

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1046072

Details

Other names	UPLANDS PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-04-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	57 Cranesbill Road Lowestoft NR33 7EE
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Activities

Objects: THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:(A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: CARING FOR CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS, FOLLOWING THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£174,890	£186,242	-	-
2024-03-31	£175,725	£173,669	-	-
2023-03-31	£197,938	£186,263	-	-
2022-03-31	£187,100	£188,800	-	-
2021-03-31	£160,410	£149,608	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
keith thurston	Chair	2015-02-21
JACQUELINE PITTAM		2017-12-01
JAMES CAPLIN		2020-11-01
MANDY JUNE PARK		
SAMANTHA LOUISE HOWLETT		
SAMUEL GEORGE		2020-11-01

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Accounts

Uplands Pre-School

Report from Treasurer 2025 to be read in conjunction with accounts

The group has had a successful year financially. The Treasurer is keeping a close eye on the finances especially with regards to running with fewer children in September (so we can increase their sessions in January) and because of the current financial situation in childcare. Regular meetings are held with the rest of the Committee to discuss current situation. The accounts have been audited by Sharon Peacock and all books are up to date and correct. In addition the books have been reviewed by an independent examiner for the Charities Commission, Adam Sandford.

The group is operating offering 15 hours free childcare for 2-4 year old and 30 hours free childcare for eligible working parents (group is paid at an hourly rate of £5.40 from September 2025 for 3 and 4 year olds and £7.57 from September for 2 year olds). The group is also receiving additional funding for child using the disadvantage formula for some postcode areas. A few of our children are also entitled to Early Years Pupil Premium which is used to directly support the individual child. Meetings have been held between key persons and parents to decide how to spend the money using children's interests and areas identified on trackers as needing support. Disadvantage formula has been spent wisely on resources to enhance the woods and providing more small world play or to enhance staff ratios for children needing additional support. All funding has been completed successfully.

From January those who wanted to extend childcare hours due to reaching their funding period or claiming 30 hours were able to increase their sessions. The group have decided that from September 2025 we will not have as many children so that we can offer them additional sessions in January. The group will fill up sessions in January for sustainability; therefore there will be no additional sessions available in April.

Fees for those children who are not yet entitled to government funding are £18, being increased to £19 from September 2025, a session, lunch club is currently £7 increasing to £10 in September and breakfasts are currently £4 increasing to £5 in September. In addition parents of funded children are charged £2 (increasing from £1) per session to cover the costs of consumables (invoice issued). This charge is to cover the costs of craft materials, fruit, nappies etc. Some parents have chosen not to pay and prefer to bring in their own craft materials. Most settings have brought these charges in and they are now mentioned at the bottom of the Funding Forms. Most parents have been prompt in paying fees but appropriate letters have been sent if they got behind with payments. Our invoices show clearly funded and non-funded hours and these go out each term with two payment dates and details so that payments can be paid directly into the Pre-School's bank account. Book Bags and T-Shirts are being paid for, Book Bags £6, T-Shirts £6 and Fleece £15, and these may rise in September due to increased costs from Screenprint. Breakfast and Lunch Clubs continue to be very successful.

Children starting last September required extra sessions from January and April luckily we were able to keep sessions back. We are now full to maximum to get as much money behind us for September so that we can keep sessions free to follow the same pattern next year. This will be dependent on the impact of the cost of living on bills etc.

The Community Centre charge £13.50 per hour. We are not paying what other hall members are but the situation will be monitored depending on the utility bills coming in. If the Management Committee for the hall struggle with finances long term it would mean closure.

Staff sick pay has been changed. Staff will now only receive Statutory Sick Pay, latest rules apply.

Minimum pay has been increased from £11.44 per hour to £12.21 per hour in April 2025 this, along with other price increases, has resulted in a real strain on the Pre-School finances. Paying for 14 weeks holiday may not be possible moving forward. Staff are only entitled to 5.6 weeks by law.

Payments have been made in respect of annual fees to the Pre-School Learning Alliance and Ofsted, and the insurance premium has been paid to Sterling, cover having been increased to reflect additional hours operating for breakfast and lunch clubs. PAT testing has been completed and invoice paid. Sponsored walk took place in June to raise funds for the group along with a Christmas raffle.

