

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1048712

Details

Other names SARRATT DUCKLINGS PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-08-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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 INTERESL IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS:(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECLS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: A pre-school provision for children from the age of 2 years to 5 years, which aims to provide a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED - IN PRACTICE SARRATT PARISH
- Hertfordshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £123,737 | £135,158 | - | - |
| 2024-08-31 | £119,401 | £117,346 | - | - |
| 2023-08-31 | £97,644 | £119,446 | - | - |
| 2022-08-31 | £113,275 | £112,269 | - | - |
| 2021-08-31 | £107,801 | £108,071 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|
| Daphne Jean Tyler | | 2019-01-10 |
| Deborah Allison Ingram | | 2016-06-17 |
| Deidre Helen Gomm | | 2023-09-14 |
| Julie Sarah Welsh | | 2022-10-15 |
| Sandra Gillian McConnell-Tait | | 2018-10-06 |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

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Accounts



Report 2024/25

The elected Duckling's Trustees were Sandra McConnell-Tait (Chair), Dee Gomm (Treasurer), Daphne Tyler (Secretary), Julie Welsh and Deborah Ingram.

The team at Ducklings continued to be led by Deborah Ingram as Manager, supported by Jenny Roberts as her Deputy. Heather Culmer as Administrator and Lead Practitioner, Emily Brand as SEN and Lead Practitioner, Helen Woodland and Joanna Perry both Nursery Practitioners. During this year Melissa Kiff left Ducklings.

We offer places in the morning session to children who have turned 2 years and 9 months, and in the afternoon session to children who have turned 2 years. Once children reach 3 years they are able to access a full day session.

During the year the number of children on our roll increased until the summer term our afternoon sessions became very busy.

We continued with our termly themes, during the Autumn term we learnt about ourselves, how we grow, our families and where we live. We also explored nature during the autumn season, collecting the leaves and using Eye Spy tick charts.

In the Spring term we learnt about all sorts of transport, travelling on airplanes from our airport, creating trains, cars and boats all out of boxes. We then thought about all the people who help us, and turned our home corner into a vets.

Finally, in the Summer term we went around the world, from France to Japan, learning how to greet each other in different languages. Learning about different cultures, what food they eat and landmarks. We also learnt about different creatures, from mini-beasts to wild animals, pets and birds of the air and fish in the sea.

We continued to enjoy our outside space throughout the year, with lots of sports, gardening, picnics and much more.

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

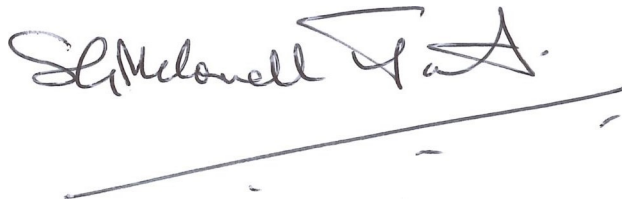
5 March 2026

We shared our Sports Day with Sarratt School's Reception Class, this proved a success for both classes, giving the children the opportunity to experience being part of the school. We continue to forge links with the school, and regularly use the school hall for PE.

We held our annual Nativity in the Ducklings class room to a packed audience of parents and family, the children rose to the occasion and put on a magnificent performance. We also celebrated Christmas with a party, and were visited Mr Marvel and Father Christmas.

At the end of the year we held our Graduation Ceremony for the children who were leaving Ducklings and moving on into Reception.

As a charity, Ducklings does not aim to make a profit, but reinvests any profit into the running the nursery and funding it's activities. Unfortunately, this year there was a small loss of £11,421 and our cash assets are now £76,614.

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Sandra McConnell-Tait

Chair of Sarratt Ducklings Management Committee

5th March 2026

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

5 March 2026

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SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 August 2025

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2025

| | Unrestricted Funds 2025 £ | Restricted Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Fundraising publicity | - | - | - | - |
| Payments for generating funds | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - |

Charitable payments

Charitable activities

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---|---------|---------|
| Costs of goods and services | 8 | - | 8 | 175 |
| Costs of classroom activities | 2,047 | - | 2,047 | 1,519 |
| Jubilee expenses | - | - | - | - |
| Display boards | - | - | - | - |
| Garden boxes | - | - | - | - |
| Equipment | 252 | - | 252 | 607 |
| Staff costs | 111,538 | - | 111,538 | 97,782 |
| Rent payable | 11,001 | - | 11,001 | 6,334 |
| Training costs | 224 | - | 224 | 1,282 |
| Children's milk & groceries | 853 | - | 853 | 1,270 |
| | 125,923 | - | 125,923 | 108,969 |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

