

# FOUNTAINS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1063010

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1997-06-23

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:(a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, 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 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 areas;(c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

**Activities:** Rural Playgroup and Pre-school serving children aged 2 - 5

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- North Yorkshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£121,320	£85,025	-	-
2024-07-31	£76,627	£71,795	-	-
2023-07-31	£54,657	£69,682	-	-
2022-07-31	£67,697	£68,152	-	-
2021-07-31	£60,108	£62,238	-	-
2020-07-31	£69,269	£54,085	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dawn Rogers		2015-06-06
Leanne Noone		2025-06-12
Richard Noake		2025-06-12
Sophia Louise Hamilton Bromet		2023-10-10

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# Accounts

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**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2025**

**Yorkshire Accountants Ripon**



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## **Fountains Playgroup and Pre School Trustee Annual Report 2024 - 2025**

### **Our Aims**

The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age in a safe, secure and stimulating environment.

We aim to:

- support and help children to feel safe and content in our care. As we care for each individual we develop warm and secure relationships with adults and peers.
- encourage children to explore, experiment, observe and discover, and to take risks and challenges.
- support children to value the culture, religion, race and language of "self" and "others" through sharing and talking about our differences.
- give children the opportunity to enter into the world of imagination, fantasy and role-play.

These aims continue to underpin everything we do and have guided decision-making throughout 2024–2025.

### **Economic Climate and Fundraising**

During 2024–2025 the setting has continued to experience the impact of rising running costs and fluctuations in the number of children attending. As trustees we have remained mindful of the budget and the longer-term sustainability of the playgroup.

A significant development this year has been the national expansion of government-funded childcare, with the phased roll-out of 15 and 30 funded hours for younger children, including those from 9 months old. This change has provided new opportunities for income generation and has supported our efforts to stabilise and grow numbers, particularly as local provisions also see demand rise, we can benefit from increased numbers. We are seeing an increase in enquiries from families who are now eligible for funded hours, and we anticipate this will continue to have a positive financial impact moving forward. This is supported by the increased revenue income from £76,627 in 2024 to £121,320 in 2025, with the majority relating to increased funding.

In addition to maximising the funding opportunities, we have:

- continued to monitor income and expenditure closely and review the budget regularly;
- maintained extended opening hours (early start and late finish on three days per week, in addition to holiday clubs) to offer greater flexibility for families;
- worked to raise the profile of the pre-school locally through advertising, social media and community engagement;
- continued to use Bags2School and Easy Fundraising and expanded public-focused fundraising events.

**Fundraising and increasing the number of children attending remain key priorities. We continue to hold reserves in a savings account to protect trustees, committee members and the Charity, and to provide resilience against unexpected changes in income or costs.**

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### **Policies**

Our policies are regularly reviewed and updated in line with the Pre-School Learning Alliance (PLA). As policies have become more complex documents we have continued to use the PLA policy model.

We maintain our strong commitment to safeguarding, with regular staff training ensuring that knowledge remains updated in line with current requirements. All policies are held in the setting and are available to read on request.

### **Community Links**

Our group remains committed to working closely with the community. Strong links with Fountains School continue to be developed, supporting smooth transitions for children moving on to school.

We also maintain and value our links with the village community, including:

- use of the Village Hall;
- use of the playing field for outdoor learning and forest school sessions;
- opportunities for families and local residents to participate in fundraising and events.

These links enrich children's experiences and help ensure we remain an active and valued part of the local community.

### **Looking Ahead: Future Sustainability**

Looking ahead, the trustees recognise the importance of long-term sustainability and operational resilience. To support this, we are actively exploring the possibility of the playgroup becoming part of Fountains CE Primary School.

Joining LDLT would offer a number of potential benefits, including:

- greater organisational stability;
- access to wider professional expertise;
- reduced overheads through shared services and economies of scale;
- improved efficiencies across administration, safeguarding, finance and HR functions.

This exploration is at an early stage, but it reflects our commitment to ensuring that Fountains Playgroup and Pre School continues to thrive, offering high-quality early education for children and families for many years to come.