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

ACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

Balance b/f		31,941.33
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INCOME

Income/Fees	17845.61	
Funding	155297.56	
T Shirts/Fleece	497.00	
Party Funds	1146.00	
Donbation	100.00	
Amazon Refund	4.74	174,890.91

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wages	158745.27	
Screens/Resources	933.23	
Meals/parties etc	1995.00	
Toys/Books etc	2260.31	
Hall Hire	11545.00	
Renewals/Membership	277.76	
Insurance	576.55	3,270.54
Postage	87.24	
Stationery	1268.97	
Bank Charges	60.00	
Border bus safe guarding	264.60	
Maintenance/Equipment	102.73	

Alone Rental

Sheet 1

310.14

Audit	80.00	
Nest Pension	6489.39	20,590.18
Pat Testing	79.49	
Courses	899.18	
Refund Fees	267.20	186,242.06

Balance c/fwd 20,590.18

Bank Statement as at 31 March 2025 25,790.72

Less unrepresented cash

£405.40	
£251.62	
£197.20	
£362.96	
£329.03	
£355.06	
£267.24	
£335.12	
£144.40	
£97.24	
£126.89	
£11.26	
<u>£2,387.12</u>	5,270.54

Plus unrepresented cash

£10.00
£12.00
£10.00
£3.00

£35.00

70.00

20,590.18

Balance B/F

31,941.33

INCOME

Normal Fees	17,665.97
Funding	150,257.36
T. Sweets/Fleeca	487.00
Party Funds	1,146.00
Donation	100.00
Amazon Returns	4.74

174,590.07

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wages	156,745.27
Supplies/Requisites	933.23
Medical/Supplies etc	1,990.00
Toys/Books etc	2,260.31
Hall Hire	11,545.00
Refreshments/Entertainment	277.76
Insurance	576.66
Postage	87.24
Stationery	1,268.97
Bank Charges	60.00
Staff in bus costs purchasing	234.99
Maintenance/Equipment	162.75



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Uplands Pre-School

On accounts for the year
ended

30.11.2025

Charity no
(if any)

1046072

Set out on pages 1-2

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Date:

30.11.2025

Name:

Mr A H Sandford

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

N.A

Address:

22 Walmer Road, Pakefield, NR33 7LB

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1046072

Accounts

Uplands Pre-School

Report from Treasurer 2024 to be read in conjunction with accounts

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The Community Centre charge £12.50 per hour to be reviewed in January 2025. We are not paying what other hall members are but the situation will be monitored depending on the utility bills coming in. If the Management Committee for the hall struggle with finances long term it would mean closure.

Staff sick pay has been changed. Staff will only be paid for 3 sick days per full term.

Minimum pay has been increased from £10.42 per hour to £11.44 per hour in April this, along with other price increases, has resulted in a real strain on the Pre-School finances. Paying for 14 weeks holiday may not be possible moving forward. Staff are only entitled to 5.6 weeks by law.

Payments have been made in respect of annual fees to the Pre-School Learning Alliance and Ofsted, and the insurance premium has been paid to Sterling, cover having been increased to reflect additional hours operating for breakfast and lunch clubs. PAT testing has been completed and invoice paid.

Sponsored walk or any other fund raising has been done since last AGM.

Sheet1

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

ACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

Balance b/f 29,885.23

INCOME

Income/Fees	26415.60	
Funding	148516.48	
T Shirts/Fleece	568.00	
Party Funds	150.00	
Walk	75.00	<u>175,725.08</u>
		205,610.31

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wages	137328.41	
Screens/Resources	1447.83	
Meals/parties etc	2403.02	
Toys/Books etc	2000.70	
Hall Hire	14387.50	
Renewals/Membership	416.16	
Insurance	516.18	
Postage	103.77	
Stationery	2969.18	
Bank Charges	60.40	
Electric	473.87	
Maintenance/Equipment	2262.81	
Phone Rental	423.79	
Audit	80.00	
Nest Pension	6257.95	
Pat Testing	76.44	
Courses	279.00	
Water	90.19	
Suffolk CC Maintenance	2091.78	173,668.98

Sheet1

Balance c/fwd		<u>31,941.33</u>
Bank Statement as at 31 March 2024		34,619.82
Less unrepresented cash	£382.57	
	£302.48	
	£188.80	
	£240.15	
	£305.92	
	£348.65	
	£250.79	
	£324.05	
	£34.00	
	£114.08	
	<u>£190.00</u>	2,681.49
Plus unrepresented cash	£3.00	
		31,941.33



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Uplands Pre- School

On accounts for the year
ended

31.03.2024

Charity no
(if any)

1046072

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

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Independent
examiner's statement

In connection to my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

I have completed this Independent Examination and have no concerns in respect to any material matters in connection with the Directions of the Charity Commission. I have identified no matters that require drawing your attention.

