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Trustees Report

Playgroup Objectives for September 2020– July 2021

To provide quality sessional day-care for children aged between 2 and 5 years old.

Trustees for the year 2020 – 2021

Chairperson – Ian Lusted
Treasurer – Donna French
Secretary – Sara Nicholl
General - Tracy Evans
General - George Nicholl

There were no resignations from the committee of trustees during the year 2020 – 2021.

Publicity for the year

All events were cancelled due to Covid 19.

Visitors

We had no visitors from the local community, due to Covid. During the brief time when restrictions were lifted, the salesman from Nexus came with resources for the children to try, Purely Sports came on a Wednesday and Thursday each week and all registered children were invited.

Academic Year

We worked hard, all staff and committee to maintain our good standards. Flexible hours for coming and going into our pre-school, which goes down very well with parents, have built on our numbers, and we now have 32 children on our books, with 20 going to school in September. We have helped parents who work and are eligible for 30 hours free childcare. We concentrated on promoting good behaviour and communication. We have had free flow even in the horrendous weather. Our outside area now reflects the inside, making more of our fantastic surroundings.

All children were supported at home, we had an online story page for our families, and children were sent home learning packs and activities, some of our children borrowed resources from our playgroup to play with at home if they needed them. We had up to 15 children with us most days in the start of the summer term, when most children came back and we helped them with school readiness. All children achieved their outcomes, parents were very pleased with their children's progress. Our commitment is to make sure that all children in our care move onto school fully happy.

Committee

Our governing body have been fully committed this year, trying to carry on with virtual meetings or phone meetings. I thank our Committee for the fantastic job they have done, and their enthusiasm held no bounds. Gifts, and donations have helped us buy new resources during this financial and safeguarding difficulty during Covid 19, and help the playgroup keep child friendly.

Practitioners

I would like to thank my team, for their continued commitment and support. It has again, been a very difficult year with the extra commitment to keeping safe during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Parents / Carers

We normally welcome parents to visit us at any time, and help, read a story or help with the computer. We hope next year will be better, when we are told we need to live with Covid 19. We have had outings with Parents / Carers, Nativity, Christmas Party Week, before lockdown, and managed to still socially distant meet up in the summer holidays. We produce regular newsletters and encourage Parents / Carers to contribute to the planning, hold regular correspondence with Parents / Carers, and promote access to the learning journals.

We have had WSCC managers meetings all year, online, and we are maintaining our quality improvement plan throughout this year.

Ian Lusted, Chairperson, St. Gabriel's Playgroup.



Receipts and payments accounts for the period ending 31st July 2021

Receipts and payments from playgroup activities

Receipts	2020/21	2019/20
Free Entitlement Fees	104852.85	99915.73
Private Fees	11098.45	4309.10
Fundraising	8044.90	1404.92
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>123996.20</u>	<u>105629.75</u>

Payments		
Wages/Pension	78599.55	68222.44
Child resources	3654.97	3954.36
Mobile Phone/Internet		250.00
Insurance	456.64	442.48
Fundraising	0.00	239.00
Rent	8985.20	8205.80
Stationary		27.00
Milk and Fruit	408.36	416.29
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Advertising		72.00
Training	600.00	150.00
Sundry	367.20	122.10
	<u>93121.92</u>	<u>82151.47</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2021

Current Assets	to 31st July 2021	to 31st July 2020
Cash at Bank	89124.59	58254.37
Exit Account	140.58	140.58
Cash in Hand	43.45	39.39
Net Current Assets	<u>89308.62</u>	<u>58434.34</u>

Represented by Reserve

Receipts and payments	30874.28	23478.28
Surplus from prior year	58434.34	34956.06
Reserves Carried Forward	89308.62	58434.34

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St. Gabriel's Playgroup, Billingshurst.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. Gabriel's Playgroup for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the playgroup 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 playgroup's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the playgroup as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: S.A. AVIS

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Date: 26/2/22