

Kingswood Village Playgroup Trustees Report 2022-2023

Kingswood Village Playgroup is a small playgroup based in the village hall within Kingswood. It operates Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.15- 1pm. The setting is run by Linzie, our manager, Sarah, our deputy, and three other members of staff. Pre-school children can attend from the age of two.

Our aim is to provide a warm and welcoming setting where children can thrive. We have strong links with the local community including the local primary school.

Numbers of children attending the session in September were good. We have continued to meet children at the door as we feel that this helps with transition into primary school.

In October we were inspected by Ofsted. We received a verdict of Inadequate which we were very disappointed with. The report stated that children come into the setting happily and settle well. However, it also stated that staff knowledge of Prevent Safeguarding training needed to be improved and that not all staff were aware of the correct whistle blowing procedure. It also advised that teaching and learning in the setting needed to be improved.

Over the next few months, the staff worked closely with the local authority to develop their knowledge of Prevent as well as how to further develop language and communication of children in the setting. Each staff member completed up to date Prevent training and our Whistle Blowing policy was updated.

The staff also enrolled to a nine-month Early Years Professional Development Programme to further improve their early years practice.

In March we had a follow-up inspection from Ofsted. This inspection went well and we received an outcome of Good. Notable lines from inspection report include that "Managers and staff know the children well and what interests them" and that "Younger children settle well". The report also highlights the ongoing need for the further development of the curriculum.

Throughout the year the children enjoyed making their own juice from apples, collecting blackberries and baking with them as well as visiting our allotment. They learnt about Diwali, Chinese New Year and explored Space! In November we raised money for Children in Need by dressing up and we had a wonderful Christmas performance for the parents to come and watch. We raised funds at the performance through a raffle and serving refreshments.

We hosted a Christmas craft fair which was a very successful fundraiser as well as setting up an Elf Hunt around the village for local children to enter. Other fundraising we have done this year include, refreshments at sports day and our leavers service and our first pub quiz; this was a big success and we hope to do more in the future.

We took all of the children on a trip to Westonbirt Arboretum which we were able to fund with our fundraising from the Christmas Fair. The children had lots of fun and we learnt all about Ladybirds.

In July we said good-bye to 11 school leavers, 10 of which went to the local primary school. In the final term we supported this transition through the children going on weekly visits to the local school. We were also able to watch their harvest festival performance which was great.

Alongside the Playgroup sessions we also run a weekly stay and play toddler session. This is run by our deputy manager. It is the only toddler session in the village and is there for vital as it is important for families who do not have transport to be able to access such a session. It is also great advertisement for our playgroup. Sessions are fun and relaxed providing an opportunity for parents and children to socialise as well as craft and sing.

We also, run the wrap-around-care provision at the local primary school. Staff prepare and run the session including planning and delivering activities as well as providing snacks. They have also run themed sessions such as a Halloween disco and a movie night. Numbers attending the provision have changed since the pandemic as more parents are working from home but it is clear that there is still a need for the service.

End of Year Account Balances

	As at August 2023	As at August 2022	As at August 2021
Income			
Dragonflies Fees	£24,223.20	£16,145.06	£5,127.09
Fees	£4,963.50	£10,023.10	£8,479.80
Grant	£40,850.48	£47,985.53	£31,413.31
Fundraising	£1,411.59	£752.56	£735.16
Donation	£1,467.80	£898.17	£355.12
Training	£0.00	£360.00	£0.00
Interest	£287.74	£115.85	£118.56
HMRC CJRS	£0.00	£0.00	£7,974.66
Other receipts	£0.00	£125.00	£4,277.68
Toddlers Income	£686.40	£647.22	£266.15
Wages	£0.00	£353.29	£0.00
Total	£73,890.71	£77,405.78	£52,747.53
Expenditure			
Wages	£62,155.13	£62,246.52	£54,111.57
Rent	£3,525.95	£3,149.90	£3,255.40
Administration	£329.51	£1,098.02	£351.00
Fundraising Costs	£127.93	£20.50	£66.25
PG Expense: Milk & Refreshments	£1,194.88	£106.71	£417.78
Training	£50.00	£500.00	£70.61
PG Expense: Toys & Equipment	£929.27	£152.39	£1,732.93
PG Expense	£650.13	£12.76	£177.93
Activities	£750.00	£770.00	£165.00
Insurance	£793.05	£0.00	£722.46
Subscriptions	£0.00	£0.00	£108.34
PG Expense: Stationery	£289.09	£8.50	£184.36
Other	£5,230.41	£332.44	£0.00
DF Expense: Food	£676.51	£0.00	£0.00
DF Expense: Craft	£273.40	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£76,975.26	£68,397.74	£61,363.63
Excess of income over expenditure	-£3,084.55	£8,892.19	-£8,616.61

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Lloyds Treasurers	£28,884.35	£32,256.64	£23,362.03
Lloyds Business	£14,636.48	£14,562.24	£14,560.42
Coventry	£10,611.67	£10,398.17	£10,284.14
Total	£54,132.50	£57,217.05	£48,206.59

Kingswood Village Playgroup and Toddlers End of Year Accounts and Financial Statements for Year ended 31/08/2023

Independent Auditor report to the Committee of Kingswood Village Playgroup and Toddlers

In accordance with the instructions given to me I have reviewed the financial statements of Kingswood Village Playgroup

In my opinion the accounts present fairly the assets and liabilities of the Playgroup as of 31st August 2023 and its income and expenditure for the year, based on the information based in the books and reports of the Playgroup.

Signed.....


Name (printed).....
CATHRYN BROWN

Date.....
14/6/24


Approval Certificate

These accounts are approved by the committee of Kingswood Village Playgroup and Toddlers

Chairperson.....


Name (printed).....
LAURA STOCKER

Date.....
14/6/24

Treasurer.....


Name (printed).....
GEMMA LEGGAT

Date.....
14/6/24