

CUCKFIELD PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1178733

Details

Other names CUCKFIELD PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-06-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Website www.cuckfieldpreschool.co.uk

Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT HAVING AS ITS OBJECTS THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BY: (1) PROMOTING THEIR CARE AND SAFETY; (2) PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT; (3) PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING; (4) PROVIDING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS; (5) PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO; AND (6) FURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: The charity promotes the care, safety, education, health and wellbeing of pre-schoolage children by providing services to support them and their families/carers in Cuckfield, West Sussex. We promote parental involvement in supporting the service we provide, especially through active membership of the CIO.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£139,129	£162,823	-	-
2024-08-31	£140,324	£121,524	-	-
2023-08-31	£123,468	£105,748	-	-
2022-08-31	£95,781	£102,737	-	-
2021-08-31	£114,073	£108,302	-	-
2020-08-31	£103,391	£104,262	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SARAH MOSS	Chair	2019-10-24
Jane Lynch		2018-11-19
MARY CROUCH		2019-03-17

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Trustees' Annual Report 1/9/2024 to 31/8/2025

Decision to transfer preschool into school

Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup's been a fantastic place for generations of children to learn through play in a stimulating, safe and caring environment – for more than fifty years. We've always been proud of offering such a great Early Years setting on a not-for-profit basis as a charity-run preschool. Being part of the wider village community has also been at the heart of what we do. Preschool has always been closely connected with the village primary school and, reflecting the changes in the times and the world around us, it felt right that the time had come to bring the two together by transferring preschool operations into school from September 2025.

The great things about Preschool will continue - same staff, same location, same children, same key workers. There'll be new opportunities for children to benefit from the extensive School grounds such as the Forest School area, and to have an even smoother transition into Reception class for the children going on here.

Leading up to this change, we consulted with staff and parents and kept them informed about the process of transferring to school. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly supportive.

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Achievements and Performance this year

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Financial Review

Financial Position at the end of the period.

The CIO was in a stable financial position at the end of the period. The result was a £24k surplus on an income of £163k and an expenditure of £139k.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have decided upon a reserves policy which recognises the risks we may face and the amounts that are considered necessary are available.

Structure Governance and Management

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Trustees who manage the charity:

Name of Trustee	Office	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
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Lynch, Jane	Trustee	19/11/2018, 23/05/2022	-
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full name Sarah Anne Moss

Position Chair of Trustees

Date 08 May 2026

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2025

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Respective
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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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Signed:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

29/11/2025

Name: NICOLA HOOPER

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

Address: 21 CHERRY TREE CLOSE
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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Achievements and Performance this year

End of summer term 2024 – 36 children on-roll including 25 leaving for primary schools

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Financial Review

Financial Position at the end of the period.

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Reserves Policy

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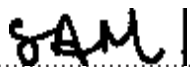
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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

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Full name

Sarah Anne Moss

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

7 Feb 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



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Section A

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Signed:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

28/12/2024

Name: NICOLA HOOPER

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

Address: 21 CHERRY TREE CLOSE
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Financial Review

Financial Position at the end of the period.

The CIO was in a stable financial position at the end of the period. The result was a surplus on an income of £123k and an expenditure of £106k, balancing out last year's small deficit.

Reserves Policy

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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

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Full name

Sarah Anne Moss

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

21 June 2024

Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup 1178733

Accounts for the period from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2022	2023
INCOME	£	£
Funding	70211	71,738
Fees	17986	44,346
	<u>88197</u>	<u>116,084</u>
Other income:		
Fundraising Net	5333	4,409
Donations	2252	2,834
Commissions		
Interest on savings account		142
	<u>7585</u>	<u>7,385</u>
Total income	95782	<u>123,468</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	86936	83,492
Hall hire & Insurance	10369	14,880
Equipment/resources	1332	2,492
Expendables	1748	3,084
Advertising	230	
Misc.	1069	1,532
Training	1052	268
	<u>102736</u>	<u>105,748</u>
Net surplus (deficit) for year	-6954	17720

Wages include pay, PAYE, pension and uniform

Expendables includes snacks

Misc. includes telephone, Ofsted subs and Microsoft

Notes: Funding on 19/07/22 and Hall Grant on 22/08/22 paid in advance but relate to this year

Notes: Fees of £156 received on 01/09/22 that relate to previous year

Notes: Funding received on 19/07/23 relates to next academic year

Notes: Gift Aid received on 25/10/22 relates to donations received in last academic year

BALANCE SHEETS

BALANCE SHEET	
ACCOUNTS	Total
OPENING BALANCE	£ 50,209.11
SURPLUS	£ 17,720.40
CLOSING BALANCE	£ 67,929.51
BANK	
LLOYDS CURRENT	£ 42,655.45
LLOYDS SAVINGS	£ 25,274.06
	£ -
	£ 67,929.51

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Section A

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Cuckfield Pre-school

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2023

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Signed: *Nicola Hooper*

Date: 10/01/2024

Name: NICOLA HOOPER

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

FMAAT

Address: 21 CHERRY TREE CLOSE

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Financial Review

Financial Position at the end of the period.

The CIO was in a stable financial position at the end of the period. The result was a small deficit on an income of £96k and an expenditure of £103k driven by the pattern of children's ages when starting and how many register in advance, balancing out last year's similar surplus. Please read our accounts for more information.

