

LITTLE EXPLORERS @ PAVILION

England & Wales · Charity number 1052304

Details

Other names PRESTBURY PAVILION PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-01-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE GROUP IS TO EMBODY THE VISION OF PATA THROUGH THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, CARE AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE AND ALSO OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY (VOLUNTARY MANAGED) GROUPS AND BY: (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY FACILITIES AND TRAINING COURSES, 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 AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY (B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREA

Activities: PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP FROM CHILDREN RANGING FROM 2 YEARS 6 MONTHS TO SCHOOL AGE.

Classification

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

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£60,406	£64,101	-	-
2023-08-31	£71,211	£66,686	-	-
2022-08-31	£65,386	£58,131	-	-
2021-08-31	£61,870	£63,981	-	-
2020-08-31	£72,541	£77,029	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Parry	Chair	2024-06-24
Amy Pennington		2024-06-24
Anna Price		2024-06-24
Kirsten Daniels		2024-06-24
Rebecca Louise James		2025-06-16
Rosalind Waters		2016-05-25
Sarah King		2025-06-16

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Accounts

Little explorers AGM minutes - June 24th 2024

Introductions

Welcome to Anna from the team

Actions from last AGM - all complete.

Notes from Manager

Staff and Team:

We have welcomed 17 children to our Little Explorers family since September which also welcomed some great new members of our committee team.

As you know, we welcomed Rachel in September but due to work life balance changes, she left us at Easter to set up her own childminders business. She was a brilliant practitioner, and we wish her all the best. In November Jolie joined us as a student for her placement at college and we offered her a paid position with us at Easter. Staff have all agreed that we haven't worked with such a proactive student for years. The children love her, she is fun but fair and a great part of our team! She will stay on with us in September with both paid hours and hours for her placement.

Great morale amongst the team – we have been sent a free round of golf for the team so we are arranging this as our summer social!

We have attended various courses this year such as mandatory First aid training for the whole team, Child Protection and some short courses alongside a lot more communication with other settings which was a recommendation from our Ofsted report last year.

Children and Next Year:

- 15 pre-schoolers leaving this summer
- 9 children continuing in September
- 10 visiting in the next few weeks with fewer sessions booked in meaning a lower daily intake in Sept than we initially thought but we have roughly 10-12 joining throughout the year (Jan and April intakes)
- We increased our hourly rate by 50p to £7.50 at Easter this year – no issues so far
- Not a huge response from parents regarding a change in opening times – after chats with the staff team however, we could potentially open on a Friday morning, so I have put feelers out to get numbers. If there aren't enough signed up, we will stay the same Mon-Thurs and reconsider 9-3pm from January 2025 – we need to focus on the new space first - no interest since writing this report.
- We will discuss with the staff team about lowering age to start to 2 years but this is a huge difference in care and routine.

New building

- As you will know, the council are set for us to move into the new space in September
- This is exciting for us as we have some pencilled in plans to make it a fun, new environment for us all!

- At the moment they are very rough plans as we just don't know until we have a feel for the space, plus some bigger projects will take time, money and helpful volunteers
- For now, I would like to politely ask (again) for as many volunteers as we can get on Thursday 18th July from 1pm to move and cover furniture for the summer
- We also require volunteers from 9am Tues 3rd September to move furniture into the new space and help revive the back garden

Committee

- I would like to say a huge thank you to all on the committee for any help you have given to Little Explorers
- You have helped us raise over £1100 this year – THANK YOU! We are pooling this aside to help with new resources and possibly some shed builds for example in the new space come Sept.
- That leads us to a new committee team who are an invaluable member of the Little Explorers family – welcome (if you are present)
- As it will be a quieter term than expected, I would love to get some fundraising items booked in now so that they can go ahead in the Autumn term as smoothly as possible.

AOB

- Committee chair and other role changes to discuss
- Toddlers is quiet 6-8 most weeks so I am a little worried about the sustainability of it covering my pay. It does feed our waiting list and a great help in the community but something to consider each year.
- SENCO £300 level 3 course or New to SENCo course from September as the first may be too expensive with staff overtime for us right now
- We need to run my appraisal please

Thank you and have a lovely rest of term and summer!

