

CHURCH OF ASCENSION PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1164991

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-12-30

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

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Activities

Objects: 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 THE STATUTORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE.

Activities: Delivering early years and education to pre-school children in the local area.

Classification

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

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£61,270	£72,330	-	-
2023-08-31	£65,986	£73,580	-	-
2022-08-31	£55,553	£59,808	-	-
2021-08-31	£64,092	£65,347	-	-
2020-08-31	£83,332	£76,316	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emilie Fleming		2020-04-01
Janet Whittington		2016-07-31
Lisa Janes		2015-12-30
Naomi McTernan		2017-01-01

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Accounts

Profit and Loss Account

Between 01/09/23 and 31/08/24

<u>Income</u>		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Nursery Grant inc ISEY	£	46,088.62	£	42,697.35	£	34,612.46		£50,939.34		£57,790.31
Fees	£	12,222.79	£	20,772.83	£	12,497.50		£8,994.03		£6,136.00
Fundraising	£	1,390.00	£	1,009.27	£	1,049.00		£205.45		£587.28
Donations inc Gift Aid	£	1,368.91	£	120.00	£	140.49		£77.20		£55.01
2019/20 Grant received in advance		0	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Garden Project Grants and Donations		0	£	-	£	2,253.55		£949.44		£9,400.00
COVID 19 Grants		0	£	-	£	-		£1,050.15	£	8,143.60
EYPP/DAF		0	£	-	£	2,000.00		£876.15	£	1,200.00
DFE Grants	£	200.01	£	1,386.69	£	3,000.00		£1,000.00	£	-
	£	61,270.33		£ 65,986.14		£ 55,553.00		£ 64,091.76		£ 83,312.20
<u>Expenses</u>										
Salaries inc. Cover		£ 60,360.97		£ 59,694.27		£ 48,110.65		£50,701.83		£52,312.25
Rent		£ 10,524.50		£ 9,366.50		£ 9,450.51		£9,862.00		£8,276.00
Insurance & Subscriptions/Training		£ 253.94		£ 1,992.53		£ 1,017.75		£1,658.93		£1,141.32
Consumables		£ 915.98		£ 735.93		£ 479.93		£667.94		£646.97
Equipment		£ 274.83		£ 1,730.33		£ 734.14		£1,533.56		£1,113.75
Fundraising Costs		£ 0.00		£ 60.50		£ 15.00		£46.79		£70.97
Garden Project		£ 0.00		£ 0.00	£	-	£	-		£11,712.84
EYPP/DAF		£ 0.00		£ 0.00	£	-	£	876.15		£1,188.00
		£ 72,330.22		£ 73,580.06		£ 59,807.98		£ 65,347.20		£ 76,462.10
Net Profit (Loss)		(£11,059.89)		(£7,593.92)		(£4,254.98)		(£1,255.44)		£6,850.10

Balance Sheet

as at 31 August 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Current Assets							
Cash in hand	£ 1,321.92	£ 1,542.44	£ 797.44	£ 14.44	£ 1,283.78	£1,260.92	£ 102.45
Cash at Bank	£ 24,758.82	£ 35,598.19	£ 43,937.11	£ 48,975.09	£ 48,961.19	£ 41,968.18	£ 39,249.86
Current Liabilities	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	£ 26,080.74	£ 37,140.63	£ 44,734.55	£ 48,989.53	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 39,352.31
Accumulated Fund							
Brought forward from previous August	£ 37,140.63	£ 44,734.55	£ 48,989.53	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 39,834.75	£ 22,304.71
Profit/Loss for the year	-11,059.89	-£ 7,593.92	-£ 4,254.98	-£1,255.44	£7,015.87	£13,394.35	£ 7,530.04
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20th January 2025

To whom it may concern

Examination of the accounts of the Church of the Ascension Playgroup for year ending 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43 (2)(a) of the 1993 Act) to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43 (7)(b) of the 1993 Act) and to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

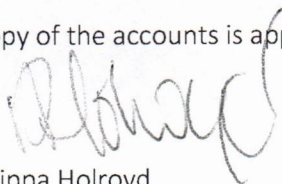
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Independent Examiners Statement

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1. Which gives 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 the 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

A copy of the accounts is appended



Phillippa Holroyd
Qualification: AAT Accounting Technician



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Sept	2023		31	Aug	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Church of Ascension Pre-School Playgroup

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1164991

Charity's principal address Chatterton Hall, 93b School Road

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Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lisa Janes	Treasurer/Ofsted Nominated Person	01-12-2015 to current	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mrs A Ford - Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO FOUNDATION

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected at AGM, DBS checked and Ofsted approved via EY2

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To keep children safe in an open, honest and caring environment by ensuring safeguarding is at the forefront of everything we do
To provide experiences that enable children to learn through play
To enable children to build secure relationships whilst developing independence and social skills
To work closely with families to ensure that children have the best possible start on their educational journey and that families feel supported during their time with us

September 2023 began with 21 children on roll. 14 of who were funded, 1 receiving EYPP, 3 on deprivation funding. 5 staff employed

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Manager's Report

Staff

As a whole team we went to Childcare Expo – an event in Coventry with workshops on SEN.