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| | Unrestricted Funds 2025 £ | Restricted Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| <i>Support costs</i> | | | | |
| Computers | - | - | - | - |
| Insurance | 3,362 | - | 3,362 | 999 |
| Telephone & fax | 1,731 | - | 1,731 | 1,588 |
| Postage | - | - | - | - |
| Stationery & printing | 1,204 | - | 1,204 | 1,288 |
| Subscriptions & licences | 576 | - | 576 | 997 |
| Maintenance | 210 | - | 210 | 801 |
| Advertising & PR | - | - | - | - |
| Website support | 24 | - | 24 | 288 |
| Sundry expenses | 499 | - | 499 | 603 |
| Microwave, pushchair | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>7,606</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,606</u> | <u>6,564</u> |
| <i>Management and administration</i> | | | | |
| Independent Examiner's fee | 408 | - | 408 | 384 |
| Other accountancy fees | 1,091 | - | 1,091 | 1,194 |
| Registration fees (OFSTED,DBS) | 130 | - | 130 | 235 |
| | <u>1,629</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,629</u> | <u>1,813</u> |
| | <u>135,158</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>135,158</u> | <u>117,346</u> |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2025

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|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|

Receipts and Payments Account

Donations, legacies etc

| | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| Donations | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - |

Operating activities to further the charity's objectives

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---|---------|--------|
| Local Authority Grants | 105,099 | - | 105,099 | 99,353 |
| Sarratt Parish Council Grant | 2,500 | - | 2,500 | - |
| Charities Trust Grant | - | - | - | - |
| | 107,599 | - | 107,599 | 99,353 |

Operating activities to generate funds

| | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|---|--------|--------|
| Fund raising events | - | - | - | - |
| Fees charged | 14,179 | - | 14,179 | 17,836 |
| Luncheon club receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Sale of goods | - | - | - | 88 |
| | 14,179 | - | 14,179 | 17,924 |

Investment income

| | | | | |
|------------------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| Deposit interest | 1,959 | - | 1,959 | 2,124 |
|------------------|-------|---|-------|-------|

Other income

| | | | | |
|--------------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| Milk refunds | - | - | - | - |
| | 1,959 | - | 1,959 | 2,124 |

Gross income

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Other receipts (not counting as Gross Income) | - | - | - | - |
| Overpayments recovered | - | - | - | - |

Total Receipts

| | | | | |
|--|---------|---|---------|---------|
| | 123,737 | - | 123,737 | 119,401 |
|--|---------|---|---------|---------|

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2025

| | Unrestricted Funds 2025 £ | Restricted Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Cash Assets | | | | |
| Lloyds TSB Bank current account | 30,877 | 1,146 | 32,023 | 45,402 |
| COIF Charity Fund | 44,675 | - | 44,675 | 42,717 |
| Petty Cash | - 84 | - - | 84 - | 84 |
| Total Cash Funds | 75,468 | 1,146 | 76,614 | 88,035 |
| Other Monetary Assets | | | | |
| Debtors - Insurance prepaid | 2,052 | - | 2,052 | - |
| Total | 2,052 | - | 2,052 | - |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Independent Review | 429 | - | 429 | 408 |
| Payroll, PAYE & NI | 373 | - | 373 | - |
| Rent | 3,667 | - | 3,667 | 3,667 |
| Total | 4,469 | - | 4,469 | 4,075 |

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Sandra McConnell
Chair

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2025

| | Unrestricted Funds 2025 £ | Restricted Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2024 £ |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and similar income | - | - | - | - |
| Operating activities to further charity's objectives | 107,599 | - | 107,599 | 99,353 |
| Operating activities to generate funds | 14,179 | - | 14,179 | 17,924 |
| Investment income | 1,959 | - | 1,959 | 2,124 |
| Gross Income | 123,737 | | 123,737 | 119,401 |
| Other receipts (not counting as gross income) | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 123,737 | - | 123,737 | 119,401 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Payments for generating funds | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable expenditure | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 125,923 | - | 125,923 | 108,969 |
| Support costs | 7,606 | - | 7,606 | 6,564 |
| Management and administration of the charity | 1,629 | - | 1,629 | 1,813 |
| Total Payments | 135,158 | - | 135,158 | 117,346 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | - | 11,421 | - | 11,421 |
| Cash funds brought forward | 88,035 | | 88,035 | 85,980 |
| Cash funds carried forward | 76,614 | - | 76,614 | 88,035 |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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|---|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Report to the trustees/ members of | Sarratt Ducklings Pre-School | | |
| On accounts for the year ended | 31.08.2025 | Charity no | 1048712 |
| Set out on pages | 6 - 8 | | |

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

| | | | |
|----------------|--|--------------|------------|
| Signed: |  | Date: | 03.03.2026 |
|----------------|--|--------------|------------|