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2025**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Fees Received	- Resource Fee	1,262.10	1,375.00
	- Playgroup	22,049.54	24,035.68
	- 3 Year Old Funding	94,745.00	40,219.00
	- Uniform	201.50	209.50
	- After School	1,035.00	2,724.00
Fund Raising	- Xmas Fundraiser	816.86	941.22
	- Fashion Show	0.00	1,554.27
	- Bags 2 School	116.00	417.00
	- Pub Quiz	0.00	123.00
	- Scavenger Hunt	0.00	167.30
	- Easy Fundraising	470.94	274.31
	- Trips	0.00	135.00
	- Welton Trust	0.00	500.00
	- Jumble Sale	187.50	315.00
	- Tractor Raffle	67.00	0.00
	- Bake Sale	10.00	0.00
	- Ice-Cream	0.00	29.00
	- Nidderdale Walk	90.00	514.56
Donations		300.00	3,000.00
Bank Compensation		0.00	
Stock Change		-31.00	-27.50
Gross Bank Interest		0.00	120.30
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>121,320.44</b>	<b>76,626.67</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>-85,024.70</b>	<b>-71,794.91</b>
<b>PROFIT/DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>		<b><u>36,295.74</u></b>	<b><u>4,831.76</u></b>

## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	65,289.06	52,707.43
Insurance and Subs	882.26	613.36
Premises – Rent and Rates	1,461.09	930.75
Electric	1,800.90	1,196.87
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	5,241.15	6,642.97
Repairs and Renewals	180.00	2,446.79
Meals	2,555.30	1,669.18
Consumables	219.22	289.53
Uniforms Staff	289.16	230.31
Children	0.00	0.00
Training	1,558.50	885.52
Equipment Purchased	0.00	209.20
Ofsted	50.00	63.00
Trips	1,150.00	699.00
Telephone & Broadband	672.56	873.03
Stationary and Copying	2,364.16	513.03
Accountancy	883.60	1,264.80
Miscellaneous	330.24	236.74
Advertising	0.00	248.00
Fundraising	97.50	75.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>85,024.70</u></b>	<b><u>71,794.91</u></b>

## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Balance Sheet As At 31 July 2025

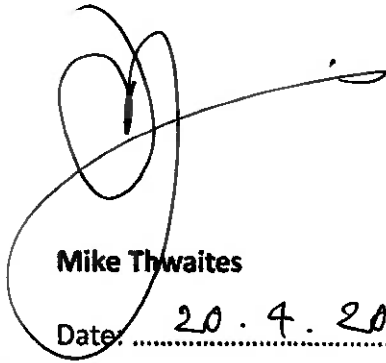
	2025 £	2024 £
<b>ASSETS</b>		
New Building	93,977.96	93,977.96
Outdoor Play Equipment	10,015.22	10,015.22
Equipment	5,389.79	5,389.79
Computer Equipment	4,377.94	4,377.94
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	87,615.95	59,652.14
Savings Account	0.00	0.00
Cash in Hand – Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Stock	90.00	121.00
Debtors	4,626.75	1,008.44
Creditors	-3,336.46	-8,081.08
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>202,757.15</u></b>	<b><u>166,461.41</u></b>
Accumulated at start of year	166,461.41	161,629.65
Surplus for year	36,295.74	4,831.76
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>202,757.15</u></b>	<b><u>166,461.41</u></b>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Accounts Report to**

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

We have approved the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2025. In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared this unaudited Income and Expenditure Account from the accounting records and explanations supplied to us.



**Mike Thwaites**  
Date: 20.4.2026

**Client Approval Certificate**

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2025 and confirm that we have made available relevant records and information for its preparation.

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Richard A. E. .

Date: 16/04/2026

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### **Economic Climate and Fundraising**

This year has seen a huge effort from the committee members, staff and parents to ease the financial pressure the preschool is under with an increase in fundraising and a focus on raising the profile of the playgroup locally to increase numbers. Both have been successful; numbers have increased significantly and the yearly income exceeded the expenditure for the first time since 2021.

Wages continued to increase reflecting the National minimum wage and those above this were also given a pay rise. We have also faced the challenge of all running costs continuing to rise. The fees for non-funded hours were increased in January to reflect these increases in expenditure. The slight increase in funding for the 3/4 year old funded hours from NYCC has been helpful, as too has the addition of 15 funded hours for 2 year olds of working parents.

We have continued to run the extended opening hours (8.15am - 5.00pm) and recently increased this offer from 3 days per week to 4 days per week. The number of children taking up the extended hours

has been relatively small but the overall number of children attending the setting has increased significantly and a large part of this is as a result of offering these hours.

With the financial viability of the setting coming under question at the previous AGM alongside difficulty recruiting committee members meant the future of the preschool is uncertain. As a result we entered into discussions this year with Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust (LDLT) who run Fountains CE Primary School, situated next door to the preschool. We agreed that transitioning the preschool to come under the umbrella of the primary school would be a positive way forward for the preschool. A consultation and due diligence process by LDLT has now started and the committee are hopeful that this will go ahead. The committee members have agreed to stay on the committee while this process is undertaken.