Notes from treasurer

This academic year Aug 2023– August 2024 has been more difficult financially than the previous year, resulting from increasing costs (particularly staff wage increases) and a less than full quota of children at times. There has also been a period of some overstaffing necessary to facilitate the upcoming move to the new premises, which may also result in some increased costs in the coming financial year.

Cash at bank at the end of the last financial year (August 2023) was approximately £25k and at the end of this financial year (August 2024) we are forecasting approximately £17k.

We hold a sum in a separate reserve account as recommended by PATA to ensure that we have sufficient funds to pay staff costs/bills should our numbers drop, or we are unable to run for a period of

time for any reason. This also ensures we have enough funds to cover any statutory liabilities should we need to dissolve the group, enables us to meet any unexpected expenditure, and also to enable the acquisition of new equipment. We aim to hold at least one terms running costs which we estimate to be between £16,000 (Spring Term) and £26,000 (Summer). The amount currently held in this account is £20,631.

Salaries were increased for all staff in April 2024 in line with a rise in the National Living Wage. Margaret, Julie (deputies), Becky (manager) and Jen were increased to reflect their responsibilities.

Little Explorers principle source of funding is through the Government's Nursery Voucher scheme and the invoices from unfunded children. By the end of this financial year we are likely to have received 45k, a decrease of approx. 10k on the previous year. This is however similar to the amount received in 21/22. Invoices have also decreased, from 13k to approx. 10.5k.

We have increased our hourly rate to £7.50 to reflect increased costs. A voluntary sustainability fund contribution has also been introduced of £40 on registration, to help pay for consumables.

Our contractual annual increase in rent for the building is CPI + 1%. Accordingly, in April 2024 we had an increase of 4.4%, equating to £280 per year.

The Friday toddler group Tiny Explorers is not currently self-funding, as the numbers attending are not covering costs, so this may need to be looked into. The group is however a good way of introducing new families to little explorers.

There have been successful fundraising efforts to help enhance our income this year. In February 2024 the Committee organised a quiz night and raffle raising £900. We will have raised well over £1000 by the end of the academic year with other initiatives.

As with many comparable settings this has been a more challenging year for Little Explorers. The playgroup overall remains in a good financial position due our cash reserves, however cost savings may need to be made in order to ensure that the playgroup remains financially viable.

Notes from Chair

Little Explorers AGM Chair Report 24/06/2024

How another year has flown by and generally with great success! Becky continues to do a fantastic job as manager, guiding everyone through all the different aspects and challenges we face as staff members and volunteers. Not only does Becky go above and beyond with assisting us all and managing the

playgroup she also, along with the other fabulous staff members, looks after a wonderful cohort of children.

There have been some staff changes this year with, sadly Rachel leaving which we all felt was a great loss but we did gain Leah and Jess back as bank staff so that's a win! We also have Jolie who has joined the team as a student practitioner on placement but she is now a paid member of staff. Jolie appears to be a cheerful and great addition to the playgroup. Depending on Jolie's college timetable I believe the hope is for her to stay on as extra support.

It has been a more tricky year financially, partially attributed to having to have more staff to sort the attic for the move and partially to a slightly lower than forecasted uptake of places.

Things to look at in the future...

1. Extending opening hours
2. Lowering starting age to 2 years
3. Opening Friday's
4. Reconsidering Tiny Explorers
5. Being mindful of spending in the coming year

However, we have had great success with the fundraising this year including the pub quiz raising £900 and also the lotto squares, Autumn picture competition, scootathon, Easter egg hunt and bake sale adding to the fundraising pot! Charlotte kindly took on the task of filling in the Jockey Club application for the chance of some funding so we will look forward to hearing back regarding this. Thank you to everyone for all of your efforts in helping to keep the money topped up!

The committee undergoes some changes this year with Ruth, Kayleigh, Annemarie and Louise leaving as their children move up to school. Charlotte has kindly agreed to continue as part of the committee and she is taking responsibility as Chair. Kirsten will take on the role of secretary and Emma has kindly agreed to stay on as Treasurer even though Eva has moved onto school. We will need a couple of additional trustee members to make a legal and viable team for the coming year. Rachel (CeCe's mum) and Amy (Hazel's mum) have said they are happy to join.

The exciting project of the new build has started and I have emailed notice to Ofsted with reference to the work taking place now and we will move back in to the new space in September. All we need to do now is wait! With this in mind please can we ask that we have helpers to move out of the current building on Thursday 18th July and then to move back in on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September?