Name: Justin Smith-Milne

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 23 Church Street,
Rickmansworth

Section B Disclosure

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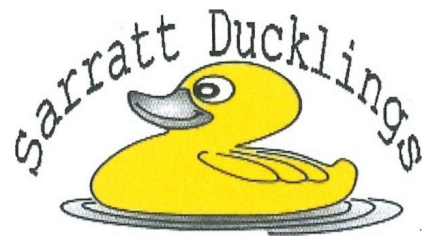
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N/A

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

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Accounts



Report 2023/24

After the death of our Treasurer, David Clough, Dee Gomm was appointed' as the new Treasurer. The Trustees were Sandra McConnell-Tait (Chair), Dee Gomm (Treasurer), Daphne Tyler (Secretary), Julie Welsh and Deborah Ingram.

The team at Ducklings continued to be led by Deborah Ingram as Manager, supported by Jenny Roberts as her Deputy. Heather Culmer as Administrator and Lead Practitioner, Emily Brand as SEN and Lead Practitioner and Melissa Kiff as Nursery Practitioner. During this year Caroline Bram and Gill Ward left Ducklings to pursue other careers and Ashley Fensome retired. We then recruited two new members to our team, Helen Woodland and Joanna Perry.

During the year the number of children on our roll increased until the summer term our afternoon sessions were full, this was because a large number of children took up the 30 hours funding, meaning that with the addition of 2 year-olds in the afternoon, these sessions became very busy.

In April 2024 we were able to take up the governments new funding offer for 2 year-olds with working parents.

We continued with our termly themes, during the Autumn term we learnt about ourselves and where we live and we were able to visit our local community garden with the leaves we collected for composting, we also explored nature during the autumn season, using Eye Spy tick charts.

In the Spring term we travelled into space, learning about all the planets and dressing up as astronauts. We then landed back on Earth and opened our Farm Shop with Café as we learnt about food and healthy eating.

Finally, in the Summer term we went down to the farm, learning about growing our food, the animals. We enjoyed the outside with lots of sports, gardening, picnics and much more.

We shared our Sports Day with Sarratt School's Reception Class, this proved a success for both classes, giving the children the opportunity to experience being part of the

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

13 March 2025

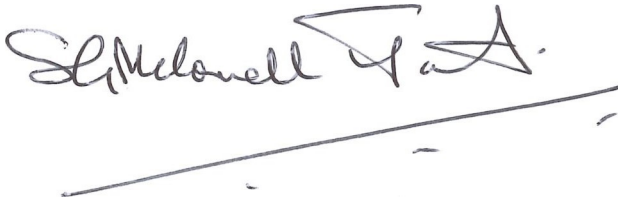
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At the end of the year we held our Graduation Ceremony for the children who were leaving Ducklings and moving on into Reception.

As a charity, Ducklings does not aim to make a profit, but reinvests any profit into the running the nursery and funding it's activities. This year we made a small profit of £2,055 and our cash assets are now £88,035.

Sandra McConnell-Tait

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Chair of Sarratt Ducklings Management Committee

13th March 2025

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

13 March 2025

Registered Charity number
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SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 August 2024

