We visited the fire station in May. The firefighters welcomed us, showed us around the station and helped the children dress up in their uniform. The children loved sitting in the engines but without a doubt the highlight of the visit was using the hose outside! Massive thanks to the team at Drifffield Fire station. The

Rising Five children began their transition to school activities in May, being visited by staff from local schools and going to stay and play sessions in their EYFS settings.

Parents evenings have taken place across the year, and we held an open day in April to invite prospective children and their parents into the setting to have a look at what we have to offer and to meet the staff.

Training

Staff have participated in a range of training over the year. Including Deaf Awareness, Signing, Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene. We implemented a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle Foundations in January and staff took part in the training required to deliver the programme. We have been fortunate to be on a pilot scheme for this, giving us free access to all resources and regular zoom support meetings. Due to the successful completion of the pilot scheme, we have been granted another year's free membership for this. We continue to see the positive impact Little Wandle is having on the children's early phonics and language skills.

Funding changes

As part of the government's plan to increase free childcare places, in April eligible two-year-old children began accessing fifteen hours funding per week. From September this was extended to children from nine months old. We expect to see an increase in required hours for two-year-olds from September 2025 when this funding increases from fifteen to thirty hours for those eligible.

Support

We continue to use the fund set up by our Deputy, Becky Moffat to help disadvantaged children. The fund helps with the purchase of uniform and support to cover lunchtime costs for those who need it.

Staffing

At the end of February Pip Mountain retired from her role as Manager. She had led the setting for over thirty years and seen many changes and developments over this time. She has remained on the management committee to support the setting. First Steps Pre-School would not be the wonderful and amazing place that it is today without her hard work and dedication, and we send a huge thank you to her for this. Her support to the new manager has been invaluable, and we thank her for her patience and support as she guided her through the role throughout January and February.

We also said goodbye to Sarah Boyes in June, who left First Steps to take up a new role in another early years setting. She has certainly been very much missed but we continue to wish her well in her new role.

We would like to remind people that we are a group for the local community, we are a registered charity, and we are a non-profit making organisation. We are managed by an elected committee of volunteers who give up lots of their time and energy to the successful running of our group. This meeting tonight aims to highlight the work done over the past year and encourage others to become involved and help lead the group forwards.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive thank you to the staff team. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive group of people working at First Steps. Their hard work, perseverance and commitment to the setting and the children within it, is astounding and the very reason why First Steps Pre-School is such a wonderful place for any child to be.

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees	23,538		25,001	
Funding	161,004		135,320	
Other	838		583	
		185,380		160,904
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Rent	5,272		5,280	
Wages and NIC	146,751		127,379	
Insurance & Licences	1,475		1,383	
Cleaning	481		479	
Stationery, Paper & Paints	563		539	
Provisions	506		537	
Rates and Water	1,348		1,043	
Electricity	8,862		6,530	
Telephone, Internet & Website	1,470		887	
General Expenses incl. vouchers	2,108		1,694	
Training	209		954	
General Repairs and Renewals	671		1,898	
Accountancy Fees	276		264	
Professional Fees	50		-	
Equipment	1,952		1,830	
Teachers 2 Parents	200		320	
Fruit / Food	769		603	
Hire of Equipment	720		720	
Bank Charges	63		78	
Transfer to fundraising account	595		-	
Depreciation of Computer Equipment	212		50	
		174,553		152,468
 <u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>				
		10,827		8,436

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	£	2024	£	2023	£
<u>INCOME</u>					
Sponsored Obstacle		1,153		951	
Tractor Run		-		1,652	
Tesco Grants		-		1,500	
Co-op		-		380	
Christmas Fayre/Nativity		1,131		1,058	
Venesta Refund		515		-	
Bingo		383		-	
Other		190		262	
Bags to School		30		81	
Quiz night		341		483	
Teatowels		575		420	
Donations		1,686		-	
Summer fair		931		1,371	
		6,933		8,157	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Lottery Licence		20		-	
Tesco bid		-		40	
Toys		300		1,119	
Living Eggs		294		294	
Raffle		75		75	
Supplies		738		439	
Music		131		133	
Charges		85		106	
TTS		-		352	
Books		69		165	
Teatowels		270		270	
Kitchen fitting		600		-	
Field Expenses		1,990		-	
Other		144		-	
Farm Visit		250		-	
New maths area		619		-	
Zoolab		-		394	
Depreciation of shed & lawnmower		230		-	
Event payments		298		165	
		6,112		3,550	
<u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u>		822		4,606	

