



## Trustee Report for St. Nicolas Playgroup (Taplow)

for Year-End 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024

<b>Charity Name:</b>	St. Nicolas Playgroup (Taplow)
<b>Address:</b>	The Reading Rooms, Taplow Village Centre, Taplow, SL6 0EX
<b>Charity Registration No.</b>	1155996
<b>Trustee Names:</b>	Stuart Hampton-Roach – Chair  Angela Farrell – Treasurer  Ella Jones - Trustee

### Charity Structure

St. Nicolas Playgroup (Taplow) is a member of the Early Year Learning Alliance (EYLA) and is governed by the Pre-school Learning Alliance Model Pre-school Constitution 2011. It is managed and controlled by a committee of trustees, elected at Annual General Meetings in September/October by majority vote. The minimum number of Committee members is five and comprises of a minimum of

60% Family Members. All Committee members are DBS checked and cleared and sign up to St. Nicolas Playgroup's Trustee Code of Conduct which is modelled on that of the PLA.

A sub-committee, known as the Fundraising Committee, is formed by some Committee members to organise fund raising events to support the running of Playgroup. A formal process and policy are in place for the recording and handover to the Treasurer of funds raised by the fundraising committee.

## Activities and Objectives

The aims 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:

- offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, 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 interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;
- instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

## Achievements and Performance

2023-24 has been an excellent year for St. Nicolas Playgroup (Taplow), where the benefits of previous efforts to ensure our long-term viability have begun to crystallise. The Committee maintained a close partnership with the Early Years team at Buckinghamshire Council to ensure we maintain and build upon the financial health of our preschool.

The committee are delighted that there have been no changes to the management team and both the Manager and Deputy Manager continue to be instrumental to the success of the setting. We are also pleased to report that no staff members chose to leave the charity between Aug 2023 and Aug 2024 and 3 members of staff passed their professional qualifications. The dedication and hard work of all our staff are truly the backbone of our preschool, and we are immensely grateful for their contributions.

Overall, 2023-24 has been a year of strong performance and growth and as such we are beginning to explore opportunities to expand on the Playgroup's solid foundation and success.

## Financial Review

This financial period has resulted in a surplus of £22,827 (2022-2023 surplus of £2,715). Details of all income and expenditure are outlined in the attached financial statements. Sufficient financial reserves are held to sustain Playgroup in the event that income falls below expected levels. The intention would be to continue functioning as a Playgroup for up to 3 months and cover the payment of staff redundancies, in the unlikely event that the Playgroup had to close. The amount of £28,440 for this purpose, is held within the account balance of £49,994 in the Barclays community business account.

Signed on behalf of  
the charity's trustees:

Stuart Hampton-Roach  
Management Committee Chair

Angela Farrell  
Management Committee Treasurer

Date:

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Nicolas Playgroup Taplow

1155996

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

9/1/2023

To

8/31/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Funding	108,390	-	-	108,390	78,147
Fees	20,646	-	-	20,646	23,824
Fundraising	1,137	-	-	1,137	2,431
Grants	8,375	-	-	8,375	12,625
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>138,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,547</b>	<b>117,027</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>138,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,547</b>	<b>117,027</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff Costs	89,665	1,125	-	90,790	96,048
Other Staff Related Costs	3,316	-	-	3,316	1,552
Building Costs	12,826	-	-	12,826	10,846
Insurance	1,087	-	-	1,087	1,007
Audit & Accountancy fees	782	-	-	782	403
IT Costs	2,695	-	-	2,695	227
Childrens resources/services	1,462	-	-	1,462	1,960
Consumables	1,425	-	-	1,425	1,680
Other	346	-	-	346	589
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>113,605</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,730</b>	<b>114,312</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Computer Equipment	956	-	-	956	-
Playgroup Equipment	34	-	-	34	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>114,595</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>115,720</b>	<b>114,312</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>23,952</b>	<b>- 1,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,827</b>	<b>2,715</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>25,992</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,117</b>	<b>24,402</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>49,944</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,944</b>	<b>27,117</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Total Cash at the end of the period	49,944	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	49,944	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Angela Farrell		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
St Nicolas Playgroup (Taplow)

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1155996

Set out on pages

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(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'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 Charities 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:

M. D. Price

Date:

3/9/25

Name:

Mark Price BSc, FCA

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

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

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**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.**

N/A