Thanks to a donation from the Welbury Norton Trust we have been able to offer a 6 week block of weekly forest school session at a reduced cost which have been greatly enjoyed by the children.

We continue to hold reserve in a savings account to protect trustees and the Charity.

### **Policies**

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### **Community Links**

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## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2024

INCOME		2024	2023
INCOME		£	£
Fees Received	- Resource Fee	1,375.00	719.58
	- Playgroup	24,035.68	21,069.29
	- 3 Year Old Funding	40,219.00	31,204.00
	- Meals	0.00	0.00
	- Uniform	209.50	94.47
	- After School	2,724.00	154.00
Fund Raising	- Xmas Fundraiser	941.22	581.90
	- Fashion Show	1,554.27	0.00
	- Bags 2 School	417.00	438.00
	- Pub Quiz	123.00	0.00
	- Scavenger Hunt	167.30	0.00
	- Easy Fundraising	274.31	0.00
	- Trips	135.00	0.00
	- Welton Trust	500.00	0.00
	- Jumble Sale	315.00	0.00
	- Amazon Europe Core	0.00	43.02
	- Coronation Tea	0.00	309.01
	- Ice-Cream	29.00	56.00
	- Nidderdale Walk	514.56	0.00
Donations		3,000.00	0.00
Bank Compensation		0.00	0.00
Stock Change		-27.50	-47.50
Gross Bank Interest		120.30	35.29
TOTAL INCOME		<u>76,626.67</u>	<u>54,657.06</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-71,794.91	-69,682.73
<b>PROFIT/DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>		<u><b>4,831.76</b></u>	<u><b>-15,025.67</b></u>

## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	52,707.43	46,886.09
Insurance and Subs	613.36	417.65
Premises – Rent and Rates	930.75	733.33
Electric	1,196.87	6,837.06
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	6,642.97	7,526.49
Repairs and Renewals	2,446.79	448.17
Meals	1,669.18	2,370.50
Consumables	289.53	336.98
Uniforms Staff	230.31	20.94
Children	0.00	0.00
Training	885.52	838.84
Equipment Purchased	209.20	546.22
Ofsted	63.00	50.00
Trips	699.00	0.00
Telephone & Broadband	873.03	937.72
Stationary and Copying	513.03	303.80
Accountancy	1,264.80	1,084.40
Miscellaneous	236.74	225.00
Advertising	248.40	0.00
Fundraising	75.00	119.54
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>71,794.91</u></b>	<b><u>69,682.73</u></b>

## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Balance Sheet As At 31 July 2024

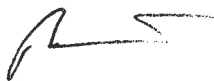
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Equipment	5,389.79	5,389.79
Computer Equipment	4,377.94	4,377.94
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	59,652.14	14,492.33
Savings Account	0.00	35,321.96
Cash in Hand – Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Stock	121.00	148.50
Debtors	1,008.44	4,311.97
Creditors	-8,081.08	-6,406.02
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>166,461.41</u></b>	<b><u>161,629.65</u></b>
Accumulated at start of year	161,629.65	176,655.32
Surplus for year	4,831.76	-15,025.67
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>166,461.41</u></b>	<b><u>161,629.65</u></b>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Accounts Report to**

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

We have approved the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2024. In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared this unaudited Income and Expenditure Account from the accounting records and explanations supplied to us.



**Brian Elsworth**  
**ACCA**

Date: 31. JAN 2025

**Client Approval Certificate**

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2024 and confirm that we have made available relevant records and information for its preparation.

SR Cox

Suzanne Cox

Date: 30/01/2025

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### **Economic Climate and Fundraising**

This year the setting has been faced with the challenges of running costs continuing to rise and lower than average numbers of children attending. As trustees we have continued to be mindful of the budget and looked at ways to raise money for the setting using different methods. We have introduced extended opening hours with an early start and late finish 3 days per week to encourage more pupils to attend and have focussed on raising the profile of the preschool locally through advertising. We continue to use Bags2School and Easy Fundraising and have included more public involved activities as part of our fundraising. Both fundraising and increasing the numbers of children attending the setting will continue to be a priority and the trustees will continue to monitor the budget and as a result the viability of the setting going forward.

We continue to hold reserve in a savings account to protect trustees, committee members and the Charity.

