

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP AND MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 273750

Details

Other names	BARBICAN PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1977-05-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE BY: (A) PROVIDING SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY IN WHICH PARENTS TAKE PART WHEN APPROPRIATE. (B) ENCOURAGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN.

Activities: Awarded charitable status in 1977, the Barbican Playgroup provides a pre-school playgroup for up to 28 children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 who live or work in the City of London. Playgroup sessions run parallel to normal school terms, Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 1.00pm, with extended afternoon sessions to 2.45pm for older children on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for older children.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CITY OF LONDON
- City Of London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£64,008	£69,419	-	-
2024-08-31	£68,087	£79,007	-	-
2023-08-31	£95,223	£80,542	-	-
2022-08-31	£65,266	£69,403	-	-
2021-08-31	£96,982	£69,683	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MRS JANE SCOTT	Chair	
Claire Anstee		

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

This financial period has resulted in a deficit of £5,412 (2023-24 deficit of £10,920), once again due to decreased numbers of children attending; down to 8 from 12.

In addition, due to staff sickness, there was an increase in dependency on casual staff throughout the year.

It should be noted that the loss was mitigated by a substantial credit of £9,058 received from the City of London Corporation (CoL) in February 2025, covering electricity charged for between 2021-2023 and following a notification that, whilst the CoL were 'going through a system change', their Income Team were required to clear out an apparent unallocated fund sitting on the system.

As a result, it was decided to include a £6,500 electricity charge contingency accrual pending any CoL decision to re-submit the invoices.

Expenditure on charitable activities was reduced in the year, due as mentioned above to the CoL electricity credit and the EDF historic credit still unexpended and remaining on the accounts at the end of August as a credit of £434.

Details of all income and expenditure are outlined in the attached financial statements.

Fees were unchanged during 2024-2025, remaining at £15 per hour for the morning session and a fixed rate of £20 for each afternoon session. Fees are charged termly in advance, payable on receipt of a fee note.

The Barbican Playgroup is registered with the Corporation of London to receive Nursery Education Funding (NEF) providing 15 free hours per week for qualifying children between the ages of 3 and 4. In Summer Term 2025 the Corporation of London increased our hourly NEF rate from £8.45 per hour to £8.50.

Our Andrewes House premises have historically been provided rent-free by the City of London and remain so for the time being although this may be reviewed by the City of London at any time. (See Reserves Policy below)

As a charitable body, we do not aim to accumulate capital. Surplus funds used to maintain the facilities to a high working standard, to replace toys and equipment, and to ensure that the Manager and her assistants are properly remunerated and trained, whilst always remaining aware of the need to keep the cost to parents and potential parents at an affordable level.

Reserves Policy: The Barbican Playgroup believes that the charity should hold financial reserves (the 'Emergency Operating Reserve' - EOR) because:

- it has no endowment funding and is almost entirely dependent for income from fees from year to year which is inevitably subject to fluctuation, and
- it requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic, or lesser but damaging, events.

The trustees believe that the minimum level of the EOR should be the equivalent of 2 years' operating costs calculated and reviewed annually and believe that the EOR should be built up to the desired level in stages consistent with the charity's overall financial position and its need to maintain and develop its charitable activities. This 2-year period represents the average length of time each child attends the Playgroup before moving on to full-time education.

At the end of the period unrestricted reserves were **£118,161**. These reserves represent 84% of the agreed objective-EOR (based on current operating costs of approximately £70,000 per year).

Efforts to build this reserve total up will continue in line with the policy.

FUTURE PLANS

Our future plans are to continue to provide good quality Early Years Education to local and City children, working in partnership with both the parents and the local authority to ensure standards are met, if not exceeded.

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 August 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2024.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions, as permitted for smaller charities, of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in 2014 to be compliant with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102, and which is applicable for reporting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2015.

As always, the Committee members wish to pay special tribute to the Playgroup staff all of whom have worked so conscientiously and enthusiastically throughout this year.