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ | Restricted Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2023 £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Fundraising publicity | - | - | - | - |
| Payments for generating funds | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable payments | | | | |
| <i>Charitable activities</i> | | | | |
| Costs of goods and services | 175 | - | 175 | 1,618 |
| Costs of classroom activities | 1,519 | - | 1,519 | 664 |
| Jubilee expenses | - | - | - | - |
| Display boards | - | - | - | - |
| Garden boxes | - | - | - | - |
| Equipment | 607 | - | 607 | 265 |
| Staff costs | 97,782 | - | 97,782 | 98,222 |
| Rent payable | 6,334 | - | 6,334 | 8,001 |
| Training costs | 1,282 | - | 1,282 | 464 |
| Children's milk & groceries | 1,270 | - | 1,270 | 1,070 |
| | 108,969 | - | 108,969 | 110,304 |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ | Restricted Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| <i>Support costs</i> | | | | |
| Computers | - | - | - | - |
| Insurance | 999 | - | 999 | 2,026 |
| Telephone & fax | 1,588 | - | 1,588 | 1,388 |
| Postage | - | - | - | - |
| Stationery & printing | 1,288 | - | 1,288 | 1,261 |
| Subscriptions & licences | 997 | - | 997 | 222 |
| Maintenance | 801 | - | 801 | 489 |
| Advertising & PR | - | - | - | - |
| Website support | 288 | - | 288 | - |
| Sundry expenses | 603 | - | 603 | 160 |
| Microwave, pushchair | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>6,564</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,564</u> | <u>5,546</u> |
| <i>Management and administration</i> | | | | |
| Independent Examiner's fee | 384 | - | 384 | 1,019 |
| Other accountancy fees | 1,194 | - | 1,194 | 2,307 |
| Registration fees (OFSTED,DBS) | 235 | - | 235 | 270 |
| | <u>1,813</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,813</u> | <u>3,596</u> |
| | <u>117,346</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>117,346</u> | <u>119,446</u> |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ | Restricted Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Donations, legacies etc | | | | |
| Donations | | - | - | 700 |
| | - | - | - | 700 |
| Operating activities to further the charity's objectives | | | | |
| Local Authority Grants | 99,353 | - | 99,353 | 74,504 |
| Sarratt Parish Council Grant | - | - | - | - |
| Charities Trust Grant | - | - | - | - |
| | 99,353 | - | 99,353 | 74,504 |
| Operating activities to generate funds | | | | |
| Fund raising events | - | - | - | - |
| Fees charged | 17,836 | - | 17,836 | 21,152 |
| Luncheon club receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Sale of goods | 88 | - | 88 | - |
| | 17,924 | - | 17,924 | 21,152 |
| Investment income | | | | |
| Deposit interest | 2,124 | - | 2,124 | 1,288 |
| Other income | | | | |
| Milk refunds | - | - | - | - |
| | 2,124 | - | 2,124 | 1,288 |
| Gross income | | | | |
| Other receipts (not counting as Gross Income) | - | - | - | - |
| Overpayments recovered | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 119,401 | - | 119,401 | 97,644 |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ | Restricted Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2023 £ |
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| Cash Assets | | | | |
| Lloyds TSB Bank current account | 44,256 | 1,146 | 45,402 | 45,471 |
| COIF Charity Fund | 42,717 | - | 42,717 | 40,593 |
| Petty Cash | - 84 | - - | 84 - | 84 |
| Total Cash Funds | 86,889 | 1,146 | 88,035 | 85,980 |
| Other Monetary Assets | | | | |
| Debtors PAYE overpaid | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Independent Review | 408 | - | 408 | 384 |
| Payroll, PAYE & NI | - | - | - | 366 |
| Rent | 3,667 | - | 3,667 | 2,667 |
| Total | 4,075 | - | 4,075 | 3,417 |

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Sandra McConnell
Chair

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

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| Donations, legacies and similar income | - | - | - | 700 |
| Operating activities to further charity's objectives | 99,353 | - | 99,353 | 74,504 |
| Operating activities to generate funds | 17,924 | - | 17,924 | 21,152 |
| Investment income | 2,124 | - | 2,124 | 1,288 |
| Gross Income | 119,401 | - | 119,401 | 97,644 |
| Other receipts (not counting as gross income) | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 119,401 | - | 119,401 | 97,644 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Payments for generating funds | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable expenditure | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 108,969 | - | 108,969 | 110,304 |
| Support costs | 6,564 | - | 6,564 | 5,546 |
| Management and administration of the charity | 1,813 | - | 1,813 | 3,596 |
| Total Payments | 117,346 | - | 117,346 | 119,446 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | 2,055 | - | 2,055 | 21,802 |
| Cash funds brought forward | 84,834 | 1,146 | 85,980 | 107,782 |
| Cash funds carried forward | 86,889 | 1,146 | 88,035 | 85,980 |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Sarratt Ducklings Pre-School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.08.2024

Charity no

1048712

Set out on pages

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

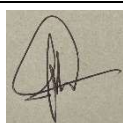
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

03.03.2025

Name:

Justin Smith-Milne

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Section B Disclosure

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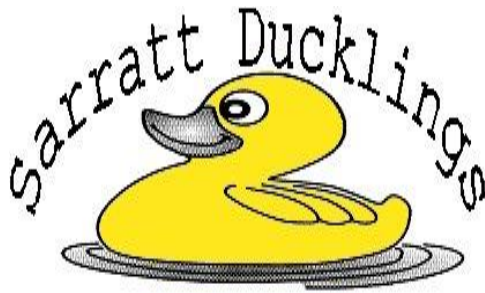
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SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1048712

Accounts



Report 2022/23

During this period our long-standing Treasurer, David Clough, sadly passed away. This was a very sad time for us all at Ducklings and the wider Sarratt community, and he is very much missed.

The team at Ducklings continued to be led by Deborah Ingram as Manager, supported by Jenny Roberts as her Deputy. Heather Culmer as Administrator and Lead Practitioner, Emily Brand as SEN and Lead Practitioner, Gill Ward as Nursery Practitioner, Caroline Bram as Nursery Practitioner, Melissa Kiff as Nursery Practitioner, Ashley Fensome as Nursery Assistant. Sarah Waters continued to be on a sabbatical. We also found that we needed extra staff to fulfil the children to staff ratio and therefore Helen Woodland started working for Ducklings on an ad hoc basis.