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
SUMMARY OF ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>BALANCES AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2023</u>				
Bank Current Account		47,513		38,883
Fundraising Account		6,892		9,626
Cash in Hand - General		23		2
- Fundraising		-		-
		54,428		48,511
Improvements to Property		7,176		
Computer Equipment		-		50
		61,604		48,561
Excess of Income over Expenditure				
General Expenses	10,827		8,436	
Fundraising and Events	822		4,606	
	11,649		13,042	
		73,252		61,603
		73,252		61,603
<u>BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024</u>				
Bank Current Account		57,891		47,512
Fundraising Account		6,184		6,892
Cash in Hand - General		46		23
		64,121		54,427
Lawnmower		270		
Improvements to Property		7,176		7,176
Shed		1,260		
Computer Equipment		425		-
		73,252		61,603
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Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
Date: 20th November 2024

Report of the Independent Examiners of First Steps Pre-School Driffield

We report on the accounts of First Steps Pre-School Driffield for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- (b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011) and
- (c) state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement Year Ended 31st August 2024

In the course of our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - (a) proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011); and
 - (b) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
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on 20th November 2024.

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First Steps Pre-school AGM

Thursday November 23rd 2023

Trustee's Report

At long last, life returned to normal again for the start of term in September 2022 and the changes implemented over the past couple of years because of Covid became a thing of the past.

The year began with the sad news of the Queen's death and we quickly changed our initial plans for the children to try and incorporate activities which were part of the national feeling. We visited the memorial set up in the middle of town and took flowers and a special Corgi decoration made specially for her. We spent time talking about the Royal family and what they do for us all. We returned to the Royal theme later in the year when we had lots of celebrations to mark the King's Coronation – the street party we held in May was much easier to explain to the children!

The staff team have to complete a variety of training courses and November marked the time to renew our First Aid Qualification which has to be updated every three years. This was delivered by FAB training over 12 hours here at First Steps and thankfully, everyone passed. Safeguarding and Food Hygiene Courses are other examples of training that needs to be regularly updated. The staff also attend regular special educational needs updates as well as legislation briefings from the local authority. We have annual visits from our Development Advisor and also are in regular contact with our Area Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator who gives invaluable support to the group and to Gem Broadhead who is our Senco here.

As outlined in last year's report, the rising costs of providing childcare have been a challenge but we have had fantastic support from our parents who have supported a slight increase in our fees and have willingly agreed to pay a small voluntary contribution raised to cover any additional provisions or activities that we provide. This is a voluntary contribution to the group but most parents have supported us and have understood the reasons behind it.

Fundraising activities continue to take place and are always well supported. In October we held a sponsored obstacle course for the children to take part in and we were absolutely delighted by the total amount raised from something which is lots of

fun for the children too. We held our Christmas Fair once again after it's long break from Covid and the children loved Santa and the grotto created in the Pod for them. We even managed to have an audience for our Nativity Play at Christmas too. Visitors from the Limes Residential Care Home joined us and loved every minute of it. We held a quiz night for parents and friends in February and took part in the annual Tractor Run in April which raises a phenomenal amount of money for ourselves and the Firefighters Charity. In June we held our usual Summer Fair with lots of games and outdoor activities for families to participate in. Above all, events like these not only raise money for the group but provide an opportunity for families to see the setting, meet the staff team and meet up with other families who attend.

We used a significant amount of money to replace the children's toilet cubicles over the Summer. The old ones had been in place for over 20 years and had definitely seen better days. The new ones are child friendly, bright, colourful and easy to maintain. Massive thanks must go to Sam Jeffrey from the fundraising group who organised the installation and approached local businesses to donate time or resources to help us, Calvert's Carpets donated the floor covering, Stuart Newlove's Joinery team did the work at cost as did the decorator, Alan Hawkins, who only charged for the paint he used.