Claire Anstee – Treasurer & Trustee
Signed on behalf of The Trustees & Committee
The Barbican Playgroup & Parents & Toddlers Group

Date: 16 Jan 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Note	Year Ended 31 August 2025			Year Ended 31 August 2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	62,912	-	62,912	66,521	-	66,521
Other Trading Activities (Fundraising/Room Hire)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	1,096	-	1,096	1,566	-	1,566
TOTAL INCOME	64,008	-	64,008	68,087	-	68,087
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	69,419	-	69,419	79,007	-	79,007
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	69,419	-	69,419	79,007	-	79,007
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(5,411)	-	(5,411)	(10,920)	-	(10,920)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(5,411)	-	(5,411)	(10,920)	-	(10,920)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	123,572	-	123,572	134,492	-	134,492
Total funds carried forward	118,161	-	118,161	123,572	-	123,572

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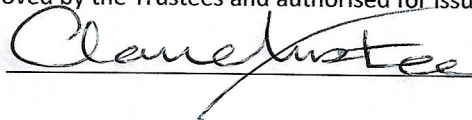
BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	434	2,005
Cash at Bank and In Hand		124,907	129,202
		<u>125,341</u>	<u>131,207</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)	5	7,180	7,635
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,161</u>	<u>123,572</u>
FUNDS	6		
Restricted Funds		-	-
Unrestricted Funds		118,161	123,572
		<u>118,161</u>	<u>123,572</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 16.1.26

Claire Anstee (Treasurer & Trustee)



A Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7, 8 and 9 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 August 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in 2014 to be compliant with FRS102; as modified for smaller charities.

Fixed assets

Assets with a cost in excess of £1,000 that are intended to be of on-going use to Barbican Playgroup in carrying out its activities are capitalised as fixed assets. No such assets have been capitalised to date.

Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

VAT

The Charity is not registered for Value Added Tax and expenditure is recorded inclusive of tax charged.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income to the extent that this is applied to its charitable objects.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or grant maker when funds are raised or received for particular purposes.

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2 INCOME - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Fees: Parents & Carers	30,180	-	30,180	34,780	-	34,780
Fees: CoL Nursery Education Fund	32,522	-	32,522	31,496	-	31,496
Registration	210	-	210	245	-	245
TOTAL INCOME	62,912	-	62,912	66,521	-	66,521
3 EXPENDITURE - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
8 Staff Salaries & On-Costs	66,150	-	66,150	63,134	-	63,134
Casual/Locum Staff	3,553	-	3,553	4,527	-	4,527
Payroll Software	108	-	108	-	-	-
Rates: Non Domestic & Water	595	-	595	(409)	-	(409)
Electricity & Heating	(7,747)	-	(7,747)	5,914	-	5,914
Telephone & Internet	1,404	-	1,404	1,404	-	1,404
Toys, Play Equipment & Educational Resources	1,090	-	1,090	1,174	-	1,174
Repairs, Redecoration & Maintenance	827	-	827	778	-	778
Insurance/PLA	1,277	-	1,277	1,135	-	1,135
Regulatory Bodies	97	-	97	85	-	85
Bank Charges	14	-	14	-	-	-
Sundry and Miscellaenous	2,052	-	2,052	1,265	-	1,265
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69,419	-	69,419	79,007	-	79,007

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4 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Outstanding Fees - Bakth Summer Term	-	271
EDF Electricity in Credit	434	1,734
	<u>434</u>	<u>2,005</u>

5 CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
City of London - Annual Electricity Supply Charge 2023-2024	ESTIMATED - CONTINGENCY 6,500	6,500
PLA Annual Insurance 24-25 - Due June 2024 - Paid 01 Oct 2024	-	1,135
MRC - Educational Supplies, General Supplies & Repairs	Paid 07 Sept 25 680	-
	<u>7,180</u>	<u>7,635</u>

6 FUNDS

	Funds B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	123,572	64,008	69,419	-	118,161
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>123,572</u>	<u>64,008</u>	<u>69,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,161</u>

7 STAFF NUMBERS

During the year 01 Sept 2024 to 31 Aug 2025 there were 2 staff employed (2 in 2023-2024)

8 STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
Staff Gross Salaries	63,281	60,578
Employers' NIC Costs	971	739
Employers' Pension Costs	1,898	1,817
TOTAL	<u>66,150</u>	<u>63,134</u>

9 RELATED PARTIES

During the year 01 Sept 2024 to 31 Aug 2025 there were no related party transactions.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Barbican Playgroup and Mothers & Toddlers Group ('the charity').

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Expenditure on charitable activities went down very slightly, thanks to a back-dated City of London rates rebate of £2,415 received in May and an electricity statement from EDF showing a credit of £1,734 at the end of August.

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At the end of the period unrestricted reserves were **£123,572**. These reserves represent 76% of the agreed objective-EOR (based on current operating costs of approximately £80,500 per year).