During the year the number of children on our roll increased until the summer term when we were full. A large number of children took up the 30 hours funding, meaning that with the addition of two year-olds in the afternoon, these sessions became very busy.

The new uniform became compulsory this year, along with a book bag for artwork etc. and a drawstring bag for keeping a change of clothes and plimsols in.

We continued with our termly themes, during the Autumn term we learnt about ourselves and where we live and we were able to visit our local community garden and café, we also found out about all the people who help us from the fire service, to our doctors and nurses, and our home corner was a very successful hospital.

In the Spring term we went travelling by air, rail and bicycle, followed by learning about the many types of creatures living in our world with us, in the air, the sea and on land. Finally, in the Summer term we enjoyed the outside with lots of sports, gardening, picnics and much more.

This year we shared our Sports Day with Sarratt School's Reception Class, this proved a success for both classes, giving the children the opportunity to experience being part of the school. We continue to forge links with the school, and regularly use the school hall for PE and ballet. We have also been invited to join in with activities hosted by the school.

This year we were able to invite parents along to watch the children in their Nativity, the children rose to the occasion and put on a magnificent performance. We also celebrated Christmas with a party with Mr Marvel and Father Christmas.

Ducklings celebrated the King's Coronation with a tea party, and lots of themed activities, and gave each child a gift to remember it by.

As a charity, Ducklings does not aim to make a profit, but reinvests any profit into the running the nursery and funding it's activities. Unfortunately, this year a loss was of £21,802 was made, this was mainly due to insurance and accounting costs along with the government funding in relation to increased staff costs to ensure the child/adult ratio is maintained. However, our cash assets are now £85,980.

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

15th April 2024

Registered Charity number
1048712

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 August 2023

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds 2023 £ | Restricted Funds 2023 £ | Total Funds 2023 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2022 £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Fundraising publicity | - | - | - | - |
| Payments for generating funds | - | - | - | 191 |
| | - | - | - | 191 |

Charitable payments

Charitable activities

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---|---------|---------|
| Costs of goods and services | 1,618 | - | 1,618 | 1,833 |
| Costs of classroom activities | 664 | - | 664 | 1,327 |
| Jubilee expenses | - | - | - | 655 |
| Display boards | - | - | - | - |
| Garden boxes | - | - | - | - |
| Equipment | 265 | - | 265 | 92 |
| Staff costs | 98,222 | - | 98,222 | 94,271 |
| Rent payable | 8,001 | - | 8,001 | 5,334 |
| Training costs | 464 | - | 464 | 637 |
| Children's milk & groceries | 1,070 | - | 1,070 | 1,116 |
| | 110,304 | - | 110,304 | 105,265 |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds 2023 £ | Restricted Funds 2023 £ | Total Funds 2023 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2022 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| <i>Support costs</i> | | | | |
| Computers | - | - | - | 379 |
| Insurance | 2,026 | - | 2,026 | 775 |
| Telephone & fax | 1,388 | - | 1,388 | 1,281 |
| Postage | - | - | - | 7 |
| Stationery & printing | 1,261 | - | 1,261 | 1,859 |
| Subscriptions & licences | 222 | - | 222 | 293 |
| Maintenance | 489 | - | 489 | 890 |
| Advertising & PR | - | - | - | 20 |
| Website support | - | - | - | - |
| Sundry expenses | 160 | - | 160 | 497 |
| Microwave, pushchair | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>5,546</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,546</u> | <u>6,001</u> |
| <i>Management and administration</i> | | | | |
| Independent Examiner's fee | 1,019 | - | 1,019 | - |
| Other accountancy fees | 2,307 | - | 2,307 | 576 |
| Registration fees (OFSTED,DBS) | 270 | - | 270 | 236 |
| | <u>3,596</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,596</u> | <u>812</u> |
| | <u>119,446</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>119,446</u> | <u>112,269</u> |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds 2023 £ | Restricted Funds 2023 £ | Total Funds 2023 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2022 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Donations, legacies etc | | | | |
| Donations | 700 | - | 700 | - |
| | <u>700</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>700</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Operating activities to further the charity's objectives | | | | |
| Local Authority Grants | 74,504 | - | 74,504 | 90,267 |
| Sarratt Parish Council Grant | - | - | - | - |
| Charities Trust Grant | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>74,504</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>74,504</u> | <u>90,267</u> |
| Operating activities to generate funds | | | | |
| Fund raising events | - | - | - | 446 |
| Fees charged | 21,152 | - | 21,152 | 22,237 |
| Luncheon club receipts | - | - | - | 84 |
| Sale of goods | - | - | - | 109 |
| | <u>21,152</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>21,152</u> | <u>22,876</u> |
| Investment income | | | | |
| Deposit interest | 1,288 | - | 1,288 | 132 |
| Other income | | | | |
| Milk refunds | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>1,288</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,288</u> | <u>132</u> |
| Gross income | | | | |
| Other receipts (not counting as Gross Income) | - | - | - | - |
| Overpayments recovered | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>97,644</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>97,644</u> | <u>113,275</u> |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds 2023 £ | Restricted Funds 2023 £ | Total Funds 2023 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2022 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Cash Assets | | | | |
| Lloyds TSB Bank current account | 44,325 | 1,146 | 45,471 | 68,458 |
| COIF Charity Fund | 40,593 | - | 40,593 | 39,305 |
| Petty Cash | - 84 | - - | 84 | 19 |
| Total Cash Funds | 84,834 | 1,146 | 85,980 | 107,782 |
| Other Monetary Assets | | | | |
| Debtors PAYE overpaid | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Independent Review | 384 | - | 384 | 1,019 |
| Payroll, PAYE & NI | 366 | - | 366 | 1,255 |
| Rent | 2,667 | - | 2,667 | 2,667 |
| Total | 3,417 | - | 3,417 | 4,941 |

