

COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1047983

Details

Other names COBHAM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-07-19

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 NEED OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS.

Activities: We operate a sessional pre-school on five days a week in a village community

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£105,707	£110,588	-	-
2024-08-31	£95,519	£95,033	-	-
2023-08-31	£105,682	£96,959	-	-
2022-08-31	£88,070	£77,793	-	-
2021-08-31	£83,942	£81,521	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Holly Dewale		2025-12-19
Kate Rose		2022-11-08
Katharine Brown		2025-12-19
Katherine Joy Smith		2023-02-20
Kerian Cater		2025-01-21
Kerry Anne Sheppard		2022-01-21
Lydia Zammit		2025-01-21
Rebecca Charlotte Newnes		2023-10-30
Stephanie Barnard		2024-08-07

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Independent report to the trustees of Cobham Community Pre-School

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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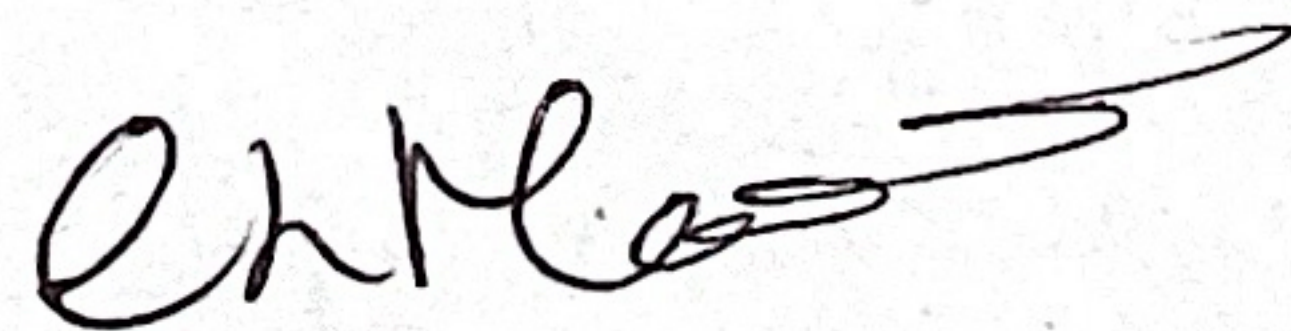
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Independent examiner's statement

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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: CHRISTINA L HARBOUR

Qualification: ICAEW ACA

Address: Burleigh, Sole St Road, Cobham, DA12 3AJ

Date: 27/9/25

Cobham Community Pre-School Annual report

It has been another good year at Cobham Community Pre-School. We finished the year with 33 children on roll and said goodbye to 23 children who left to join primary school.

The Preschool has had another good strong year. We maintained our Good rating from Ofsted following their visit in July. We have made some significant improvements to the garden with the replacement of grass area by astroturf, meaning that it will be more accessible all year round. Regarding staff, we say goodbye to Alena, who has left the preschool and welcomed Emma who has joined as bank staff.

We have have had a good year financially. We finished the year with a in-year deficit of £4,881 but that was generated by a decision to use some of our reserves on the garden improvements. Had we not spent this money we would have had a healthy surplus.

Points to note are that;

- The investment strategy proved to be successful with £1,147 of interest paid during the year.
- Fees were £10k higher than the year before although this was almost matched by an increase in staff costs of 8k. There have been some government changes to the way we can charge additional fees which has led to a session and fee restructure. We no longer charge for lunches and the sessions are now 3 hours long rather than previous 2.5hours. We are also seeing an increase in two-year-olds claiming government funded hours. We continue to monitor closely the impact this will have on the financial position.

Overall, we are confident about our future. The strong reserves position gives us a buffer to deal with expected future financial pressures.

COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Receipts		
Fees	101,249.75	91,087.60
Fundraising	2,384.69	2,853.40
Grants	925.00	670.00
Other	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	1,147.81	908.23
	<u>105,707.25</u>	<u>95,519.23</u>
Payments		
Wages	80,439.05	72,358.69
Rent	8,160.00	8,103.96
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,555.70	1,256.71
Consumables	732.45	659.47
Equipment	13,967.29	5,452.89
Activity Materials	314.91	710.02
Administration	951.44	1,312.27
Fundraising	41.70	537.31
Training	570.99	505.50
Insurance	851.49	1,018.57
Memberships and Subscriptions	990.37	734.14
Uniform Allowance	145.95	182.08
Workshops	1,487.00	1,835.00
Other	379.85	366.86
	<u>110,588.19</u>	<u>95,033.47</u>
 (Deficit)/Surplus during year	 -4,880.94	 485.76
 Cash and Bank at 31 August 2024	 59,550.63	
Surplus	<u>-4,880.94</u>	
	<u>54,669.69</u>	

COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Current Account £	Cash £	Deposit Account £
Balance brought forward from 31/08/24	1,444.73	350.00	57,755.90
Income			
Fees - Parents	28,651.99		
Fees - KCC	72,597.76		
Grants	925.00		
Fundraising	2,384.69		
Transfer	7,000.00		-7,000.00
Interest			1,147.81
	113,004.17	350.00	51,903.71
Expenditure			
Wages	80,439.05		
Rent	8,160.00		
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,555.70		
Consumables	732.45		
Equipment	13,967.29		
Activity Materials	314.91		
Administration	951.44		
Fundraising	41.70		
Training	570.99		
Insurance	851.49		
Memberships and Subscriptions	990.37		
Uniform Allowance	145.95		
Workshops	1,487.00		
Other	379.85		
	110,588.19	0.00	0.00
Balance as at 31/08/25	2,415.98	350.00	51,903.71
Current	2,415.98		
Cash	350.00		
Deposit	51,903.71		
Balance at 31/08/25	54,669.69		
<i>Balance at 31/08/24</i>	<i>59,550.63</i>		

Balance Sheet

Cobham Community PreSchool

As of August 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Called up share capital not paid	0.00
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	0.00
Non-current Assets	0.00
Total for Fixed Asset	£0.00
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current Ac	2,415.98
Deposit Ac	20,648.10
Petty Cash	350.00
Shawbrook LT deposit	31,255.61
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	£54,669.69
Debtors	0.00
Current Assets	0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£54,669.69
Prepayments and accrued income	0.00
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	0.00
Credit Cards	0.00
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	£0.00
HMRC Tax Payment Group	0.00
Nest pension scheme	0.00
Total for Payroll Liabilities	£0.00
Total for Current Liabilities	£0.00
Total for Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£54,669.69
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£54,669.69
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0.00
Provision for liabilities and charges	0.00
Accruals and deferred income	0.00
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£54,669.69
Capital and Reserves	
Opening Balance Equity	50,341.65
Retained Earnings	9,208.98
Net Income	-4,880.94
Called up share capital	0.00
Total for Capital and Reserves	£54,669.69

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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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: Christina Harbour-Sutt

Qualification: ICAEW ACA

Address: Burleigh Close St Cobham

Date: 24/9/24

Cobham Community Pre-School Annual report

It has been another good year at Cobham Community Pre-School. We finished the year with 34 children on roll and said goodbye to 21 children who left to join primary school.

The Preschool has gone from strength to strength. Some improvements to the garden have been made in the last twelve months as a result of a grant received from The Lower Thames Crossing Association and these have been enjoyed by the children. We have continued to offer a wide range of workshops for the children introducing several new providers. In relation to staff, we have said goodbye to Kayleigh who left the preschool and Alena has moved to bank staff. We have welcomed Lisa to the team who is an experienced practitioner whom we are excited to have on board.

We have had a stable year financially and are pleased to finish the year with a small surplus, despite the spending of the remainder of the Lower Thames Crossing grant for which income was recognised in the previous year. Points to note are that;

- A changed investment strategy led to an element of our reserves being put into a high interest account, coupled with the strong interest rate position for savings has seen nearly £1k of interest income this year;
- Although our fees were £5k lower than the previous year, costs have stayed fairly consistent albeit with a £1k staff cost saving. However, we do ensure that staff are fairly rewarded in line with the market, and funding rate increases during the last year have not matched staff salary increases meaning that although staff salaries do not appear to have reduced inline with fee reductions, in reality this is distorted by pay-rises.
- The extension of the Free Entitlement to Early Education to two-year-olds has not had a significant impact on our finances as two-year-olds attend preschool on reduced hours compared to three-year-olds. However it is something we continue to monitor.