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Claire Anstee – Treasurer & Trustee
Signed on behalf of The Trustees & Committee
The Barbican Playgroup & Parents & Toddlers Group

Date: 25.11.24

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Note	Year Ended 31 August 2024			Year Ended 31 August 2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:						
	-	-	-	568	-	568
2	66,521	-	66,521	94,103	-	94,103
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,566	-	1,566	552	-	552
	68,087	-	68,087	95,223	-	95,223
Expenditure on:						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	79,007	-	79,007	80,542	-	80,542
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	79,007	-	79,007	80,542	-	80,542
	(10,920)	-	(10,920)	14,681	-	14,681
	(10,920)	-	(10,920)	14,681	-	14,681
Reconciliation of funds						
	134,492	-	134,492	119,811	-	119,811
	123,572	-	123,572	134,492	-	134,492

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP

Registered Charity No : 273750

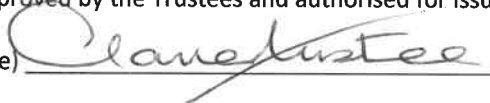
BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	2,005	540
Cash at Bank and In Hand		129,269	141,359
		<u>131,274</u>	<u>141,899</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)	5	7,702	7,407
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>123,572</u>	<u>134,492</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted Funds	6	-	-
Unrestricted Funds		123,572	134,492
		<u>123,572</u>	<u>119,811</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 25.11.24

Claire Anstee (Treasurer & Trustee)



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BARBICAN PLAYGROUP

Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 August 2024

Registered Charity No : 273750

Note	Year Ended 31 August 2024			Year Ended 31 August 2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2023 £
2 INCOME - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Fees: Parents & Carers	34,780	-	34,780	63,137	-	63,137
Fees: Col Nursery Education Fund	31,496	-	31,496	30,701	-	30,701
Registration	245	-	245	265	-	265
TOTAL INCOME	66,521	-	66,521	94,103	-	94,103
3 EXPENDITURE - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Staff Salaries & On-Costs	63,134	-	63,134	61,718	-	61,718
Casual/Locum Staff	4,527	-	4,527	2,221	-	2,221
Rates: Non Domestic & Water	(409)	-	(409)	2,419	-	2,419
Electricity & Heating	5,914	-	5,914	9,726	-	9,726
Telephone & Internet	1,404	-	1,404	986	-	986
Toys, Play Equipment & Educational Resources	1,174	-	1,174	902	-	902
Repairs, Redecoration & Maintenance	778	-	778	634	-	634
Insurance/PLA	1,135	-	1,135	932	-	932
Regulatory Bodies	85	-	85	173	-	173
General Supplies	1,265	-	1,265	832	-	832
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	79,007	-	79,007	80,542	-	80,542

Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 August 2024

4 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Outstanding Fees - Bakth Summer Term	271	540
EDF Electricity in Credit at 31 August 2024	1,734	-
	<u>2,005</u>	<u>540</u>

5 CREDITORS

		2024	2023
		£	£
City of London - Annual Electricity Supply Charge 2023-2024	ESTIMATED	6,500	6,908
Fireline, CLS, Consortium & Activity Village Purchase (MRC)		-	349
Currys - Printer (MRC)		-	150
PLA Annual Insurance 24-25 - Due June 2024 - Paid 01 Oct 2024		1,135	-
Petty Cash Box - Due to MRC/Box		67	-
		<u>7,702</u>	<u>7,407</u>

6 FUNDS

	Funds B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	134,492	68,087	79,007	-	123,572
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>134,492</u>	<u>68,087</u>	<u>79,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,572</u>

7 STAFF NUMBERS

During the year 01 Sept 2023 to 31 Aug 2024 there were 2 staff employed (2 in 2022-2023)

8 STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
Staff Gross Salaries	60,578	58,992
Employers' NIC Costs	739	956
Employers' Pension Costs	1,817	1,770
TOTAL	<u>63,134</u>	<u>61,718</u>

9 RELATED PARTIES

During the year 01 Sept 2023 to 31 Aug 2024 there were no related party transactions.

**BARBICAN PLAYGROUP
AND PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP**
Registered Charity No: 273750 : 20 May 1977
Ofsted URN No: 122756 : DfES Setting No: 581261

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BARBICAN PLAYGROUP**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Barbican Playgroup and Mothers & Toddlers Group ('the charity').

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David J Taylor, ACMA
507 Gilbert House Barbican, London EC2Y 8BD

Date: 20/11/24

BARBICAN PLAYGROUPO AND MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 273750

Accounts

**BARBICAN PLAYGROUP
& MOTHERS & TODDLERS GROUP**
Registered Charity No: 273750

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2023**

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP AND MOTHERS & TODDLERS GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Status	The Barbican Playgroup is a charity with the membership structure of an unincorporated association whose main activity is the provision of early years education for children between the ages of 2½ and 5 years. The Playgroup was established in 1975 and received its charitable status on 20 th May 1977.
Governing Document	The Barbican Playgroup is governed by its constitution dated 18.09.1975
Charity Number	273750
Ofsted URN	122756
DfES Setting No	5891261
Registered & Operating Premises	Levels 01 & 02, Andrewes House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8AX
Trustees	Jane Scott – Chairman Claire Anstee – Treasurer & Secretary
Key Management Personnel	Mary Rose Clackson – Playgroup Manager
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc – Cheapside (309574)
Independent Examiner	Mr. David Taylor ACMA 507 Gilbert House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BD

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The Barbican Playgroup constitution clearly states the basic aims of the group as being to advance the education of children below compulsory school age by:

- a) Providing safe and satisfying group play, in which parents take part when appropriate.
- b) Encouraging other charitable activities through which parents may help the children.

