

## **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 Fleeces £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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INCOME

Income/Fees	15,297.16	
Funding	143,932.80	
T Shirts	181.00	
Grant	1,000.00	
		<u>160,410.96</u>
		<u>169,568.91</u>

EXPENDITURE

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	
		149,608.04

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