We celebrated many festivals such as Ramadan, Diwali, Eid. We learnt about Patron Saints, Road Safety and took part in World Book Day and Nursery Rhyme Week. We explored science during the national annual week. Parents joined us for a Nativity performance and the children enjoyed a Christmas Party. We ended the year with an outing to Birmingham Conservation Park and a Graduation Ceremony and Party.

We finished the year with 19 on roll, 13 on 3-year-old funding and 6 on the new 2-year-old funding.

This year has seen some major changes to the funding for early years. More parents than ever are looking for 30 hours and starting to make use of the new 15 hours for 2 years olds with working parents. This has had an impact on the number of enquiries we have had over the year. Many were looking for full time nursery places. With this and the financial difficulties as outlined in the treasurer's report, it became increasingly difficult for us to continue in a present format of a part time packaway setting. The business model we follow of a sessional charity Pre-School became no longer financially viable. We explored many different ideas, from becoming a full time day care nursery to only offering a small number of funded places. Unfortunately, not only is this unfeasible and not available to us at our current location, it would be in direct opposition to our ethos and the principles we have upheld over the 50 years our setting has been open. It was with great sadness that we made the decision to close at the end of this academic year.

On the 28/02/24 all Trustees were given 14 days' notice and invited to an EGM - formal proposal to terminate the charity, they were issued with a copy of the accounts including liabilities and a copy of Resolution Staff were given an at risk notice regarding the decision to be made at the meeting.

On the 13th March 2024, the Trustees voted on the resolution and signed the minutes. All staff were written to on the 14th March 2024 informing them of the decision to close to children on 19th July 2024. A redundancy consolation was started and concluded on 29/03/2024. Of the 4 remaining staff, 2 were given 12 weeks' notice of redundancy on 19th July 2024. 2 staff will be retained to close down the setting, dispose of its equipment and assets.

All parents and the Church (Landlord) were informed in writing of the closure on 02/04/2024.

The setting permanently closed on 19th July 2024. The charity will be wound down and closed during the next financial year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy on reserves is to keep enough funds for the charity to continue to run with no income for 3 months, as well as enough to cover potential redundancies. Due to the ongoing financial difficulties we no longer have this reserve, but are able to cover redundancies.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Treasurers Report 2023-24

For the past 3 years the playgroup has made a loss despite high numbers of children. This is mainly due to the rise in the minimum wage and the disparity between these rises and the funding rates we receive. As highlighted in last years report this is not sustainable. It was predicted early on that we would again make a substantial loss this year of approx. £10,000. Without substantially increasing our fees and donations, the business model we operate could not continue. In order to meet our financial obligations, staff redundancy we made the decision to close at the end of the academic year. 2 staff will be retained on their current wages to close down the setting and then the charity, and will then be made redundant.

The charity is currently solvent and can meet all of its liabilities

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lisa Janes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	02/10/2024	

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Manager's Report**

We welcomed a new member of staff in October Miss G and Miss M started her Level 3 Senco qualification.

As a whole team we went to Childcare Expo – an event in Coventry with workshops on early years. All key persons are now Makaton trained and this helps with communication within our setting.

We have taken part in various events and celebrations and have learned about things that we might not know such as World Animal Day, Mental Health Day, Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Christmas Workshop, Chinese New Year, World Book day, Ramadan and Eid, Mothering Sunday, Father's Day, the Kings Coronation. We also raised £31 for the Dogs Trust. I am sure that you will agree with me that we have been very busy.

We finish the year with 35 on roll, 19 on 3 year old funding and 2 on 2 year old funding. We are pleased to welcome 2 new members of staff, as there will be some staff changes in September. They are both starting prior to September to ensure the best care and continuity for your children.

We are working on a new and exciting curriculum for the children who will be staying for their nursery year. We are expecting around 20 children to start the new year and as always I am looking forward to it.

