

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Tatworth Pre-school

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1022464

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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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Nicola Hooper

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Chairpersons report 2021-22

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all the committee, staff and parents who have helped support the pre-school this year and promote its continued success. Thankfully we appear to be coming towards the end of the Covid pandemic and things are starting to return to a more normal state.

Our fundraising was very limited again this year as we were unable to hold our Christmas show and Bingo night. We did however put on a show behind closed doors and sold the DVDs to raise money. We held a sponsored Gruffalo hunt around the village unfortunately we did have low support numbers for this which may still be a result of the pandemic. We had also hoped to raise funds at our sports day this summer but due to the extreme temperatures of the heat wave this was also cancelled. The children did however manage one behind closed doors when the temperatures dropped.

Staffing - Staffing has remained the same this year with the addition of Bethany returning from her maternity leave. The staff have continued with their professional development by attending training courses and keeping up to date with curriculum changes. In addition to this we ensure all staff are up to date with Safeguarding, Food Hygiene and First Aid training.

After School Club -The after-school club has remained viable this year despite fluctuations in attendance, and we will continue to offer it next year depending on demand.

Policies and Procedures - The Trustees, Managers and staff have completed a full review of all our Policies and Procedures at the end of the year. Parents/carers can access the Policies and Procedures at any time either via the website or by viewing the file in the reception area of the pre-school.

Website - The pre-school website continues to be updated and developed. We aim to ensure its the first point of contact for any parent/carer who wants information on Tatworth Pre-School but recognise that it is still a work in progress. We have introduced a home learning page to further help support children and parents.

Curriculum - The setting has completely overhauled its curriculum, assessments, and evaluation practices for the changes to the EYFS in September. The results from these changes so far appear to be positive although it is still early days, and we will continue to evaluate as we go along.

Future aims: This year's targets are identified below:

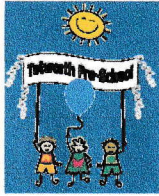
- Outdoor space - continue to develop the outdoor space, review, and replace the toy storage.
- Promote Physical development – We would like to look at gaining accreditation from an organisation called SASP (Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership) We are looking to increase the range and number of physical activities we offer to the children.

We continue to develop good relationships with the local primary schools and have supported visits with all the relevant reception teachers. At the end of his year, we sent 22 children off to start their reception year across 4 schools and understand they have all had a smooth transition.

Thank you to all the committee for their continued support. Michelle is stepping down as Secretary but will remain on the committee. We are also losing Shakira and Josie, thank you for all you have done to help support the pre-school. Finally thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication on behalf of all the children, Parents and Committee.

Emily Farr

Chairperson November 2022.



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Tatworth Pre-School Treasurer's Report

Finances for the year ending 31st August 2022

Overall, for the year ending 31st August 2022, Tatworth pre-school achieved a surplus of £9921.95 meaning that the money coming into pre-school was higher than what was spent by £9921.95. This surplus has arisen largely as a result of increased funding from the Government due to a rise in children's hours in attendance. Also due to the current cost of living increases and awareness of the drop in birth rate in the future, expenditure was kept to a minimum and costs were carefully managed. We also received a Covid recovery grant from the government for £1675.21. Expenditure has started to increase as we have seen some operational costs rise. We have had a 23% increase in the price of our consumable items, and a 24% increase in our utility bills.

The number of children attending the setting this year has meant that we have been able to keep the setting in a good financial position. We also raised a healthy £493.00 with our fundraising efforts with the treasure hunt and Christmas show DVD money.

We have continued this year with our program of purchasing items to support the new curriculum and replacing old, damaged equipment. This year we have purchased: water wall, wheelbarrows, panda playset, farm vehicles, book display unit for the children's book corner, shredder, carpet cleaner, shelf unit. We also spent £1247.80 on building repairs and maintenance.

The pre-school committee and pre-school staff worked hard to secure the financial future of the pre-school, which they have achieved resulting in a healthy surplus of £9921.95. We are aware however of the drop in birth rate over the next 12-24 months and the current cost of living crisis. This means that the surplus money raised this year should help us offset difficult times ahead.

Lucy Gosden

Treasurer

Managers report 2021-22

Thank you all for coming to Tatworth pre-schools AGM. The staff would like to thank the committee for their support this year. This year has been an extremely busy one. With the new EYFS in September we decided to have a complete overhaul of our curriculum, planning, assessment, and policies. We have introduced talk boost for all children 3 and over. This has provided an excellent tool for spotting speech, language and understanding issues early on. We have then been providing a 10-week support package for children that need it. This is working well at helping to narrow the gaps in development.

The new curriculum has also enabled us to provide a whole new range of activities and experiences for the children. We are aiming to give the children as many different experiences, challenges, and development opportunities as we can. This year we have provided an education and care program to support 43 children and their families. We have adapted the curriculum program to offer learning opportunities for both children attending onsite and learning activities at home. Each staff member has played their part in contributing to the preschools planning program and to each child's learning. In the Autumn term we focused on learning to adjust to the new environment and master the routines of toileting, snack and lunch times, circle time, group experiences and investigating rules that make the preschool a safe and comfortable place to learn and play. Our adult initiated topics for the Autumn term were, All about me, recycling, harvest, farming, space, art and music, and room on the broom. In the second half of the term, we made a guy for the village bonfire, we looked at fire safety and fireworks before moving on to explore the topics of Diwali, India, pirates, superhero's, occupations and then Christmas. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions were unable to put on a Christmas show in front of parents but did manage to film one on site for parents to buy copies of. The children did a fantastic job of learning the songs and actions and the lovey costumes were also a treat.

We started the new year looking at shops before moving on to, transport, road awareness, China, where I live, weather, and Dear Zoo. After the spring half term, we looked at families, Africa, and Dinosaurs. We supported World Book Day by dressing up and showing our friends our favourite books. We also had a week of science with lots of experiments and fun activities. We then broke for easter before returning for the last term of the academic year. The weather improved and we looked at, nests, animal habitats, gardening, and Europe. We also celebrated the Queens Jubilee with tea parties, flags, and costumes. We also hatched some caterpillars and watched them grow before releasing them into our garden. This bought us to the last half of the term where we looked at holidays, sun awareness, under the sea, feelings and emotions, people who help us, oral health, and sports day practice. Unfortunately, the decision to cancel sports day had to be taken due to extreme heat.

Our school transition programme with the local primary schools went well with schoolteachers visiting the children here on several occasions. We also held transition meetings with the children's teachers to help ensure a smooth transition for all the children at the pre-school and some children have been able to visit their new schools.

The settings staffing has remained constant this year with Bethany returning from her maternity leave in October. The staff have continued with lots of training and have worked incredibly hard this year in developing our new curriculum. We continue to support the staff with their professional development and so far this year the team have done training on: Child Protection, Working with

infant trauma, Progress checks for 2 year olds, Equality and Diversity, Early talk boost, Legionella awareness, Getting to grips with the EYFS, Food allergy and intolerance training, Food hygiene training and Special educational needs workshops. We continue to strive to make the Pre-School the best it can be and look forward to the years to come. Thank you to all the staff, committee, parents, children, and everyone who has contributed to supporting the Pre-School.

Sarah Sitton

Manager