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*Charity number: 1174608*

This year, 2023 has been an extremely positive year .

We are always on the look out to recruit new members of staff . This year we had a very positive recruitment campaign and had three successful candidates and it was difficult to choose As all three candidates were very experienced.

However we required two new member of staff one to cover the deputy's maternity cover for a year, with the vision to keep them on permanently and we also required a new level three child care worker to add to our evolving team.

One of the candidates started in November 2023 and the second in December 2023 with great success. They have both been an asset to Ranwell thus far particularly the new deputy with her wealth of knowledge and experience in playgroups it has really given the manger new ideas about the future and relieved the pressure about staffing issues when taking on new children or offering places on the waiting list.

This year we also had an Ofsted inspection and this time it was more positive everything that the staff had work hard on and put into place was taken into account the inspector was very complementary about Ranwell and its staff and she awarded Good .

This meant that we could recruit new staff and take on more children. From September to December 2023 we lost a few children leaving to go to school however our numbers have picked up in January 2024 so things are back on track.

We always continued to support our staff by offering new training and making sure all training is up to date we have carried on offering in house training when we can its more expensive but then we have the reassurance that all staff have are covered.

We have also put our new deputy on training as when our deputy manager comes back from maternity leave we can make sure that all areas like inclusion first aid and safe guarding will be covered.

We are still in the process of rent negotiations with Tower Hamlets as for many years we have been paying a “pepper corn” rent we still haven’t had the final confirmation as to when this will start we are just hoping that we can caring in providing a vital service in the community.

We have made improvements to our kitchen as it desperately needed it. We have also added new shed as storage so we can create more space for the children.

Yours sincerely

F Kitchener

Chair of Ranwell playgroup

**RANWELL PLAYGROUP**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

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C Zielinski AIPFM

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## **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

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- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. You are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE MEMBERS OF RANWELL PLAYGROUP**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year -under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)- and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission - under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended- and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

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<b><u>Add: Receipts</u></b>		
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### **STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
<b><u>MONETARY ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	180,077	175,111
Cash held by EYNTH	(1,588)	1,295
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b><u>178,489</u></b>	<b><u>176,406</u></b>
<b><u>OTHER ASSETS</u></b>		
The charity owns numerous items of play equipment (estimated value - note 2)	1,800	1,900
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>180,289</u></b>	<b><u>178,306</u></b>
<b><u>Less: LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Independent examination	690	690
Other creditors	718	1,033
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>1,408</u></b>	<b><u>1,723</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>178,881</u></b>	<b><u>176,583</u></b>
Funded by:		
Equipment fund (note 2)	1,800	1,900
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Approved by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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