Reserves Policy

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Declarations

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Signature

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Full name

Sarah Anne Moss

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

23 May 2022

Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup 1178733

Accounts for the period from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2021	2022
INCOME	£	£
Funding	86612	70,211
Coronavirus Grant	898	
Fees	23962	17,986
	<u>111472</u>	<u>88,196</u>
Other income:		
Fundraising Net	0	5,333
Donations	2572	2,252
Commissions		
Interest on savings account		
	<u>2572</u>	
Total income	114044	<u>95,781</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	89532	86,936
Hall hire & Insurance	11313	10,369
Equipment/resources	1659	1,332
Expendables	2449	1,748
Advertising	100	230
Misc.	1966	1,069
Training	1192	1,052
Total expenditure	<u>108211</u>	<u>102,737</u>
Net surplus (deficit) for year	5833	-6955

Wages include pay, PAYE, pension and uniform

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Notes: Funding on 19/07/22 and Hall Grant on 22/08/22 paid in advance

Notes: Fees of £156 received on 01/09/22 that relate to this year

Notes: Deficit largely driven by variation in WSCC grant paid in advance for Autumn term, which is affected by proportion of children on Free Entitlement vs chargeable hours.

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Section A

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Signed:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

02/05/2023

Name:

NICOLA HOOPER

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

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Achievements and Performance this year

This year we've provided a full academic year of high quality, carefully planned and well-resourced play-based learning whilst also being inevitably impacted by the Covid19 pandemic. Thanks are due to all our staff who have adapted what we do and how we do it in countless ways.

The children have benefited from themed sessions each week, small group work, and a lot more time outdoors than in previous years due to covid. Our children have continued to benefit from a staff team with great experience. The children get lots of adult interaction and benefit from an excellent staff:child ratio.

There have been a small number of staffing changes over the year. We have welcomed our new Deputy Manager, Ana Micu, who brings with her a wealth of experience. In addition we welcome Sarah Raison as Book Keeper who has been Chair of the Management Committee in the past. Sadly we have said goodbye to Emma Barker and Lisa Kingsford and wish them well in their new career moves.

Due to Covid, in both Preschool and the community, our fund raising events have been curtailed and we look forward to resuming these later this year. However we have received donations from ISOC and the Cuckfield Society for which we are very grateful.

Financial Review

Financial Position at the end of the period.

The CIO was in a stable financial position at the end of the period. The result was a small surplus of £6k (rounded) on an income of £114k (rounded). We benefited from a small grant towards the additional costs of corona virus eg cleaning, but did not close / furlough staff. Fees income recovered from 2020 as we were not closed for lengthy lockdown periods. The trustees kept the hourly charge and donation for snacks and activities under review, adjusting these to avoid any loss.

	£k	
Income	114	£87k Funding, £24k Fees, £3k Fundraising
Expenditure	108	£ 90k Wages, £11k Hall Hire, £7k Resources, training etc
Result	6	
Net current assets	41	
Prudent reserves	32	
Unallocated	9	

Reserves Policy

The trustees have decided upon a reserves policy which recognises the risks we may face and the amounts that are considered necessary are set out in the accounts. The available funds at year end of £9,000 represent working capital required for the day to day running of preschool.

Structure Governance and Management

The charity's governing document is a Pre-school Learning Alliance Model CIO Constitution for Childcare Providers 2013, dated 6 June 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 11 June 2018.

The affairs of the CIO are managed by the trustees.

Trustees who manage the charity:

Name of Trustee	Office	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
Moss, Sarah Anne	Chair	21/08/2018, 24/10/2019, 23/05/2022	-
Lynch, Jane		19/11/2018, 23/05/2022	-
Crouch, Mary		17/03/2019, 23/05/2022	-

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name Sarah Anne Moss

Position Chair of Trustees

Date 23 May 2022

Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup, Charity number 1178733
Accounts for the period from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2020	2,021
INCOME	£	£
Funding	77,266	86,612
1 Coronavirus Grant	2,449	898
Fees	18,972	23,962
	<u>98,687</u>	<u>111,472</u>
Other income:		
Fundraising Net	3,280	-
2 Donations	1,329	2,572
Interest on savings account	95	29
	<u>4,704</u>	<u>2,601</u>
Total income	<u>103,391</u>	<u>114,073</u>
EXPENDITURE		
3 Wages	87,074	89,623
Hall hire & Insurance	12,964	11,313
4 Equipment/resources	866	1,659
5 Expendables	1,554	2,449
Advertising	112	100
6 Misc.	1,307	1,966
7 Training	386	1,192
Total expenditure	<u>104,263</u>	<u>108,302</u>
Net surplus (deficit) for year	<u>-872</u>	<u>5,771</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Co-op Bank Current Account	26,290	32,031
Co-op Bank Savings Account	25,094	25,124
Total assets	<u>51,384</u>	<u>57,155</u>

Liabilities

WSSCC Funding paid in advance	12,232	15,820
Net Current Assets	<u>39,152</u>	<u>41,335</u>

Represented by

Redundancy	13,000	13,000
1 month's wages	7,000	7,000
Notice required by landlord	5,000	5,000
Fundraising	3,000	3,000
Resources	4,000	4,000
Reserves	<u>32,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>
Unallocated funds	7,152	9,335
Total funds	<u>39,152</u>	<u>41,335</u>

Notes

- 1 The charity was given a Coronavirus costs grant for additional costs such as cleaning.
- 2 The charity benefited from donations from the Cuckfield Society and parents.
- 3 Wages includes pay, pension, BACs fees and uniform payments.
- 4 Equipment/resources includes laptop purchase.
- 5 Expendables include snacks.
- 6 Misc. includes Hostinger website and email, Microsoft, subscriptions, account examination, Plusnet telephone and TigerLily recruitment fee
- 7 Training includes first aid payment made in advance of training in Sept 2021

Jally Gordon FCA
9th June 2022

**Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
(Charity Number 1178733)**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup CIO
For the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup (the Charity) for the 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021, which are set out on the attached page.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charity'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 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 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Sally Gardner FCA
Chartered Accountant
Prism Group Limited

9 June 2022