Signed:

Date:

02.01.2025

Name:

Mr A H Sandford

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

N/A

Address:

63 Ship Road

Pakefield

NR33 7DP

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N/A

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1046072

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Uplands Pre-School

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Fees for those children who are not yet entitled to government funding are £15, being increased to £17 from September 2023, a session, lunch club is currently £5 increasing to £6 in September and breakfasts are currently £3 increasing to £4 in September. In addition parents of funded children are charged 50p per session to cover the costs of consumables (invoice issued) rising to £1 per session from September. This charge is to cover the costs of craft materials, fruit, nappies etc. Some parents have chosen not to pay and prefer to bring in their own craft materials. Most settings have brought these charges in and they are now mentioned at the bottom of the Funding Forms. Most parents have been prompt in paying fees but appropriate letters have been sent if they got behind with payments. Our invoices show clearly funded and non-funded hours and these go out each term with two payment dates and details so that payments can be paid directly into the Pre-School's bank account. Book Bags and T-Shirts are being paid for, Book Bags £6, T-Shirts £6 and Fleece £15, and these may rise in September due to increased costs from Screenprint. Breakfast and Lunch Clubs continue to be very successful.

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We have been able to increase numbers all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as we split the children between two buildings. This is the only way of keeping both buildings going; if numbers drop one building would have to go. Unfortunately due to increase costs the Pre-School have decided to give up using the Children's Centre.

The Community Centre has had to put our hourly rent rate up due to fuel bill and the cost of living rising, increasing from £9.50 per hour to £12.50. We are not paying what other hall members are but the situation will be monitored depending on the utility bills coming in. If the Management Committee for the hall struggle with finances long term it would mean closure.

Staff sick pay has been changed. Staff will only be paid for 3 sick days per full term.

Minimum pay has been increased from £9.50 per hour to £10.42 per hour this has resulted in a real strain on the Pre-School finances. Paying for 14 weeks holiday may not be possible moving forward. Staff are only entitled to 5.6 weeks by law.

Payments have been made in respect of annual fees to the Pre-School Learning Alliance and Ofsted, and the insurance premium has been paid to Sterling, cover having been increased to reflect additional hours operating for breakfast and lunch clubs. PAT testing has been completed and invoice paid.

Sponsored walk took place in June and over £1,000 was raised to purchase additional resources for the outside areas.

One of the Dads (JS) has supported the group by paying for the Christmas and Easter party and another Dad (AB) has done a lot of free work to enhance the woods.

Sheet1

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

ACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

Balance b/f

18210.24

INCOME

Income/Fees

9794.65

Funding

186733.10

T Shirts/Fleece

369.50

Party Funds

1041.00

197938.25

216148.49

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wages

154390.32

Screens/Resources

750.40

Meals/parties etc

1329.35

Toys/Books etc

128.65

Hall Hire

12126.00

Renewals/Membership

340.85

Insurance

469.22

Postage

14.70

Stationery

2976.06

Bank Charges

60.40

Electric

2405.30

Maintenance/Equipment

713.79

Phone Rental

487.15

Audit

80.00

Nest Pension

6670.92

Pat Testing

76.44

Courses

150.00

Water

518.03

Suffolk CC Maintenance

2575.68

186263.26

Balance c/fwd

29885.23

Bank Statement as at 31 March 2023

29900.23

Less unrepresented cash

15.00

29885.23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Uplands Pre-School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.03.2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

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**Independent
examiner's statement**

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- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have completed this Independent Examination and have no concerns in respect to any material matters in connection with the Directions of the Charity Commission. I have identified no matters that require drawing your attention.

Signed:



Date:

20.02.2024

Name:

Mr A H Sandford

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

N/A

Address:

63 Ship Road

Pakefield

NR33 7DP

Section B

Disclosure

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N/A

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1046072

Accounts

Uplands Pre-School
Report from Treasurer 2022 to be read in conjunction with accounts

The group has had a successful year financially and are in a good position to carry on operating a viable business. However finances have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic which forced government to close early years settings. The accounts have been audited by Sharon Peacock and all books are up to date and correct.