The playgroup continues to thrive as a child-centred, nurturing setting, where children are happy & settled. A big Thank-you to Becky & our fantastic staff team who work hard to make the playgroup a wonderful place for our children to play & learn. We look forward to the year ahead.

Election of new committee

Ruth to nominate Charlotte to chair, Kayleigh seconded

Kayleigh nominated Kirsten to be secretary, Louise seconded

Emma to stay as treasurer

New committee member Anna welcomed

Ofsted to be notified of changes

Photos - Photos to be made available to parents soon

Last day of term -

Monica from whiskers donating lollies

Lucky dip

Jockey club funding application- Charlotte has completed this and sent it off.

Appraisal - Becky's to be completed, Kayleigh to arrange a date to do this.

Next meeting date - Monday 30th September

Charity name:

Little Explorers @ Pavilion

Charity number:

1052304

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1st September 2023

Period end date...31st August 2024.....

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	55	379 96	44	827 54
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)	-	-	-	-
Children's fees	12	754 00	13	080 88
Milk refund	-	-	-	-
Grants (specify)	-	-	-	-
Grant	210	90	-	-
Grant	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	2	777 90	1	605 71
Donations	88	41	210	00
Interest	205	27	397	09
Other receipts	-	-	285	00
Sub total	71	416 44	60	406 22
Income from the sale of equipment	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A)	£71 416 44	£60 406 22	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	56	407 48	53	193 36
Training costs	360	00	718	00
Premises (rent, heat etc)	4	787 04	5	934 23
BT and wifi	1	034 99	650	13
Subscriptions	950	35	996	12
Insurance	820	71	694	54
Administration	-	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	-	-	-
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	699	96	604	55
Premises expenses	458	25	498	11
Fundraising costs	336	33	72	82
End of term parties	168	00	200	00
Other	217	46	100	78
Sub total	66	240 57	63	662 64
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	444	99	438	30
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B)	£66 685 56	£64 100 94	
		-	0	00
NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	£4 730 88	-£3 694 72	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D)	40 542 91	45 273 89	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D)	£45 273 79	£41 579 17	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

		Current value	
		£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	41	579 17
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	-	-
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	30	075 00
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	-	-
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)	£71	654 17

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee): Signed. J. Legg.....Name: Jennifer Legg Role: Administrator

Date 1/5/25.....

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Little Explorers @ Pavilion

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Little Explorers @ Pavilion for the year ended 31st August 2024.

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

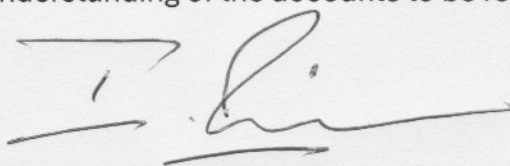
I have completed my examination.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: Ian Hamilton Richardson

Chartered Wealth Manager and Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments (CISI)

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Date: 2nd June 2025

LITTLE EXPLORERS @ PAVILION

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Accounts

Annual report 2022-23

This academic year Aug 2022– August 2023 has been stable for Little Explorers with a strong staff team and full quota of children.

Cash at bank at the end of the last financial year (August 2022) was approximately £20k and at the end of this financial year (August 2023) we are forecasting approximately £22k. It is worth noting that through funding and invoices alone (excluding fundraising) playgroup was financially viable over the last 12 months.

We hold a sum in a separate reserve account as recommended by PATA to ensure that we have sufficient funds to pay staff costs/bills should our numbers drop, or we are unable to run for a period of time for any reason. This also ensures we have enough funds to cover any statutory liabilities should we need to dissolve the group, enables us to meet any unexpected expenditure, and also to enable the acquisition of new equipment. We aim to hold at least one terms running costs which we estimate to be between £15,000 (Spring Term) and £27,000 (Summer). There has been a continued effort to keep spending down given the increase in cost of our outgoings this year and currently uncertain financial times .

In April 2023 we increased salaries for all staff. The play workers were increased in line with a rise in the National Living Wage. Margaret, Julie (deputies), Becky (manager) and Jen were increased to reflect their responsibilities.

