



## **Georges Playgroup**

### **Trustees annual report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

**Registered charity name:** St Georges Playgroup

**Charity registration number:** 1061202

**Principal Office:** Georges Playgroup,  
Harewood Infant School,  
Harewood Close,  
Tuffley,  
Gloucestershire,  
GL4 0SS

**Trustees:** Carmine Maietta  
Alexandra Wallington  
Lucja Furczon  
Sarah Robins

### **Objectives and Activities:**

Georges Playgroup provides quality Early Years Education and personal development for children aged 2 years 9 months to school age, for the Tuffley, Kingsway and Quedgeley area. The playgroup caters for all socio-economic backgrounds and helps a diverse range of families. As a team our main object is to aid the development of the unique child and ensure each child develops through their interest in a challenging environment. Furthermore, we help signpost support for families and vulnerable children in our care.

The charity has been focusing to provide affordable and quality childcare for the local community. We have ensured our fee structure has been accessible to all families and helped families in need of support, to gain funding. We have pushed to promote the Playgroup and brought in local community businesses to aid in the children's understanding and development of the area around them, such as the fire brigade, dentists etc.

This financial year our activities have focused on the keeping children safe and learning through the pandemic. We have worked alongside our

families and the local community to ensure children have a consistent level of attention and support from us as a playgroup. This financial year has been hugely affected by the pandemic and its impacts on things we can do as a charity, however we have still managed to stay open and available to all of our families who need us.

“EC has enjoyed every part of playgroup. I think she has learnt a lot and has grown in confidence. I’ll always remember watching her put her coat on by herself for the first time. She gets very excited to bring her lunch bag!”

### **Our Purpose:**

The purpose of the charity is to provide a safe and stimulating environment for children, to allow them to learn and play at their own independent rate. Our key purpose is to aid children to learn through play and by interacting with the world around them. Our strategy to aid the local community as a whole, is to improve the outcomes of the children in our care and help them become valued citizens.

We are very lucky to be situated on the ground of the local primary school and this allows us to provide the easiest transition for the children in our care. By working closely with the Primary school, each child is well prepared for their next step into school. We work with children and parents to enable them to be confident and secure in their movement to a different setting, where ever this may be.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

During this financial year we have been able unable to achieve our usual fundraising achievements due to the pandemic. This has meant we have focused more on grants and other sources of income than usual. The funds we have received have been put towards keeping the playgroup COVID safe and helping children who have to isolate at home. There has also been a focus on making sure the playgroup can remain financially stable to keep us open during this uncertain time.

We have been able to make up home learning packs for children. These packs have been delivered to children at home and helped support families keep their children developing new skills and being creative. Families have been very grateful of these resources and we have been able to point families to additional support through this time.

Our main achievement has been the continued support for the children at home and for the wider family. We have been able to remain open when allowed and been there when families need us the most. We have still been able to increase our numbers to help ensure a list of children for the next academic year.

## **Our plans for the future:**

Our main focus for the next academic year, is employee development and training. We aim to focus on training in communication and behaviour for all of the staff in the playgroup. We want to be able to support more children with Special Educational Needs and who need additional support after the pandemic.

From the pandemic there have been more children presenting with communication and emotional additional needs. Our aim is to support these children and be able to give them the best help we can.

We are looking at working with multiple agencies to develop training in Makaton, I CAN, Communication Friendly and behaviour. We are also hoping to support a member of staff with their movement onto NVQ3. Supporting staff in their professional and personal development and training will aid all of the children and give them the best start in life.

## **Management Committee:**

Our committee is made up of parents of children within our care, local community members and professionals. The committee is elected at an AGM held in September and is governed by constitution, which is reviewed annually. New committee members are recruited by coffee mornings with the current committee, newsletters and discussions with parents.

## **Financial Position:**

Our accounts show a surplus of £2519, cash held at the end of the year was £29,747. This broken down as follows:

- Fundraising account £1,168.91
- Contingency account £5,736.39
- Main current account £22,819.39

Georges playgroup operates a reserves policy to ensure sufficient funds are available, to cover any wind up costs and any requirements of this policy at any time.

We have implemented tighter financial controls to ensure only necessary spending for the playgroup. Furthermore, we have increased the session charge to add additional regular income, alongside a start-up fee when children start with the playgroup.

During this financial year we have rebranded the playgroup with a view to attracting new children and improving the reputation in our local area.

## **Conclusive Summary:**

Georges playgroup is developing a wide support network for local families and becoming a playgroup that is valued by local families. As a charity we have worked tirelessly to ensure the wellbeing and safeguarding of the children in our care during a global pandemic. We have been able to maintain our financial situation and remain open during a problematic year. Our committee has worked together to ensure we are covering all current COVID procedures and policies from both government and local council.

Even through a tough year, our families and children are still very happy with the care that is given by Georges. We plan to continue building on this foundation and gaining more children so that we can maintain our stability for the next financial year.

The trustees confirm they have due regard to guidance produced by the charity commission's benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmine Maietta', written over a horizontal line.

Carmine Maietta  
(Chairperson)



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Georges Playgroup (Tuffley)

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 AUGUST 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1061202

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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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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").

Independent  
examiner's statement

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.

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  
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Signed:

Date:

24 / 08 / 2021

Name:

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/09/2019

To

Period end date  
31/08/2020

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Playgroup Fees	5,708	-	-	5,708	4,350
Less Refund	- 344	-	-	- 344	- 100
GCC - Early Education Funding	35,558	-	-	35,558	44,185
Fundraising	160	-	-	160	490
Other	500	-	-	500	26
GCC Grant	10,000	-	-	10,000	
HMRC JRS Grant	3,411	-	-	3,411	
Interest	2	-	-	2	3
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>54,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,995</b>	<b>48,954</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>54,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,995</b>	<b>48,954</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	43,036	-	-	43,036	42,128
NI & PAYE	5,161	-	-	5,161	1,529
Agency Staff	158	-	-	158	199
Coaching Staff	-	-	-	-	180
Insurance	308	-	-	308	309
Consumables	524	-	-	524	466
Play Equipment/Books	2,569	-	-	2,569	256
Premises Costs	2,179	-	-	2,179	883
Office & Administration Costs	291	-	-	291	887
IT	201	-	-	201	179
Training	725	-	-	725	295
Subscriptions & Compliance	503	-	-	503	381
Telephones	170	-	-	170	336
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Miscellaneous	62	-	-	62	180
Accountancy	384	-	-	384	432
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>57,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,514</b>	<b>48,809</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Vacuum	219	-	-	219	-
Laptop	540	-	-	540	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>58,273</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,273</b>	<b>48,809</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,278</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>33,025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,025</b>	<b>32,880</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>29,747</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,747</b>	<b>33,025</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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