The vision that shapes our annual activities remains the promotion of early years education. We remain fully dedicated to quality care and learning and to implementing the new Early Years Foundation Stage: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-profile-handbook>

Our Playgroup is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Parents are given regular information about their children's social and academic progress through day-to-day informal contact and termly information updates.

Fees are reviewed annually and kept as low as possible. Financial administration and accounting are undertaken by the senior Trustees at no cost to the Charity. It is important to the Barbican Playgroup that access to Early Years Education is not restricted to those who can afford our fees. We are registered for Nursery Education Funding for three and four-year olds. In addition, although we do not have a formal bursary policy, reductions in fees are agreed from time to time on the basis of parental means or to relieve hardship where a child's early years education would otherwise be at risk, for example in the case of redundancy.

The Barbican Playgroup believes that children benefit most from early years education and care when parents and Playgroups work together in partnership.

We also work in close partnership with the City of London's Community and Children's Services Department and other early year settings in the City of London and London Borough of Islington in order to provide the highest quality provision. We remain the only voluntary sector early years group in our area.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

When reviewing our objectives, and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education and on fee-charging. Affordability and access to our programme is important to us and is reflected in our pricing policy.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Playgroup is a registered charity and a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance (PLA). It is also registered by the City of London's Community and Children's Services Department under The Children Act 1989 and with the City of London's Education Department. Administration and fundraising are carried out by a committee of willing parents or past parents, working together on a totally voluntary basis to ensure the smooth and responsible running of the Playgroup.

Two full-time members of staff are currently employed to run the Playgroup programme; the Playgroup Manager, who has been with the Playgroup since 1982, and her assistant. They are assisted, when necessary, by agency staff, part-time play assistants or parents, engaged on a temporary basis. This requirement depends on the ages and numbers of children attending at any given time.

The Sessions and the Children

The Playgroup year runs parallel to the school calendar. Main morning sessions (Monday-Friday) run from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. An afternoon session to 2.45pm is available on request for older children; generally running Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays depending on demand.

Children start between the ages 2 and 3 years old, and can stay until they start full time school at 5. The optimum number of children for the facilities is around 16, rising to a maximum of 24. Most of the Playgroup places are taken by Barbican and City children although we welcome under-fives from neighbouring boroughs if places are available.

Start dates are determined by the needs of each child concerned, after close consultation between the Manager and individual parents, and with consideration for the ages and make-up of the group already attending. Most children initially attend three mornings per week, increasing to the full five by the time they reach three years old.

The Barbican Playgroup currently subscribes to and receives Department for Education Nursery Education Funding for all qualifying three and four-year olds.

Risk Management

The Barbican Playgroup has put in place a risk management process which identifies key events or incidents that could affect the charity's ability to achieve its aims. This process results in a record of the most significant risks, both internal and external. For each, the possible impact or consequence of the risk and the required action are stated.

On the 28th May 2018, the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect replacing the UK's Data Protection Act 1998. This meant that we as an organisation, the Barbican Playgroup must ensure any personal data we hold is processed lawfully, transparently, and for a specific purpose and disposed of appropriately and safely when the data is no longer required.

In response to this, we informed, and continue to inform, all parents of both our responsibilities and their rights surrounding GDPR, data collection and storage of sensitive information. In addition, we registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and updated our Privacy Policy, providing a copy to all current Playgroup parents/carers.

The Barbican Playgroup Committee seeks reasonable assurance from staff that these risks have been adequately managed and are satisfied that appropriate procedures and controls are in place to manage the risks. As a charity providing care for children the trustees accept that the organisation is exposed to certain risks as part of carrying out these activities. The trustees have put in place systems to seek to identify and assess the key risks that the charity faces and have put in place controls to seek to manage these risks. However, no control system can be infallible and in addition certain key risks remain. These are potential future changes to government policy with regard to Early Years funding, loss of premises and the generation of sufficient unrestricted funds affecting the financial sustainability of the Playgroup and staff succession.

