

VERNON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1072381

Details

Other names	BRIDGE HOUSE PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1998-11-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE IN TOWER HAMLETS.

Activities: We are an ofsted registered playgroup. Providing learning through play for children aged 2 years to 5 years old.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TOWER HAMLETS
- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£215,480	£202,860	-	-
2024-03-31	£180,341	£233,452	-	-
2023-03-31	£251,170	£259,200	-	-
2022-03-31	£495,163	£255,915	-	-
2021-03-31	£317,000	£239,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Leigh Thompson	Chair	2015-03-12
Laine Joseph		2017-05-11
SHARON CHRISTINE HARTMAN		

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Vernon Pre – School Playgroup

29 Vernon Road

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July 2025

Trustee Annual Report

Objectives and Activities

The charity's object is to deliver high-quality early years education for children, supporting their development and wellbeing and providing a positive learning environment.

During the year, the charity continued to operate a nursery provision delivering early years education in line with its charitable aims.

Achievements and Performance

During the reporting period, the charity continued to operate successfully. All nursery places were allocated throughout the year, and the charity maintained a healthy waiting list, demonstrating ongoing demand for its services.

Management of the nursery continued to be effective, ensuring that daily operations ran smoothly and that children received consistent, high-quality care and education. The charity employed three permanent members of staff, providing stability and continuity within the setting.

The charity's activities benefited children and families by providing a safe, supportive early years environment that promotes learning, development, and social interaction.

Financial Review

The charity operated at a profit during the year and remains in a stable financial position.

Income was primarily used to pay staff wages and meet the ongoing running costs of the nursery, ensuring the continued delivery of early years education.

Plans for the Future

In the coming year, the trustees plan to undertake fundraising activities to support families connected to the nursery. Funds raised will be used to provide opportunities for families to learn new skills and to encourage diverse interactions within the community.

The trustees will continue to focus on maintaining high standards of early years education while supporting families and strengthening community engagement.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Other debtors		34,742		37,738	
Cash at bank and in hand		203,837		171,055	
		<u>238,579</u>		<u>208,793</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		360		360	
		<u>360</u>		<u>360</u>	
Net current assets			238,219		208,433
Capital account					
At 1 April 2024			208,433		225,594
Profit/(Loss) for the year			29,786		(17,161)
			<u>238,219</u>		<u>208,433</u>

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Leigh Thompson - Chair

Date : 28 October 2025

VERNON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover		
Fees received	2,778	-
Grants received	124,868	87,836
	<u>127,646</u>	<u>87,836</u>
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	70,124	67,032
Staff pension costs	1,672	1,591
Rent and rates	3,960	3,960
Toys and equipment	11,181	24,909
Insurance	378	-
Repairs and cleaning	5,442	2,599
Telephone	686	737
Accountancy	1,680	1,680
Bank charges	-	(13)
Sundry expenses	2,647	2,412
Subscriptions	90	90
	<u>(97,860)</u>	<u>(104,997)</u>
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Treasurer report

The pass year has been challenging, there is now a higher demand for two year old children spaces and those with additional need. As many of the spaces were taken by those children present with additional needs the safe decision that there would be a lower number of admissions to make sure all children's needs were met safely, this reflected in the grants received. Staff found that these children with complex needs required more paper work resulting in extra hours being worked. Committee are trying to secure some SEN funding for additional members of staff but this is proving difficult to secure because of the need for the evidence and parental consent.

- Paper work has increase Sally Taking point on EHCP'S and Patricia taking point on 2 year olds.
- Sally is working hard with the inclusion team and other agencies to gain support for our children that are delayed in areas. Sally now has to complete paperwork and health care plans in nursery. We are finding it difficult to find the time in the day for sally complete all paperwork. Training was held on only 1 day for the EHC plan, sally was unable to attend this due to staff shortages. Sally is in conversation with parents regarding their child's development. Early years inclusion team are strained there is no funding available for an additional member of staff or equipment.
- Local schools have started to take children mid term, we are working hard to try and transition our children on to primary school. Getting appointment dates with local school is proving hard.
- Staff are hoping to recruit more committee members to up Fund raising strategies
- Providing snack for the children is becoming more and more difficult, parents are reluctant to pay for their children's weekly snack. So Nursery is supply the weekly early years approved menu.
- Nursery isn't full due to the high needs of the SEN children .
- Our waiting list is is long with 15 plus
- We are working at a loss but trying to bring in children with out the added need for staff as well as trying to fund raise and partake in as many free schemes as possible such as recycle materials as well as donations of time from parents for story time etc.