Overall, we are confident about our future. The strong reserves position gives us a buffer to deal with expected future financial pressures.

**COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Current Account £	Cash £	Deposit Account £
Balance brought forward from 31/08/23	1,867.20	350.00	56,847.67
Income			
Fees - Parents	36,053.00		
Fees - KCC	55,034.60		
Grants	670.00		
Fundraising	2,853.40		
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest			908.23
	96,478.20	350.00	57,755.90
Expenditure			
Wages	72,358.69		
Rent	8,103.96		
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,256.71		
Consumables	659.47		
Equipment	5,452.89		
Activity Materials	710.02		
Administration	1,312.27		
Fundraising	537.31		
Training	505.50		
Insurance	1,018.57		
Memberships and Subscriptions	734.14		
Uniform Allowance	182.08		
Workshops	1,835.00		
Other	366.86		
	95,033.47	0.00	0.00
Balance as at 31/08/24	1,444.73	350.00	57,755.90
Current	1,444.73		
Cash	350.00		
Deposit	57,755.90		
Balance at 31/08/24	59,550.63		
<i>Balance at 31/08/23</i>	<i>59,064.87</i>		

**COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Receipts		
Fees	91,087.60	96,017.37
Fundraising	2,853.40	3,154.09
Grants	670.00	5,550.00
Other	0.00	700.00
Bank Interest	908.23	260.64
	<u>95,519.23</u>	<u>105,682.10</u>
Payments		
Wages	72,358.69	73,572.20
Rent	8,103.96	7,697.06
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,256.71	1,594.40
Consumables	659.47	621.73
Equipment	5,452.89	5,426.17
Activity Materials	710.02	893.36
Administration	1,312.27	868.14
Fundraising	537.31	406.99
Training	505.50	801.15
Insurance	1,018.57	865.99
Memberships and Subscriptions	734.14	896.58
Uniform Allowance	182.08	317.80
Workshops	1,835.00	1,530.00
Other	366.86	1,467.31
	<u>95,033.47</u>	<u>96,958.88</u>
Surplus during year	485.76	8,723.22
Cash and Bank at 31 August 2023	59,064.87	
Surplus	485.76	
	<u>59,550.63</u>	

Cobham Community PreSchool

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2024

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Total Fixed Asset	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current Ac	1,444.73
Deposit Ac	27,364.30
Petty Cash	350.00
Shawbrook LT deposit	30,391.60
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£59,550.63
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£59,550.63
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
HMRC Tax Payment Group	0.00
Nest pension scheme	0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	£0.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£59,550.63
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£59,550.63
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£59,550.63
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	50,341.65
Retained Earnings	8,723.22
Surplus/(Deficit)	485.76
Total Charity funds	£59,550.63

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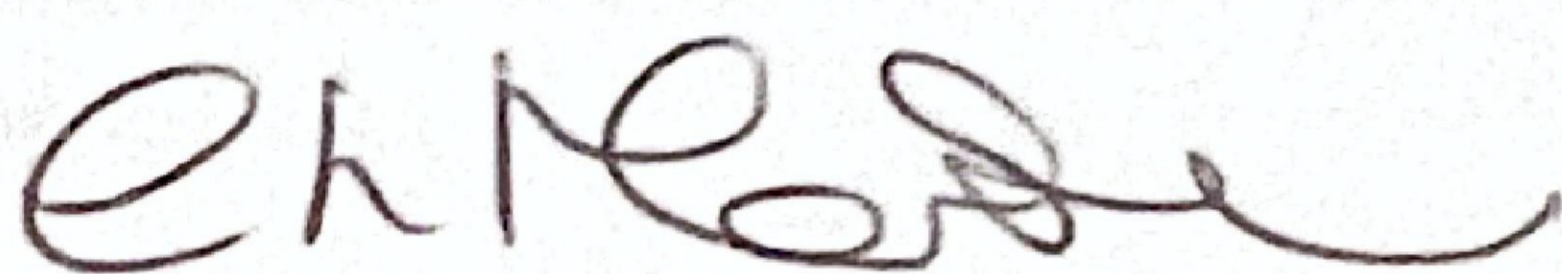
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Signed: 

Name: CHRISTINA HARBOUR-SMITH

Qualification: ACA ICAEW

Address: Burleigh, Sole Street DAI2 3AY

Date: 25/9/2023

Cobham Community Pre-School Annual report

It has been another good year at Cobham Community Pre-School. We finished the year with 45 children on roll and said goodbye to 34 children who left to join primary school.

