

Wootton & Dry Sandford Pre-School

Chair's Report for the year ending 31 December 2021

Our Aims

Wootton & Dry Sandford Pre-School aims to provide a high-quality, affordable Pre-School service to the villages of Wootton, Dry Sandford and surrounding areas. We provide a safe, friendly environment for our children and educate them in line with the Early Years Foundation Stages and Goals. Our overall aim is to ready our pupils for their Reception Year at school.

Our Objectives

Our objectives reflect the ethos of our Pre-School. We are committed to support and advance our children through learning and play. We are concerned with establishing great relationships with parents and the local community.

Key objectives for 2021:

- To maintain a high intake of local children for the new academic year
- To improve our learning environment and facilities • To improve our monitoring of children for EYFS
- To maintain a high level of care for pupils
- To maintain and better links with the local schools and community

Review of our achievements

With things getting back to normal after Covid our numbers increased greatly to us been extremely busy with all of our available spaces been taken.

After having new play equipment we replaced the sandpit which depleted our funds some. Fundraising has been difficult after the effects of Covid but we have slowly begun to start this again so that we can make some more improvements.

Our last Ofsted was a successful visit with another 'Good' with some lovely feedback testimonials from our parents but again because of Covid we are still waiting for a next one.

Pupil numbers and fees

We ran at full capacity for much of the year and have maintained a waiting list of children. Intake in September 2021 remained very high along with a healthy waiting list looking into January and April 2022. We accepted both funded and non-funded local children, including funded two-year olds. We have the capacity for having special needs children.

Improvement of learning environment

We have made lots of changes in previous years to our garden space and now we have a few jobs that need doing to make it complete, we have had to ask the community centre board to make these changes and we finally have permission we just need to make a little money so that we are able to complete these.

Monitoring of children for EYFS

We continue to use 'Tapestry' an online application to journal to record and monitor children's progress. It is very popular with parents, as they feel more in touch with their children's progress. We continue to hold parent/key worker meetings at least three times every academic year, with more as and when is required. Parent satisfaction levels continue to be high.

Community and school links

We have again been active in the community through Pre-School visits into the local area and shops.

Our links with schools were improved by increased visits to the local schools and by the class teachers visiting the Pre-School during the summer term to talk to our pupils. Pupils starting Primary school in September had the opportunity to visit them on a number of occasions, increasing their familiarity with the environment they were moving into.

This year, with parents permission we were able to share 'Tapestry' records of incoming pupils with one of the local schools that used this system for their Reception pupils.

Future plans

We need to improve our learning environment in the garden and so any future fundraising will go towards this

Finances

The committee regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against our income and monthly cash flow.

Staff pay is reviewed on an annual basis and a plan implemented to increase staff salaries by 2.5% every six months to keep us in line with National Minimum Wage rises.

WOOTTON AND DRY SANDFORD PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
CASH AT BANK		
Enterprise high interest account	41207	40203
Treasurer account	4666	4187
Petty Cash	202	201
DEBTORS	0	0
CREDITORS	-1016	-5334
	<u>45059</u>	<u>39257</u>
 REPRESENTED BY		
Accumulated general fund at 1st January 2021	39257	57246
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	5802	-17989
	<u>45059</u>	<u>39257</u>

The Financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

Chair Person

==

==

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Wootton and Dry Sandford
Pre-School Playgroup Association**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021 as set out on pages 1 and 2.

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. S. Varnom

Mr Michael Varnom
5 The Willows, Wootton, Oxford

8th March 2022