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**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Avenir Accountants Limited
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VERNON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	(1)	1,276
Fees received	87,837	91,229
Grants received	<u>87,836</u>	<u>92,505</u>
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	67,032	87,862
Staff pension costs	1,591	1,550
Rent and rates	3,960	4,170
Toys and equipment	24,909	27,136
Insurance	-	329
Repairs and cleaning	2,599	3,746
Telephone	737	566
Accountancy	1,680	1,632
Bank charges	(13)	-
Sundry expenses	2,412	1,464
Subscriptions	90	-
	<u>(104,997)</u>	<u>(128,455)</u>
Operating loss	<u><u>(17,161)</u></u>	<u><u>(35,950)</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET

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		<u>208,793</u>		<u>225,954</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		360		360	
Net current assets			<u>208,433</u>		<u>225,594</u>
Capital account					
At 1 April 2023			225,594		261,544
Loss for the year			(17,161)		(35,950)
			<u>208,433</u>		<u>225,594</u>

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Leigh Thompson (LEIGH THOMPSON)

Leigh Thompson - Chair

Date: 21/11/2024

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Date: 21/11/2024

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Trustee' Report

26th Jan 2024

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We are running at a loss currently because we have had lack of places taken up.

Staff have been advertising and liaising with the local authority updating on the waiting list situation.

No Fund raising has been attempted due to cost of living increase and parents expressing financial struggle. We hope plan for the future.

We hope the Member of staff will be returning soon which will mean e can take more children.

Ratios for 2 years have changed allowing 1 more child per adult so this will be a financial benefit as well as the hourly rate per child being increased from April 2024.

Regards

Sharon Hartman

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	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover		
Fees received	1,276	1,983
Grants received	91,229	156,678
	<u>92,505</u>	<u>158,661</u>
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	87,862	92,472
Staff pension costs	1,550	1,234
Rent and rates	4,170	4,144
Toys and equipment	27,136	26,892
Insurance	329	290
Repairs and cleaning	3,746	1,615
Printing, postage and stationery	-	27
Telephone	566	852
Accountancy	1,632	1,590
Sundry expenses	1,464	1,580
Subscriptions	-	40
	<u>(128,455)</u>	<u>(130,736)</u>
Operating (loss)/profit	<u>(35,950)</u>	<u>27,925</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

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Current assets					
Trade debtors	1			-	
Other debtors		67,560		108,173	
Cash at bank and in hand		158,393		153,731	
		<u>225,954</u>		<u>261,904</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		360		360	
		<u>360</u>		<u>360</u>	
Net current assets			225,594		261,544
			<u>225,594</u>		<u>261,544</u>
Capital account					
At 1 April 2022			261,544		233,619
(Loss)/Profit for the year			(35,950)		27,925
			<u>225,594</u>		<u>261,544</u>

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Monday 22nd November 2021

Trustee's report

The past year has still been stressful due to the COVID-19 pandemic and measures still being in place. The same measures were put in place to protect staff, children and parents.

Due to the pandemic interest in nursery places we limited however our waiting list is growing and we have had a lot of enquiries for spaces.

We have been lucky enough to still secure some inclusion funding, enabling us to employ a member of staff and purchase some equipment. Using this funding we have also been able maintain the much needed sensory room. Which has been very positive for our children.

Fundraising has still proved difficult due to the pandemic but we are hoping to host a few virtual raffles.

Children's numbers have increased this year due to some restrictions lifting. There was been a quick waiting list turn over as school now place two year olds

Playgroup staff and the committee are meeting regularly to plan the next fundraising steps and budgeting as stated above we hope to hold some virtual raffles. Leigh is working to make links with local businesses for some financial support.

Trustees and staff are attending training to increase their knowledge and understanding of better financial management this has been done virtually.

Kind Regards

Treasurer of Vernon Playgroup

Sharon Hartman

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VERNON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF VERNON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 27 September 2016, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Vernon Pre-School Playgroup for the year, set out on pages 2 to 0 from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 27 September 2016. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Vernon Pre-School Playgroup and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work or for this report.

Avenir Accountants Limited

30 July 2021

Chartered Certified Accountants

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		2021		2020
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Fees received		5,147		4,154
Grants received		153,547		154,781
		158,694		158,935
 Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	94,766		87,820	
Staff pension costs	1,170		1,000	
Rent and rates	3,920		4,075	
Toys and equipment	19,275		16,783	
Insurance	260		258	
Repairs and cleaning	1,657		1,365	
Printing, postage and stationery	132		122	
Telephone	766		731	
Accountancy	390		390	
Sundry expenses	2,803		1,050	
Subscriptions	40		499	
		(125,179)		(114,093)
 Operating profit				
		33,515		44,842

VERNON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

BALANCE SHEET

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Current assets					
Trade debtors		-		1	
Other debtors		33,079		9,014	
Cash at bank and in hand		200,900		191,449	
		<u>233,979</u>		<u>200,464</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		360		360	
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Capital account					
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