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Sandra McConnell
Chair

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2023

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|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and similar income | 700 | - | 700 | - |
| Operating activities to further charity's objectives | 74,504 | - | 74,504 | 90,267 |
| Operating activities to generate funds | 21,152 | - | 21,152 | 22,876 |
| Investment income | 1,288 | - | 1,288 | 132 |
| Other receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Gross Income | 97,644 | - | 97,644 | 113,275 |
| Other receipts (not counting as gross income) | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 97,644 | - | 97,644 | 113,275 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Payments for generating funds | - | - | - | 191 |
| Charitable expenditure | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 110,304 | - | 110,304 | 105,265 |
| Support costs | 5,546 | - | 5,546 | 6,001 |
| Management and administration of the charity | 3,596 | - | 3,596 | 812 |
| Total Payments | 119,446 | - | 119,446 | 112,269 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | - 21,802 | - | - 21,802 | 1,006 |
| Cash funds brought forward | 106,636 | 1,146 | 107,782 | 106,776 |
| Cash funds carried forward | 84,834 | 1,146 | 85,980 | 107,782 |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

| | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Report to the trustees/ members of | Sarratt Ducklings Pre-School | | |
| On accounts for the year ended | 31.08.2023 | Charity no | 1048712 |
| Set out on pages | 6 - 8 | | |

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 20.03.2024

Name: Justin Smith-Milne

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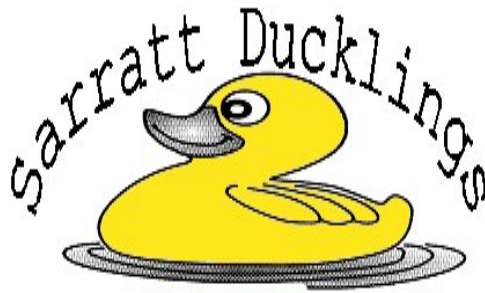
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SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1048712

Accounts



Report 2022/22

We returned to Ducklings in September 2022 with no covid restrictions in place, although we remained vigilant to the ongoing risks.

We had a thorough Ofsted inspection at the beginning of the Spring term, and we were awarded an Outstanding rating.

The Ducklings team remained in place with Deborah Ingram as Manager, Jenny Roberts as Deputy, Heather Culmer as Administrator and Nursery Practitioner, Gill Ward as Nursery Practitioner, Caroline Bram as Nursery Practitioner, Emily Crowson as Nursery Practitioner, Ashley Fensome as Nursery Assistant. Sarah Waters our SEN and Nursery Practitioner decided to take a sabbatical, and Emily Crowson took over her SEN role. In view of the staff changes we also recruited Melissa Kiff as a Nursery Practitioner. We also asked Heather Culmer and Emily Crowson to be Lead Practitioners, in the event that neither Mrs Ingram or Miss Roberts were able to attend a session.

During the period of covid restrictions we put safety measures in place, and some of these we have adopted for the long term. For example greeting the children at our gate, increased outside activities, children bringing in their own water bottles.

Ducklings introduced a new uniform that can be purchased online, including a polo shirt, sweat shirt, fleece, book bag and drawstring bag. The uniform became compulsory the following year.

