

RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:- 1082977

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RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 August 2024

Charity name River Pre-School Playgroup

Registered charity number 1082977

Charity's address Methodist Church Hall
Common Lane
RIVER
Nr Dover
Kent
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Trustees

Meghan Groombridge (Chair) - appointed January 2022
Sarah Wilder - appointed November 2020
Eleanor Currie (Secretary) – appointed July 2022
Eloise Tonkin – appointed November 2022
Lucy Shillito – appointed 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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(continued) For the year
ended 31 August 2024

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 2023/24.

Reserves policy

The charity maintains a moderate level of reserves with cash reserves at 31 August 2024 of £21,976 (2023 - £28,649) 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)

10/7/2025 Date

RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Independent Examiner's Report
For the year ended 31 August 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of River Pre-School Playgroup (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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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10 JULY 2025

Date

RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Receipts:-						
Fees	20,954	-	20,954	17,134	-	17,134
Vouchers (KCC)	96,237	-	96,237	106,439	-	106,439
Fund raising	142	-	142	594	-	594
Bank interest	282	-	282	107	-	107
Government Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	117,615	-	117,615	124,454	-	124,454
Payments:-						
Rent	7,172	-	7,172	6,362	-	6,362
Replacement toys, books and consumables	419	-	419	2,812	-	2,812
Telephone	318	-	318	346	-	346
Wages and social security	104,215	-	104,215	100,622	-	100,622
Training	1,587	-	1,587	2,028	-	2,028
Printing, postage and stationery	598	-	598	673	-	673
Food and drinks	1,433	-	1,433	1,700	-	1,700
Cleaning	599	-	599	398	-	398
Staff uniforms	605	-	605	364	-	364
Sundry	327	-	327	699	-	699
Bookkeeping	720	-	720	480	-	480
Professional fees	-	-	-	1,002	-	1,002
Ofsted	50	-	50	50	-	50
Subscriptions	2,306	-	2,306	2,554	-	2,554
Website	275	-	275	300	-	300
Insurance	860	-	860	911	-	911
Classes etc	-	-	-	400	-	400
Repairs & renewals	2,805	-	2,805	845	-	845
Grant reimbursement	-	-	-	1,140	-	1,140
Sub total	124,288	-	124,288	123,656	-	123,656
Total payments	124,288	-	124,288	123,656	-	123,656

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Receipts and Payments Accounts (continued)
For the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Total receipts for the year	117,615	-	117,615	124,454	-	124,454
Less:- total payments for the year	(124,288)	-	(124,288)	(123,656)	-	(123,656)
Net receipts	(6,673)	-	(6,673)	798	-	798
Cash funds brought forward	28,649	-	28,649	27,851	-	27,851
Cash funds carried forward	<u>21,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,976</u>	<u>28,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,649</u>
Represented by:-						
Cash at bank	21,976	-	21,976	28,649	-	28,649
	<u>21,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,976</u>	<u>28,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,649</u>

RIVER PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Statement of Assets
and Liabilities For the
year ended 31 August
2024

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Cash funds						
Cash at bank	21,976	-	21,976	-	28,649	
Total cash funds	<u>21,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,976</u>	<u>28,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,649</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

	2024	2023
Current assets		
Prepayments	398	597
Current liabilities		
Accruals	1,080	528
Other creditors	904	388

The charity had no other assets or liabilities at the year end.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

 Committee Secretary (Eleanor Currie)
 10/07/2025 Date