

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL  
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

31st August 2024

**DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL**  
**for the year ended 31st August 2024**

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiners**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act)

follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examine's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the records.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

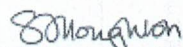
1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act.

have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 5th June 2025



**DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL**  
**Receipts & Payments Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31st August 2024**


for the year ended 31st August 2024  
All Unrestricted

|                                 | Total Funds    | Total Funds   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                 | 2024           | 2023          |
|                                 | £              | £             |
| <b>Receipts</b>                 |                |               |
| Pre-School Fees                 | 12,623         | 33,921        |
| Dorset CC Funding               | 106,792        | 62,307        |
| Other Grants                    | 500            |               |
| Activities for generating funds | 530            | 2,317         |
| Miscellaneous                   | 1,206          | 987           |
| Interest                        | 332            | 71            |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>           | <u>121,983</u> | <u>99,603</u> |
| <b>Payments</b>                 |                |               |
| Salaries and pensions           | 77,814         | 68,863        |
| Rent                            | 7,384          | 6,842         |
| Equipment                       | 4,534          | 3,681         |
| Admin, maintenance and supplies | 7,854          | 4,039         |
| Telephone                       | 586            | 778           |
| Staff Training                  | 307            | 386           |
| Trips, parties and presents     | 1,708          | 2,043         |
| <b>Total Payments</b>           | <u>100,187</u> | <u>86,632</u> |
| <b>Net movements in funds</b>   | <u>21,796</u>  | <u>12,971</u> |

**DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL**  
**Statements of Assets & Liabilities**  
**for the year ended 31st August 2024**

|                            | <u>2024</u>   | <u>2023</u>   |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Opening Bank Balances      | 30,931        | 17,960        |
| Net Movements in Funds     | 21,796        | 12,971        |
| Closing Bank/Cash Balances | <u>52,727</u> | <u>30,931</u> |

**Approved by the trustees**

Signed  Chris Newman

Date 17/06/2025



# The Ducklings PRE-SCHOOL



## Chairmans' Report

AGM 04/10/2023

Good Evening!

I'd like to welcome all the parents & children back to Ducklings, for what looks set to be, another challenging and rewarding year for all.

This has been my 5th full year as volunteer Chairman of the setting.

I'd like to again open by passing praise to the staff of Ducklings over the last 12 months.

It's been another eventful and positive 12 months.

The end of the last teaching year we all said goodbye to Sharon, who was a remarkable member of the team and a great support to Michelle.

Whilst Chickerell continues to see it's boom in population, occupancy levels at the setting are very high, which is also very positive to see, especially as it's in a position that's often more challenging for parents to get to!

Again, all credit to the team. Word of mouth and a strong reputation is being heard around the village.

Thanks also to the extended committee, who always offer up their time and energy to support the setting. Without the help of the parents, the setting can't function. So thank you!

Support from parents, fundraisers and the local community will be increasingly important to Ducklings in the coming years, as settings up and down the country are feeling the strain of increased running costs. We need as much support as we can get!

Onwards and Upwards!

Chris Newman - Chairman