This has been the first full year with Kerry Sheppard as Manager and Rachael Harrington as Deputy Manager and it has been a phenomenal year with the new team in place. Kayleigh was also recruited to join the team.

Financially we have had another exceptionally strong year as a result of:

- Continuing to accept a significantly increased number of children in January this year, in comparison to previous years. The vast majority of these were fee paying rather than funded. This has had a significant impact on our finances for this year and fee income has increased 18% compared to the previous year. Although staff costs have also increased to deal with the increased volume, they have not needed to increase to the same levels and thus a direct impact on our surplus for the year.
- Fundraising levels were again good this year, however, grant income has been significantly increased with the receipt of a £4k grant from the Lower Thames Crossing Association for the preschool garden. Not all this money was spent by the year end and will be spent in the first term of the new year.

Overall, this is a very positive position to end the year in with some increased cost pressures next year. These include:

- Minimum living wage quite rightly continues to increase. We review staff salaries annually to ensure staff are fairly rewarded in line with the market. However, funding rate increases do not match the rate of wage increase and our strong reserves position gives us some comfort over ability to continue to ensure staff are fairly rewarded. The government did announce some additional funding for early years providers in the budget, however this is structured as a supplementary grant rather than being built into our basic funding rate which raises some concerns about how long this increase will be received for;
- The extension of Free Entitlement to Early Education to two year olds for those families that qualify may see some future families receiving government funding rather than paying private fees which are at a lower rate;
- Rent has increased. Our landlord has not increased rent for a number of years but clearly with cost of utilities etc this has been a year where a review has been required;
- Some of the grant income received in 22/23 will be spent in 23/24.

Overall, we are confident about our future. The strong reserves position gives us a buffer to deal with expected future financial pressures.

**COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Current Account £	Cash £	Deposit Account £
Balance brought forward from 31/08/22	3,384.60	370.02	46,587.03
Income			
Fees - Parents	31,960.81		
Fees - KCC	64,056.56		
Grants	5,550.00		
Fundraising	3,154.09		
Other	700.00		
Transfer	-9,979.98	-20.02	10,000.00
Interest			260.64
	98,826.08	350.00	56,847.67
Expenditure			
Wages	73,572.20		
Rent	7,697.06		
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,594.40		
Consumables	621.73		
Equipment	5,426.17		
Activity Materials	893.36		
Administration	868.14		
Fundraising	406.99		
Training	801.15		
Insurance	865.99		
Memberships and Subscriptions	896.58		
Uniform Allowance	317.80		
Workshops	1,530.00		
Other	1,467.31		
	96,958.88	0.00	0.00
Balance as at 31/08/22	1,867.20	350.00	56,847.67
Current	1,867.20		
Cash	350.00		
Deposit	56,847.67		
Balance at 31/08/23	59,064.87		
<i>Balance at 31/08/22</i>	<i>50,341.65</i>		

**COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Receipts		
Fees	96,017.37	81,036.50
Fundraising	3,154.09	4,918.57
Grants	5,550.00	1,626.89
Other	700.00	470.00
Bank Interest	260.64	18.41
	<u>105,682.10</u>	<u>88,070.37</u>
Payments		
Wages	73,572.20	62,239.75
Rent	7,697.06	7,361.99
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,594.40	1,308.20
Consumables	621.73	712.99
Equipment	5,426.17	517.24
Activity Materials	893.36	465.65
Administration	868.14	645.12
Fundraising	406.99	292.94
Training	801.15	312.00
Insurance	865.99	841.05
Memberships and Subscriptions	896.58	525.48
Uniform Allowance	317.80	261.04
Workshops	1,530.00	1,111.00
Other	1,467.31	1,198.88
	<u>96,958.88</u>	<u>77,793.33</u>
Surplus during year	8,723.22	10,277.04
Cash and Bank at 31 August 2022	50,341.65	
Surplus	8,723.22	
	<u>59,064.87</u>	

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Signed:



Name: Christina Harbour-Smith

Qualification: ICAEW ACA

Address: Burleigh, Sole Street, Cobham, DA123AY

Date: 18 September 2022

Cobham Community Pre-School Annual report

It has been another good year at Cobham Community Pre-School. We finished the year with 49 children on roll and said goodbye to [xx] children who left to join primary school.