Fundraising money also goes towards buying new resources. We bought lots of physical play equipment this year – balance steps, tunnel, parachute as well as construction toys and equipment more suited to our younger children such as Playmobil 123. The money also helps with experiences for the children such as Living Eggs and Zoolab. We hoped to take the children out on a trip this year but found that the cost of transport was prohibitive and would result in the cost for parents to pay becoming too high. We consequently put our plans on hold.

Our Deputy, Becky Moffat, set up a fund to help disadvantaged parents this year. She approached a number of businesses in the area who were happy to donate money to help families in need. We have purchased uniform which we will give to those who need it and have recently used the money to provide wellies for children and toys at Christmas time. This is in addition to our second-hand uniform exchange which is always in operation. We are aware of families who need our support and can use the money to support lunchtime costs and trips out if they should ever be able to take place again! Our thanks go out to those who have helped us.

As we were unable to use coaches for visits, we arranged to visit the fire station instead. The firefighters welcomed us, showed the children around the station, helped them dress up in their uniform and sit in the engines. Best of all though was

using the hose outside and firing water at the buildings! Massive thanks to the team at Drifffield Fire Station. We also welcomed the Police to First Steps. PC Fotheringham brought his car here along with lots of hats, helmets, handcuffs and information. The children of course, loved the siren on the car the best...

We have been in discussions for the past three years with East Yorkshire Council, to acquire some of the land behind our building as outlined in last year's report. We are delighted to announce that we have now signed the lease for the land adjoining our garden and are now able to move forward with our plans to extend the children's play area. We are now in discussions with representatives from the adjoining Rifle Club to organise a fence to divide the land and ensure the safety of the children. We will then be in a position to create access to the field from our current garden and level and prepare the land. Much of our current fundraising money is to be set aside for this project. We hope to encourage parents to become involved too. More information will follow in the coming months.

In July we said goodbye to one of our much-loved members of staff as June retired after working for us for over 30 years. We held a surprise party for her and the children had lots of lovely things to give her. The staff team miss working with her and miss her experience and kindness but wish her well in her new ventures - we are sure that she's loving everything she is able to do now.

We are also saying goodbye to two members of our management team as they also move on. Amanda has been our chair here for many years but is finally stepping down due to work and family commitments. Tricia has also been our secretary for many years and feels the time is now right to let someone else take over. We would like to say a massive thank you for all the help and support they've given to First Steps over the years.

Kate has kindly agreed to become our new Secretary and Fran our new Chairperson.

In these changing times however, we need to remind people that we are a group for the local community, we are a registered charity and we are a non-profit making organisation. We are very different to other organisations which are run privately and as a business. We obviously employ our staff but they are accountable to, and ultimately managed by, an elected committee of volunteers who give lots of their time and energy to the successful running of our group. This meeting tonight aims to highlight the work done and encourage others to become involved and help lead the group forwards.

Last of all, we must thank the staff team for all their hard work here at First Steps. They all work incredibly hard to provide the care and time that all our children need and deserve. Without them, the group could not function and would certainly not be the successful and well-respected place it is today.

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees	25,001		25,297	
Funding	135,320		111,113	
Other	583		3,756	
		160,904		139,663
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Rent	5,280		5,854	
Wages and NIC	127,379		121,639	
Insurance & Licences	1,383		722	
Cleaning	479		428	
Printing and Stationery	517		212	
Provisions	537		685	
Paper & Paint	22		-	
Rates and Water	1,043		1,040	
Electricity	6,530		2,083	
Telephone, Internet & Website	887		925	
General Expenses	1,694		2,090	
Training	954		-	
General Repairs and Renewals	1,898		1,736	
Accountancy Fees	264		240	
Equipment	1,830		1,208	
Teachers 2 Parents	320		282	
Tractor Run	-		650	
Fruit / Food	603		882	
Hire of Equipment	720		-	
Bank Charges	78		57	
Depreciation of Computer Equipment	50		174	
		152,468		140,907
 <u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>				
		8,436		- 741