Little Explorers principle source of funding is through the Government's Nursery Voucher scheme and the invoices from unfunded children. By the end of this financial year we are likely to have received £55K in funding, an increase of approximately £10k on the previous year. However invoices have decreased to £13k by approx. £5k. We are aware that government funding will increase from Sept 2023 however do not know what this will be which makes it difficult to forecast into next academic year. Once this has been established we hope to undertake a full staff wages review next academic year in order to recognise their ongoing hard work and commitment to the children and setting.

We are increasing our hourly rate to £7 from September, having looked at similar not-for-profit playgroup/preschools charges in the area.

There have been some fundraising efforts to help enhance our income. In February 2023 the Committee organised quiz night and raffle raising £900. We hope to exceed a total of £1000 by the end of the academic year with other initiatives.

Our contractual annual increase in rent for the building is CPI + 1%. We are therefore grateful to the PPC for their understanding and agreement to increase the rent by 6% rather than the end of year CPI rate of 10% (+ 1%) in order to reduce financial pressure on us. Accordingly in April 2023 we had an increase of £309 per year. There is no guarantee we will be given lenience next year. We are also mindful that the PCC's fixed energy contract is coming to an end. Given the energy crisis we are apprehensive about the impact this will have on us as inevitably some costs will be passed down to us.

Overall, another stable year financially for playgroup which is additionally positive given the present difficulties across the early years sector. We hope that this puts us in a sustainable position for the future particularly with the change of premises next year.

Charity name:

Little Explorers

Charity number:

1052304

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start 1st September 2022

Period end date 31st August 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	43,826.45		55,379.96	
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)			-	
Children's fees	18,324.81		12,754.00	
Milk refund	-		-	
Grants (specify)	-		-	
Grant	192.70		210.90	
Grant	-		-	
Fundraising	2,537.50		2,777.90	
Donations	505.00		88.41	
Interest	-		-	
Other receipts	-		-	
Sub total	65,386.46		71,211.17	
Income from the sale of equipment	-		-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS (A)	£65,386.46		£71,211.17	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	47,107.07		56,407.48	
Training costs	449.29		360.00	
Premises (rent, heat etc)	4,797.84		4,787.04	
BT and wifi	835.34		1,034.99	
Subscriptions	1,077.68		950.35	
Insurance	728.60		820.71	
Administration				
Refreshments				
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,033.56		699.96	
Premises expenses	376.85		458.25	
Fundraising costs	508.48		336.33	
End of term parties	280.00		168.00	
Staff uniform				
Other	167.45		217.46	
Sub total	57,362.16		66,240.57	
Purchases of equipment and other assets	769.10		444.99	
TOTAL PAYMENTS (B)	£58,131.26		£66,685.56	

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (A-B=C)	£7,255.20		£4,525.61	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end (D)	30,451.08		37,706.28	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end (C+D)	£37,706.28		£42,231.89	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

		Current value	
		£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	42,231.89	
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	-	
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	25,075.00	
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	-	
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)	£67,306.89	

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee): Signed.....J. LeggNameJ.
Legg.....Role: Financial Administrator

Date 23/04/24.....



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Little Explorers @ Pavilion

On accounts for the year ended

31 Aug 2023

Charity no (if any)

1052304

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 08 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Stuart Mason

Date:

15/06/24

Name:

Stuart Mason

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Fellow Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

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

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

Nothing noted

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Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT 2021-2022

Section E - Financial Review

Brief Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at the end of the financial year (August 2022) was approximately £14k. We hold a sum in a separate reserve account as recommended by PATA to ensure that we have sufficient funds to pay staff costs/bills should our numbers drop, or we are unable to run for a period of time for any reason. This also ensures we have enough funds to cover any statutory liabilities should we need to dissolve the group, enables us to meet any unexpected expenditure, and also to enable the acquisition of new equipment. We aim to hold at least one terms running costs which we estimate to between £15,000 (Spring Term) and £27,000 (Summer Term).

Optional Information

Little Explorers principle source of funding is through the Government's Nursery Voucher scheme and the invoices from unfunded children. However, we are also in receipt of small sums of money raised by our Committee.

Any additional appropriate funding is applied for on an ad hoc basis.

Section F - Other Optional Information

This financial year (Aug 2021 - August 2022) has been another difficult year for Little Explorers, but is currently sustainable with a Good Ofsted rating.

Spending:

There has been a huge effort to keep spending to an absolute minimum.