There have been a number of staff changes during the year. Kerry Sheppard accepted the permanent position of Manager after acting in the role on a temporary basis. A huge thanks to Kerry who has settled well into the role and helped see the PreSchool through a strong year. At the end of the year Rachael Harrington was promoted to Deputy Manager and will be a great asset to the Pre-School in her new role. We also said goodbye to Lauren Fordham who has been a practitioner for a number of years and we wish her all the best in the future.

Financially we have had an exceptionally strong year, and given our uncertainty at the start of the year of the financial position, this is a positive position to end the year in.

This is as a result of:

- This year our rates from the government reduced as we lost our Qualified Teaching Supplement ('QTS') as the previous manager was a qualified teacher. This meant £0.40 less per funded hour from KCC. This has had an impact of c£4.7k less funding than we would have had with the QTS rate;
- We accepted a significantly increased number of children in January this year, in comparison to previous years. The vast majority of these were fee paying rather than funded. This has had a significant impact on our finances for this year that had been unexpected when the budgeting exercise was done and has offset the reduction in government funding. We also increased our voluntary donations to cover workshops as well as snacks.
- Our fundraising levels have begun to return to pre Covid levels following a strong year from the Committee and additionally a small number of grants were obtained.
- Although our staff costs were higher than last year, they were effectively artificially deflated as we didn't have a deputy manager for the year. Coupled with a period of a temporary manager, we have managed to save on staff costs compared to what a 'normal' year would look like.

The next few years could be interesting financially. Government funding continues to remain almost static, however costs do not. With the forecast cost of living crisis this is likely to put pressure on our ability to collect fees whilst our costs continue to increase. We have recently reviewed staff salaries, and will continue to do so annually, to ensure staff are fairly rewarded in line with the market.

However, the strong financial performance this year helps provide an increased reserves position, which will no doubt see us through the next few years however it is likely to be a challenging time for Early Years providers as a whole with government funding continuing to be below par for the sector.

COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Receipts		
Fees	81,036.50	79,317.06
Fundraising	4,918.57	3,228.78
Grants	1,626.89	0.00
Other	470.00	1,392.00
Bank Interest	18.41	3.91
	<u>88,070.37</u>	<u>83,941.75</u>
Payments		
Wages	62,239.75	60,755.27
Rent	7,361.99	7,362.03
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,308.20	1,622.95
Consumables	712.99	581.50
Equipment	517.24	7,664.14
Activity Materials	465.65	195.76
Administration	645.12	916.13
Fundraising	292.94	28.95
Training	312.00	556.00
Insurance	841.05	823.27
Memberships and Subscriptions	525.48	439.89
Uniform Allowance	261.04	0.00
Workshops	1,111.00	240.00
Other	1,198.88	334.88
	<u>77,793.33</u>	<u>81,520.77</u>
Surplus during year	10,277.04	2,420.98
Cash and Bank at 31 August 2021	40,064.61	
Surplus	<u>10,277.04</u>	
	<u>50,341.65</u>	

COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Current Account £	Cash £	Deposit Account £
Balance brought forward from 31/08/21	3,145.99	350.00	36,568.62
Income			
Fees - Parents	28,245.00		
Fees - KCC	52,791.50		
Grants	1,626.89		
Fundraising	4,898.55	20.02	
Other	470.00		
Transfer	-10,000.00		10,000.00
Interest			18.41
	81,177.93	370.02	46,587.03
Expenditure			
Wages	62,239.75		
Rent	7,361.99		
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,308.20		
Consumables	712.99		
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Other	1,198.88		
	77,793.33	0.00	0.00
Balance as at 31/08/22	3,384.60	370.02	46,587.03
Current	3,384.60		
Cash	370.02		
Deposit	46,587.03		
Balance at 31/08/22	50,341.65		
<i>Balance at 31/08/21</i>	40,064.61		

COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1047983

Accounts

Independent report to the trustees of Cobham Community Pre-School

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cobham Community Pre-School for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect.

