

Chirk Pre School Playgroup Annual Report 2021

Once again, despite significant challenges, Chirk Playgroup has had a difficult yet successful year.

Covid related lockdowns resulted in further closures of our provision throughout the year. This placed great stress on our resilience but throughout it all, the playgroup managed to maintain contact with many children and families, particularly those most vulnerable.

These disruptions, alongside changes in some parents work practices, finances and feelings of confidence in social mixing, impacted on registering new children.

The consequences of such reduced numbers significantly affected our ability to keep all staff on their “normal” working hours”. Yet again, Llinos Jones, our playgroup leader, alongside our extremely patient and committed staff continued to provide a reduced but welcome and trusted service.

Laura, our longstanding member of staff, unfortunately resigned for personal reasons. We were very sorry to see her go and on behalf of all trustees, staff, families and most of all the many children she worked with we give her our sincerest thanks and appreciation. We wish her well for the future.

Claire Phillips, a seasoned volunteer, has happily taken up the vacant post and we are very happy to welcome her special qualities to our successful team.

It is significant that despite the challenges, we have managed again to avoid staff redundancies.

The Welsh Government and Local authority funded new childcare building which we hoped to be in by September was again detailed due to the pandemic and some planning issues. However we are very pleased to report that planning permission was granted in November. Hopefully we can now begin planning for the move into our very own building by April 2022.

The Playgroup’s reopening in September brought opportunities for new beginnings with new registrations. At last, our ever creative staff team were able to provide a wide range of learning activities and experiences

both indoors and outdoors which the children received enthusiastically. The numbers are increasing, providing optimism for the future.

Even at this early stage there are indicators that the affects of two years of disruption to families, services and behaviours have impacted on young children's development and wellbeing. The proportion of individual children in need of additional support has increased. One of the Playgroup's strengths is the early identification of these needs and the working together with parents and other agencies to gain support. We will continue to put all our efforts to meet the needs of each individual child.

The Playgroup's finances have been affected by the disruptions but thanks almost entirely to the efforts of Llinos, our Playgroup manager, we are happy to report that we are still in a safe position to move forward.

The Playgroup Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and organisations who have worked alongside and supported us throughout this year. We are proud and so appreciative of our many partnerships. We look forward to continuing our links in the future.

Once again, as chair, I would like to add a particular sincere thanks to all staff and trustees for their continued patience, hard work and dedication.

Glenys Jones (Chair) Dec.2021.

Chirk Pre School Playgroup Accounts 2020-2021

Income :

Opening balance		15818.41
Fees	10079.00	
Early Entitlement	13039.70	
EE Shropshire	1047.80	
Assisted Places	1656.00	
Grants	17895.75	
Donations	870.00	
Fund Raising	312.00	
Tax Refund	<u>100.00</u>	

Total	<u>45000.25</u>	60818.66
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Expenditure:

Salaries	18669.17	
Reserve account	2000.00	
Supplies/PPE	2462.66	
Rent	666.66	
Equipment	460.32	
Membership	453.95	
Snacks	157.39	
Training	154.40	
Photocopying	53.58	
Cleaning materials	61.67	
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I certify that the above accounts are an accurate record of the figures in the books of account of the above organisation and are a true representation of the organisation at 31/08/21

Signed : *S M French* date: 30/11/21

(Sylvia Mary French)

Independent Examiner.