Sadly two wonderful staff members left us, Melody left us in Sept 2021 and Sally left us in November 2021. However, Becky became Manager and we were able to re-employ Leah in December 2021, who had left us in August 2021 when her temporary contract came to an end.

In April 2022 we increased salaries for all staff. Danae and Leah were increased to meet the National Living Wage. Jackie, Margaret, Julie and Becky were increased by 6.6% to reflect their extra responsibilities.

Danae started her maternity leave in April.

We were very pleased to have employed Jess and Claire in April 2022.

In April 2022 we had an increase to our rent of £30 per month (over 10 months) based on CPI 5.5% +1%.

Income:

Little Explorers principle source of funding is through the Government's Nursery Voucher scheme and the invoices from unfunded children. By the end of this financial year we have received £44,545 in funding, a decrease of approximately £6k on the previous year. However invoices have increased by approx. £6k leaving us on a par.

The waiting list for September 2022 is healthy and we anticipate being fully booked for the coming year.

We were pleased that there were no Covid-19 restrictions on early years settings in terms of opening and we were able to remain open for the whole academic year.

The Committee have worked extremely hard to fundraise to help enhance our income.

In February 2022 Committee organised a hugely successful quiz night and auction raising in total approx. £1,705. Another approx. £550 was raised by staff and Committee through raffles and competitions.

Challenges for coming academic year:

Hopefully COVID-19 is behind us but we continue to operate additional handwashing and cleaning procedures.

We must remain mindful of the annual increase in rent for the building. We have a 5 year agreement in place with Prestbury Parish Council for the rent to increase annually in April by CPI +1%. When this was put in place, CPI had historically been very low. However due to the current global situation the rise in CPI for April 23 is forecast to be higher again.

Charity name:

Little Explorers @ Pavilion

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start 1st September 2021

Period end date 31st

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year	
	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	50,216.42	
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)		
Children's fees	9,009.62	
Milk refund	-	
Grants (specify)	-	
Grant	192.49	
Grant	400.00	
Fundraising	656.00	
Donations	1,200.00	
Interest	-	
Other receipts	196.00	
Sub total	61,870.53	
Income from the sale of equipment	-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A)	£61,870.53

PAYMENTS	Previous year	
	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	49,569.30	
Training costs	1,588.00	
Premises (rent, heat etc)	5,800.00	
BT & Wifi	1,235.00	
Subscriptions	1,583.11	
Insurance	634.60	
Administration	488.11	
Refreshments	108.11	
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,284.11	
Premises expenses	308.79	
Fundraising costs	181.36	
end of term boogie beats and art	300.00	
staff uniform	469.94	
Other	430.93	
Sub total	63,981.36	
Purchases of equipment and other assets	-	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B)	£63,981.36

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	-£2,110.83
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D)	-
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D)	-£2,110.83

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES***Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.**

Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee): Signed...J. Legg Name: Jennife
Role: Administrator

Date.....

Charity number:

1052304

t August 2022

Current year	
£	p
43,826.45	
-	
18,324.81	
-	
-	
192.70	
-	
2,537.50	
505.00	
-	
-	
65,386.46	

PATA Covic grant

£65,386.46

Current year	
£	p
47,107.07	
449.29	
4,797.84	
835.34	
1,077.68	
728.60	
-	
-	
1,033.56	
376.85	
508.48	
280.00	
-	
167.45	

57,362.16

769.10

£58,131.26**£7,255.20****£7,255.20**

Current value	
£	p
40,542.91	
-	
25,075.00	
-	
£65,617.91	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
LITTLE EXPLORERS @PAVILION

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2022	Charity No.	1052304
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Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2022**.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

19/06/23

Name:

