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Trustees Report

Playgroup Objectives for September 2022– July 2023

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

Trustees for the year 2022 – 2023

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 2022 – 2023.

Publicity for the year

Billingshurst Show carnival in June. Used trolleys and a parents van.

Visitors

We had no visitors from the local community, due to still being under Covid rules. We saw the salesman from Nexus who came with resources for the children to try, Purely Sports came on a Wednesday 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 34 children on our books, with 22 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. Our outside area has been used every day, making the most of our fantastic surroundings.

All children were supported at home too, they were sent home with learning packs and activities, some of our children borrowed resources from our playgroup to play with at home if they needed them.

We had special activities to help with school readiness and transition in the summer term, where all children had a chance to join in with these. 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 rules still applying until the middle of June, and help the playgroup keep child friendly. We had an unannounced Ofsted Inspection at the end of term, and unfortunately we were given R.I.

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 rules, and we now have a lot of work to achieve good again next year.

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, 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 2023

Receipts and payments from playgroup activities

Receipts	2022/23	2021/22
Free Entitlement Fees	139713.29	73837.26
Private Fees	10962.50	9286.25
Fundraising	0.00	193.80
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>150675.79</u>	<u>83317.31</u>

Payments		
Wages/Pension	92204.39	78001.65
Child resources	1737.83	6578.91
Mobile Phone/Internet		410.00
Insurance	577.31	520.67
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Rent	11893.20	12425.00
Stationary	558.02	
Every day resources	3205.97	460.46
Ofsted	87.19	50.00
Nexus resources	833.74	
Training	354.00	450.00
Furniture	854.42	136.80
	<u>112306.07</u>	<u>99033.49</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2023

Current Assets	to 31st July 2023	to 31st July 2022
Cash at Bank	111536.97	72718.98
Exit Account	140.58	140.58
Cash in Hand	284.61	732.88
Net Current Assets	<u>111962.16</u>	<u>73592.44</u>

Represented by Reserve

Receipts and payments	38369.72	15716.18-
Surplus from prior year	73592.44	89308.62
Reserves Carried Forward	111962.16	73592.44

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 2023.

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: SARAH AVIS

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Date: 03/09/23