The charity's strategic planning process and written procedures have been reviewed by the Barbican Playgroup Committee to ensure that they include measures to manage the major risks. The charity's principal officers are working within this framework on a day-to-day basis.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

We have successfully demonstrated the level of this commitment and received an 'Outstanding' rating by OFSTED following our latest inspection in January 2020. (<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk>)

During the course of the 2022/2023 academic year, we have:

- Provided early years education and development to 16 children; working with their families to ensure those moving on in the next school year have the best chance of being accepted into their school of choice.
- Continued to review our policy suite with special emphasis on Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) and Safer Recruiting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This financial period has resulted in a surplus of £14,681 (2021-22 deficit £4,137), due to slightly increased numbers of children attending; up from 12 to 16, and including places taken by more 2-year-old un-funded children in both Autumn and Summer Terms, paying the full rate fees.

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At the end of the period unrestricted reserves were **£134,492**. These reserves represent 83% of the agreed objective-EOR (based on current operating costs of approximately £80,500 per year).

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Date: 24.4.24

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Note	Year Ended 31 August 2023			Year Ended 31 August 2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	568	-	568	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	94,103	-	94,103	65,253	-	65,253
Other Trading Activities (Fundraising/Room Hire)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	552	-	552	13	-	13
TOTAL INCOME	95,223	-	95,223	65,266	-	65,266
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	80,542	-	80,542	69,403	-	69,403
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	80,542	-	80,542	69,403	-	69,403
Net Income/(Expenditure)	14,681	-	14,681	(4,137)	-	(4,137)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	14,681	-	14,681	(4,137)	-	(4,137)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	119,811	-	119,811	123,948	-	123,948
Total funds carried forward	134,492	-	134,492	119,811	-	119,811

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP

Registered Charity No : 273750

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	540	672
Cash at Bank and In Hand		<u>141,359</u>	<u>120,573</u>
		<u>141,899</u>	<u>121,245</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)	5	7,407	1,434
		<u>134,492</u>	<u>119,811</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
FUNDS	6		
Restricted Funds		-	-
Unrestricted Funds		<u>134,492</u>	<u>119,811</u>
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BARBICAN PLAYGROUP**Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 August 2023**

Note	Year Ended 31 August 2023		Year Ended 31 August 2022		Total Funds 31 August 2021 £
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	
2 INCOME - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Fees: Parents & Carers	63,137	-	42,966	-	42,966
Fees: Col. Nursery Education Fund	30,701	-	22,007	-	22,007
Registration	265	-	280	-	280
TOTAL INCOME	94,103	-	65,253	-	65,253
3 EXPENDITURE - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Staff Salaries & On-Costs	61,718	-	57,950	-	57,950
Casual/Locum Staff	2,221	-	2,595	-	2,595
Rates: Non Domestic & Water	2,419	-	1,915	-	1,915
Electricity & Heating	9,726	-	1,400	-	1,400
Telephone & Internet	986	-	812	-	812
Toys, Play Equipment & Educational Resources	902	-	1,025	-	1,025
Repairs, Redecoration & Maintenance	634	-	816	-	816
Insurance/PLA	932	-	866	-	866
Regulatory Bodies	173	-	151	-	151
Social Events & Outings	-	-	-	-	-
General Supplies	832	-	1,873	-	1,873
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	80,542	-	69,403	-	69,403

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP

Registered Charity 273750

Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 August 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
4 DEBTORS		
Outstanding Fees - Dale	540	672
	<u>540</u>	<u>672</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
5 CREDITORS		
City of London - Annual Electricity Supply Charge 2022-2023	6,908	-
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PLA Annual Insurance - Due June 2022 - Paid 01 Sept 22	-	866
Fees & NEF paid in Advance at 31 August	-	568
	<u>7,407</u>	<u>1,434</u>

	Funds B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
6 FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	119,811	95,223	80,542	-	134,492
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>119,811</u>	<u>95,223</u>	<u>80,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,492</u>

7 STAFF NUMBERS

During the year 01 Sept 2021 to 31 Aug 2023 there was an average of 2 staff employed (2 in 2020-2021)

8 STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
Staff Gross Salaries	58,992	54,916
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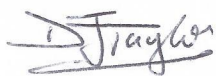
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

This financial period has resulted in a deficit of £4,137 (2020-2021 surplus £27,298), due mainly to reduced numbers of children attending in the year, but also to increased costs for extra staff requirements and some utilities which had been heavily discounted during the Pandemic.

Details of all income and expenditure are outlined in the attached financial statements.

Our numbers decreased from the previous year, with parents still tending to wait until their children are old enough to qualify for 15-free hours before enrolling.