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	£	2023	£	2022	£
<u>INCOME</u>					
Sponsored Obstacle		951		1,404	
Tractor Run		1,652		2,774	
Tesco Grants		1,500		-	
Co-op		380		-	
Christmas Fayre/Nativity		1,058		1,255	
Toy Sale		-		149	
General Fundraising		-		500	
Other		262		295	
Bags to School		81		203	
Quiz night		483		-	
Teatowels		420		-	
Summer fair		<u>1,371</u>		<u>1,544</u>	
			8,158		8,124
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Tractor run insurance		-		414	
Tesco bid		40		-	
Toys		1,119		1,309	
Living Eggs		294		294	
Raffle		75		150	
Supplies		439		664	
Music		133		490	
Charges		106		79	
TTS		352		641	
Books		165		95	
Teatowels		270		-	
Zoolab		394		233	
Event payment		<u>165</u>		<u>-</u>	
			<u>3,552</u>		<u>4,368</u>
<u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u>			<u>4,606</u>		<u>3,755</u>

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>BALANCES AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2022</u>				
Bank Current Account		38,882		39,415
Fundraising Account		9,626		5,871
Cash in Hand - General		2		36
- Fundraising		-		-
		<u>48,510</u>		<u>45,321</u>
Computer Equipment		50		224
Creditors	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		48,560		45,545
Excess of Income over Expenditure				
General Expenses	8,436		-	741
Fundraising and Events	<u>4,606</u>		<u>3,755</u>	
		<u>13,042</u>		<u>3,015</u>
		<u>61,602</u>		<u>48,560</u>
		<u><u>61,602</u></u>		<u><u>48,560</u></u>
<u>BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023</u>				
Bank Current Account		47,512		38,882
Fundraising Account		6,892		9,626
Cash in Hand - General		23		2
		<u>54,427</u>		<u>48,510</u>
Improvements to Property		7,176		-
Computer Equipment		<u>-</u>		<u>50</u>
Creditors	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		61,602		48,560
		<u><u>61,602</u></u>		<u><u>48,560</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared from the books and records presented to us by First Steps Pre-School.

Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
Date: 21st November 2023

Report of the Independent Examiners of First Steps Pre-School Driffield

We report on the accounts of First Steps Pre-School Driffield for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- (b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011) and
- (c) state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement Year Ended 31st August 2023

In the course of our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - (a) proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011); and
 - (b) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
33-35 Exchange Street
Driffield
YO25 6LL

on 21st November 2023.

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL (DRIFFIELD)

England & Wales - Charity number 1035653

Accounts

First Steps Pre-school AGM

Monday November 28th 2022

Trustee's Report

In September 2021, we welcomed two new staff into the setting - Jane Kirby and Rose Davies. Both had lots to offer to our group, having worked in either a private nursery or school setting. They have settled well into life at First Steps and have quickly become an integral part of the team.

Restrictions continued to dominate our work and we continued to adapt to changing conditions. Lateral Flow Tests were still a twice weekly part of our lives and reporting of Covid cases were still required by the local authority. We were fortunate to avoid the worst of the Pandemic and luckily never had to close our doors. Cleaning regimes remained strong and we adapted many of our activities and routines to ensure we were safe.

As cases rose again as we approached Christmas, we abandoned the idea of a Christmas Fair and once again, performed our Nativity without an audience, videoing the event for parents to see. Our fundraising team organised an outdoor Christmas Toy Sale in December instead, which was very successful, despite the freezing conditions for them. I'm not too sure that any of them wish to repeat it however!

We began to accept students back into the setting again and established a partnership with Bishop Burton College to offer long term placements to their T Level students. We now have a much higher level of responsibility to provide the practical, hands on experiences for the learners throughout their course. Their assessments take place within the setting and we benefit from their increasing skills and commitment to their training. We enjoyed a visit to the college in the Summer to see the successful students receive their awards.

School transitions returned to their pre-Covid levels in the Summer and we enjoyed visits from staff from all our feeder schools. We also enjoyed visits to

schools with the children too. I'm sure that they will have all settled well and will certainly have benefited from this additional input.