We continued with our termly themes, during the Autumn term we learnt about ourselves and also went into space in our rocket, discovering the planets and meeting aliens. In the Spring term we visited the farm and learnt about the animals both there and in the wild. During the Summer term we travelled around the world, learning how to say good morning in different languages, we also enjoyed a lovely summer of picnics, tennis, gardening and much more.

Sadly, we were unable to invite parents into Ducklings to watch the Nativity, however we put together a slide show of the performance for the parents.

Ducklings celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a party tea, and gave the children a gift of a Jubilee mug and we were able to have a graduation ceremony this year that took place outside.

As a charity, Ducklings does not aim to make a profit, but reinvests any profit into the running the nursery and funding it's activities. This year a small profit of £1006 was made and our cash assets remained the same.

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

23rd March 2023

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2022

| | Unrestricted Funds 2022 £ | Restricted Funds 2022 £ | Total Funds 2022 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2021 £ |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Donations,legacies and similar income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating activities to further charity's objectives | 90267 | 0 | 90267 | 89070 |
| Operating activities to generate funds | 22876 | 0 | 22876 | 18725 |
| Investment income | 132 | 0 | 132 | 6 |
| Other receipts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gross Income | 113275 | 0 | 113275 | 107801 |
| Other receipts(not counting as gross income) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Receipts | 113275 | 0 | 113275 | 107801 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Payments for generating funds | 191 | | 191 | 350 |
| Charitable expenditure | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 105265 | 0 | 105265 | 99825 |
| Support costs | 6001 | 0 | 6001 | 7169 |
| Management and administration of the charity | 812 | 0 | 812 | 727 |
| Total Payments | 112269 | 0 | 112269 | 108071 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | 1006 | 0 | 1006 | -270 |
| Cash funds brought forward | 105630 | 1146 | 106776 | 107046 |
| Cash funds carried forward | 106636 | 1146 | 107782 | 106776 |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2022

| | Unrestricted Funds 2022 £ | Restricted Funds 2022 £ | Total Funds 2022 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Cash Assets | | | | |
| Lloyds TSB Bank current account | 67312 | 1146 | 68458 | 66765 |
| COIF Charity Fund | 39305 | 0 | 39305 | 39173 |
| Petty Cash | 19 | | 19 | 838 |
| Total Cash Funds | 106636 | 1146 | 107782 | 106776 |
| Other Monetary Assets | | | | |
| Debtors PAYE overpaid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3361 |
| Total | 3361 | 0 | 3361 | 3361 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Independent Review | 1018.8 | 0 | 1018.8 | 328 |
| Payroll, PAYE & NI | 1255 | 0 | 1255 | 0 |
| Rent | 2667 | | 2667 | 0 |
| Total | 4940.8 | 0 | 4940.8 | 328 |

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Sandra McConnell
Chair

2023

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2022

| Receipts and Payments Account | Unrestricted Funds 2022 £ | Restricted Funds 2022 £ | Total Funds 2022 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2021 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Donations, legacies etc | | | | |
| Donations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating activities to further the charity's objectives | | | | |
| Local Authority Grants | 90267 | 0 | 90267 | 89070 |
| Sarratt Parish Council Grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charities Trust Grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 90267 | 0 | 90267 | 89070 |
| Operating activities to generate funds | | | | |
| Fund raising events | 446 | 0 | 446 | 466 |
| Fees charged | 22237 | 0 | 22237 | 17531 |
| Luncheon club receipts | 84 | 0 | 84 | 191 |
| Sale of goods | 109 | 0 | 109 | 537 |
| | 22876 | 0 | 22876 | 18725 |
| Investment income | | | | |
| Deposit interest | 132 | 0 | 132 | 6 |
| Other income | | | | |
| Milk refunds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 132 | 0 | 132 | 6 |
| Gross Income | | | | |
| Other receipts (not counting as Gross Income) | | | | |
| Overpayments recovered | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Receipts | 113275 | 0 | 113275 | 107801 |

