

Georges Playgroup Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From August 31st 2023
To August 31st 2024

Period start date
Period end date



Charity name: St Georges Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1061202

Objectives and Activities

Georges Playgroup provides quality Education to Early Years children aged 2 to primary school age. Our main purpose is to deliver a high-quality education in personal development for all children who attend the setting.

Our families who attend our setting are from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures. The team at Georges strive to achieve the main objective to support all children who attend the setting, with their own personal development and ensure that each child's personal developmental goals are met by use of their interests while challenging them in a way that is suitable for their age and ability.

Georges Playgroup provide a holistic approach to learning and provide a wide range of learning opportunities which provide varying outcomes to achieve. We offer guidance and support for all families and vulnerable children who join our setting.

Georges Playgroup welcome families from all socio-economic backgrounds and have a diverse range of families within our setting. The main areas that feed our setting are the neighbouring areas of Tuffley, Quedgeley and Kingsway, but we have also seen families and children attend from further out areas such as Hunts Grove and Finlay.

The charity has maintained an affordable and quality childcare for the community throughout the last year, even with the rising costs for everyone. We continue to do what we can to keep all costs affordable for our children and families. We support families who are eligible for government funding and offer support in any way we can for everyone.

The charity work with the local community in a range of ways and offering some activities for everyone to get involved. We aim to achieve partnership working and demonstrate a good structure for the children to support their development and understanding of the world around them.

Achievements and Performance

We focus our provision on activities that support the continuous development of the children in the setting, following guidance of the EYFS framework to support our choices. Georges Playgroup strives to continually offer the best environment for the children and offer an all-round, accessible experience, while working on a budget to maintain financial stability for the setting.

We have achieved a high intake of children within the last year, with most sessions being at capacity. This has helped the financial stability of the charity to be maintained to a reasonable standard.

There have been some successful fundraising events that have had many families involved and provided opportunities that have been enjoyed by all.

Fundraising will continue to be a big part of Georges Playgroup, it is an income we rely on to replace and update resources, which may not always be affordable from funding and payable income.

Finding new fundraising ideas is important, to keep it engaging and inviting for all families, some of whom have multiple children attend over the years.

The playgroup also does grant sourcing, some of which prove to be successful applications.

Georges playgroup offer some fundraising events that are open to the public to get involved and in turn hope it offers word of mouth which will feed our setting with new children and families.

With slightly lower numbers on roll over the last financial year, Georges Playgroup has had to push through to remain financially viable, meaning that costs have been cut where possible. There have been less space enquiries through the last financial year which has reduced the amount of new starters. Many of the families on roll have increased their child's hours throughout the year which has offered some additional funding income. Friday all day session is popular in preparation for school readiness. The academic year usually begins quietly and gradually gets busier as more people request spaces, especially in preschool.

Our Future Plans

Numbers often begin low at the start of the academic year then gradually grow as the year progresses. Our future plan is to start off with a fair number on roll for Toddlers and Preschool – although preschool is fed by current year toddlers so that usually begins with a reasonable amount.

We work hard to offer a holistic environment that meets all needs including children with additional or special educational needs. Our future plan is to ensure we have a good selection of activities that offer a wide range of learning outcomes and opportunities. We continue to build our setting reputation and get regular positive feedback from families.

Management and Committee

Georges Playgroup is run by a committee of volunteers, some are parents who have children in the setting, have previously attended the setting or plan to bring their children to the setting, as well as local community members and other professionals.

The committee is elected at an AGM; Annual General Meeting, which is held in September and is governed by constitution, this is reviewed annually.

New committee members are being recruited, via application pack information, word of mouth, social media posts and email information packs; including newsletter and leaflets – all of which provide information on what the joining process involves and what the responsibility of trustees are.

Financial Review

Our accounts show, cash held at the end of the year was: £ 41,793. This broken down as follows:

- Fundraising account: £2579
- Contingency account: £5841
- Main Account: £33737

George's playgroup operates a reserve policy to ensure sufficient funds are available, to cover and wind-up costs and any requirements of this policy at any time.

Georges Playgroup are still following tighter financial controls to ensure only necessary spending. Session charge and consumables has remained the same in the last year however, this may have to be reassessed.

Conclusive Summary

Georges Playgroup continues to provide affordable childcare for the children and their families who attend the setting. We look at ways of improving our provisions and partnership working to benefit the children's development. We continue to monitor staffing levels and finances with the support of the committee, to ensure the security of the playgroup's future.

Georges Playgroup Committee are very supportive and continue to offer ideas, suggestions and services to aid the function of the playgroup.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Position
1	Carmine Maietta	Chair
2	Alexandra Wallington	Treasurer
3	Natasha Grange	Trustee
4	Lucy Poole	Trustee
5	Sophie Martin	Trustee
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Date

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Date

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Georges Playgroup (Tuffley) Charity No: 1061202

Year Ended 31st August 2024

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>31.08.2024</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Current Assets		
Playground & Other Equipment	5,417	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>42,207</u>	
	47,624	
Current Liabilities		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>420</u>	
Net Current Assets		47,204
Total Assets		<u>47,204</u>
Capital Account		
Capital Carried Forward	33,948	
Profit and Loss Account	<u>13,256</u>	
		<u>47,204</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Georges Playgroup (Tuffley)

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1061202

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 31/08/2022

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 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:

28/07/2025

Name:

Mrs Lynne Pinder

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

AAT Level 4 Professional Accounting Qualification

Address:

Allen Accountants Nailsworth Ltd

Town Hall, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth, Stroud, GL6 0JF

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).