A few words about how we operate. With regards to Ofsted, the Department of Education and Safeguarding we are governed by the same rules as schools and every other educational body. We are educators for early years and have the same remit and responsibility as other teachers. The difference is, in early years, which I am passionate about, all of our learning is through play, something which you will see when you move next door for our parent workshop.”

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Treasurers Report 2022-23

Lisa Janes then explained our governance with the charity commission and who the trustees are. This was followed by a financial report highlighting the difficulties faced by early years settings. There has been a deficit over the last 2 years and we predict a further deficit of around £8000 this year. This is not sustainable and is mainly due to increased costs, increases in minimum wage. In line with the proposed changes to funding over the next couple of years we have no choice than to change our fees. 3 year old fees will remain at £15 but 2 year old fees will rise to £18 to distinguish the cost in different ratios.

Lisa Janes then explained our current constitution based on an association model which was felt by the trustees as an out of date business model. As the majority of trustees needed to be parents they may only be with us for a short period of time, and as the process and cost of DBS and Ofsted approval is lengthy it does not offer the consistency that was felt needed. The foundation model of constitution was explained to the meeting and the benefits of being able to draw expertise from the community and keep Trustees for a longer period of time. The resolution was then unanimously agreed.

Lisa also advised the meeting that we are looking for new Trustees and asked those interested to speak with her after the meeting.

Section F


Other optional information

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lisa Janes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	26/02/2024	

Balance Sheet

as at 31 August 2023

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Qualification: AAT Accounting Technician

CHURCH OF ASCENSION PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1164991

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Sept	2021		31	Aug	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Church of Ascension Pre-School Playgroup

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1164991

Charity's principal address Chatterton Hall, 93b School Road

Hall Green

Birmingham

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lisa Janes	Treasurer/Ofsted Nominated Person	01-12-2015 to current	
2	Janet Whittington		01-09-2016 to current	
3	Naomi McTernan		01-01-2017 to current	
4	Emilie Fleming		08-05-2020 to current	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mrs A Ford - Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Pre-School Learning Alliance Model CIO Constitution for Childcare Providers 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at AGM, DBS checked and Ofsted approved via EY2

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To keep children safe in an open, honest and caring environment by ensuring safeguarding is at the forefront of everything we do
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 To enable children to build secure relationships whilst developing independence and social skills
 To work closely with families to ensure that children have the best possible start on their educational journey and that families feel supported during their time with us

September 2021 began with 16 children on roll. 8 of who were funded, 1 receiving EYPP, 2 on deprivation funding. 7 staff were employed. 1 of which was an apprentice.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Manager's Report
September 2021 – July 2022

We returned in September with two training days to enable us to consolidate and embed the updated EYFS. The number of children on role was significantly less than previous years. We had enquires from parents requesting 2 year funded places but unfortunately the majority were ineligible due to the income threshold.

We organised a food collection during the Harvest Festival for the food bank held at the church.

We celebrated Diwali, and took part in activities relating to Children in Need, Nursery Rhyme Week, Guy Fawkes, Remembrance Day, Road Safety Week. We made decorations and spoke about Christmas and the Nativity Story and had a Christmas Party.

During the spring term we celebrated Chinses New Year, World book day in our pyjamas, Science week, St Patricks Day, Holi, Mothering Sunday and Easter. We had a visit from an Early Years project worker to promote collaborative working with in the cluster.

In the summer term we had students with us working on their Level 2 qualifications. We held Stay and Play sessions for prospective children and their parents. We made cards for Father's Day.

We resumed our fundraising efforts but were very mindful that some parents were still affected by the financial burden COVID had taken. We held a parent workshop and sponsored event to raise funds.

Throughout the year we have invited parents into the setting for meetings with their child's key person or manager to discuss and check their child's progress.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy on reserves is to keep enough funds for the charity to continue to run with no income for 3 months , as well as enough to cover potential redundancies.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Treasurers Report 2021-2022

The year started with some considerable barriers. We had fewer children on roll than we anticipated. This seemed to be due to a number of factors:

Reluctance of parents to send their children back after COVID

Lack of feeder events and groups – e.g. stay and plays, mother and toddler groups.

Parents not being able to afford fees and not being eligible for 2 year old funding.

We saw a significant decrease in income from funding, with a slight increase in fee paying places.

As our numbers were so low in the Autumn term we were over staffed and had more staff than were needed for ratio. After consultation 2 staff members chose to take voluntary redundancy and all other staff agreed to a 20% reduction of working hours.

By the Spring term numbers had started to improve and we were able to return all 5 remaining staff to their full hours. We also employed a staff member to enhance ratios using the Isey and Daf funding.

