

# STRATHMORE PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1137736

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [07274228](#)

**Registered** 2010-09-02

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 4 THE OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:-4.1 OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND 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;4.2 ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS;4.3 INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHER THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

**Activities:** STRATHMORE PRE-SCHOOL OFFERS GOOD QUALITY CARE AND EDUCATION TO CHILDREN AGED FROM 2 YEARS TO 5 YEARS OLD. WE PROMOTE LEARNING THROUGH CHILD-LED PLAY AND OUR AIM IS TO DEVELOP EACH INDIVIDUAL ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS. WE OFFER FLEXIBLE HOURS TO SUPPORT NEEDS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND ARE OFSTED REGISTERED. WE ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF STRATHMORE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL IN HITCHIN.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED BUT IN PRACTICE HERTFORDSHIRE
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£4,957	£4,788	-	-
2024-08-31	£68,211	£86,609	-	-
2023-08-31	£69,288	£81,671	-	-
2022-08-31	£73,834	£73,567	-	-
2021-08-31	£72,471	£71,684	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Michelle Marie Moore	Chair	2022-08-22

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# Accounts

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### Chair's & Treasurer's Report

#### School Year 1st September 2023 – 31st August 2024

Firstly, thank you all for attending Strathmore Pre-School's AGM. This is a brief summary of the key points from the past year at the Pre-School.

#### OFSTED

Our last Ofsted inspection was in October 2018, when the Pre-School was delighted to achieve an Outstanding rating.

The Committee and myself are hugely proud of all the work that Diane and the team put in with the children and the setting to achieve and continue to maintain this level.

#### Staffing News

We began September 2023 with the following staff:

Diane Grazette - Leader & SENCo  
Leonie Nicholson-Hay - Deputy Leader  
Julie Hook - Administrator  
Annabel Breadin – Practitioner/Deputy Leader/SENCo  
Meenu Dhunna - Bank Staff  
Kayleigh Shiers - Bank Staff

Leonie began maternity leave during the Autumn term and Annabel took on the role of Acting Deputy Leader for the remainder of the year.

#### Committee News

The Committee has remained the same for this year, with membership as follows:

- Michelle Moore – Chair

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- Katherine Martinez – Treasurer
- Shelly Leitch – Safeguarding Officer
- Esther Horton – Secretary
- Tim Craig – Committee member

## **Finance**

The overall cash balances of the Pre-School accounts at the end of the academic year amounted to just £735. This is significantly lower than in previous years, although refunds from HMRC remain outstanding, amounting to approximately £6259, in relation to maternity pay owed to the pre-school, but not yet paid. There are of course other items of expenditure to be paid out once the full refunds are received and any remaining funds following this will be distributed in accordance with PSLA guidelines.

### **Income:**

Our income this year was £68211, a small decrease of £1077 over 2023. The difference between fee income and funding was less significant this year, with fee income of £36249 and funding of £30187, more in line with 2022.

### **Expenditure:**

Overall expenditure was £86609 this year, illustrating another increase of £4938 over the previous year. Once again, this was predominantly due to an increase in overall staffing costs.

Overall, we ended the year showing a loss of £18398 in this year's audited accounts.

## **Summary**

This has been a challenging year for the Pre-School, as it has been for many other settings. There have been ongoing issues and concerns regarding the availability of qualified staff, two staff members commencing maternity leave around the same time and the shortfall created by government underfunding of "free" hours.

Due to the increase in expenditure and the shortfall in income, the reserves have been hit in consecutive years. The cost of living crisis and the struggle to recruit staff have been affecting the number of pupils we can enroll, and in turn our income levels. We began this year looking to maximize income and considering where any other cash injections might come from. Despite our best efforts, we have unfortunately not been able to achieve the increases that we'd hoped to.

Throughout the year we gave ongoing consideration to the sustainability of our situation, and ultimately came to the conclusion that the Pre-School would not be able to continue beyond this year. This was an incredibly difficult decision for all involved and we kept communication open with staff and families to make the transition as transparent and supported as possible.