### **Policies**

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Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2023

INCOME		2023	2022
INCOME		£	£
Fees Received	- Resource Fee	719.58	0.00
	- Playgroup	21,069.29	26,546.07
	- 3 Year Old Funding	31,204.00	38,312.00
	- Meals	0.00	0.00
	- Uniform	94.47	100.50
	- After School	154.00	0.00
Fund Raising	- Xmas Fundraiser	581.90	774.00
	- Wheelathon	0.00	407.30
	- Bags 2 School	438.00	414.60
	- Smarties tubes	0.00	99.20
	- Uniform	0.00	0.00
	- Hook A Duck	0.00	363.00
	- Trips	0.00	111.00
	- Cake Sale	0.00	161.15
	- Calendar	0.00	155.50
	- Amazon Europe Core	43.02	13.26
	- Coronation Tea	309.01	0.00
	- Ice-Cream	56.00	0.00
Donations		0.00	0.00
Bank Compensation		0.00	200.00
Stock Change		-47.50	4.00
Gross Bank Interest		35.29	35.26
TOTAL INCOME		<u>54,657.06</u>	<u>67,696.84</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-69,682.73	-68,151.90
DEFICIT FOR YEAR		<u><b>-15,025.67</b></u>	<u><b>-455.06</b></u>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	46,886.09	50,518.13
Insurance and Subs	417.65	352.20
Premises – Rent and Rates	733.33	1,313.71
Electric	6,837.06	1,072.00
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	7,526.49	4,090.76
Repairs and Renewals	448.17	817.49
Meals	2,370.50	3,824.35
Consumables	336.98	800.50
Uniforms Staff	20.94	0.00
Children	0.00	274.65
Training	838.84	1,020.24
Equipment Purchased	546.22	655.73
Ofsted	50.00	111.29
Trips	0.00	94.50
Telephone	937.72	955.52
Stationary and Copying	303.80	542.84
Accountancy	1,084.40	972.00
Miscellaneous	225.00	174.30
Cleaning for Covid	0.00	0.00
Calendars	0.00	561.69
Fundraising	119.54	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>69,682.73</u></b>	<b><u>68,151.90</u></b>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Balance Sheet  
As At 31 July 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
New Building	93,977.96	93,977.96
Outdoor Play Equipment	10,015.22	10,015.22
Equipment	5,389.79	5,389.79
Computer Equipment	4,377.94	4,377.94
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	14,492.33	26,887.28
Savings Account	35,321.96	35,286.67
Cash in Hand – Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Stock	148.50	196.00
Debtors	4,311.97	3,663.01
Creditors	-6,406.02	-3,138.55
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>161,629.65</u></b>	<b><u>176,655.32</u></b>
Accumulated at start of year	176,655.32	177,110.38
Surplus for year	-15,025.67	-455.06
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>161,629.65</u></b>	<b><u>176,655.32</u></b>

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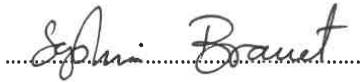


**Brian Elsworth**  
**ACCA**

Date: 24 / 5 / 2024

**Client Approval Certificate**

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2023 and confirm that we have made available relevant records and information for its preparation.



Date: 20 / 05 / 24

**FOUNTAINS PLAYGROUP**

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## **Fountains pre school and playgroup committee AGM 03.11.2022**

### **Present:**

Dawn Rogers, Sam Dent, Charlotte Dawson, Pete Newman, Amy Midgley, Sarah Smith, Susie Cox, Vikki Ellmore, Amy Ward, Holly Parry.

### **Apols:**

Shell Cobin, Sophia Bromet

### **Minutes from previous AGM, all correct and signed off.**

### **Chairman's report:**

CD will be stepping down as chairman from this evening.  
Could look at offering a playgroup on selected afternoons to up numbers.  
Nothing else to report

### **Treasurer's report:**

PN: we made a £455 loss, not too bad considering.  
Funding is at similar levels to 2020  
Fundraising is £1000 up on previous year  
PN to stand down as treasurer.

### **Election of officers:**

**Amy Ward- chairman. CD propose DR second.**  
**Shell Cobin- treasurer. DR propose (in her absence) SS second.**  
**Sophia Bromet- secretary. AW propose (in SB absence) PN second.**

**Holly Parry to join as committee member.**

**PN to stay on until transferred to SC.**

**SS CD AM SC all stay on as committee member.**

### **A.O.B.**

Review and renewal of staff contracts.

Increase to fees has occurred- £4.90 is now price (as of September 2022)

10th November "bags to school"

### **Action**

CD to send link for EY2 to DR, and DBS for new committee members.