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2021

| | Unrestricted Funds 2022 £ | Restricted Funds 2022 £ | Total Funds 2022 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2021 £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Fundraising publicity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Payments for generating funds | 191 | 0 | 191 | 350 |
| | 191 | 0 | 191 | 350 |
| Charitable payments | | | | |
| <i>Charitable activities</i> | | | | |
| Costs of goods and services | 1833 | 0 | 1833 | 316 |
| Costs of classroom activities | 1327 | 0 | 1327 | 855 |
| Jubilee expenses | 655 | 0 | 655 | 0 |
| Display boards | 0 | 0 | 0 | 304 |
| Garden boxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| Equipment | 92 | 0 | 92 | 0 |
| Staff costs | 94271 | 0 | 94271 | 88055 |
| Rent payable | 5334 | 0 | 5334 | 8001 |
| Training costs | 637 | 0 | 637 | 1393 |
| Children's milk & groceries | 1116 | 0 | 1116 | 817 |
| | 105265 | 0 | 105265 | 99825 |
| <i>Support costs</i> | | | | |
| Computers | 379 | 0 | 379 | 382 |
| Insurance | 775 | 0 | 775 | 768 |
| Telephone and Fax | 1281 | 0 | 1281 | 1238 |
| Postage | 7 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Stationery and printing | 1859 | 0 | 1859 | 2444 |
| Subscriptions and licences | 293 | 0 | 293 | 200 |
| Maintenance | 890 | 0 | 890 | 417 |
| Advertising and PR | 20 | 0 | 20 | 7 |
| Website support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 896 |
| Sundry expenses | 497 | 0 | 497 | 533 |
| Microwave, pushchair | 0 | 0 | 0 | 278 |
| | 6001 | 0 | 6001 | 7169 |
| <i>Management and administration</i> | | | | |
| Independent Examiner's fee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 328 |
| Other accountancy fees | 576 | 0 | 576 | 360 |
| Registration fees (OFSTED, DBS) | 236 | 0 | 236 | 39 |
| | 812 | 0 | 812 | 727 |
| Total payments | 112269 | 0 | 112269 | 108071 |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

| | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Report to the trustees/ members of | Sarratt Ducklings Pre-School | | |
| On accounts for the year ended | 31.08.2022 | Charity no | 1048712 |
| Set out on pages | 6 - 8 | | |

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Signed:  **Date:** 03.03.2023

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SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1048712

Accounts



Report 2020/21

In September we returned to Ducklings but under strict covid guidance. These were challenging times for both the children who had been isolated from one another for up to six months, and also for their parents who were clearly concerned.

All staff now returned to the setting, and measures were put in place for the safety of both children and staff, yet enabling Ducklings to return to as near normal practice as the guidelines would allow. This meant enhanced cleaning, hand sanitising, limited items being brought into Ducklings, face masks when moving within the school and for visitors entering into Ducklings etc.

During this time outside play and learning dominated our curriculum, we have been very fortunate to have such good outside facilities and have been able to use this to its full potential.

Ducklings operated as a 'bubble', with the same children attending the setting on a weekly basis.

We continued with our termly themes, during the Autumn term we learnt about ourselves and also people who help us, turning our home corner into a doctors surgery. Sadly, we were unable to invite parents into Ducklings to watch the annual Nativity but it did go ahead and we had some lovely photographs to send out to parents. We were also able to host our Christmas party for the children with Mr Marvel and a party lunch.

In the Spring term we learnt about Transport, flying in a rocket, driving a car and dived in a submarine. We also learnt about animals, and we did have some visiting pets. During the Summer term we enjoyed different sports such as cricket, tennis, swimming and athletics. We were unable to invite parents to a sports day, but we ran our races including egg and spoon and bean bag on the head.

Also, we continued with the graduation ceremony and took photos of each child for them to take home.

Staff continued to keep up to date with training, and Miss Crowson also completed her SENCO training and worked alongside Mrs Waters.

Throughout the year we were in regular contact with Herts for Learning who kept us up to date with what was expected of Pre-Schools and the governments guidance on Covid restrictions. We have been commended by them for continuing to support our children and staff.

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

6th May 2022

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2021

| | Unrestricted Funds 2021 £ | Restricted Funds 2021 £ | Total Funds 2021 £ | Prior period Total Funds 2020 £ |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and similar income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating activities to further charity's objectives | 89070 | 0 | 89070 | 113570 |
| Operating activities to generate funds | 18725 | 0 | 18725 | 10768 |
| Investment income | 6 | 0 | 6 | 176 |
| Other receipts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gross Income | 107801 | 0 | 107801 | 124514 |
| Other receipts(not counting as gross income) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Receipts | 107801 | 0 | 107801 | 124514 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Payments for generating funds | 350 | | 350 | 0 |
| Charitable expenditure | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 99825 | 0 | 99825 | 103599 |
| Support costs | 7169 | 0 | 7169 | 7506 |
| Management and administration of the charity | 727 | 0 | 727 | 1170 |
| Total Payments | 108071 | 0 | 108071 | 112275 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | -270 | 0 | -270 | 12239 |
| Cash funds brought forward | 105900 | 1146 | 107046 | 94807 |
| Cash funds carried forward | 105630 | 1146 | 106776 | 107046 |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

| | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Report to the trustees/ members of | Sarratt Ducklings Pre-School | | |
| On accounts for the year ended | 31.08.2021 | Charity no | 1048712 |
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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 03.05.2022

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