STUART MASON

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

FELLOW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (FCA)
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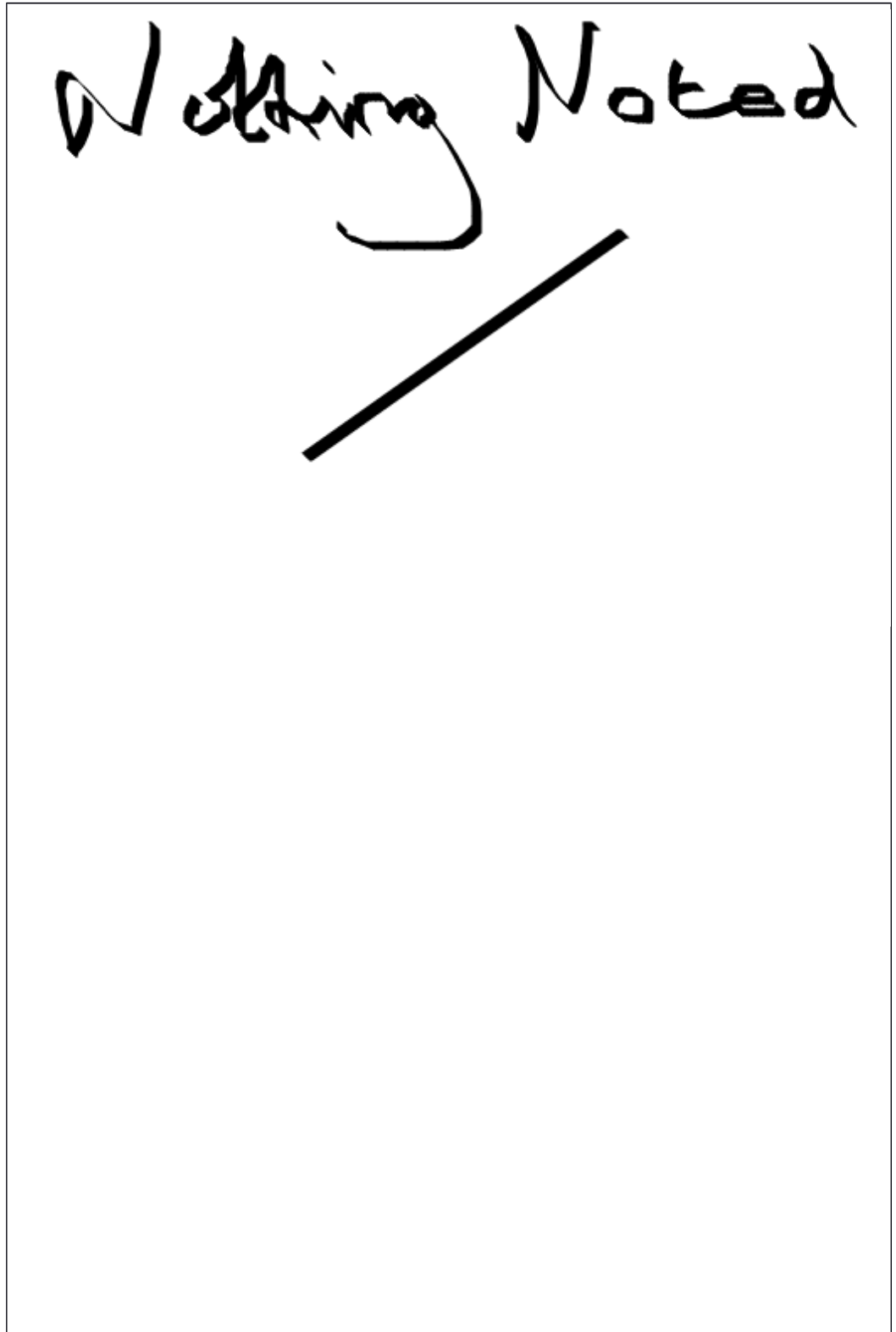
Section B

Disclosure

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

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

Nothing Noted



LITTLE EXPLORERS @ PAVILION

England & Wales - Charity number 1052304

Accounts

Charity name:

Little Explorers @ Pavilion

Charity number:

