



Nursery Manager's Report

Well **Ovingham & District Under 5's** has had a very interesting and often scary year, Covid-19 meant the children and staff were often absent due to the isolation rules.

First of all as always I'd like to start by saying a big ***Thank you*** to the staff, committee, and parents for all the support they have shown me and the nursery over the past year. It's been challenging, but let's hope for better days to arrive and we get nursery back to normal.

We currently have sixteen 3 & 4 year olds (that we will lose to school in July) and twelve 2 & 3 year olds on the register. As we supply the 30hr funding we are for the first time operating at almost full capacity, but have not seen many children on a regular basis for quite some time. Keeping in touch with our parents & children has at times been very challenging, but staff now have greater IT skills, due to remote learning.

Staffing – We have retained our staff team for another year – they being Wendy Taylor, Ashley Joscelyne Sarah Milligan and Catherine Kirkpatrick.

Full details about the staff, their roles, and key children can be found on the notice board in nursery.

Staff Training – The staff have continued to progress with their professional development. It's essential we keep up to date with our welfare requirements. Staff have attended Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding and the new 2021 EYFS training. Most of these having to be carried out remotely and once able to do so, the practical side of the First Aid course was completed.

The staff also undergo regular supervision sessions and yearly appraisals to ensure that practice remains strong and training needs are highlighted.

Finances – Like every company countrywide, our finances took a hit due to Covid-19. The setting having to close at times to comply with the restrictions. Although Early Years settings continued to receive the nursery funding, this was at a very reduced amount (as we are usually full in the summer term, but only paid for the amount of children on our spring headcount). We also lost income from fee paying families. Plus having to operate in two bubbles meant we had the expense of resources for both of these.

Then we had the very large expense when the floors and toilet area were refurbished, due to rotting joists. Finances are a constant challenge as our income fluctuates with pupil numbers and we are dependent on fundraising to make up the shortfall.

Covid-19 caused more spending, especially on cleaning products, PPE and storage of toys and resources; we could not believe how much this cost.

We rely heavily on the generosity and support of all our families. We are continually looking for support to raise funds for the nursery, which will benefit both the setting and the children who attend. I would like to thank all the staff, committee, families, local businesses, and everyone else who supported our fundraising.

Once again I'd like to thank you all for choosing to use and support **Ovingham & District Under 5's**

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Ovingham & District Under 5's – Nursery Manager



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Ovingham & District Under 5s

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1176119

Set out on pages

2-6 of attached Financial Statements

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: *Ray Marley*

Date: 14.04.2022

Name: Ray Marley

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.