The group is operating offering 15 hours free childcare for 3-4 year old and 30 hours free childcare for eligible working parents (group is paid at an hourly rate of £4.19 rising to £4.36 April 2022) and have been receiving funding for some 2 years olds depending on the situation of the family. The group is also receiving additional funding for child using the disadvantage formula for some postcode areas. A few of our children are also entitled to Early Years Pupil Premium which is used to directly support the individual child. Meetings have been held between key persons and parents to decide how to spend the money using children's interests and areas identified on trackers as needing support. Disadvantage formula has been spent wisely on resources or to enhance staff ratios for children needing additional support.

From January group was fully opened to all children. Those who wanted to extend childcare hours due to reaching their funding period or claiming 30 hours wanted to increase their sessions. Group is registered for 40 children so decided as a group, using the back room without payment as centre not being used by other groups, to take more children and split the group. Will be unable to do this moving forward as Jubilee room would be too expensive for us to take on as well as the rent for the main hall. Decided to go to full capacity with the view to getting some additional funds.

Fees for those children who are not yet entitled to government funding are £14, being increased to £15 from September 2022, a session. Most parents have been prompt in paying but appropriate letters have been sent if they got behind with payments. Our invoices show clearly funded and non-funded hours and these go out each term with two payment dates and details so that payments can be paid directly into the Pre-School's bank account. Book Bags and T-Shirts are being paid for, Book Bags £5, T-Shirts £6 and Fleece £14, and it is likely that the cost of these may rise in September due to increased costs from Screenprint. Breakfast and Lunch Clubs continue to be very successful.

Children starting last September required extra sessions from January and April luckily we were able to keep sessions back. We are now full to maximum to get as much money behind us for September so that we can keep sessions free to follow the same pattern next year. This will be dependent on higher bills and costs associated with Children's Centre; we are closely monitoring the situation.

Voluntary contributions are charged at £5 per session for Nature Buddies, not all parents are paying so it only just covers the cost of running the sessions with LM of £160 per week. We still have to pay £600 every three months for maintenance, we have had no proper bills for electricity and water since we started in September, these bills will be split evenly with LM but we are still losing money. Last week we had a council tax bill for £3,100 for the Children's Centre, we tried to seek help from Suffolk County Council explaining that if this was the case we would not be able to continue with the Centre. We have finally managed to speak to someone from the council who is looking into us being exempt as we are a registered charity.

We have been able to increase numbers all day Monday and Tuesday as we split the children between two buildings. This is the only way of keeping both buildings going; if numbers drop one building would have to go.

The Community Centre has had to put our hourly rent rate up due to fuel bill and the cost of living rising. We are not paying what other hall members are but the situation will be monitored depending on the utility bills coming in. If the Management Committee for the hall struggle with finances long term it would mean closure.

Covid-19 pandemic put a financial strain on the group as staff were off for 10 days with pay as well as having to pay for cover; this cost rather a lot but was beyond our control.

Payments have been made in respect of annual fees to the Pre-School Learning Alliance and Ofsted, and the insurance premium has been paid to Sterling, cover having been increased to reflect additional hours operating for breakfast and lunch clubs. PAT testing has been completed and invoice paid.

Ashley Turrell has been employed on a temporary basis to support the group with lunch times and some sessions. Wages are paid directly into bank accounts. We are still having problems with receiving money towards Rosie Thurbon's apprenticeship. Melanie Eaton has been taken on as an apprentice. New contracts have been signed. Pension scheme is in place and most staff are enrolled in scheme. Staff are kept informed of any changes.

Fees are currently up to date. Fees are currently – Session Fees £14, Lunch Club £5.00 and Breakfast Club £3.00 These will be increased in September to Session Fees £15, Lunch Club £5 and Breakfast Club £3.

Sponsored walk to take place in May to help raise funds for two more outside canopies.

Easter part helped us to raise money to send to the children of Ukraine.