We have notified Ofsted of our decision to close and completed the process of selling our resources, vacating the premises, and securing our data. This document outlining the financial position of the past year and closing of the Pre-School will hopefully serve as our final report.

My thanks go to all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to the Pre-School, and particularly to Diane for her dedicated leadership over the years, especially during what has been a challenging last few years. My thanks as well to Julie for all that she has done to keep the Pre-School and the Committee running, and for her generous and unwavering support. I'd also like to thank my fellow Committee members for giving their time and enthusiasm to keep the Pre-School running as long as we have.

Strathmore Pre-School has meant so much to so many over the years. It has been an honour to have my children attend the school, and to have the opportunity to support the staff and the school as a member of the Committee. I wish them all the very best for the future.

With thanks and best wishes,

Michelle Moore  
Chair

**Strathmore Pre-School**  
**Charity No 1137736**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**31-Aug-24**

**Fees**

<b>Fees</b>	36,249.00
<b>Funding</b>	30,187.10
<b>Donations</b>	0.00
<b>Book Bags</b>	0.00
<b>Uniform</b>	0.00
<b>Books /Photos</b>	0.00
<b>Fund Raising</b>	101.00
<b>Equipment Sale</b>	701.64
<b>Bank Interest</b>	27.55
<b>Other</b>	945.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>68,211.29</u>

<b>Rent</b>	6,434.87
<b>Teaching Staff</b>	64,923.50
<b>Admin Staff</b>	4,530.26
<b>Payroll admin</b>	717.75
<b>Pension/NEST</b>	1,275.00
<b>HMRC</b>	1,596.50
<b>Photocopying</b>	183.87
<b>Phone</b>	213.67
<b>Stamps &amp; Stationery</b>	212.18
<b>Equipment</b>	440.66
<b>Training</b>	583.20
<b>Accountant</b>	360.00
<b>Legal &amp; Professional</b>	2,232.91
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>	0.00
<b>Refunds</b>	24.00
<b>Bank charge &amp; fines</b>	66.22
<b>Publicity</b>	0.00
<b>Insurance</b>	125.88
<b>Other</b>	1,206.66
<b>Dep'n</b>	<b>105.00</b>
<b>Dep'n/loss on sale of fxd ass</b>	1,377.41
<b>Total Exp</b>	<u>86,609.54</u>

**Profit / (Loss)** **-18,398.25**

**Balance Sheet**

**Fixed Assets** 0

Current Assets

Bank	734.75
Bank Reserve	0
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<u><b>734.75</b></u>

Current Liabilities

Accruals	0
Creditors	0

**Net current Assets** **734.75**

**Reserves**

Bal Brought Forward	19,133.00
Profit/Loss in period	<u><b>-18,398.25</b></u>
<b>Closing Reserves</b>	<u><b>734.75</b></u>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
STRATHMORE PRE SCHOOL

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1137736

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

17/07/2025

**Name:**

SHAUN O'REILLY

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

MAAT



**STRATHMORE PRE-SCHOOL**

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# Accounts

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## **Chair's & Treasurer's Report – AGM 7th February 2024**

### **School Year 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023**

Firstly, thank you all for attending Strathmore Pre-School's AGM. This is a brief summary of the key points from the past year at the Pre-School.

#### **OFSTED**

Our last Ofsted inspection was in October 2018, when the Pre-School was delighted to achieve an Outstanding rating.

The Committee and myself are hugely proud of all the work that Diane and the team put in with the children and the setting to achieve and continue to maintain this level.

#### **Staffing News**

We began September 2022 with the following staff:

Diane Grazette- Leader  
Leonie Nicholson-Hay - Deputy Leader  
Julie Hook - Administrator  
Emily Constantinou - Practitioner & SENCO  
Megan Reader - Practitioner & 1:1 Support

Megan left us at the end of March 2023 and Emily at the end of May 2023 to take up positions at other settings.