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2022**

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## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fees Received - Playgroup	26,546.07	14,411.78
- 3 Year Old Funding	38,312.00	43,136.00
- Meals	0.00	1,691.35
- Uniform	100.50	184.00
Fund Raising - Xmas Fundraiser	774.00	285.00
- Wheelathon	407.30	0.00
- Bag 2 School	414.60	345.00
- Smarties Tubes	99.20	0.00
- Uniform	0.00	32.08
- Hook A Duck	363.00	0.00
- Trips	111.00	0.00
- Cake Sale	161.15	0.00
- Calendar	155.50	0.00
- Amazon Europe Core	13.26	6.22
Donations	0.00	10.00
Bank Compensation	200.00	
Stock Change	4.00	-28.00
Gross Bank Interest	35.26	34.20
TOTAL INCOME	<u>67,696.84</u>	<u>60,107.63</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-68,151.90	-62,237.84
<b>DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	<u><u>-455.06</u></u>	<u><u>-2,130.21</u></u>

Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	50,518.13	49,837.70
Insurance and Subs	352.20	1,721.48
Premises - Rent and Rates	1,313.71	956.48
Electric	1,072.00	1,471.00
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	4,090.76	1,927.32
Repairs and Renewals	817.49	425.16
Meals	3,824.35	1,400.03
Consumables	800.50	693.68
Uniforms Staff	0.00	104.40
Children	274.65	96.55
Training	1,020.24	449.84
Equipment Purchased	655.73	219.42
Ofsted	111.29	159.58
Trips	94.50	0.00
Telephone	955.52	843.51
Stationery and Copying	542.84	194.84
Accountancy	972.00	1,212.00
Miscellaneous	174.30	175.30
Cleaning for Covid	0.00	349.55
Calendars	561.69	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>68,151.90</b>	<b>62,237.84</b>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Balance Sheet  
As At 31 July 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
New Building	93,977.96	93,977.96
Outdoor Play Equipment	10,015.22	10,015.22
Equipment	5,389.79	5,389.79
Computer Equipment	4,377.94	4,377.94
Cash at Bank - Current Account	26,887.28	26,554.36
- Savings Accounts	35,286.67	35,251.41
Cash in Hand - Petty Cash	0.00	438.20
Stock	196.00	192.00
Debtors	3,663.01	3,697.00
Creditors	-3,138.55	-2,783.50
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>176,655.32</u></b>	<b><u>177,110.38</u></b>
Accumulated at start of year	177,110.38	179,240.59
Surplus for Year	-455.06	-2,130.21
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>176,655.32</u></b>	<b><u>177,110.38</u></b>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
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**Income and Expenditure Account  
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Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

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	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
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Insurance and Subs	352.20	1,721.48
Premises - Rent and Rates	1,313.71	956.48
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**FOUNTAINS PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1063010

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## **Fountains Playgroup and Pre School Trustee Annual Report 20210- 2020**

### **Our Aims**

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- support and help children to feel safe and content in our care. As we care for each individual we develop a warm and secure relationships with adults and peers
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- to begin to value the culture, religion, race and language of "self" and "others" through sharing and talking about our differences.
- to give children the opportunity to enter into the world of imagination, fantasies, and role-play

### **Economic Climate and Fundraising**

We have continued to do the best we can under very difficult circumstances again this year, Covid-19 has continued to be a massive part of all our lives. We have had to adapt to the rapidly changing situation and ensure the safety and well being of our children was at the forefront of our decisions. We have continued to maintain healthy numbers of children in the setting despite the challenges. Funding for the children has maintained throughout the pandemic which has helped secure the viability of pre-school.

The cost of everything has continued to rise and this has been discussed between trustees and the committee to see how we can make the books balance. We will be looking to raise the hourly rate for non-funded children and implement an additional one off termly charge for funded children to assist with the rising cost of resources. As trustees we have continued to be mindful of the budget and constantly look at ways to raise money for the setting using different methods to raising the fees. We continue to use Bags2School to raise ongoing funds and with the inevitable easing of restrictions we will look to include more public involved activities

We have continued to invest in staff training to ensure we are compliant with knowledge, skills and experience. As fundraising becomes more frequent we will look to purchase some more updated equipment.

### **Policies**

These are regularly reviewed and updated in line with the Pre-School Learning Alliance. As policies have become more complex documents we have continued to

use the PLA policy model. We maintain our commitment to and ongoing review of safeguarding policy and procedures and ask that these are observed at all times. Regular training for all staff takes place to ensure knowledge is abreast of changes. The policies are held in the setting are available to read on request.

### **Community Links**

Our group is committed to working with the community. Strong links with Fountains School are being made as are links with the village through the Village Hall and our use of the playing field for outdoor learning. We are currently researching the possibility of becoming a Federation with the School. We were pleased to contribute toward the local food bank at Christmas and sing Christmas songs at the local Parish Fair.

