

Sowing Seeds Pre School

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 16 July 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

A Hockney
A Beeton
L Harvey

Charity number

1173396

Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 16 JULY 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 16 July 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian Faith as part of the mission of Life Church Cuffley and by the advancement of education in Cuffley and the surrounding area.

The activities undertaken in furtherance of these objects is the provision of preschool education for children aged 2-4. We follow the EYFS in line with Ofsted requirements and follow the Statutory Framework for Early Years.

We provide a safe, warm, enabling environment which offers activities based on children's interests to promote their learning and independence, ensuring that the children reach their full potential before they leave us to go to Nursery or Reception.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

During this current financial year, Sowing Seeds Preschool continues to provide an excellent educational setting for our community's families. We continue to focus on supporting the families in our community and remain full to capacity, with a waiting list for the following year. The effect of the pandemic is still evident, for example, the mental health wellbeing of adult family members has suffered, therefore, thanks to the trust built between ourselves and our families, we have been able to be a point of contact to provide support and signpost where necessary.

Financial review

Full details of the Trust's financial position are shown in the accounts attached to this report.

The trustees consider that the financial position and reserves of the charity are satisfactory.

It is the policy of the charity that reserves should be maintained at a level to ensure the charity has an adequate contingency fund to meet staff salaries and essential running costs..

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

A Hockney

A Beeton

L Harvey

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 16 JULY 2022

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

A Hockney
Trustee

20 March 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOWING SEEDS PRE SCHOOL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sowing Seeds Pre School (the charity) for the year ended 16 July 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Gilberts Chartered Accountants

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Dated: 20 March 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 16 JULY 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	3,626	-
Charitable activities	3	87,529	82,330
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Total income		91,155	82,330
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	91,168	86,304
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(13)	(3,974)
Fund balances at 17 July 2021		7,129	11,103
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Fund balances at 16 July 2022		7,116	7,129
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 16 JULY 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		52		104
Current assets					
Debtors	8	2,922		3,634	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,589		3,905	
		<u>7,511</u>		<u>7,539</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(447)</u>		<u>(514)</u>	
Net current assets			7,064		7,025
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>7,116</u>		<u>7,129</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			7,116		7,129
			<u>7,116</u>		<u>7,129</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20 March 2023

A Hockney
Trustee

A Beeton
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 16 JULY 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sowing Seeds Pre School is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England with the Charity Commission. The address of the principal location is Life Church Cuffley, Cuffley, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 4LN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.3 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment	20% Straight Line
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1.6 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 16 JULY 2022

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	3,626	-

3 Charitable activities

	Income 2022	Income 2021
	£	£
Parent Fees	20,326	30,881
Funding	61,870	48,653
Lunch Club	5,333	2,796
	87,529	82,330

4 Charitable activities

	Expenditure 2022	Expenditure 2021
	£	£
Staff costs	63,703	60,281
Depreciation and impairment	52	52
Pre School Supplies	18,442	13,811
Uniform Costs	215	530
Rent	6,884	7,706
Insurance	429	423
Staff Training	(262)	248
Subscriptions	1,465	1,244
General Expenses	-	1,769
Accountancy	240	240
	91,168	86,304
	91,168	86,304

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5 Trustees

Alison Hockney, a trustee of the charity, received remuneration of £15,489 as manager of the pre school.

6 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Nursery Staff	7	6
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,160	59,593
Other pension costs	543	688
	63,703	60,281

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
Additions	260
At 16 July 2022	260
Depreciation and impairment	
At 17 July 2021	208
At 16 July 2022	208
Carrying amount	
At 16 July 2022	52
At 16 July 2021	104

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 16 JULY 2022

8	Debtors	2022	2021
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Other debtors	2,922	3,634
		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>
9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
		£	£
	Other taxation and social security	207	514
	Accruals and deferred income	240	-
		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>
		447	514
		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

10 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).