

Trustee Report for Noah's Ark Nursery 2020 - 2021

Our attendance numbers for the first half this year were at about 50% of the usual rate. This is entirely due to the impacts of Covid-19. Many parents were either working from home or needed to be at home to home school their older children, some families are dealing with financial uncertainty due to being furloughed for an unknown time period, and some families made the decision to keep their children at home due to their own concerns regarding the potential risks of Covid-19 entering the nursery.

From the March 2021 primary and secondary schools reopened which did lead to an increase in attendance numbers and by July numbers were much more buoyant. We were unable to hold our usual open days or visit local toddler groups to attract more children into the setting due to the Covid-19 restrictions and therefore had to resort to other forms of advertising such as via Facebook. With a large percentage of children leaving the setting to being the next step of their journeys at primary school it was crucial to attract new starters. The need to attract more nursery age children was compounded by the fact that the after school club had a far lower intake than usual as many parents were working from home and/or home schooling their primary age children.

Unfortunately our biggest fundraiser of the year - Bures Music Festival was cancelled again and we have not had opportunity to safely fundraise for the duration of this year.

2021 should have been a year for Noah's to celebrate 50 years of operation, but sadly we were unable to see our plans through due to concerns with Covid-19 security and safety. It is hoped that this can be revisited at a later date to mark the occasion formally with all of the staff, children and local supporters.

Despite the restrictions of Covid-19 the financial position of Noah's remained in a stable position thanks to government grants, the furlough scheme and increased numbers of children for the latter half of this year.

It must be recognised that the team at Noah's have worked incredibly hard over this last year, under unprecedented circumstances and during one of the most difficult years faced by Noah's to date. The many additional requirements for cleaning, sanitising, procedure, and general day to day changes under Covid-19 were strictly observed by all and implemented without fail in order to protect both staff and children during the pandemic.

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

**Receipts and Payments Account
and Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**for the Year ended
31st July 2021**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of Noah's Ark Nursery Group

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31st July 2021, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

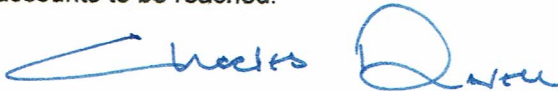
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An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Committee and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.



date 17th February 2022

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**NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP
RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Receipts		
Fees	30,101	36,753
EYDP Grants	80,825	75,177
Coronavirus Support	5,000	-
Fundraising and Donations	223	250
Interest Received	3	14
Total Receipts	<u>116,152</u>	<u>112,194</u>
Payments		
Rent	12,652	11,986
Wages and Staff Cover	87,499	69,880
Payroll Administration	-	-
Training Courses and Travelling Expenses	1,260	931
Insurance, PLA Membership and Inspections	242	897
Outings and Entertainment	308	245
Toys, Equipment, Craft and Motivation	2,297	4,427
Craft	671	16,654
Clothing	554	-
Milk	-	-
Refreshments	988	1,263
Repairs and Renewals	376	335
Cleaning and First Aid	881	734
Telephone	260	248
Office Expenses	450	204
Tapestry and Nursery in a Box	1,344	-
Bookkeeping and Accountancy	45	45
Advertising, Publications	497	319
Fundraising Expenses	-	-
Total Payments	<u>110,324</u>	<u>108,168</u>
Net Receipts (Payments)	<u>5,828</u>	<u>4,026</u>
Bank and Cash Balances at 1st August 2019	51,589	47,563
Bank and Cash Balances at 31st July 2020	<u><u>57,417</u></u>	<u><u>51,589</u></u>

for and on behalf of the Committee

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Claire Ashworth

Treasurer:

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STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES
at 31st JULY 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank and Cash Balances		
Bank Current Account	31,314	25,489
Bank Deposit Account	<u>26,103</u>	<u>26,100</u>
	<u>57,417</u>	<u>51,589</u>
Debtors		
Fees	1,565	1,837
Grants and Fundraising	-	61
	<u>1,565</u>	<u>1,898</u>
Liabilities		
Wages	10,250	8,957
Hall Rent	-	-
Grant in Credit	207	-
Fees in Credit	238	720
Other	80	1,168
	<u>10,775</u>	<u>10,845</u>
NON MONETARY ASSETS		
Furniture, Play Equipment, Toys &c		
As per Inventory (total cost not known)		
Brought Forward		
Costs in Year		
Garden Extension	16,654	16,654
	<u>16,654</u>	<u>16,654</u>
Toys, Equipment &c Includes		
Tables	780	-
Television and Screens	388	889
Chairs	-	608
Refrigerator	-	252
Vacuum		160

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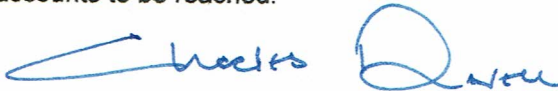
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