



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

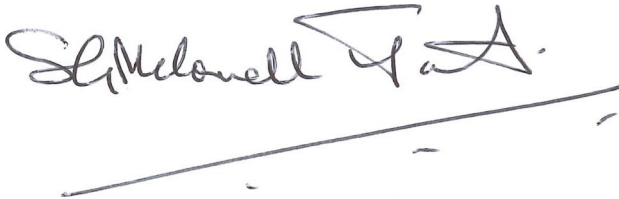
school. We continue to forge links with the school, and regularly use the school hall for PE and ballet.

We held our annual Nativity in the Ducklings class room to 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 with 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. 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
1048712

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

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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	-	-	-	-
	6,564	-	6,564	5,546
<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
	1,813	-	1,813	3,596
	117,346	-	117,346	119,446

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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 £
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

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior period Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts and Payments Account				
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	-
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**

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**

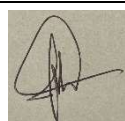
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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:

03.03.2025

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

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A