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Our Andrewes House premises have historically been provided rent-free by the City of London and remain so for the time being although this may be reviewed by the City of London at any time. (See Reserves Policy below)

As a charitable body, we do not aim to accumulate capital. Surplus funds used to maintain the facilities to a high working standard, to replace toys and equipment, and to ensure that the Manager and her assistants are properly remunerated and trained, whilst always remaining aware of the need to keep the cost to parents and potential parents at an affordable level.

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- it has no endowment funding and is almost entirely dependent for income from fees from year to year which is inevitably subject to fluctuation, and
- it requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic, or lesser but damaging, events

The trustees believe that the minimum level of the EOR should be the equivalent of 2 years' operating costs calculated and reviewed annually and believe that the EOR should be built up to the desired level in stages consistent with the charity's overall financial position and its need to maintain and develop its charitable activities. This 2-year period represents the average length of time each child attends the Playgroup before moving on to full-time education.

At the end of the period unrestricted reserves were **£119,811** - reduced by just over £4,000 from the previous year. These reserves represents 87% of the agreed objective-EOR (based on essential operating costs of approximately £69,000 per year).

Efforts to build this reserve total up will continue in line with the policy.

FUTURE PLANS

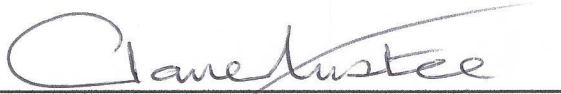
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Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 August 2022

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2022.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions, as permitted for smaller charities, of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in 2014 to be compliant with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102, and which is applicable for reporting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2015.

As always, the Committee members wish to pay special tribute to the Playgroup staff all of whom have worked so conscientiously and enthusiastically throughout this year.



Claire Anstee – Treasurer & Trustee
Signed on behalf of The Trustees & Committee
The Barbican Playgroup & Parents & Toddlers Group

Date: 15.5.23

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Note	Year Ended 31 August 2022		Year Ended 31 August 2021		Total Funds 31 August 2020 £
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	3,225	3,225
Charitable Activities	65,253	-	93,747	-	93,747
Other Trading Activities (Fundraising/Room Hire)	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	13	-	10	-	10
TOTAL INCOME	65,266	-	93,757	3,225	96,982
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	69,403	-	65,568	4,115	69,683
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	69,403	-	65,568	4,115	69,683
Net (Expenditure)/Income	(4,137)	-	28,188	(890)	27,298
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(4,137)	-	28,188	(890)	27,298
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	123,948	-	95,760	890	96,650
Total funds carried forward	119,811	-	123,848	-	123,948

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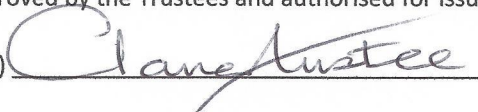
BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	672	-
Cash at Bank and In Hand		<u>120,573</u>	<u>124,562</u>
		<u>121,245</u>	<u>124,562</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)	5	1,434	614
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>119,811</u>	<u>123,948</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted Funds	6	-	-
Unrestricted Funds		<u>119,811</u>	<u>123,948</u>
		<u>119,811</u>	<u>123,948</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 15.5.22

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A Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7, 8 and 9 form part of these financial statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in 2014 to be compliant with FRS102; as modified for smaller charities.

Fixed assets

Assets with a cost in excess of £1,000 that are intended to be of on-going use to Barbican Playgroup in carrying out its activities are capitalised as fixed assets. No such assets have been capitalised to date.

Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

VAT

The Charity is not registered for Value Added Tax and expenditure is recorded inclusive of tax charged.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income to the extent that this is applied to its charitable objects.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or grant maker when funds are raised or received for particular purposes.

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP

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2 INCOME - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Fees: Parents & Carers	42,966	-	42,966	51,243	-	51,243
Fees: CoL Nursery Education Fund	22,007	-	22,007	42,189	-	42,189
Registration	280	-	280	315	-	315
TOTAL INCOME	65,253	-	65,253	93,747	-	93,747
3 EXPENDITURE - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
8 Staff Salaries & On-Costs	57,950	-	57,950	57,260	3,125	60,385
Casual/Locum Staff	2,595	-	2,595	600	-	600
Rates: Non Domestic & Water	1,915	-	1,915	415	-	415
Electricity & Heating	1,400	-	1,400	2,919	-	2,919
Telephone & Internet	812	-	812	921	-	921
Toys, Play Equipment & Educational Resources	1,025	-	1,025	161	890	1,051
Repairs, Redecoration & Maintenance	816	-	816	1,173	-	1,173
Insurance/PLA	866	-	866	860	-	860
Regulatory Bodies	151	-	151	186	-	186
Social Events & Outings	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Supplies	1,873	-	1,873	1,074	100	1,174
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69,403	-	69,403	65,568	4,115	69,683

