

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Period start date: 01/04/2020

Period end date: 31/03/2021

Charity name: Friends of SEND

Charity number: 1171892

Objectives and Activities	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>The objects of 'Friends of SEND' are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The advancement of education of the pupils at SEND to Learn Nursery by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities to enable the growth and development of the children within the setting.</li> <li>• To provide training (including vocational training and life-long learning) in the form of community education by delivering workshops, courses, parent groups, networking events, and parental support to SEND to Learn Nursery families and the wider community in the Northumberland and Tyneside areas.</li> <li>• The relief of those in need, by reason of disability through the provision of specialist advice, equipment and providing access for disabled children via SEND to Learn Nursery.</li> <li>• The relief of those in need by reason of disability by raising awareness within the local and wider community of the issues they face and how they can be supported. This means to promote, sustain and increase individual and collective knowledge and understanding of disability awareness.</li> </ul> <p>The development of individual capabilities, competences, skills and understanding of parents, carers, families and children within the SEND to Learn Nursery setting by providing exceptional inclusive nursery education, in a friendly child-centred environment.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts	<p>Friends of SEND continued their parent workshops targeted at those families of children with additional needs or disabilities, however these have moved to a virtual platform due to the COVID 19 pandemic.</p> <p>Friends of SEND have also set up a Family Freebies programme, whereby we receive donations of second-hand clothes, shoes, toys, books, homewares etc, as well as food and toiletries. Once per month we then open this up to the local community to come &amp; take what they need.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>All trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and understand that Friends of SEND must use their funds and influence to support their targeted groups.</p>



Achievements and Performance	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole	<p>Friends of SEND continued their parent workshops targeted at those families of children with additional needs or disabilities, however these moved to a virtual platform due to the COVID 19 pandemic. These sessions aim to help signpost families to local services, give guidance and advice on daily challenges, and allow for networking amongst other families in similar situations. During the pandemic, these sessions have also been highly beneficial to those families in isolation who have had limited contact with their community.</p> <p>Friends of SEND have also set up a Family Freebies programme, whereby we receive donations of second-hand clothes, shoes, toys, books, homewares etc, as well as food and toiletries. Once per month we then open this up to the local community to come &amp; take what they need. Due to us being unable to host our usual open days, fayres and fundraisers, our Family Freebies drop ins have also been used to boost the profile &amp; awareness of SEND to Learn Nursery &amp; Friends of SEND as well as general disability awareness and inclusion within the community.</p>
Financial Review	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	£6,894 in credit
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	No policy with regards to holding reserves. Money held in reserves to buy further sensory resources and to renovate the nursery spaces.
Amount of reserves held	£6,894 in credit
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The charity will continue as a going concern.
Structure, Governance and Management	
Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Governing document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	3 volunteers set up charity and run charity as trustees themselves. No other trustees at this time.



Reference and Administrative details	
Charity name	Friends of SEND
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1171892
Charity's principal address	Friends of SEND, 101 Waterloo Road, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 1BY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity				
	Trustees name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sharron Soden			
2	Elizabeth Mordue			
3	Adam Patrick			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved	

Names of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity	
Trustee name	Date acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others	
Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	




Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	
<b>Exemptions from disclosure</b>	
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details	
<b>Other optional information</b>	

### Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature (s)		
Full name (s)	Adam Patrick	
Position (eg. Secretary, Chair etc)	Trustee	
Date	18/01/2023	



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Receipts and payments					
A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
Opening balance	6894			6894	6894
Fundraising	0			0	3138
Donations	0			0	780
CO-OP funding	0			0	4075
Sub total	6894			6894	7993
A2 Assets and Investment sales etc	0			0	0
Total receipts	6894			6894	7993
A3 Payments					
Attic renovation	0			0	1800
Sensory equipment	0			0	720
Garden equipment & storage	0			0	295
Sub total	0			0	2815
A4 Assets and Investment purchases etc					
Total payments	0			0	2815
Net of receipts/(payments)					7993
A5 Transfers between funds	0				0
A6 Cash funds last year end	6894			6894	1716
Cash funds this year end	6894			6894	6894



<b>B1 Cash funds</b>			
Bank funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
	6894		
Total cash funds	6894		
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £

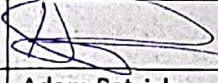
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			
	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature (s)		
Full name (s)	Adam Patrick	
Position (eg. Secretary, Chair etc)	Trustee	
Date	18/01/2023	