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Charity number: 1174608

This year, has been a tricky but positive year .

Last year we wanted to recruit new members of staff as we wrote in the last report we required two new members unfortunately the staff we recruited found playgroup life challenging and moved on to different positions.

However I'm pleased to say that even though this was challenging period from June to September 2024 we were able to get through it.

The manger did an excellent job she was able to provide an excellent service using agency staff for two months and we appointed a new worker to the team and in September we were extremely happy to have our deputy manger back from maternity leave.

The team are working incredibly well together. Even though we are working in challenging circumstances the staff and children are very happy and the parents and carers seem to be happy with the services that we are providing. We thank them for their continued support.

We have not given up in our task to recruit a new member to our team. We have been speaking to colleges and keeping our ears open in the hope that this will become a possibility in 2025.

We have a healthy waiting list and we are at full capacity at the moment. This is good for us as there continues to be a shortage of children/families in the local area and we are now competing with three local schools and nurseries in our area.

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We always continue to support our staff by offering new training or if there are courses the staff show an interest in. We make sure all training is up to date and the new members have the appropriate training in place.

We are still waiting to hear about any new information in regard to our 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.

Our project for 2025 is improving our garden. We are constantly working on it though out the year keeping the grounds clean and safe and work on the fences because of the extreme levels of rain we have had.

This is a top priority for us so that the children have a rich and stimulating environment to learn and create new experience from. Most of our children/families do not have access to outdoor space.

Our aim is to build a mud kitchen for the children to have all year round access to. We have been looking at quotes and are hoping to have it up and running for the spring so that the children can take advantage of this wonderful season.

Yours sincerely

F Kitchener

Chair of Ranwell playgroup

RANWELL PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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Independent Examiner:

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RANWELL PLAYGROUP
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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Mary Leahy (Secretary)

Independent Examiner: C Zielinski AIPFM

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, you are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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 31st MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024, 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 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

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act); and
 - Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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RANWELL PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
<u>Opening balances 1st April (note 4)</u>	<u>178,489</u>	<u>176,406</u>
<u>Add: Receipts</u>		
London Borough Tower Hamlets (note 3)		
• 2,3,4-year NEG	71,483	89,248
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>71,483</u>	<u>89,248</u>
<u>Less: Payments</u>		
Wages and NI (note 3)	78,820	68,942
Light and heat	3,917	8,025
Rent, rates and water	879	1,791
Refuse collection	116	101
Telephone	654	499
Equipment and materials	2,195	1,751
Parties and outings	564	-
Television	(66)	159
Insurance and membership	350	329
Refreshments	225	104
Repairs and maintenance	1,145	2,438
Postage and stationery	61	35
Independent examination	690	690
Cleaning materials	129	263
Training	630	492
Ofsted	35	35
Disclosure and barring	106	215
Payroll charges	1,350	1,200
Miscellaneous	(32)	96
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>91,768</u>	<u>87,165</u>
<u>Closing balances 31st March (note 4)</u>	<u>158,204</u>	<u>178,489</u>

RANWELL PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2024

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<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand	158,204	180,077
Cash held by EYNTH	-	(1,588)
TOTAL CASH	<u>158,204</u>	<u>178,489</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
The charity owns numerous items of play equipment (estimated value - note 2)	1,350	1,800
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>159,554</u>	<u>180,289</u>
<u>Less: LIABILITIES</u>		
Independent examination	720	690
Other creditors	243	718
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>963</u>	<u>1,408</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>158,591</u>	<u>178,881</u>
Funded by:		
Equipment fund (note 2)	1,350	1,800
Designated fund (note 5)	95,000	105,000
Unrestricted fund (note 6)	62,241	72,081
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Approved by Committee: _____

Date: _____

RANWELL PLAYGROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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3. Wages

EYNTH administer playgroup wages. The EYNTH records have been independently audited and I have accepted assurances as to the accuracy of the records provided.

4. Cash Balances

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5. Designated Funds

Sickness and cover	40,000	40,000
Redundancy	45,000	45,000
Equipment (new)	10,000	10,000
Outside area	-	10,000
	95,000	105,000

6. Reserves Policy

The Management Committee have set aside monies to cover sickness as well as redundancy. The unrestricted fund represents running costs and are needed to ensure adequate cash flow is available.

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