1052304

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date..... 1st Sept 2020

Period end date..... 31st August 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	63,243.66		50,216.42	
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)	-			
Children's fees	8,434.93		9,009.62	
Milk refund	-		-	
Grants (specify)	-		-	
Grant	-		192.49	pata covid grant
Grant	496.00		400.00	
Fundraising	446.00		656.00	
Donations	24.00		1,200.00	
Interest	-		-	
Other receipts			196.00	hoddies
Sub total	72,644.59		61,870.53	
Income from the sale of equipment	-		-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS (A)	£72,644.59		£61,870.53	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	63,243.66		49,569.30	
Training costs & petrol	252.00		1,588.00	
Premises (rent, heat etc)	5,670.00		5,800.00	
bt & wifi zoom	1,186.43		1,235.00	
Subscriptions	1,456.42		1,583.11	
Insurance	557.27		634.60	
Administration	320.11		488.11	
Refreshments	-		108.11	
Consumables Cleaning & PPE (paint, paper etc)	1,085.68		1,284.11	
Premises expenses	309.28		308.79	
Fundraising costs	150.00		181.36	
Flooring to Council	1,000.00			
new wooden bookcase	864.56			
end of term boogie beats and art	304.16		300.00	
staff uniform	426.75		469.94	
Other	306.92		430.93	
Sub total	77,133.24		63,981.36	
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	-		-	
TOTAL PAYMENTS (B)	£77,133.24		£63,981.36	

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (A-B=C)	-£4,488.65	-£2,110.83
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end (D)	30,090.93	32,561.91
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end (C+D)	£25,602.28	£30,451.08

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

		Current value	
		£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	32,561.91	
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	-	
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	25,075.00	
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	-	
Net assets (E-F+G-H)		£57,636.91	

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee): Name... Jackie Brooks..Role Administrator

Date 2nd May 2022



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity Name	LITTLE EXPLORERS @ PAVILION	
On accounts for the year ended	310821	Charity no (if any)	1052304
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):</p> <p>(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or <p>(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
Signed		Date	06/06/22
Name	STUART MARTIN		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	FELLOW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (FCA) ICAEW		
Address	23a FUNCHCROFT LANE PRESTBURY CHELTENHAM GL52 5BD		

Section E – Financial Review

Brief Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at the end of the financial year (August 2021) was approximately £12,472. We hold a sum in a separate reserve account as recommended by PATA to ensure that we have sufficient funds to pay staff costs/bills should our numbers drop, or we are unable to run for a period of time for any reason. This also ensures we have enough funds to cover any statutory liabilities should we need to dissolve the group, enables us to meet any unexpected expenditure, and also to enable the acquisition of new equipment. We aim to hold at least one term's running costs which we estimate to be between £14,000 (spring term) and £26,000 (summer term).

Optional Information

Little Explorers' principal source of funding is through the Government's Nursery Voucher scheme. However, we are also in receipt of small sums of money raised by our Committee.

Any additional appropriate funding is applied for on an ad hoc basis.

Section F – Other Optional Information

This financial year (Aug 2020 – August 2021) has been another difficult year for Little Explorers, but is currently sustainable with a Good Ofsted rating.

Spending:

There has been a huge effort to keep spending to an absolute minimum.

New flooring has now also been installed in the kitchen, of which Prestbury Parish Council agreed to pay 80% if we raised the remaining 20%.

Sadly Carla left us in September 2020 but we were able to employ Danae in January 2021.

In December 2020 we employed Leah to accommodate two children with learning difficulties, with Leah's wage being almost entirely covered by the additional funding we claimed for the twins.

In April 2021 we increased salaries for all staff; Sally, Danae & Leah to meet the National Living Wage and Melody, Jackie, Margaret, Julie and Becky were increased by 2.8% to reflect their extra responsibilities.

Prestbury Parish Council increased our rent in April 2021 by 10% which equated to £42 per month (over 10 months). Our Chair, Roz negotiated with Prestbury Parish Council to prevent a further very large increase in April 2022. As a result we now have a 5 year agreement in place by which rent will increase by CPI + 1% annually.

Due to Covid-19, schools were closed again in January 2021, we were thankful that Early Years settings were able to remain open but some families choose for their children not to attend the setting during January and February 2021 when the schools were closed.

Income:

The waiting list for September 2021 is healthy and within government restrictions, we anticipate being fully booked for the coming year.

The Committee have worked hard to fundraise to help enhance our income, approx. £1,800 was raised through raffles and sponsored events. We received approx. £600 in Covid grant.

Knight Frank donated £250 for us to be able to buy warm coats for the staff due to the need for extra ventilation and open windows during Covid-19. Wakemans donated £200, the 20% required, towards the new kitchen flooring. We received a further £600 in donations from our playgroup community.

Challenges for coming academic year:

As COVID-19 still has the potential to continue to disrupt our operating procedures and opening abilities it is important that we have a plan in place to recover loss of income from fee paying children.

Additionally there is the potential for Prestbury Parish Council to increase our rent further.