Even with reduced staffing levels, the rise in minimum wage again caused concern as the funding rates did not rise at the same rate. We ended the year with an expected deficit, but we were able to cover this from our reserves. However, this will not be sustainable in the future, rising staffing costs are not being met by the funding we receive.

Section F

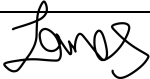
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lisa Janes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	10/06/2023	

Charity Number 1164991

Income / Expenditure for the year ending 31st August 2022

Income	2022	2021
Nursery Grant inc ISEY	£ 34,612.46	£ 50,939.34
Fees	£ 12,497.50	£ 8,994.03
Fundraising	£ 1,049.00	£ 205.45
DFE Apprentice Grant	£ 3,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Donations inc Gift Aid	£ 140.49	£ 77.20
Garden Project Grants and Donations	£ 2,253.55	£ 949.44
COVID 19 Grants		£ 1,050.15
EYPP/DAF	£ 2,000.00	£ 876.15
Total	£ 55,553.00	£ 64,091.76
Expenditure	2022	2021
Salaries	£ 48,110.65	£ 50,701.83
Rent	£ 9,450.51	£ 9,862.00
Insurance & Subscriptions	£ 1,017.75	£ 1,658.93
Consumables	£ 479.93	£ 667.94
Equipment	£ 734.14	£ 1,533.56
Fundraising Costs	£ 15.00	£ 46.79
Garden Project	£ -	£ -
EYPP/DAF	£ -	£ 876.15
Total	£ 59,807.98	£ 65,347.20
Net Profit / Loss	-£ 4,254.98	-£ 1,255.44

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022

Cash in Hand	£ 797.44	£ 14.44
Cash at NatWest	£ 43,937.11	£ 48,975.09
Total Assets	£ 44,734.55	£ 48,989.53
Current Liabilities	£ -	£ -
Total Assets less Liabilities	£ 44,734.55	£ 48,989.53

Profit and Loss Account

Between 01/09/21 and 31/08/22

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Income								
Nursery Grant inc ISEY	£	34,612.46	£50,939.34	£57,790.31	£39,095.32	£ 65,215.07	£ 53,346.24	£ 0.00
Fees	£	12,497.50	£8,994.03	£6,136.00	£ 19,512.02	£ 9,339.00	£ 15,719.56	£ 0.00
Fundraising	£	1,049.00	£205.45	£587.28	£2,102.52	£ 2,075.74	£ 1,881.28	£ 0.00
Donations inc Gift Aid	£	140.49	£77.20	£55.01	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 11,735.72	£ 0.00
2019/20 Grant received in advance			£0.00	£0.00	£ 9,517.56	-£ 9,517.56	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Garden Project Grants and Donations	£	2,253.55	£949.44	£9,400.00	£ 5,041.00	£ 2,692.61	£ 499.75	£ 0.00
COVID 19 Grants			£1,050.15	£8,143.60				
EYPP/DAF	£	2,000.00	£876.15	£1,200.00				
DFE Apprentice Grant	£	3,000.00	£1,000.00					
		£ 55,553.00	£ 64,091.76	£ 83,312.20	£ 75,268.42	£ 69,804.86	£ 83,182.55	£ 0.00
Expenses								
Salaries inc. Cover		£ 48,110.65	£50,701.83	£52,312.25	£ 46,287.78	£ 47,498.30	£ 43,919.08	£ 0.00
Rent		£ 9,450.51	£9,862.00	£8,276.00	£10,029.00	£ 9,568.00	£ 11,980.20	£ 0.00
Insurance & Subscriptions/Training		£ 1,017.75	£1,658.93	£1,141.32	£ 1,677.04	£ 1,470.40	£ 1,019.58	£ 0.00
Consumables		£ 479.93	£667.94	£646.97	£ 1,195.52	£ 1,740.16	£ 1,061.26	£ 0.00
Equipment		£ 734.14	£1,533.56	£1,113.75	£ 2,469.96	£ 1,860.64	£ 2,637.42	£ 0.00
Fundraising Costs		£ 15.00	£46.79	£70.97	£ 214.77	£ 137.32	£ 260.30	£ 0.00
Garden Project		£ 0.00	£0.00	£11,712.84				
EYPP/DAF		£ 0.00	£876.15	£1,188.00				
		£ 59,807.98	£ 65,347.20	£ 76,462.10	£ 61,874.07	£ 62,274.82	£ 60,877.84	£ 0.00
Net Profit (Loss)		(£4,254.98)	(£1,255.44)	£6,850.10	£13,394.35	£7,530.04	£22,304.71	£0.00