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

ACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022

Balance b/f 19960.87

INCOME

Income/Fees	21590.90	
Funding	162791.26	
T Shirts	202.00	
Grant	2473.38	
		<u>187057.54</u>
		207018.41

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wages	152071.48	
Screens/Resources	2482.55	
Meals/Expenses etc	710.22	
Toys/Books etc	413.55	
Hall Hire	9085.00	
Courses/Renewals/Licenses	1463.53	
Insurance	421.50	
Postage	130.61	
Stationery	2835.18	
Cleaning Materials/Food	865.19	
Butterflies of Britain	6821.74	
Maintenance/Equipment	4947.62	
Phone Rental	394.27	
Audit	80.00	
Nest Pension	5535.64	
Pat Testing	69.34	
Bank Charges	15.00	
Ofsted	35.00	
DSB Check	265.75	
Refund	165.00	<u>188808.17</u>

Balance c/fwd 18210.24

Bank Statement as 1t 31 March 2022 18210.24

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1046072

Accounts

Uplands Pre-School

Report from Treasurer 2021 to be read in conjunction with accounts

The group has had a successful year financially and are in a good position to carry on operating a viable business. However finances have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic which forced government to close early years settings. Although we received government funding as usual, we have not received any income from children who are not funded or do additional hours. The accounts have been audited by Sharon Peacock and all books are up to date and correct.

The group is operating offering 15 hours free childcare for 3-4 year old and 30 hours free childcare for eligible working parents (group is paid at an hourly rate of £4.19) and have been receiving funding for some 2 years olds depending on the situation of the family. The group is also receiving additional funding for child using the disadvantage formula for some postcode areas. A few of our children are also entitled to Early Years Pupil Premium which is used to directly support the individual child. Meetings have been held between key persons and parents to decide how to spend the money using children's interests and areas identified on trackers as needing support. Disadvantage formula has been spent wisely on resources or to enhance staff ratios for children needing additional support.

From March to June due to the Covid-19 situation no funding came in from those who normally pay as group closed. From June to July 6 staff members and 1 student returned part-time. All staff returned from September when the new children started gradually. Government funding was not affected, was unable to claim for any grants but did get some funds towards Rosie's apprenticeship.

From January group was fully opened to all children. Those who wanted to extend childcare hours due to reaching their funding period or claiming 30 hours wanted to increase their sessions. Group is registered for 40 children so decided as a group, using the back room without payment as centre not being used by other groups until June 21, to take more children and split the group. Will be unable to do this moving forward as Jubilee room would be too expensive for us to take on as well as the rent for the main hall. Decided to go to full capacity with the view to getting some funds behind us if we take on the Children's Centre.

Fees for those children who are not yet entitled to government funding are £13 a session. Most parents have been prompt in paying but appropriate letters have been sent if they got behind with payments. Our invoices show clearly funded and non-funded hours and these go out each term with two payment dates and details so that payments can be paid directly into the Pre-School's bank account. Book Bags and T-Shirts are being paid for, Book Bags £5, T-Shirts £6 and Fleece £14. Breakfast and Lunch Clubs continue to be very successful.

Payments have been made in respect of annual fees to the Pre-School Learning Alliance and Ofsted, and the insurance premium has been paid to Sterling, cover having been increased to reflect additional hours operating for breakfast and lunch clubs. PAT testing has recently expired but due to government rules we are unable to have electricians on the premises at the moment. The group will ensure that the testing is carried out as soon as it is safe to allow people on the premises.

All staff members remain the same although the sessions they work are flexible to meet the needs of the group. Rosie Thurbon has been taken on as an apprentice. Mel Seager and Ashley Turrell have been employed on a temporary basis to support the group with lunch times and some sessions. Wages are paid directly into bank accounts. New contracts have been signed. Pension scheme is in place and most staff are enrolled in scheme. Staff are kept informed of any changes.

Fees are currently up to date. Fees are currently – Session Fees £13, Lunch Club £4.50 and Breakfast Club £2.25 These will be reviewed at next Committee meeting.

Photographer did not visit the group because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have not done any fund raising events due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Woods have been vandalised so set up a Go fund page. Raised just over £1,200, money was used to purchase a new camera and fencing.

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

ACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

Balance b/f 9,157.95

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T Shirts	181.00	
Grant	1,000.00	
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Staff Wages	127,661.22	
Screens/Resources	913.67	
Party/entertainment etc	89.83	
Toys/books etc	476.81	
Hall Hire	8,563.00	
Courses/Renewals/Licences	295.86	
Insurance	371.96	
Postage	16.90	
Stationery	1,040.01	
Cleaning Materials/Food	862.22	
Butterflies of Britain	2,162.00	
Caravans	400.00	
Maintenance/Equipment	1,802.04	
Phone Rental	535.95	
Audit	80.00	
Travel Expenses	25.00	
Nest Pension	4,244.57	
Pat Testing	67.00	
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