



## The Purple Playhouse

Sydenham Primary School  
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### Chairperson report August 2021-July 2022

#### Reference and administrative information:

Charity name: The Purple Playhouse

Registered charity number: 1122492

Registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales registered number: 6318182

Registered office and operational address: Sydenham Primary School

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#### Management Committee:

Mrs B Chalmers : Chair

Mr S Rockliff : Treasurer

Mrs M Brown : Secretary

#### Structure, governance and management:

Bethany Chalmers  
Chair  
The Purple Playhouse

*B Chalmers* 19.4.23

The Purple Playhouse is a incorporated company, limited by guarantee, incorporated July 19<sup>th</sup> 2007. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the object and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its article of association. In the event of the nursery being wound up members would be required to pay no more than £1. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. All parents/carers of children who attend the nursery are able to put themselves forward to be elected as a trustee. Other people who have an interest in the nursery but do not have children attending can be co-opted onto the committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the management committee are elected to serve for a period of 1 year, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting, serving a maximum of 6 consecutive years, 4 years for co-opted members, unless there are no alternatives.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

#### Financial review:

The Management Committee has established a policy whereby the funds held in reserve should be up to 6 months of the annual expenditure. The money would enable the nursery to remain open if numbers of children attending fell. It would give a reasonable time frame to undertake an advertising campaign.

During the last academic year the majority of the money coming into the nursery came from Warwickshire County Council in the form of the free child funded entitlement, the nursery education grant. This provides 15 free hours of nursery care per week for eligible pupils which is usually taken over 3 hours per day 5 days per week. Some parents chose to take the 15 hours over 3 days. The nursery tries very hard to be flexible to accommodate parent's wishes. Just over 25% of the money came from fee paying parents. The nursery had five 2 year olds who were funded under the governments To Help programme. The nursery had 12 children who qualified for the 30 hour free entitlement.



### How do activities deliver public benefit:

The objectives of the nursery are to enhance the development and education of children under the statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:- offering appropriate play, education, care facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for, and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.

Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interests in recognition of such needs.

Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objectives of The Learning Alliance.

We currently have 51 children on the register, 21 of whom attended the nursery last year. There is currently a waiting list of 15 children who wish to join during this academic year. 96% of the children who left us last year have enrolled at Sydenham Primary School. The transition to the reception year is made easier for the children due to positive relationships held between the nursery and the school.

Speech and Language Therapists are currently working with 8 children to identify areas of weakness and help to develop skills which will benefit the children as they progress through the year and beyond. We have 2 children who is involved with IDS. 2 members of staff went on appropriate training for example autism training. The nursery SENDCO completed Time to Talk training which now allows her to monitor and screen children who she feels needs support with speech and language.

It has been another busy year for The Purple Playhouse, continuing to deliver a professional but personal service and building on its good name.

### Fundraising

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Even though The Purple Playhouse is a charity in the past we have been in the fortunate position to be able to fundraise for other charities and good causes, for example sponsoring a local football team which had the nursery's logo printed on all the football shirts.

A parent very generously donated £100 towards the cost of an outdoor kitchen for the nursery garden. Nursery was able to purchase a sturdy wooden outdoor kitchen in the hope it will last for many years.

### Christmas

For the past few years the children have written letters to Santa, one item is then selected from each letter and purchased by the staff. These gifts are for nursery and to be enjoyed by all of the children. It has been an amazing success and enjoyed by all of the children, but we understand the additional cost to the nursery is significant so the decision was made for each child to be given a small gift just before Christmas. All children attended the Christmas party of which nursery provided all the food and decorations asking parents for a contribution of 50p. Many parents did not contribute to this cost.

### Learning opportunities

Living Eggs also joined us, they bring in eggs which are kept warm in an incubator until they hatch. This has provided a wonderful opportunity for all the children to understand how to care for newborn chicks. As the chicks have grown they are then given the chance to hold them and also feed and water them.

In the past we have been lucky enough to be able to provide different opportunities for each child's learning and development at no additional costs to parents, and we are looking to add more schemes similar to this one in the future, funds permitting.

### Keir - The guitar man

Nursery was informed by another nursery about music sessions from a man called Keir who delivered music sessions through songs and dance and had been a wonderful success. Nursery contacted him and he agreed to do a free taster session with children here at nursery. We wanted to monitor how he delivered the session and how children reacted to him. He plays a guitar and the session

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was so impressive we wanted him to return to nursery on a weekly basis. The nursery was not able to pay for the whole cost so in consultation with parents it was agreed that parents would contribute £1.00. Keir came from a nursery background and he engages wonderfully with all children superbly.

#### End of year activities

At the end of the academic year all children attended a party of which nursery provided all the food and drinks. Nursery paid for 2 bouncy castles of which was extremely successful. All children leaving had a graduation photograph to take home.

#### Closures:

We continue to close for 1 week over Christmas and 1 week in August. Parents and staff continue to support this arrangement.

#### Maternity cover:

One member of staff went on maternity leave in November 2021 hoping to return in September 2022. The position was advertised and a suitable person was selected. This person has proved to be very successful and the hope for the future is when the person returns after maternity leave nursery will be in a financial position to keep both people at nursery. If this is able to happen then the impact on nursery will be a positive one for children and especially staff.

Staff continue to keep up to date with relevant and appropriate training opportunities. Staff undertake online training frequently and it is felt among staff that new knowledge and skills is essential to the smooth running of the nursery. A member of staff completed a level 2 in counselling as well as 2 people completing mental health training.

#### Plans for the future:

Within the next academic year we aim to resume with the learning opportunities that had been put on hold during the coronavirus pandemic, for example, Living Eggs. The Purple Playhouse will continue to provide a valuable foundation for all children who attend the nursery with enriched opportunities in a wonderful exciting environment which promote good health, a sense of wellbeing and

supporting strong relationships in readiness for the next stage of their life  
when starting school.

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Accounts for the period 01/08/2021-31/07/2022

Opening Balance	£133,519.64	
01/08/2020-31/07/2021	Incoming	Outgoing
Fees	32,166.65	
Fundraising	10	
Chq & Cash Paid in Bank	1,890.50	
Uniform		1,006.55
WCC County Fund	127,298.25	
Commercial Card (Resources & Asda)		19,326.12
Bank Charges		82.79
Payroll		495.00
Chq Out		43.84
Insurance		635.56
Other		1,377.20
Nappy Disposal		2,376.80
Nest		5,148.73
Living Eggs		294.00
Sponsorship		696.00
Phone		985.92
Rent/Rates		8,796.00
Tax/NI		10,831.59
Training		168.00
Utilities		1,369.90
Wages		118,495.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>£161,365.28</b>	<b>£172,128.83</b>
Closing Balance	£122,756.10	
Interest added to reserve fund		£5.76
<b>Total</b>		<b>£52,953.72</b>

Seb Rockliff  
 Treasurer/Director  
 The Purple Playhouse



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In relation to –

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#### 1. Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

#### Independent examiner's report

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

1. (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the companies Act 2006 and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have been met or



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

Name: SEB ROCKLIFF

Signed: *Seb Rockliff*

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Date: 16/04/2022

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