We also held an Open Day for our new starters and were delighted to meet everyone face to face again. Email contact has a purpose and was certainly useful for our admissions process during the worst of the pandemic, but we have benefitted from a closer level of contact with the children and their families this year.

We have developed a partnership with the Local Branch of the Co-Op Funeralcare after asking for a donation for our Summer Fair. They responded to our request and have raised money on our behalf to provide resources for the children. We hope to further explore this in the future by applying to Co-Op Local Funds for more extensive support over the coming year.

We have been in discussions for the past two years with East Yorkshire Council, to acquire some of the land behind our building in order to extend our play area. Discussions are progressing at last and we hope to have some firm decisions shortly about renting the field in order to provide additional space for the children to explore and develop. We would look to seek help from the Co-Op fund to develop a natural area where children have freedom to run and investigate. We will update everyone as soon as we have further updates.

Consequently, our fundraising team have been busy throughout the year, raising money for the children and for new resources and experiences. We held a Quiz night in November which was a huge success and an excellent social event for parents and friends even though it was highly competitive! The tractor run returned in March and was a massive fundraiser for us and incredibly well received and supported by the local community. We also managed to hold a Summer Fair in June - our first since Covid restrictions were first imposed. It felt wonderful to welcome families back into the setting and to feel normal again. We were fortunate to be nominated for support through Tesco's blue token scheme and were delighted to be awarded £1500 which has now been spent on revamping the book corner.

Fundraising events help us to provide extras for the group that we simply could not afford to do otherwise. We replaced our kitchen in the Summer - it was over 20 years old and was second hand when donated to us in 1999. Needless to

say, it was time to change. Many thanks must go to Sarah and Fran who organised everything for us - including Fran's Dad who supplied and fitted it! We also used the money to buy new blinds for all windows, to decorate the inside of the building and to replace the bookshelves in the story room. We also purchased lots of new resources for the children too!!

We don't just purchase resources, we also invest in experiences for the children. Zoolab visit every year and bring a variety of animals for the children to hold and learn more about. Living Eggs is an amazing experience and the children never fail to be awed by the hatching of the chicks and the chance to handle them and care for them. We also enjoyed The Mad Man of Magic at our Leaver's Party in the Summer - he provided lots of laughter and magic for the children and the staff too!

We have some challenging times ahead of us - not least is the funding crisis in this sector, minimum wage requirements and of course, energy costs. These issues will have to be urgently addressed over the coming months. We are fortunate to have an excellent staff team here, who work above and beyond their contracted hours for the benefit of the children. They are an absolutely fabulous team and First Steps would be a very different place without them all. They deserve a massive thank you!

In these changing times however, we need to remind people that we are a group for the local community, we are a registered charity and we are a non-profit making organisation. We are very different to other organisations which are run privately and as a business. We obviously employ our staff but they are accountable to, and ultimately managed by, an elected committee of volunteers who give lots of their time and energy to the successful running of our group. This meeting tonight aims to highlight the work done and encourage others to become involved and help lead the group forwards.

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees	25,297.21		23,567.20	
Funding	111,113.09		112,599.92	
Other	3,252.85		5.00	
		139,663.15		136,172.12
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Rent	5,703.55		5,250.00	
Wages and NIC	107,465.42		113,169.05	
Insurance & Licences	722.27		1,031.29	
Cleaning	427.98		560.97	
Printing and Stationery	218.61		235.14	
Provisions	684.50		774.41	
Paper & Paint	1,033.56		1,154.68	
Rates and Water	606.70		747.83	
Electricity	2,515.88		2,915.92	
Telephone, Internet & Website	924.73		789.19	
General Expenses	1,904.98		2,326.06	
General Repairs and Renewals	1,736.07		1,891.03	
Accountancy Fees	240.00		240.00	
ICO / Osted	85.00		-	
Equipment	-		402.00	
Teachers 2 Parents	282.00		-	
Tractor Run	650.00		-	
Fruit / Food	882.49		678.00	
Hire of Equipment	-		563.87	
Bank Charges	57.25		-	
Depreciation of Computer Equipment	174.00		315.00	
		126,314.99		133,044.44
 <u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>				
		13,348.16		3,127.68