Balance Sheet

as at 31 August 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets							
Cash in hand	£ 797.44	£ 14.44	£ 1,283.78	£1,260.92	£ 102.45	£ 190.78	£ 0.00
Cash at Bank	£ 43,937.11	£ 48,975.09	£ 48,961.19	£ 41,968.18	£ 39,249.86	£ 22,113.93	£ 0.00
Current Liabilities	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	£ 43,937.11	£ 48,989.53	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 39,352.31	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00
Accumulated Fund							
Brought forward from previous August	£ 48,989.53	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 29,834.75	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00	n/a
Profit/Loss for the year	-4,254.98	-£1,255.44	£7,015.87	£13,394.35	£ 7,530.04	£ 22,304.71	n/a
	£ 44,734.55	£ 48,989.53	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 29,834.75	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00

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14th May 2023

To whom it may concern

Examination of the accounts of the Church of the Ascension Playgroup for year ending 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43 (2)(a) of the 1993 Act) to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43 (7)(b) of the 1993 Act) and to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting reports 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 in seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. Which gives 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 the 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

A copy of the accounts is appended



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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Mrs A Ford - Manager

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September 2020 began with 21 children on roll. 12 of who were funded, 3 receiving EYPP, 3 on deprivation funding. 7 staff were employed. 2 of whom were job share. 1 was an apprentice nearing the end of her course.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

**Manager's Report
September 2020 – July 2021**

We returned in September adhering to strict COVID guidelines.

New trikes, scooter etc with money donated from previous year.

Celebrated Diwali, Children in Need, Nursery Rhyme Week, Made decorations and spoke about Christmas and the Nativity Story.

Unfortunately, due to a heating failure within the building we were unable to open on Monday 7th December. After consultation with the Landlords regrettably work to rectify this issue could not be completed until that month. This meant that we were unable to open until January 2021. All of the children received door stop visits with a Christmas present. Children and parents were contacted regularly via Tapestry. All remaining training days were cancelled.

On the 4th January with the announcement of a further national lockdown, early years education was excluded from the stay at home order and we were to continue to operate as normal. However, understandably parents were reluctant to send their children during the height of the pandemic.

We had anticipated 26 on role in Jan, in reality 16 parents chose to keep their children at home, so our daily figures ranged from 4 – 8 children. The majority of staff were put on a rota and those eligible were flexi furloughed in proportion to our loss of earnings from fee payers. Weekly activities online
Weekly telephone welfare checks
Toy and activity packs for those EYPP
All staff meetings were undertaken via Zoom

At the start of March children began to return. Due to the strict COVID protocols we were unable to accept any new starters. All staff commenced twice weekly Lateral Flow testing

We were able to remain open until 8th July.

Activities during this period included World Book Day which we extended for the whole week, where a different book was explored each day. We celebrated Hoi, Easter and Eid. We renewed our Sunsafe certification. We nurtured caterpillars into butterflies and released them into the garden.

After Easter we had 4 new starters. A member left in March and we employed a new Level 3 Apprentice. Level 2 placement student in May one day a week. 2 staff successfully completed First Aid training.

In July we experienced our first positive COVID case. This shut the setting for the compulsory isolation period, during which a further 3 staff/children tested positive. All made a complete recovery, however this did mean we were not able to reopen for the end of term. During this time, all children were contacted via Tapestry and after the isolation period were visited by a staff member. Children who were moving on to school received a small gift and certificate from playgroup.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Treasurers Report 2020 – 21

In September we applied for and received an Early Years Alliance COVID reopening grant £750, with which we bought:

2 portable kiddiwash skins

New uniform and fleeces for staff

Cleaning equipment including vacuum cleaner and sprayer and replenished our supply of Milton, gloves, aprons, individual hand sanitiser bottles etc.

Garden play equipment was bought from previous donation

We paid for essential First Aid training for some staff

We utilised the HMRC Job Retention scheme to flexi furlough eligible staff in proportion to our loss of earnings from fee payers.

We also received a further grant towards the cost of the garden refurbishment leaving us with approx. £800 to raise – we are awaiting the result of a number of bids.

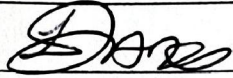
For the 2nd year running we have drastically reduced our fundraising. It was agreed by the trustees that families had felt the effect of COVID 19 financially and were not in a position to donate as they had in previous years.