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4 DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Outstanding Fees - Bladon	672	-
	<u>672</u>	<u>-</u>

5 CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Petty Cash - Monies due to Mary Rose Clackson - Manager	-	126
PLA Annual Insurance - Due June 2022 - Paid 01 Sept 22	866	-
12 Pay Limited - Payroll Software Licence (paid Nov 2021)	-	77
Fees & NEF paid in Advance at 31 August	568	410
	<u>1,434</u>	<u>613</u>

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We have successfully demonstrated the level of this commitment and received a 'Good' rating by OFSTED following our latest inspection in September 2015. (<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk>)

During the course of the 2020/21 academic year, we have:

- Provided early years education and development to 17 children; working with their families to ensure those moving on in the next school year have the best chance of being accepted into their school of choice.
- Continued to review our policy suite with special emphasis on Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) and Safer Recruiting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This financial period has resulted in a surplus of £27,298 (2019-2020 deficit of £6,189), due mainly to increased fee income as Playgroup attendance increased following the Covid-19 pandemic. Details of all income and expenditure are outlined in the attached financial statements.

Our numbers increased slightly from the previous year, with parents still tending to wait until their children are old enough to qualify for 15-free hours before enrolling.

Fees were unchanged during 2020-2021, remaining at £14 per hour for the morning session and a fixed rate of £20 for each afternoon session. Fees are charged termly in advance, payable on receipt of a fee note.

The Barbican Playgroup is registered with the Corporation of London to receive Nursery Education Funding (NEF) providing 15 free hours per week for qualifying children between the ages of 3 and 4. In Summer Term 2021 the Corporation of London increased our hourly NEF rate from £7.50 per hour to £8.00.

Our Andrewes House premises have historically been provided rent-free by the City of London and remain so for the time being although this may be reviewed by the City of London at any time. (See Reserves Policy below)

As a charitable body, we do not aim to accumulate capital. Surplus funds used to maintain the facilities to a high working standard, to replace toys and equipment, and to ensure that the Manager and her assistants are properly remunerated and trained, whilst always remaining aware of the need to keep the cost to parents and potential parents at an affordable level.

Reserves Policy: The Barbican Playgroup believes that the charity should hold financial reserves (the 'Emergency Operating Reserve' - EOR) because:

- it has no endowment funding and is almost entirely dependent for income from fees from year to year which is inevitably subject to fluctuation, and
- it requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic, or lesser but damaging, events

The trustees believe that the minimum level of the EOR should be the equivalent of 2 years' operating costs calculated and reviewed annually and believe that the EOR should be built up to the desired level in stages consistent with the charity's overall financial position and its need to maintain and develop its charitable activities. This 2-year period represents the average length of time each child attends the Playgroup before moving on to full-time education.

At the end of the period unrestricted reserves were **£123,948**. This was an increase of just over £28,000 from the previous year, and represents nearly 90% of the agreed objective-EOR (based on essential operating costs of approximately £69,000 per year).

Efforts to build this reserve total up will continue in line with the policy.

FUTURE PLANS

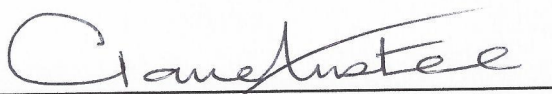
Our future plans are to continue to provide good quality Early Years Education to local and City children, working in partnership with both the parents and the local authority to ensure standards are met, if not exceeded.

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 August 2021

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2021.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions, as permitted for smaller charities, of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in 2014 to be compliant with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102, and which is applicable for reporting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2015.

As always, the Committee members wish to pay special tribute to the Playgroup staff all of whom have worked so conscientiously and enthusiastically throughout this year.



Claire Anstee – Treasurer & Trustee
Signed on behalf of The Trustees & Committee
The Barbican Playgroup & Parents & Toddlers Group

Date: 28 July 22

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Note	Year Ended 31 August 2021		Year Ended 31 August 2020		Total Funds 31 August 2020 £
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies			3,225	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	93,747	-	44,389	-	44,389
Other Trading Activities (Fundraising/Room Hire)		10	-	120	-	120
Bank interest				43	-	43
TOTAL INCOME		93,757	3,225	44,552	-	44,552
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	65,568	4,115	50,741	-	50,741
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		65,568	4,115	50,741	-	50,741
Net Income/(Expenditure)		28,188	(890)	(6,189)	-	(6,189)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		28,188	(890)	(6,189)	-	(6,189)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		95,760	890	101,949	890	102,839
Total funds carried forward		123,948	-	95,760	890	96,650