Meenu Dhunna and Kayleigh Shiers were appointed as Bank staff in January 2023 and April 2023, respectively.

Annabel Breadin started with us as a practitioner in May 2023.

## **Committee News**

The Committee has remained the same for this year, with membership as follows:

- Michelle Moore – Chair
- Katherine Martinez – Treasurer
- Shelly Leitch – Safeguarding Officer
- Esther Horton – Secretary
- Tim Craig – Committee member

## **Finance**

The combined cash balances of the Pre-School accounts at the end of the academic year were £15,550. This is significantly lower than the £27,828 balance at the end of last year, which had been in line with the two preceding years.

### **Income:**

Our income was £69,288, a decrease of £4546 over 2022. This difference is primarily due to a decrease in fee income and donations. The income make up was different this year, with fee income considerably lower and funding higher than in 2022.

### **Expenditure:**

Expenditure was £81,671 this year, an increase of £8104 over the previous year. This was predominantly due to an increase in staffing costs and, to a lesser degree, an increase in rent to the school.

Overall, we ended the year showing a loss of £12,383 in this year's audited accounts.

## **Summary**

This has been a challenging year for the Pre-School, as it has been for many other settings. There are ongoing issues and concerns regarding the availability of qualified staff and the shortfall created by government underfunding of "free" hours.

Due to the increase in expenditure and the shortfall in income, the reserves have been hit in consecutive years. The cost of living crisis and the struggle to recruit staff have been affecting the number of pupils we can enroll, and in turn our income levels. Looking forward we need to look to maximize income or consider where any other cash injection might come from. We will also need to give ongoing consideration to the sustainability of our situation.

My thanks go to all of the staff for their hard work and dedication to the Pre-School, and particularly to Diane for her dedicated leadership during what has been a challenging year. My thanks as well to Julie for her generous and continued support, and to my fellow Committee members for giving their time and enthusiasm to keep the Pre-School running.

With the children of current Committee members having already moved on to other settings or moving on to Reception in the 2024-25 school year, we will need to look to expand membership to those parents of children who will be remaining at the Pre-School.

With thanks and best wishes,

Michelle Moore  
Chair

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2023

### STRATHMORE PRE SCHOOL

Charity No 1137736

	2023	2022
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>3,688</b>	<b>3,793</b>
Depreciation	(105)	(105)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank deposit account		
Bank	13,989	26,281
Bank Reserve	0	0
Bank Reserve	1,561	1,547
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>19,133</b>	<b>31,516</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<i>ACCRUALS</i>	0	0
<i>CREDITORS</i>		
Creditors	0	0
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>19,133</b>	<b>31,516</b>
Represented by		
Profit/Loss	19,133	31,516

# STRATHMORE PRE-SCHOOL

Charity No 1137736

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Fee income	26,546	38,452
Fundraising income	693	210
Fee Grant Funding	41,068	33,149
Interest	15	
Donation	0	1,513
Other	966	510
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>69,288</b>	<b>73,834</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Wages	56,712	48,373
Admin Staff	4,617	4,066
Pension	1,453	1,482
Rent of facilities	7,571	6,824
Equipment and materials	1,563	2,616
Insurances and subscriptions	938	872
Bank charges	71	66
Photocopying	747	672
Phone	214	394
Printing, stationery and postage	1,132	585
Training	326	370
Accountancy charges & Prof Fees	360	360
Refunds	244	158
Payroll	783	729
Other	791	0
HMRC	3,746	3,472
Legal & Professional	403	748
Sundry Expenses	0	1,780
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>81,671</b>	<b>73,567</b>
<b>Profit/(loss)</b>	<b>-12,383</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>Bal brought forward</b>	<b>31,516</b>	<b>31,249</b>
<b>SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>19,133</b>	<b>31,516</b>

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name **Strathmore Pre School**

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st August 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

**1137736**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2023

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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Independent  
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

12th January 2024

Name:

**Mr S O Reilly**

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

**MAAT**

(if any):

Address:

66 Bedford Rd, SG52UD

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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# Accounts

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#### **OFSTED**

Our last Ofsted inspection was in October 2018, when the Pre-School was delighted to achieve an Outstanding rating.

