

### **Chairperson's Welcome**

- Those present and apologies
- Plan for preschool going forward. Support for everyone
- July onwards
- Chair Persons welcome

### **Treasurer's Update**

- Monies raised from fundraising
- Current Financial Position
- Treasurers report sheet attached.

### **Chairperson**

- Staffing struggles, LB handed in notice, retracted to keep us open till July.
- Trying to recruit, plan, 4 days for Summer term, 3 team members working all 3 days, Interviews with Lisa due to safer recruitment, have some on bank for support with sick leave.
- Advert for manager for temp contract till end of year, number for next year are really low, 4 3 plus and 3 2 plus next year, working with school opening preschool in September 2023. Don't know if guaranteed those children in September, recruiting manager for their preschool to second to us for the rest of the term. Give LB support, run the room on a daily, LB can do the paperwork required.
- 3 plus room, at the school, demand for 2 year olds in Gamlingay. 2023 low birth rate. Not enough children to sustain the preschool coming September, 2 enquiries last week.
- Costings based on children on the books full time for best case scenario £1050 per week, staffing Full time manager, Deputy, Unqualified, £1331, overheads £290, per week total 1621, income £1050, 12 full time children.
- Current funding £1398.92, £1349.92, plus overheads.
- Nursery, preschool, more favourable at the school as
- Scope for 2 years old, old chapel not suitable, 2 years ratios are higher,
- Funding raise £4.37 to £4.53 from government. Only covering deficit for min wage increase.
- Top up fees, voluntary contributions, cannot legally charge top up fees.
- 9 months plus will hinder settings more, funding and deficit, no paying children as under free preschool. Resource charge. From sept, fees would have to go up. Under 3s being £5.50 not covering costs. Not fair to put that on parents currently with closures and staffing issues.
- Possibility of losing children due to school being able to offer wrap around care too. Staffing
- Agreement with CC, not allowed to add fees on top, £4 per hr, cant add top up fee, tried to recruit staff out of the 9-3.
- If we were to move to a more suitable venue
- Anna on own with 1 parent helper – in ratio but only as worst case scenario to keep it open.
- Committee 2023/24 core committee stepping down, would need new committee.
- School preschool, 2 form entry, 3 plus from that September,

- Re register to Ofsted, change of accommodating ages if under 2 years, we could take 2 year olds.
- Why hasn't it been advertised or changes made before now, lack of staff, current setting arrangement. Staff asked by chair and manager for hours outside of 9-3, but unable to.
- If kept open, could close mid term due to funds.
- School, preschool kids and staff, school will tell us when its opened to let staff.
- Teacher qualified status would stand out over early years quals. Most would have it first and less
- School held off 3 years,
- Leavers transitions, additional support, 'new' staff member from the school, transition the school leavers and younger.
- CB met with school, open to helping, LB stayed on to help, not jumping ship, due to personal circumstances.
- Cant guarantee finding another staff member, more children, we have to take it as it stands today with the figures we are working with.
- Taking quality education as a priority, cannot run like this anymore, need 3 , dp, senco, manager, deputy, takes one child to wipe out the staffing and force closure.

Vote – Managed closure

JN, not a reflection of the staff, ofsted report.

Between now and July the children, best time they can, graduation, last leavers, go out on a high.

Other local preschools in the same boat.

#### **Proposed next steps:**

Support staff from a HR Perspective.

**GAMLINGAY RAINBOW PLAYGROUP**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 293562**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

	<b>2022/23</b>		<b>2021/22</b>	
	£	£	£	£
Bank and cash balances at start of the year		<u>35,924</u>		<u>39,803</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Preschool Fees	15,225		11,947	
Funding (Cambridgeshire CC)	49,982		52,959	
Fundraising	1,838		2,309	
Donations	700		1,406	
Bank interest received	10		-	
Other	<u>1,514</u>		<u>706</u>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		69,269		69,327
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Wages and pensions	58,354		56,103	
Rent	6,965		6,582	
Admin expenses	1,520		1,587	
Supplies and activities	2,109		1,696	
Equipment	1,862		494	
Professional services	2,105		2,631	
Insurance	732		1,489	
Fundraising	387		853	
Training	552		333	
Other	<u>1,398</u>		<u>1,438</u>	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		75,984		73,206
<b>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</b>		<u>(6,715)</u>		<u>(3,879)</u>
Bank and cash balances at end of the year *		<u>29,209</u>		<u>35,924</u>
* <i>Current account</i>		14,083		35,564
<i>Deposit account</i>		15,010		-
<i>Cash in hand</i>		<u>116</u>		<u>360</u>
		<u>29,209</u>		<u>35,924</u>

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 2023**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF GAMLINGAY RAINBOW PLAYGROUP  
Registered charity no 293562**

**Basis of report**

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also included considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting records have not been correctly kept or that the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records. The playgroup closed down on 31st July 2023 and the charity is in the process of being wound up and its assets distributed.

There are no other matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts for the year ended 30th April 2023 to be reached.

Ian Parker FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
8 November 2023