As we anticipated we finished the year with a deficit, we are further troubled by the position we face for the upcoming year as the majority of financial support in relation to COVID 19 will cease. Our numbers have still not increased to the levels pre COVID and there is still uncertainty as to how and when we will see any improvement.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LISA JONES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer / TRUSTEE	
Date	12/6/22	

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23rd April 2022

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Phillippa Holroyd
Qualification: AAT Accounting Technician

Charity Number 1164991

Income / Expenditure for the year ending 31st August 2020

Income	2021	2020
Nursery Grant inc ISEY	£50,939.34	£57,790.31
Fees	£8,994.03	£6,136.00
Fundraising	£205.45	£587.28
DFE Apprentice Grant	£1,000.00	
Donations inc Gift Aid	£77.20	£75.01
Garden Project Grants and Donations	£949.44	£9,400.00
COVID 19 Grants	£1,050.15	£8,143.60
EYPP/DAF	£876.15	£1,200.00
Total	£64,091.76	£83,332.20

Expenditure	2021	2020
Salaries	£50,701.83	£52,020.57
Rent	£9,862.00	£8,276.00
Insurance & Subscriptions	£1,658.93	£1,141.32
Consumables	£667.94	£646.97
Equipment	£1,533.56	£1,259.66
Fundraising Costs	£46.79	£70.97
Garden Project	£0.00	£11,712.84
EYPP/DAF	£876.15	£1,188.00
Total	£65,347.20	£76,316.33
Net Profit / Loss	-£1,255.44	£7,015.87

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2020

Cash in Hand	£14.44	£1,283.78
Cash at NatWest	£48,975.09	£48,961.19
Total Assets	£48,989.53	£50,244.97
Current Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00
Total Assets less Liabilities	£48,989.53	£50,244.97

Balance Sheet

as at 31 August 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	
Current Assets							
Cash in hand	£ 14.44	£ 1,283.78	£ 1,260.92	£ 102.45	£ 190.78	£ 0.00	
Cash at Bank	£ 48,975.09	£ 48,961.19	£ 41,968.18	£ 39,249.86	£ 22,113.93	£ 0.00	
Current Liabilities	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	£ 48,989.53	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 39,352.31	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Accumulated Fund							
Brought forward from previous August	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 29,834.75	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00	n/a	
Profit/Loss for the year	-£ 1,255.44	£ 7,015.87	£ 13,394.35	£ 7,530.04	£ 22,304.71	n/a	
	£ 48,989.53	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 29,834.75	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00	

Profit and Loss Account

Between 01/09/20 and 31/08/21

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Income						
Nursery Grant Inc ISEY	£51,815.49	£57,790.31	£39,095.32	£65,215.07	£53,346.24	£0.00
Fees	£8,994.03	£6,136.00	£19,512.02	£9,339.00	£15,719.56	£0.00
Fundraising	£205.45	£587.28	£2,102.52	£2,075.74	£1,881.28	£0.00
Donations inc Gift Aid	£77.20	£55.01	£0.00	£0.00	£11,735.72	£0.00
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Garden Project Grants and Donations	£949.44	£9,400.00	£5,041.00	£2,692.61	£499.75	£0.00
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Rent	£9,862.00	£8,276.00	£10,029.00	£9,568.00	£11,980.20	£0.00
Insurance & Subscriptions/Training	£1,658.93	£1,141.32	£1,677.04	£1,470.40	£1,019.58	£0.00
Consumables	£667.94	£646.97	£1,195.52	£1,740.16	£1,061.26	£0.00
Equipment	£1,533.56	£1,113.75	£2,469.96	£1,860.64	£2,637.42	£0.00
Fundraising Costs	£46.79	£70.97	£214.77	£137.32	£260.30	£0.00
Garden Project	£0.00	£11,712.84				
EYPP/DAF	£876.15	£1,188.00				
	£ 65,347.20	£ 76,462.10	£ 61,874.07	£ 62,274.82	£ 60,877.84	£ 0.00
Net Profit (Loss)	(£379.29)	£6,850.10	£13,394.35	£7,530.04	£22,304.71	£0.00

CHURCH OF ASCENSION PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1164991

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Sept	2019		31	Aug	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lisa Janes	Treasurer/Ofsted Nominated Person	01-12-2015 to current	
2	Janet Whittington		01-09-2016 to current	
3	Naomi McTernan		01-01-2017 to current	
4	Emilie Fleming		08-05-2020 to current	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mrs A Ford - Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Pre-School Learning Alliance Model CIO Constitution for Childcare Providers 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at AGM, DBS checked and Ofsted approved via EY2

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To keep children safe in an open, honest and caring environment by ensuring safeguarding is at the forefront of everything we do
 To provide experiences that enable children to learn through play
 To enable children to build secure relationships whilst developing independence and social skills
 To work closely with families to ensure that children have the best possible start on their educational journey and that families feel supported during their time with us

September 2019 began with 30 children on roll. 19 of who were funded, 1 receiving EYPP, 3 on deprivation funding and 2 with ISEY support. This is the best ever start we have had. We employed our first level 2 apprentice, bringing the staff team to 8 plus volunteers.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Manager's Report
September 2019 – July 2020

September 2019 began with 30 children on roll. 19 of who were funded, 1 receiving EYPP, 3 on deprivation funding and 2 with ISEY support. This is the best ever start we have had. We employed our first level 2 apprentice, bringing the staff team to 8 plus volunteers.

