

LITCHAM AND DISTRICT PLAYGROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 March 2022

Charity Number 1087935

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LITCHAM AND DISTRICT PLAYGROUP (Charity No. 1087935)
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Litcham and District Playgroup ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the 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 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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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 respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 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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Date: 10 January 2023

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Working name

Litcham Childcare

Address

Litcham Children's Centre
Weasenham Road
Litcham
King's Lynn
Norfolk
PE32 2QT

Trustees

Mrs G Blanchard-Smith (Chair)
Mrs E Moore (Vice Chair)
Mrs P Jackman
Mrs L Oldfield
Mrs L Billman
Mr M Jones
Mrs P Gallop
Mrs M Pettitt

Independent examiner

Michael Andrews FCA
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Bankers

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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Structure, governance and management

Litcham and District Playgroup is a Trust, governed by its constitution which was adopted on 27th June 2008, and amended on 20th January 2010. The Board of Trustees consists of a maximum of 12 members, at least half of which must be parents or guardians of children attending the playgroup. New trustees must be nominated and seconded by existing trustees and accepted under majority voting rules at the Annual General Meeting of the Trust. All trustees must be approved by Ofsted.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Trust is to advance the education of children below compulsory school age, and to provide Out of School Clubs for children aged between 2 and 14 years, in Litcham and the surrounding district, through:

- a) providing safe and satisfying group play, in which parents have the right to take part.
- b) encouraging other charitable activities through which parents may help the children.

In order to achieve our aims, the Trust provides Early Years sessions from 9.00am – 3.15pm each day and extended school sessions from 7.45 – 9.00am and 3.15 – 6.00pm each day during term time as well as sessions from 7.45am -6.00pm during holiday time as required, with the exception of 1 week at Easter, 1 week of Summer Holidays and Christmas, when Childcare is closed.

The Trust employs a highly qualified and well motivated supervisor to run the setting on a daily basis, who holds a BA (Hons) in Childhood Studies. All staff, who work directly with the children, have an NVQ level 3 with the exception of two, who have an NVQ level 2. The two members of staff are willing to take a level 3 when a course is available.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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Achievements and performance

Litcham Childcare continues to offer a stimulating, challenging and safe environment for children aged between 2 and 14 years. We offer 5 morning and 5 afternoon sessions per week to ensure as much flexibility as possible for parents and a waiting list system is in place if sessions are full. The flexibility of early years funding continues to allow parents to use their free 15 hours per week in Breakfast, After School and Holiday clubs as well as Early Years. Some 3 & 4 year olds are eligible for 30 hours funding per week and at the moment we have 9 families who access this. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Carer, not the provider, to keep the eligibility code valid, this needs to be revalidated every 12 weeks. With some 2 year olds being eligible for 2 year funding this has meant that our 2 year old spaces are usually full and has led to higher numbers in early years than we would normally see at the start of the academic year. Breakfast club and afterschool club remains busy, with some sessions being full and a waiting list is in place.

All members of staff have attended training courses throughout the year ensuring they are up to date with changes, these have been a mixture of zoom and attended sessions. We have employed 2 members of staff to cover a member of staff being on maternity leave and extra cover needed due to numbers.

The outside area continues to be used in all weathers; the mud kitchen remains very popular as does the sand pit. Both are up for refurbishment post March 2022 and we are working hard to raise funds.

Again, this year has been challenging due to Covid-19 with restrictions being lifted and then reapplied. Some staff did have covid at Christmas which meant we had to close a day earlier than we normally would, any parent paying for sessions was credited for their sessions and NCC Early Years Team were notified. We have managed to run holiday clubs with the support of NCC for Easter and Summer holiday clubs. NCC provided financial support for settings to provide childcare for children who receive EYPP. We were given funding to supply a healthy meal as well as sessions for eligible children. With the help and supervision of staff the children prepared their own meals.

Despite Covid-19 we have no concerns currently regarding financial stability for the next financial year. The only concern we have is the rate at which the National Living Wage is rising, this may mean we have to raise our fees higher than we normally would in the coming year.

The Staff and Trustees look forward to another successful year.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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Financial Review

The Trust has recorded a surplus for the year. Reserves at the year end, being unrestricted funds, totalled £73,902 (2021: £61,412) and restricted funds, totalled £1,364 (2021: £1,364). The principal source of funds for the charity continues to be Norfolk County Council.

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain a certain level of reserves to allow for contingencies, such as staff redundancies.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed:  _____

Name: Mrs G Blanchard-Smith

Position: Chair

Date 10.01.2023

Signed:  _____

Name: Mrs E Moore

Position: Vice Chair

Date 10-01-23

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022	2022	2022	YE 31.03.2022	YE 31.03.2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds - Charitable fundraising	Restricted funds - E-learning credits	Total funds	Total funds
Cash funds					
Bank deposit account	11,262	-	-	11,262	11,261
Bank current account	62,615	1,270	94	63,979	51,489
Petty cash	26	-	-	26	26
Total cash funds	73,902	1,270	94	75,266	62,776
Total funds	73,902	1,270	94	75,266	62,776

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed: Name: Mrs G Blanchard-SmithPosition: ChairDate 10.01.2023Signed: Name: Mrs E MoorePosition: Vice ChairDate 10-01-23

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Related party transactions

The trustees are not entitled to and received no remuneration from the charity during the period.

The sum of £6,000 for rent (2021: £6,000) was paid during the year. Litcham and District Playgroup has a service level agreement with Litcham Children's Centre to supply childcare services.