The Committee and myself are hugely proud of all the work that Diane and the team put in with the children and the setting to achieve and continue to maintain this level.

#### **Staffing News**

Nicola Haggart (Practitioner) left us on 8th October 2021 after returning for a short period of time after the summer break.

Natalie Green (Senco and Family Support Worker) left us at the end of April 2022.

Aimee Gee joined us as a Practitioner on 1st November 2021 and moved on from the role at the end of the Autumn term.

Teri Mayhew joined us as a Practitioner at the start of the Spring term and moved on from the role at the end of May 2022.

This left the following staff for the remainder of the academic year:

- Diane Grazette – Pre-School Leader
- Leonie Nicholson – Deputy Leader
- Megan Reader – Practitioner and Wraparound Leader
- Julie Hook – Administrator

#### **Committee News**

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Chris Jones stepped down as Chair of the Committee and Rachel Compton from the Committee.

Following Committee agreement, I took on the role as Chair and Katherine Martinez moved into the role of Treasurer.

Other Committee members remained in their roles:

- Shelly Leitch – Safeguarding Officer
- Esther Horton – Secretary
- Tim Craig – Committee member

### **Finance**

The combined cash balances of the Pre-School accounts at the end of the academic year were £31,516, which is largely in line with the last two years.

#### **Income:**

Our income was £73,834, a slight increase of £1363 over 2021. The income make up was different this year, with fee income considerably higher and funding lower than in 2021.

#### **Expenditure:**

Expenditure was £73,567 this year, a slight increase of £1883 over the previous year.

Overall, we ended the year showing a small profit of £267 in this year's audited accounts.

### **Wraparound Learning**

There were no lunchtime wraparound children this year as this was run as an add on to nursery sessions. We continued to have afternoon sessions from 12:45 – 15:00.

### **Caterpillars**

The decision was taken not to carry on with the Caterpillars toddler group this year and we have begun to look at rehoming some of the items that we used for this.

### **Lenovo PC and Interactive Whiteboard**

Following the decision not to purchase an outside canopy for the school we used a portion of the funds that had been earmarked for this to invest in the IT for the school and purchased a Lenovo PC and Interactive Whiteboard in the Summer term.

### **Summary**

In general, it has been a good year for the Pre-School, and my thanks go to all the staff for their hard work and dedication – particularly to Diane for her inspired leadership and commitment, and to Julie for her generous and continued support in helping me to settle in this new role and for all the support she gives the Committee and colleagues. My thanks as well to Chris Jones for his tenure as Chair through a very challenging time for the Pre-School, and to my fellow Committee members for giving their time and enthusiasm to keep the Pre-School running.

With the children of current Committee members moving on to Nursery and Reception in the 2023-24 school year, we will need to look to expand membership to those parents of children who will be remaining at the Pre-School.

Finances continue to be in good shape given funding and our investment in the Pre-School with the new IT. However with the cost of living crisis we will need to keep a close eye on both income and expenditure to ensure that we continue to maintain this.