There is also a need to complete a review of staff wages as the increase to National Living Wage due in April 2022 will result in there again being little difference between grades and those with more responsibilities.

LITTLE EXPLORERS @ PAVILION

England & Wales - Charity number 1052304

Accounts

Section E – Financial Review

Brief Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at the end of the financial year (August 2020) was approximately £15,000. We hold a sum in a separate reserve account as recommended by PATA to ensure that we have sufficient funds to pay staff costs/bills should our numbers drop, or we are unable to run for a period of time for any reason. This also ensures we have enough funds to cover any statutory liabilities should we need to dissolve the group, enables us to meet any unexpected expenditure, and also to enable the acquisition of new equipment. We aim to hold at least one terms running costs which we estimate to between £12,000 and £20,000.

Optional Information

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Any additional appropriate funding is applied for on an ad hoc basis.

Section F – Other Optional Information

This financial year (April 2019 – August 2020) has been a difficult year for Little Explorers, but is currently sustainable with a Good Ofsted rating.

Spending:

New flooring has been installed throughout the playroom and cloakroom, of which we contributed £1,000.

We have increased salaries for Sally, Carla and Becky to meet National Minimum Wage. No further pay rises were given due to insufficient funds.

Due to COVID-19, all staff, with the exception of Melody and Jackie, were put on furlough with 80% of their wages being funded by the government furlough scheme. Government funding for pre-schoolers was granted during this period.

Income:

The waiting list for September 2020 is healthy and within government restrictions, we anticipate being fully booked for the coming year.

During COVID-19 we were able to reopen Little Explorers on Monday 1 June 2020 to school starting children. This has meant that we have had no income from fee paying children during this time.

The Committee have worked hard to fundraise to help enhance our income, which has been very much needed due to lack of funds from paying children's places. William's Cycles have donated two balance bikes and the Government have awarded Little Explorers £496.00 from the COVID fund.

Challenges for coming academic year:

As COVID-19 has the potential to continue to disrupt our operating procedures and opening abilities it is important that we have a plan in place to recover loss of income from fee paying children. Additionally there is the potential for Prestbury Parish Council to increase rent as this has not happened for a number of years. There is also a need to complete a review of staff wages as the increase to meet National Minimum Wage has resulted in there being little difference between grades and those with more responsibilities.

Charity name:

Charity number:

Little Explorers @ Pavilion

1052304

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1st April 2019

Period end date..... 31st August 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	37,738.42		63,140.09	
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)	-		-	
Children's fees	8,917.03		8,434.93	
Milk refund	-		-	
Grants (specify)	-		-	
Grant	-		-	
Grant	-		496.00	
Fundraising	-		446.00	
Donations	-		24.00	
Interest	-		-	
Other receipts	165.00		-	
Sub total	46,820.45		72,541.02	
Income from the sale of equipment	-		-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) £46,820.45		£72,541.02	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	50,947.96		63,243.66	
Training costs & petrol	183.61		252.00	
Premises (rent, heat etc)	4,200.00		5,670.00	
bt & wifi zoom	625.40		1,186.43	
Subscriptions	175.00		1,456.42	
Insurance	557.27		557.27	
Administration	581.00		320.11	
Refreshments	-		-	
Consumables Cleaning & PPE (paint, paper etc)	711.59		1,085.68	
Premises expenses	3,341.36		309.28	
Fundraising costs	-		150.00	
Flooring to Council	-		1,000.00	
new wooden bookcase	-		864.56	
end of term boogie beats and art	-		304.16	
staff uniform	-		426.75	
Other	115.00		203.35	
Sub total	61,438.19		77,029.67	
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	-		-	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) £61,438.19		£77,029.67	
NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C) -£14,617.74		-£4,488.65	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D) 41,808.00		-	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D) £27,190.26		-£4,488.65	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

		Current value	
		£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	30,090.93	
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	-	
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	25,075.00	
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	-	
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)	£55,165.93	

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee):

Signed *p.p. Rosalind Waters* Name..... Role *Chair*

Date..... *8/6/2021*.....



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

LITTLE EXPLORERS @ PAVILION

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

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Independent examiner's statement

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- (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;
 - 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

Stuart Mason

Date

03/05/21

Name

STUART MASON

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NOTHING NOTED