As part of our professional development we attended Child Care Expo where we took part in workshops, shared ideas with other practitioners and bought resources. We replaced our enrichment activity from Dance to Toddler Tennis which was received well. We celebrated and explored Guy Fawkes, Diwali, Eid, Remembrance Day, World Book Day, St Patricks Day, Science Week, Road Safety Week, World, Nursery Rhyme Week, Chinese New Year and Christmas.

After a huge effort by the Trustees grants were secured to replace the flooring in the small garden as well as providing play panels and a bench. The work was completed in the Summer Term giving us a safe and enjoyable outdoor learning area.

We managed to raise almost £600 by a Bags2School clothing collection, Christmas workshop, Nativity Raffle and Children's Christmas Gifts, Children in Need day and the sale of personalised USB learning journals. Our normal fundraising events stopped in March due to COVID and the financial restraints this put on individuals.

On the 20th March 2020, we were forced to close due to the first national COVID 19 lockdown. We considered the needs of the vulnerable children and those of keyworkers but after consultation with parents, no one wanted to take up their place during such an uncertain time. In May 2020 we looked at reopening the setting in line with government guidelines and prepared the necessary risk assessments. However, parents did not feel able to send their children back at that point in time. All children were supported by their Key Worker and myself via Tapestry and wellbeing checks until the end of the academic year.

Staff were paid throughout this time and were expected to complete online training, directed Continuing Professional Development, and activity planning. Some were furloughed in accordance with the CJRS and the percentage of loss of private income. 2 staff opted for short periods of unpaid leave due to personal circumstances.

The Management team worked tirelessly throughout this period. Often far beyond their contracted hours. We prepared 8 full risk assessments, updated policies, ensuring that COVID was mentioned where appropriate. Researched and read vast quantities of guidance from the government, Birmingham City Council and Public Health England as well as having many telephone conversations, Zoom meetings and COVID secure face to face meetings.

2019 -2020 was our 50th anniversary. We had hoped to celebrate this with the opening of the new garden and a large celebration, however due to COVID 19 restrictions this was not possible. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to playgroup over the last 50 years.

June saw us making a business plan for the next academic year. We

consulted with all staff regarding possible redundancies and variations of contracts, however as a member of staff left due to personal reasons this line of action was not necessary. From a business need we did not replace their hours.

Staff spent some considerable time during the summer holidays reorganising resources and equipment to ensure we would have a COVID secure start to the new academic year.

We ended the academic year with 34 children on roll. 21 of whom left us for school or nursery with the remaining 13 hoping to return in September. Despite the exceptionally difficult year all children were on track with their learning and development.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy on reserves is to keep enough funds for the charity to continue to run with no income for 3 months, as well as enough to cover potential redundancies.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Treasurers Report 2019-2020

We started the year in a strong financial position. We had the highest number of funded children on role and were hoping for a very successful year. Our fundraising efforts again boosted our income in line with previous years. We had anticipated rising staffing costs due to the increase in the National Living Wage and as such had planned for this.

We held our annual general meeting on 25th October 2019 09.30am, which was attended by trustees and parents. We outlined our plans for the coming year and how successful our start had been this year.

However, we could not have foreseen the unfolding events of 2020. When the government announced a national lockdown and the closure of education we were very concerned as to the financial future of the playgroup.

From this point on there were ever changing discussions and guidance as to what we could claim for. We started with all staff on furlough, however this quickly changed as we were then informed of new guidance around furlough and public funding. We continued to receive public funding for our funded children for both the Spring and Summer terms. This did however leave us with a loss of income of approx. £10000 from our private fee payers and children who were due to start but couldn't because of the COVID 19 restriction. We were able to utilise the CJRS for the proportion of the loss of income from private fees. This equated to 16% of our monthly wage bill and we successfully claimed this amount each month. We also applied for a BCC discretionary grant and were awarded £5000, which went some way to replacing our lost income. We were very fortunate and grateful to the Job Marston Centre who did not charge us any rent during our closure. We did make a donation of £1000 from the discretionary grant to them. We made significant reductions in spending as we did not replace equipment as we would normally do or a staff member.

