

**RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:- 1082977**

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**RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

**Charity name** River Pre-School Playgroup

**Registered charity number** 1082977

**Charity's address** Methodist Church Hall  
Common Lane  
RIVER  
Nr Dover  
Kent  
CT17 0RA

**Trustees**

Sarah Wilder  
Meghan Groombridge (Chair)  
Eleanor Currie (Secretary)  
Eloise Tonkin – appointed November 2022  
Jane Pidcock – appointed January 2023, resigned March 2023  
Tamara Souter – appointed January 2023, resigned March 2023  
Jennifer Collins – appointed February 2023, resigned June 2023  
Lucy Shillito – appointed 31 January 2024

**Structure, governance and management**

River Pre-School Playgroup became a registered charity on 23 October 2000. The charity is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 22 June 2000 and amended 8 October 2012

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**Objectives**

To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory schemes and by encouraging parents to understand and promote for the needs of their children through community groups.

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**ended 31 August 2023**

**Main activities for public benefit**

The main activities undertaken during the year have been offering appropriate play and education and enhancing the development of all the children (under statutory school age) in its care, to the highest possible level. Enabling the study of the needs of children and their families and promoting Public Interest. The charity has also been adhering to and further fostering the aims and objectives of the Pre-School Learning Alliance. The Pre-School was awarded an Outstanding OFSTED Inspection in 2019 to reflect the exceptional quality of provision. The Trustees of the charity have had due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The charity's objectives and aims have been reviewed, taking this guidance into account.

Following a period of financial uncertainty during the Covid-19 pandemic the Pre-School has been enjoying a return to full strength. Student numbers have been excellent and a further member of staff was recruited in response in November 2023. The Pre-School faced some difficulty when recruiting to the newly created position, this mirrored problems in recruitment across the early years sector.

There were two key challenges for the Pre-School in this period: recruiting and retaining trustees, and anticipating the arrangements and funding levels for the increase in funded childcare hours, as announced in the April 2023 budget.

The Pre-School carried out many activities with both its children and the wider community, including the Christmas Concert, the leavers service, the stall at the River Village Fete, and several coffee mornings. These raised the profile of the Pre School and offered fundraising opportunities.

**Government grants**

The Pre-School did not receive any government grants in 2022/23.


**Reserves policy**

The charity maintains a moderate level of reserves with cash reserves at 31 August 2023 of £28,649 (2022 - £27,851) and minimal liabilities.

**Funds in deficit**

No funds were in deficit during the year.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

.....Committee Secretary (Eleanor Currie)  
23/08/24.....Date

**RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of River Pre-School Playgroup (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

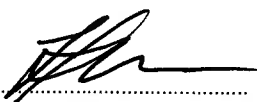
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

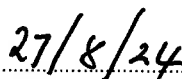
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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John Sheather BSc FCA (chartered accountant)  
McCabe Ford Williams  
Charlton House  
Dour Street  
Dover  
Kent  
CT16 1BL

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Date

**RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Receipts:-</b>						
Fees	17,314	-	17,314	34,807	-	34,807
Vouchers (KCC)	106,439	-	106,439	67,532	-	67,532
Fund raising	594	-	594	820	-	820
Bank interest	107	-	107	3	-	3
Government Grants	-	-	-	770	-	770
Donations	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>124,454</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,454</b>	<b>113,932</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,932</b>
<b>Payments:-</b>						
Rent	6,362	-	6,362	4,978	-	4,978
Replacement toys, books and consumables	2,812	-	2,812	2,672	-	2,672
Telephone	346	-	346	374	-	374
Wages and social security	100,622	-	100,622	88,700	-	88,700
Training	2,028	-	2,028	48	-	48
Printing, postage and stationery	673	-	673	1,821	-	1,821
Food and drinks	1,700	-	1,700	1,013	-	1,013
Cleaning	398	-	398	1,141	-	1,141
Staff uniforms	364	-	364	518	-	518
Sundry	669	-	669	499	-	499
Bookkeeping	480	-	480	630	-	630
Professional fees	1,002	-	1,002	1,140	-	1,140
Ofsted	50	-	50	50	-	50
Subscriptions	2,554	-	2,554	35	-	35
Website	300	-	300	293	-	293
Insurance	911	-	911	875	-	875
Classes etc	400	-	400	1,200	-	1,200
Repairs & renewals	845	-	845	407	-	407
Grant reimbursement	1,140	-	1,140	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>123,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,656</b>	<b>106,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,394</b>
<b>Asset and investment payments:-</b>						
Equipment	-	-	-	490	-	490
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>123,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,656</b>	<b>106,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,884</b>

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**Receipts and Payments Accounts (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total receipts for the year	124,454	-	124,454	113,932	-	113,932
Less:- total payments for the year	(123,656)	-	( 123,656)	( 106,884)	-	( 106,884)
<b>Net receipts</b>	798	-	798	7,048	-	7,048
Cash funds brought forward	27,851	-	27,851	20,803	-	20,803
<b>Cash funds carried forward</b>	<b>28,649</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,649</b>	<b>27,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,851</b>
Represented by:-						
Cash at bank	28,649	-	28,649	27,851	-	27,851
	<b>28,649</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,649</b>	<b>27,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,851</b>

**RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Cash at bank	28,649	-	28,649	27,852	-	27,852
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>28,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,649</u>	<u>27,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,852</u>


**Assets retained for the charity's own use:**

1 x Printers	1 x Sound system
3 x Laptops	3 x Learning resources
1 x Xerox printer	1 x Changing table
4 x Mobile phones	6 x Small tables
1 x Telephone	32 x Small chairs
2 x Kindle Fire	5 x Medium chairs
1 x Guillotine	5 x Trikes
2 x Desks	3 x Scooters
2 x Chairs	2 x Prams
2 x Cupboards	1 x Kitchen role play
3 x Cabinets	2 x Tote shelf
1 x Wifi booster	1 x Browser box
1 x Screen	1 x Help yourself trolley
4 x Cameras	1 x Hideaway cube
2 x Kids cameras	1 x Padded matt
1 x Kettle	3 x Floor cushions
1 x Microwave	1 x Kick step
2 x Flasks	1 x Trampoline
1 x Hoover	1 x Open back shelf
1 x Tray unit and trays	6 x Emotions cushions
1 x Compact dress up unit	2 x Sofa with arms
1 x LED round light panel	2 x Childrens rug
1 x Sensory fascination panel	1 x Recycled Sloper Seat
1 x Display board	3 x Play Tyres
5 x Flower Chalkboards	1 x Sensory Mirror
27 x Hanging Glitter Baubles	1 x Fire HD Kids Tablet
1 x Tray Storage Trolley	various childrens uniforms and bags
1 x Artificial Grass Roll	various toys
4 x Rechargeable digital cameras	

	2023	2022
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments	597	697
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accruals	528	990
Other creditors	388	145
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The charity had no other assets or liabilities at the year end.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

 ..... Committee Secretary (Eleanor Currie)  
 23/08/24 ..... Date