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: Christina Harbour-Smith

Qualification: ACA (ICEW)

Address: Burleigh, Sole Street Road, Cobham Kent

Date: 22 September 2021

Cobham Community Preschool Annual report

It has been another good year at Cobham Community Pre-School. We finished the year with 43 children on roll and said goodbye to 25 children who left to join primary school.

Sadly, we said goodbye to our Manager, Alison Scott, who left us in July. Alison has been a dominant force in maintaining our excellent reputation locally and will be sorely missed. Kerry Sheppard has agreed to step up on a temporary basis while we seek a permanent replacement and Alison has kindly agreed to aid transition during this process. A huge thanks are extended to both.

Financially it has been another strange year. We finished the year with a surplus of £2.4k, which given we budgeted for a deficit we were pleased with. Several factors have assisted in this:

- We were able to stay open during the second COVID lockdown. Although not all children attended, we retained government funding. We also received 'top-up' funding to reflect lower numbers attending in Autumn 2020 due to COVID.
- Fundraising was higher than expected. Although we didn't run any events, we benefited from a local fundraiser following our shed being stolen as well as some individual fundraisers by families. This has contributed, along with insurance proceeds, to a new shed and the new fence surrounding the garden.

The next few years could be interesting financially. Government funding for early years education continues to remain almost static. However, our costs do not. We review staff salaries annually to ensure staff are fairly rewarded in line with the market. Insurance costs, consumables etc. all continue to increase. We are fortunate that we retain a strong reserves position, which will no doubt see us through the next few years however it is likely to be a challenging time for Early Years providers as a whole with government funding continuing to be below par for the sector.

I have checked the ledgers and documents
and find the accounts correct
Alison 23/9/21

**COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Current Account £	Cash £	Deposit Account £
Balance brought forward from 31/08/20	3,728.92	350.00	33,564.71
Income			
Fees - Parents	18,993.00		
Fees - KCC	60,324.06		
Grants			
Fundraising	3,228.78		
Other	1,392.00		
Transfer	-3,000.00		3,000.00
Interest			3.91
	84,666.76	350.00	36,568.62
Expenditure			
Wages	60,755.27		
Rent	7,362.03		
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,622.95		
Consumables	581.50		
Equipment	7,664.14		
Activity Materials	195.76		
Administration	916.13		
Fundraising	28.95		
Training	556.00		
Insurance	823.27		
Memberships and Subscriptions	439.89		
Uniform Allowance	0.00		
Workshops	240.00		
Other	334.88		
	81,520.77	0.00	0.00
Balance as at 31/08/21	3,145.99	350.00	36,568.62
Current	3,145.99		
Cash	350.00		
Deposit	36,568.62		
Balance at 31/08/21	40,064.61		
<i>Balance at 31/08/20</i>	<i>37,643.63</i>		

COBHAM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Receipts		
Fees	79,317.06	87,356.83
Fundraising	3,228.78	2,226.20
Grants	0.00	0.00
Other	1,392.00	500.00
Bank Interest	3.91	162.50
	<u>83,941.75</u>	<u>90,245.53</u>
 Payments		
Wages	60,755.27	62,300.29
Rent	7,362.03	8,259.00
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,622.95	828.59
Consumables	581.50	734.03
Equipment	7,664.14	1,470.56
Activity Materials	195.76	289.38
Administration	916.13	803.51
Fundraising	28.95	6.40
Training	556.00	1,216.31
Insurance	823.27	932.45
Memberships and Subscriptions	439.89	320.95
Uniform Allowance	0.00	132.00
Workshops	240.00	711.60
Other	334.88	301.27
	<u>81,520.77</u>	<u>78,306.34</u>
	2,420.98	11,939.19
Cash and Bank at 31 August 2020	37,643.63	
Surplus	<u>2,420.98</u>	
	<u>40,064.61</u>	