

Fittleworth Chairpersons Report 2020-21

Obviously, this has been an extremely challenging year!

We re-opened in September, for all children, but with lower numbers than usual. This was a very difficult decision in part as we do NOT socially distance from the children and therefore staff and both their own families and the families of the children attending were put at risk. Without vaccines or any asymptomatic testing until February 2021 when Early Years settings became eligible. We were also unable to show any families around the setting or settle children under the guidance until September 2020 so we made a virtual tour and we tried as best as possible to engage with new families, through increased social media as well as sending home lots of insights into the day and sharing, frequently, the children's memory books.

In November, we had a national lockdown with restrictions being lifted for Christmas. During this lockdown we stayed open for all children but split into two groups, so children attended either Mon-Wed or Thursday and Friday. On January 6th the UK 2021 went into its third Lockdown and yet Early Years settings were instructed by the government to stay open to all children if they were able. At different times over the academic year, we have had parents keep their children at home, through their choice. We have had to ask families to change sessions, and children to change groups. There have been so many new challenges to contend with, but we have done it, and now look forward to the future with new opportunities, with our aim to be the best Early Years setting we can be! This has been a year of reflection and transition and we are all feeling positive about moving forward.

Staff

We welcomed a new apprentice to the team, Lilli-Mai Jupp in April. Lilli-Mai will be studying her Childcare Level 2 certificate whilst working alongside the team at Fittleworth.

We sadly had to say goodbye to Jo Spiers in July and Michelle Still in July. We thank them both for all their hard work and support. We wish them well in their future.

The Fittleworth team have continued to be an amazing support. In these uncertain times it has been important to support all staff's wellbeing and ensure everyone feels as safe as we can make them.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts.

Report to the Trustees of Fittleworth & District Playgroup (Charity No 1057649) on the Accrual Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and set out on pages one and two attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; You consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of The Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of The Act and

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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: 

Dated: 12/1/22

Fittleworth & District Playgroup

(Registered Charity No 1057649)

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st August 2021

| Notes | | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | FIXED ASSETS | | |
| 4 | Climbing Frame | 7645 | 8737 |
| 5 | Coiff Fund | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>£ 7,645</u> | <u>£ 8,737</u> |
| | CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| | Barclays Current Account | 23080 | 21781 |
| | Barclays Fundraising Account | 2853 | 2271 |
| | Barclays Savings Account | 35175 | 35175 |
| | Debtors | <u>£ 61,108</u> | <u>£ 59,227</u> |
| | CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| | Creditors and Accruals | 0 | 0 |
| | NET CURRENT ASSETS | <u>£ 61,108</u> | <u>£ 59,227</u> |
| | NET ASSETS | <u>£ 68,753</u> | <u>£ 67,964</u> |



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st August 2021

| Notes | INCOMING RESOURCES | 2020/21 General Income Fund | 2019/20 General Income Fund |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| 1 | Funding | 86973 | 59384 |
| | Fees | 55139 | 36373 |
| | Breakfast Club | 2,095 | 2,402 |
| | Fundraising | 628 | 226 |
| | Donations | 1926 | 105 |
| | Other Income | 2627 | 8957 |
| | Interest | | 46 |
| | Total Incoming Resources | 149388 | 107493 |
| | RESOURCES EXPENDED | | |
| 2 | Direct Charitable Expenditure | | |
| | Playgroup Costs | | |
| | Wages Childcare | 86103 | 91761 |
| | Administration & Other | 7223 | 6765 |
| | HMRC | 7210 | 5965 |
| | Pensions | 2332 | 2523 |
| | Total Salaries | 102868 | 107014 |
| | Administration Expenses | 11240 | 9995 |
| | Staff Development & Training | 144 | 480 |
| | Premises Costs | 16525 | 13021 |
| | Depreciation | 1092 | 1092 |
| | Child Development & Equipment | 2859 | 4916 |
| | Advertising & Marketing | 894 | 380 |
| | Fundraising | 0 | 0 |
| | Hot Lunches | 8440 | 6414 |
| | Refunds & Adjustments | 3617 | 1815 |
| | Miscellaneous | | 782 |
| | Write Off Capital Equipment | 8666 | 0 |
| | Total Expenditure | 156345 | 145909 |
| | NET DEFICIT | -6957 | -38416 |
| | Fund balance b/f (01/09/2020) | 68069 | 106485 |
| | Fund balance c/f (31/08/2021) | 61112 | 68069 |

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