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Sponsored Obstacle	1,404.00		1,470.50	
Tractor Run	2,773.51		-	
Pavers			900.00	
Christmas Fayre/Nativity	1,255.00		1,487.42	
Toy Sale	149.20		-	
Sponsor Money & General Fundraising	500.00		-	
Raffle			953.00	
Other	295.00		-	
Bags to School	203.20		-	
Interest			7.00	
Summer fair	1,543.61		-	
		8,123.52		4,817.92
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Fire Fighter	-		-	
Tractor run insurance	413.66		-	
Equipment	-		1,917.58	
Magician	-		125.00	
Toys	1,308.65		-	
Hall Hire	-		31.50	
Living Eggs	294.00		294.00	
Raffle & Race Night	150.00		75.00	
Supplies	664.03		639.35	
Moo Music	490.00		-	
Charges	79.23		-	
TTS	640.72		-	
Books	95.00		-	
Zoolab	232.80		-	
Summer Fayre	-		-	
		4,368.09		3,082.43
<u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u>		3,755.43		1,735.49

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL
SUMMARY OF ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	£	2022	£	2021	£
<u>BALANCES AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2021</u>					
Bank Current Account			39,414.59		68,239.78
Fundraising Account			5,870.75		4,142.26
Cash in Hand - General			35.86		35.02
- Fundraising			-		22.59
			45,321.20		45,321.20
Computer Equipment			224.00		668.00
Creditors			-		-
			45,545.20		45,989.20
Excess of Income over Expenditure					
General Expenses	13,348.16			3,127.68	
Fundraising and Events	3,755.43			1,735.49	
			17,103.59		4,863.17
			62,648.79		50,852.37
			62,648.79		50,852.37
<u>BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022</u>					
Bank Current Account			38,881.92		39,414.59
Fundraising Account			9,626.18		5,870.75
Cash in Hand - General			1.94		35.86
- Fundraising			-		-
			48,510.04		45,321.20
Computer Equipment			100.00		224.00
Creditors			-		-
			48,610.04		45,545.20
			48,610.04		45,545.20

These accounts have been prepared from the books and records prepared to us by First Steps Pre-School.

Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
Date: 15th November 2022.

Report of the Independent Examiners of First Steps Pre-School Driffield

We report on the accounts of First Steps Pre-School Driffield for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- (b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011) and
- (c) state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - (a) proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011); and
 - (b) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
33-35 Exchange Street
Driffield
YO25 6LL

on 15th November 2022.

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL (DRIFFIELD)

England & Wales - Charity number 1035653

Accounts

First Steps Pre-school AGM

Wednesday December 1st 2021

Trustees Report

September 2020 arrived with a return to more normal arrangements for everyone. Covid still dominated our thoughts but we worked hard to ensure that the children settled well. They were back in full numbers with fewer restrictions on the organisation of the setting. We held welcome sessions for the children and parents but were careful to ensure that the visits were carefully managed. Small groups attended to meet the keyworkers, see the environment and ask any questions.

We made the decision to keep the same arrival and departure arrangements for the children as feedback from parents let us know that they preferred this. Children still have staggered arrival and departure slots and parents do not enter the building unless they have a specific need to do so.

We decided that it was important to give parents the opportunity to talk to their child's keyworker however, so organised face to face parent's evenings with strict appointment times. This worked well and was much appreciated. Telephone appointments were offered to those who preferred them and written reports distributed.

Meetings with the local authority began to take place via teams and all training offered to staff is now accessed through the same platform - remote learning has its place but the opportunity to network with other organisations has been lost. Committee meetings now take place via zoom but have been constructive and supportive nonetheless.

Fundraising events have taken a back seat throughout the pandemic but we managed to hold a sponsored obstacle course for the children in the Autumn term which raised a significant amount of money. Parents have acknowledged that our funds are strained and do their best to support us. Additionally, the children had fun during the event. We were unable to hold our usual Christmas fair but managed to raise money through a raffle instead. We were very fortunate to be nominated for a grant through one of our parents and were

delighted to receive £900 of matched funding which we used to provide lots of outdoor equipment for the children.