With thanks and best wishes,

Michelle Moore  
Chair

## STRATHMORE PRE-SCHOOL

Charity No 1137736

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Fee income	38,452	27,399
Fundraising income	210	261
Fee Grant Funding	33,149	44,527
Caterpillars		121
Donation	1,513	0
Other	510	163
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,834</b>	<b>72,471</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Wages	48,373	49,438
Admin Staff	4,066	3,829
Pension	1,482	1,338
Rent of facilities	6,824	6,294
Equipment and materials	2,616	2,623
Insurances and subscriptions	872	866
Bank charges	66	92
Photocopying	672	567
Phone	394	
Printing, stationery and postage	585	1,593
Training	370	576
Accountancy charges & Prof Fees	360	360
Refunds	158	168
Payroll	729	731
Other		496
HMRC	3,472	2,009
Legal & Professional	748	704
Write offs		
Sundry Expenses	1,780	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>73,567</b>	<b>71,684</b>
<b>Profit/(loss)</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>787</b>
<b>Bal brought forward</b>	<b>31,249</b>	<b>30,568</b>
		<b>-106</b>
<b>SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>31,516</b>	<b>31,249</b>

Notes

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2022

### STRATHMORE PRE SCHOOL

Charity No 1137736

	2022	2021
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>3,793</b>	399
Depreciation	(105)	(399)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank	26,281	29,666
Bank Reserve	0	77
Bank Reserve	1,547	1,506
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>31,516</b>	<b>31,249</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>ACCRUALS</b>	0	0
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Creditors	0	0
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>	0	31,249
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>31,516</b>	<b>31,249</b>
Represented by		
P&L Reserves OB		31355
PY Reserves Adj		-106
Profit/Loss	31,516	31,249



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
STRATHMORE PRE SCHOOL

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

17/01/2023

**Name:**

SHAUN O'REILLY

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**STRATHMORE PRE-SCHOOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1137736

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# Accounts

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### **Chair's & Treasurer's Report – AGM 29/03/22**

### **School Year 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

Firstly, thank you all for attending Strathmore Pre-school's AGM. This is a brief summary of the key points from the past year at the Pre-school.

### **OFSTED**

Our last Ofsted inspection was in October 2018, when the pre-school was delighted to achieve an Outstanding rating.

The committee and myself are hugely proud of all the work that Diane and the team put in with the children and the setting to achieve and continue to maintain this level.

### **Staffing News**

Francesca Buggins was due to return from maternity leave back to her role as lunchtime cover, but for personal reasons she was unable to come back.

Carrina Adams left us on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020, after returning for a very short period of time after the summer break.

This left the following staff for the remainder of the academic year:

Diane Grazette - Pre School Leader  
Nicola Haggart - Pre-School Deputy  
Leonie Nicholson-Hay - Practitioner  
Megan Reader - Practitioner  
Natalie Green - Practitioner / 1:1 Support  
Julie Hook - Administrator

As you are aware, Nicola Haggart left us at the end of the year, moving into a different role at a day nursery.

### **Finance**

The combined cash balances of the pre-school accounts at the end of the academic year were £31,249. This is an increase of just under £700 on the previous year, consisting of £29,666 in the current account and £1506 in the reserve accounts.

### **Income**

Our income was around £1200 higher than the previous year due to a much higher income from fee grant funding, this is an obvious effect from the return of children to the Pre-School post covid in 2021. A large proportion of this was however offset by covid furlough payments made to the Pre-School in 2020.

Fee income, as you will note, remains pretty much in line with last year.

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### **Expenditure**

Overall expenditure is down by roughly £4000 on the previous year. Staff costs make up the majority of expenditure which remains roughly the same. Rent is up by £1200, a notable increase. The change in the overall expenditure figure relates mainly to the write off of £6227 last year (2019-2020), owing to previous errors by the accountant in the balance sheet, in relation to PAYE/NI contributions detailed incorrectly in previous years. This was also explained in last year's report.

We ended the year showing a small profit of £787 in this year's audited accounts.

### **O.W.L.S (Outside Wraparound Learning Strathmore)**

The lunch club facility for all the nursery children who come to us for wraparound care this year continued to be successful.

### **Caterpillars**

The Caterpillars toddler group was successfully re-introduced this year and helped to bring new parents to the Pre-School setting, raising £120 towards the school income.