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Registered Charity No : 273750

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	0	3,190
Cash at Bank and In Hand		124,562	95,591
		<u>124,562</u>	<u>98,781</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)	5	614	2,131
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>123,948</u>	<u>96,650</u>
FUNDS	6		
Restricted Funds		0	890
Unrestricted Funds		123,948	95,760
		<u>123,948</u>	<u>96,650</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 28.7.22

Claire Anstee (Treasurer & Trustee) Claire Anstee

A Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7, 8 and 9 form part of these financial statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in 2014 to be compliant with FRS102; as modified for smaller charities.

Fixed assets

Assets with a cost in excess of £1,000 that are intended to be of on-going use to Barbican Playgroup in carrying out its activities are capitalised as fixed assets. No such assets have been capitalised to date.

Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

VAT

The Charity is not registered for Value Added Tax and expenditure is recorded inclusive of tax charged.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income to the extent that this is applied to its charitable objects.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or grant maker when funds are raised or received for particular purposes.

BARBICAN PLAYGROUP

Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 August 2021

Registered Charity No : 273750

Note	Year Ended 31 August 2021			Year Ended 31 August 2020		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 August 2020 £
2 INCOME - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Fees: Parents & Carers	51,243	-	51,243	25,634	-	25,634
Fees: Col.Nursery Education Fund	42,189	-	42,189	18,300	-	18,300
Registration	315	-	315	455	-	455
City of London Grant	-	-	-	0	-	0
TOTAL INCOME	93,747	-	93,747	44,389	-	44,389
3 EXPENDITURE - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Staff Salaries & On-Costs	57,260	3,125	60,385	40,604	-	40,604
Casual/Locum Staff	600	-	600	819	-	819
Rates: Non Domestic & Water	415	-	415	1,441	-	1,441
Electricity & Heating	2,919	-	2,919	3,021	-	3,021
Telephone & Internet	921	-	921	714	-	714
Toys, Play Equipment & Educational Resources	161	890	1,051	1,066	-	1,066
Repairs, Redecoration & Maintenance	1,173	-	1,173	1,149	-	1,149
Insurance/PLA	860	-	860	846	-	846
Regulatory Bodies	186	-	186	273	-	273
Social Events & Outings	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Supplies	1,074	100	1,174	807	-	807
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	65,568	4,115	69,683	50,741	-	50,741

Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31 August 2021

4 DEBTORS	2021	2020
	£	£
JRS (Furlough) Payment Due - August Salaries	-	3,190
Outstanding Fees	-	-
Guardian GCS - Cleaning charge for building works	-	-
WFRU Milk Subsidy	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,190</u>

5 CREDITORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Petty Cash - Monies due to Mary Rose Clackson - Manager	126	
12 Pay Limited - Payroll Software Licence (paid Nov 2021)	77	
Ofsted Annual Registration 2020 (Due July - paid Sept 2020)	-	50
Fees & NEF paid in Advance at 31 August (McGrogan)	410	2,081
	<u>613</u>	<u>2,131</u>

6 FUNDS	Funds B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	95,760	93,757	65,568		123,948
Restricted Funds:					
City of London Early Years Grant 2015	390	-	390	-	-
City of London COLTALE Project Funding	500	-	500	-	-
Parent Donation towards Fees, Staff Bonus & Equipment		3,225	3,225	-	-
	<u>96,650</u>	<u>96,982</u>	<u>69,683</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,948</u>

7 STAFF NUMBERS

During the year 01 Sept 2020 to 31 Aug 2021 there was an average of 2 staff employed (2 in 2019-2020)

8 STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
Staff Gross Salaries	54,575	53,143
Employers' NIC Costs	1,048	1,890
Employers' Pension Costs	1,637	1,594
One-Off Staff Bonus - Capecece Donation	3,125	-
Miscellaneous Staff Costs	-	186
Sub Total before Furlough Reclaim	<u>60,385</u>	<u>56,814</u>
HMRC Covid-19 Furlough Reclaim	-	16,210
TOTAL	<u>60,385</u>	<u>40,604</u>

9 RELATED PARTIES

During the year 01 Sept 2020 to 31 Aug 2021 there were no related party transactions.

**BARBICAN PLAYGROUP
AND PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP**
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BARBICAN PLAYGROUP**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Barbican Playgroup and Mothers & Toddlers Group ('the charity').

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


David J Taylor, ACMA
507 Gilbert House Barbican, London EC2Y 8BD

Date: 29th July 2022