Christmas posed additional problems as things began to change with increased covid cases. We held our usual Nativity play but sadly made the decision to have no audience. We videoed the event and ensured that every child was fully represented in it. Christmas parties took place with a remote visit from Father Christmas but were still happy events.

We were unable to have our usual open day for new starters in the Spring term but offered individual visits for parents as needed. Communication takes place now primarily by email and telephone conversations but parents are very accepting of this. Our waiting list has not been affected significantly and we remain a popular setting within the area.

Lateral flow tests were introduced for staff in March and all staff follow guidelines to test twice weekly as recommended by the government.

In these changing times however, we need to remind people that we are a group for the local community, we are a registered charity and we are a non profit making organisation. We are very different to other organisations which are run privately and as a business. We obviously employ staff but they are accountable and ultimately managed by an elected committee of volunteers who give lots of their time and energy to the successful running of the group. This meeting tonight aims to highlight the work done and encourage others to become involved.

Above all, we are a team and we try our very best to provide a welcoming, inclusive and caring environment for all the children in our setting.

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees	23567		11182	
Funding	79600		155708	
Donations	5		-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		103172		166890
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Rent	5250		5390	
Wages and NIC	113169		104845	
Insurance & Licences	1031		1208	
Staff Training	-		660	
Printing and Stationery	235		95	
Provisions	774		694	
Paper & Paint	1155		1567	
Rates and Water	748		683	
Electricity	2916		2368	
Outdoor Area & Lighting	-		4020	
New Building	-		6851	
Telephone, Internet & Website	789		875	
General Expenses	2326		1186	
General Repairs and Renewals	1891		1341	
Accountancy Fees	240		240	
Equipment	402		231	
Fruit	678		571	
Hire of Equipment	564		582	
Depreciation of Computer Equipment	315		299	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		<u>132483</u>		<u>133706</u>
 <u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>				
		<u>(29311)</u>		<u>33184</u>

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Sponsored Obstacle	1471		-	
Photographs	-		202	
Pavers	900		-	
Christmas Fayre/Nativity	1487		1740	
Race Night	-		799	
Sponsor Money & General Fundraising	-		240	
Raffle	953		-	
Bags to School	-		-	
Interest	7		2	
Bingo Night	-		683	
		4818		3667
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Coach Trips			-	
Equipment	1918		324	
Magician	125		-	
Hall Hire	32		57	
Living Eggs	294		-	
Raffle & Race Night	75		75	
Supplies	639		233	
Website domain			-	
Sundry Expenses			-	
Sweatshirts			32	
Summer Fayre			-	
		3082		721
<u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u>				
		1735		2946

FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<u>BALANCES AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2020</u>				
Bank Current Account		68240		31496
Fundraising Account		4142		5023
Cash in Hand - General		35		40
- Fundraising		<u>23</u>		<u>117</u>
		72440		36676
Computer Equipment		688		322
Creditors	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
		73128		36998
Excess of Income over Expenditure				
General Expenses	(29311)		33184	
Fundraising and Events	<u>1735</u>		<u>2946</u>	
		<u>(27576)</u>		<u>36130</u>
		45552		73128
		<u><u>45552</u></u>		<u><u>73128</u></u>
<u>BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021</u>				
Bank Current Account		39415		68240
Fundraising Account		5871		4142
Cash in Hand - General		36		35
- Fundraising		<u>-</u>		<u>23</u>
		45321		72440
Computer Equipment		<u>224</u>		<u>688</u>
Creditors	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
		45545		73128
		<u><u>45545</u></u>		<u><u>73128</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared from the books and records prepared to us by First Steps Pre-School.

Report of the Independent Examiners of First Steps Pre-School Driffield

We report on the accounts of First Steps Pre-School Driffield for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- (b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011) and
- (c) state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - (a) proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011); and
 - (b) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: Jackson Robson Licence
Chartered Accountants
33-35 Exchange Street
Driffield
YO25 6LL

on 19th November 2021.