### **Canopy**

It has long been a desire of the Pre-School to have an outside canopy and I have spent some time looking into this over the past year. We had discussions with the school and council with regards to permissions and we received quotes and drawings that we were ready to go ahead with. However, following a committee meeting where we looked honestly at the costs involved and discussed the long term benefit to the Pre-School itself, it was decided that such a cost would not be in the overall interests of the Pre-School, particularly as we are tenants and would ultimately not be the owners of the canopy once it was installed. We agreed to look at alternatives to this.

### **Summary**

In general, it has been a good year for the Pre-school and my thanks go to all the staff for their hard work and dedication and also to Committee members for giving their time and enthusiasm to keep the Pre-school running. From a business perspective, the finances continue to be in good shape.

As previously mentioned, the canopy was due to be a large outgoing that we have been looking into for some time, but now that money can be put to good use elsewhere in the Pre-School and benefit the children in new ways going forward.

From a personal perspective, after 3 years serving on the Committee as Chairman I will be stepping down. I would like to say it's been a real pleasure fulfilling my role as Chairman over the past 3 years, 3 years that have not exactly been straight forward. I hope that for the next Chair and Committee it will be much more straight forward and there will be no longer be the need to spend time considering how Covid will affect the running of the school!

Through it all the Pre-School has continued to be a wonderful environment for our children and that is all only made possible by the dedication of all the staff and in particular Diane, whose commitment and dedication never cease to inspire. My thanks to Diane and Julie and Tim, Essie, Rachel, Shelley and Michelle and all the Committee members who have served a part over the past 3 years. A new Chair is now required and hopefully some new committee members, who share a view of continuing to move the Pre-School forward. The onus is on current parents of children at the Pre-school to show interest in these volunteer roles, so the Pre-school can continue.

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We will be having a coffee morning at the Pre-School on Thursday so anyone interested in volunteering can talk to myself and Diane then if they are able to attend.

**Thanks and all the best,**

**Chris Jones**

**Chair**

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2021

### STRATHMORE PRE SCHOOL

Charity No 1137736

	2021	2020
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>399</b>	399
Depreciation	(399)	(399)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank deposit account		
Bank	29,666	29,068
Bank Reserve	77	0
Bank Reserve	1,506	1,500
Cash in hand	0	0
Reserve Acc 31826506	0	0
Add Prepayments	0	0
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>31,249</b>	<b>30,568</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>ACCRUALS</b>	0	0
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Creditors	0	0
Salaries Control Account	0	0
Other Creditors		0
PAYE/NI	0	0
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>31,249</b>	<b>30,568</b>
Represented by		
P&L Reserves OB		
P&L	31355	
PY Reserves Adj	-106	
Profit/Loss	31,249	30,568

## STRATHMORE PRE-SCHOOL

Charity No 1137736

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 31 AUGUST 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Fee income	27,399	27,284
Fundraising income	261	
Fee Grant Funding	44,528	35,429
Caterpillars	121	0
Uniforms		79
Donation		10
Furlough		8,307
Other	162	97
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>72,471</b>	<b>71,206</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Wages	49,438	49,632
Admin Staff	3,829	3,671
Pension	1,338	
Rent of facilities	6,294	5,029
Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals		0
Equipment and materials	2,623	1,190
Insurances and subscriptions	866	853
Printer ink		44
Bank charges	92	120
Photocopying	567	711
Printing, stationery and postage	1,593	1,229
Training	576	359
Accountancy charges & Prof Fees	360	360
Refunds	168	1,130
Payroll	731	978
Other	496	891
Publicity		29
HMRC	2,009	2,372
Depreciation		119
Legal & Professional	704	559
Write offs		6,227
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>71,684</b>	<b>75,501</b>
<b>Profit/(loss)</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>(4,295)</b>
Bal brought forward	30,568	34,863
Adjustment	-106	
<b>SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>31,249</b>	<b>30,568</b>

**Notes**

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name STRATHMORE PRE SCHOOL

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2021 Charity no (if any) 1137736

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 02/02/22

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