We also applied for a COVID 19 reopening grant of £750 from the Early Years Alliance which enabled us to buy equipment and resources to ensure we would be COVID secure for reopening in September.

As we have built our reserves over the last few years we are able to continue into the next academic year. However, we are concerned that if COVID 19 continues to affect attendance, funding and children's access to Early Years Education the playgroups continuation is seriously at risk.

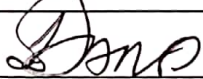
Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LISA JAMES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	05/05/21	

Charity Number 1164991

Income / Expenditure for the year ending 31st August 2020

Income	2020	2019
Nursery Grant inc ISEY	£57,790.31	£39,095.32
Fees	£6,136.00	£19,512.02
Fundraising	£587.28	£2,102.52
Donations inc Gift Aid	£75.01	£5,041.00
2019/20 Grant received in advance		£9,517.56
Garden Project Grants and Donations	£9,400.00	
COVID 19 Grants	£8,143.60	
EYPP/DAF	£1,200.00	
Total	£83,332.20	£75,268.42

Expenditure	2020	2019
Salaries	£52,020.57	£46,287.78
Rent	£8,276.00	£10,029.00
Insurance & Subscriptions	£1,141.32	£1,677.04
Consumables	£646.97	£1,195.52
Equipment	£1,259.66	£2,469.96
Fundraising Costs	£70.97	£214.77
Garden Project	£11,712.84	
EYPP/DAF	£1,188.00	
Total	£76,316.33	£61,874.07

Net Profit / Loss	£7,015.87	£13,394.35
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Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2019

Cash in Hand	£1,283.78	£1,260.92
Cash at NatWest	£48,961.19	£41,968.18
Total Assets	£50,244.97	£43,229.10
Current Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00
Total Assets less Liabilities	£50,244.97	£43,229.10

Balance Sheet

as at 31 August 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets					
Cash in hand	£ 1,283.78	£1,260.92	£ 102.45	£ 190.78	£ 0.00
Cash at Bank	£ 48,961.19	£ 41,968.18	£ 39,249.86	£ 22,113.93	£ 0.00
Current Liabilities	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 39,352.31	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00
Accumulated Fund					
Brought forward from previous August	£ 43,229.10	£ 29,834.75	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00	n/a
Profit/Loss for the year	£7,015.87	£13,394.35	£ 7,530.04	£ 22,304.71	n/a
	£ 50,244.97	£ 43,229.10	£ 29,834.75	£ 22,304.71	£ 0.00

Profit and Loss Account

Between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18

<u>Income</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Nursery Grant inc ISEY	£57,790.31	£39,095.32	£ 65,215.07	£ 53,346.24	£ 0.00
Fees	£6,136.00	£ 19,512.02	£ 9,339.00	£ 15,719.56	£ 0.00
Fundraising	£587.28	£2,102.52	£ 2,075.74	£ 1,881.28	£ 0.00
Donations inc Gift Aid	£55.01	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 11,735.72	£ 0.00
2019/20 Grant received in advance	£0.00	£ 9,517.56	-£ 9,517.56	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Garden Project Grants and Donations	£9,400.00	£ 5,041.00	£ 2,692.61	£ 499.75	£ 0.00
COVID 19 Grants	£8,143.60				
EYPP/DAF	£1,200.00				
	£ 83,312.20	£ 75,268.42	£ 69,804.86	£ 83,182.55	£ 0.00
<u>Expenses</u>					
Salaries inc. Cover	£52,312.25	£ 46,287.78	£ 47,498.30	£ 43,919.08	£ 0.00
Rent	£8,276.00	£10,029.00	£ 9,568.00	£ 11,980.20	£ 0.00
Insurance & Subscriptions/Training	£1,141.32	£ 1,677.04	£ 1,470.40	£ 1,019.58	£ 0.00
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EYPP/DAF	£1,188.00				
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Net Profit (Loss)	£6,850.10	£13,394.35	£7,530.04	£22,304.71	£0.00

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15th April 2021

To whom it may concern

Examination of the accounts of the Church of the Ascension Playgroup for year ending 31st August 2020

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43 (2)(a) of the 1993 Act) to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43 (7)(b) of the 1993 Act) and to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

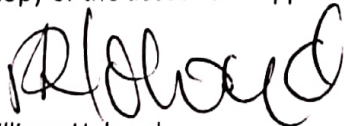
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting reports kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items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

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. Which gives 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 the 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

A copy of the accounts is appended



Phillippa Holroyd
Qualification: AAT Accounting Technician