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
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## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fees Received - Playgroup	£ 14,411.78	£ 10,151.61
- 3 Year Old Funding	£ 43,136.00	£ 53,724.00
- Meals	£ 1,691.35	£ 1,453.83
- Toddlers	£ -	£ 40.00
- Uniform	£ 184.00	£ -
Fund Raising - Xmas Fundraiser	£ 285.00	£ 262.95
- Easter Fundraiser	£ -	£ -
- Bag 2 School	£ 345.00	£ 460.00
- Race Night	£ -	£ 330.00
- Smarties Tubes	£ -	£ -
- Uniform	£ 32.08	£ 66.00
- Fountains Parish 50:50 Auction	£ -	£ 450.00
- Misc	£ -	£ -
- Xmas Fair	£ -	£ -
- Book Sale	£ -	£ -
- Easy Fundraising		£ 16.15
- Photos	£ -	£ -
- Amazon Europe Core	£ 6.22	£ -
Donations	£ 10.00	£ 2,265.51
Stock Change	-£ 28.00	£ 20.00
Gross Bank Interest	£ 34.20	£ 29.60
TOTAL INCOME	<u>£ 60,107.63</u>	<u>£ 69,269.65</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£ 62,237.84	-£ 54,085.23
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u><u>-£ 2,130.21</u></u>	<u><u>£ 15,184.42</u></u>

## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2021

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	£ 49,837.70	£ 41,755.92
Insurance and Subs	£ 1,721.48	£ 970.36
Premises - Rent and Rates	£ 956.48	£ 700.00
Electric	£ 1,471.00	£ 1,374.00
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	£ 1,927.32	£ 2,238.83
Repairs and Renewals	£ 425.16	£ 609.75
Meals	£ 1,400.03	£ 1,109.40
Consumables	£ 693.68	£ 263.28
Uniforms Staff	£ 104.40	£ 382.83
Children	£ 96.55	
Training	£ 449.84	£ 1,370.54
Equipment Purchased	£ 219.42	£ 107.05
Ofsted	£ 159.58	£ 198.87
Trips	£ -	£ -
Telephone	£ 843.51	£ 893.20
Stationery and Copying	£ 194.84	£ 453.91
Accountancy	£ 1,212.00	£ 990.00
Miscellaneous	£ 175.30	£ 496.00
Cleaning for Covid	£ 349.55	£ 171.29
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 62,237.84</b>	<b>£ 54,085.23</b>



## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Balance Sheet As At 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>ASSETS</b>		
New Building	£ 93,977.96	£ 93,977.96
Outdoor Play Equipment	£ 10,015.22	£ 10,015.22
Equipment	£ 5,389.79	£ 5,389.79
Computer Equipment	£ 4,377.94	£ 4,377.94
Cash at Bank - Current Account	£ 26,554.36	£ 37,798.31
- Savings Accounts	£ 35,251.41	£ 30,217.21
Cash in Hand - Petty Cash	£ 438.20	£ 446.43
Stock	£ 192.00	£ 211.00
Debtors	£ 3,697.00	£ 176.00
Creditors	-£ 2,783.50	-£ 3,369.27
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>£ 177,110.38</u></b>	<b><u>£ 179,240.59</u></b>
Accumulated at start of year	£ 179,240.59	£ 164,056.17
Surplus for Year	-£ 2,130.21	£ 15,184.42
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>£ 177,110.38</u></b>	<b><u>£ 179,240.59</u></b>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Accountants Report to  
Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

You have approved the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2021. In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared this unaudited Income and Expenditure Account from the accounting records and explanations supplied to us.

**Brian Elsworth**  
**ACCA**

Date: .....

**Client Approval Certificate**

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2021 and confirm that we have made available relevant records and informations for its preparation.

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Date: .....

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
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### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fees Received - Playgroup	£ 14,411.78	£ 10,151.61
- 3 Year Old Funding	£ 43,136.00	£ 53,724.00
- Meals	£ 1,691.35	£ 1,453.83
- Toddlers	£ -	£ 40.00
- Uniform	£ 184.00	£ -
Fund Raising - Xmas Fundraiser	£ 285.00	£ 262.95
- Easter Fundraiser	£ -	£ -
- Bag 2 School	£ 345.00	£ 460.00
- Race Night	£ -	£ 330.00
- Smarties Tubes	£ -	£ -
- Uniform	£ 32.08	£ 66.00
- Fountains Parish 50:50 Auction	£ -	£ 450.00
- Misc	£ -	£ -
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Donations	£ 10.00	£ 2,265.51
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Gross Bank Interest	£ 34.20	£ 29.60
TOTAL INCOME	<u>£ 60,107.63</u>	<u>£ 69,269.65</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£ 62,237.84	-£ 54,085.23
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<b><u>-£ 2,130.21</u></b>	<b><u>£ 15,184.42</u></b>

## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 July 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	£ 49,837.70	£ 41,755.92
Insurance and Subs	£ 1,721.48	£ 970.36
Premises - Rent and Rates	£ 956.48	£ 700.00
Electric	£ 1,471.00	£ 1,374.00
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	£ 1,927.32	£ 2,238.83
Repairs and Renewals	£ 425.16	£ 609.75
Meals	£ 1,400.03	£ 1,109.40
Consumables	£ 693.68	£ 263.28
Uniforms Staff	£ 104.40	£ 382.83
Children	£ 96.55	
Training	£ 449.84	£ 1,370.54
Equipment Purchased	£ 219.42	£ 107.05
Ofsted	£ 159.58	£ 198.87
Trips	£ -	£ -
Telephone	£ 843.51	£ 893.20
Stationery and Copying	£ 194.84	£ 453.91
Accountancy	£ 1,212.00	£ 990.00
Miscellaneous	£ 175.30	£ 496.00
Cleaning for Covid	£ 349.55	£ 171.29
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 62,237.84</b>	<b>£ 54,085.23</b>



## Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

### Balance Sheet As At 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
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Equipment	£ 5,389.79	£ 5,389.79
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- Savings Accounts	£ 35,251.41	£ 30,217.21
Cash in Hand - Petty Cash	£ 438.20	£ 446.43
Stock	£ 192.00	£ 211.00
Debtors	£ 3,697.00	£ 176.00
Creditors	-£ 2,783.50	-£ 3,369.27
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>£ 177,110.38</u></b>	<b><u>£ 179,240.59</u></b>
Accumulated at start of year	£ 179,240.59	£ 164,056.17
Surplus for Year	-£ 2,130.21	£ 15,184.42
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>£ 177,110.38</u></b>	<b><u>£ 179,240.59</u></b>

**Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

**Accountants Report to  
Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School**

You have approved the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2021. In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared this unaudited Income and Expenditure Account from the accounting records and explanations supplied to us.

**Brian Elsworth**  
**ACCA**

Date: .....

**Client Approval Certificate**

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2021 and confirm that we have made available relevant records and informations for its preparation.

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Date: .....

**FOUNTAINS PLAYGROUP**

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Fountains Playgroup & Pre-School

Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fees Received - Playgroup	£ 10,151.61	£ 14,901.73
- 3 Year Old Funding	£ 53,724.00	£ 43,499.00
- Meals	£ 1,453.83	£ -
- Toddlers	£ 40.00	£ 40.40
Fund Raising - Xmas Fundraiser	£ 262.95	£ 16.60
- Easter Fundraiser	£ -	£ -
- Bag 2 School	£ 460.00	£ 440.00
- Race Night	£ 330.00	£ -
- Smarties Tubes	£ -	£ 94.20
- Uniform	£ 66.00	£ 61.40
- Fountains Parish 50:50 Auction	£ 450.00	£ -
- Misc	£ -	£ 61.25
- Xmas Fair	£ -	£ 548.95
- Book Sale	£ -	£ 127.00
- Easy Fundraising	£ 16.15	£ -
- Photos	£ -	£ 30.00
- Hoopathon	£ -	£ 591.12
Donations	£ 2,265.51	£ -
Stock Change	£ 20.00	-£ 38.00
Gross Bank Interest	£ 29.60	£ 26.70
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>£ 69,269.65</u>	<u>£ 60,400.35</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	-£ 54,085.23	-£ 49,608.69
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u><u>£ 15,184.42</u></u>	<u><u>£ 10,791.66</u></u>

Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31 July 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, NI and Pensions	£ 41,755.92	£ 37,018.66
Insurance and Subs	£ 970.36	£ 889.59
Premises - Rent and Rates	£ 700.00	£ 1,013.40
Electric	£ 1,374.00	£ 1,970.44
Water, Sewerage & Cleaning	£ 2,238.83	£ 2,550.69
Repairs and Renewals	£ 609.75	£ 868.67
Meals	£ 1,109.40	£ 1,102.80
Consumables	£ 263.28	£ 346.47
Uniforms	£ 382.83	£ 103.12
Training	£ 1,370.54	£ 1,012.20
Equipment Purchased	£ 107.05	£ 247.36
Ofsted	£ 198.87	£ 50.00
Trips	£ -	£ 30.80
Telephone	£ 893.20	£ 876.46
Stationery and Copying	£ 453.91	£ 586.03
Accountancy	£ 990.00	£ 942.00
Miscellaneous	£ 496.00	£ -
Cleaning for Covid	£ 171.29	£ -
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Balance Sheet  
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- Savings Accounts	£ 30,217.21	£ 26,187.61
Cash in Hand - Petty Cash	£ 446.43	£ -
Stock	£ 211.00	£ 164.00
Debtors	£ 176.00	£ 186.97
Creditors	-£ 3,369.27	-£ 2,483.51
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>£ 179,240.59</u>	<u>£ 164,056.17</u>
Accumulated at start of year	£ 164,056.17	£ 153,264.51
Surplus for Year	£ 15,184.42	£ 10,791.66
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>£ 179,240.59</u>	<u>£ 164,056.17</u>

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Brian Elsworth  
ACCA

Date: ..... 8/1/2021 .....

Client Approval Certificate

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2020 and confirm that we have made available relevant records and informations for its preparation.

.....  ..... R. DRAPER

.....  ..... A.M. HARRISON

Date: ..... 21/12/20 .....



## **Fountains Playgroup and Pre School Trustee Annual Report 2019- 2020**

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- to give children the opportunity to enter into the world of imagination, fantasies, and role-play

### **Economic Climate and Fundraising**

This year has undoubtedly been a difficult one with a need to put safety and wellbeing of children and staff before finance. There was little chance to plan, but the trustees worked hard to ensure all safety requirements were met, training carried out and a financial review carried out. The staff have worked tirelessly and we are indebted to their dedication in continuing to meet our aims in the most difficult conditions. They are by far the greatest asset of the setting.

The numbers of children attending the setting were good through the beginning of the year. However in March we had to close to all except key workers. This could have had a devastating effect on the viability of our setting and retention of staff, but NYCC continued to pay us the funded hours and the business rates waived, which enabled us to stay open. With extra costs of sanitiser and basic PPE we reopened in June to reduced numbers of children, which grew as the end of term approached. The toddler group ceased as we had no room for another 'bubble'.

Wages continued to increase reflecting the National minimum wage and those above this were given a pay rise at the beginning of the year. We have continued to contribute to staff pensions through NEST. We employed an additional member of staff in June to enable us to remain open for key workers during the lockdown.

Cleaning and caretaking costs have continued to rise. The cleaning has been highlighted during the pandemic and resulted in daily/ hourly washing of toys and greater use of sanitiser.

The rent of land has increased this year; however we did negotiated a lower increase than anticipated. Careful budgeting has been crucial and fundraising is a vital part of the group's work, which continues to be a priority. We are very aware the fundraising has been minimal during the summer months and will give greater focus to this next year.

For next year we are bracing ourselves for further increases in costs. There are a number of increases to costs already notified for the coming year

- minimum wages is set to increase by 6.5%
- cleaning and caretaking, 4% increase

We are very conscious of the effect of Covid 19 on the local economy, which may well result in cost increases and job losses for parents. Fundraising and careful management of funds must be a focus to meet our aim of keeping the group accessible for all by avoiding a big increase in fees. This year we have managed to avoid a further increase, but will need to review this for April.

We continue offer an after school club for an hour on three evenings a week and extended the hours offered during the spring term to accommodate working parents. Although it has not been possible to offer this during the summer term we plan to open again in September.

Fundraising has been different this year. We used the Christmas activities and a very successful race night to bring parents and the community together as well as raise funds. Once we reached March fundraising became non social and we relied on Bags to School collections and Easy fundraising.

Expenditure on staff training continued to meet with compliance and to further knowledge and experience; the staff are our greatest asset. We invested in cameras for recording by children and staff and purchased a tray storage unit to help store resources for individuals rather than groups. Funds were also spent on consumables from snacks to paint and paper.

We continue to hold reserve in a savings account to protect trustees, committee members and the Charity.

### **Policies**

These are regularly reviewed and updated in line with the Pre-School Learning Alliance. As policies have become more complex documents we have continued to use the PLA policy model. We maintain our commitment to and ongoing review of safeguarding policy and procedures and ask that these are observed at all times. Regular training for all staff takes place to ensure knowledge is abreast of changes. The policies are held in the setting are available to read on request.

### **Community Links**

Our group is committed to working with the community. Strong links with Fountains School are being made as are links with the village through the Village Hall and our use of the playing field for outdoor learning. We are currently researching the possibility of becoming a Federation with the School. We were pleased to contribute toward the local food bank at Christmas and sing Christmas songs at the local Parish Fair.