

Thank you all for attending our AGM. It is great to see new parents and carers who are interested in joining our committee here at Three Bears

As always it has been a busy 12 months for the playgroup, however this year also involved an Ofsted inspection which I will talk about in a minute.

From a staffing point of view, Three Bears welcomed Laura who started working in the office for six hours a week as a finance and admin assistant helping Michelle out with the large amount of admin and paperwork that is involved in running the setting.

Maintenance wise the two trees and the adjacent hedge were cut back in February half term, toilet roll holders underwent necessary fixing and a sandpit lid was made by one of our ex parents. We have had discussions in committee meetings about refreshing the setting internally by painting the walls. Parent involvement would be necessary so hopefully that is something that can be completed in the near future.

In terms of fundraising events we held the bunny hop at Easter and our annual summer fair which was a big success. Unfortunately My Child's Art wasn't as successful at Christmas due to postal delays but I will leave the details about finances to Samantha to discuss in her treasurer report.

Three Bears currently has a good number of children attending sessions with some sessions now at full capacity. Together with numerous enquiries for places and the upcoming change in childcare funding from a younger age likely to result in parents wanting childcare places from a younger age, Three Bears is in a good position for the foreseeable future and there is a noticeable positive feeling within the setting.

The big event of the year for Three Bears was at the end of February when there was a full Ofsted inspection after six years and the setting achieved a good rating in all areas and overall. The report was positive and commented on how the children showed pride in their work, how staff had respectful and positive relationships with the children and made them feel valued at Three Bears and how the children quickly settle and gain independence from the many opportunities that are offered to them. A huge congratulations to all of the staff at Three Bears for such a wonderful report that highlighted all of the great work that you do here every day.

The committee is a very important part of Three Bears and the present committee members are myself as chair, Carly as secretary, Samantha as treasurer as well as Kelly, Jess, and Kim as parents and Michelle, Kerri and Jane as staff. The parents on the committee have all had or currently have children who attend Three Bears. Being on the

committee has given us the opportunity to see how the playgroup is run, develop a good relationship with the staff and to have an impact on our children's early year's education. The committee ensures that we are fulfilling expectations whilst meeting our legal and educational obligations, however, the dedicated staff team led by Michelle take care of the day-to-day childcare and learning journeys to ensure all children meet the EYFS criteria.

We would love new members to join the committee and to share their ideas, skills and experience as the setting needs parents input and assistance to run efficiently.

Thank you to all of the current committee members for their hard work and dedication over the last year, for attending our half termly meetings and for helping out at events such as the summer fair. Your help and ideas are always needed and are very appreciated.

I would also like to thank all the parents and families for their help and support throughout the year with all that we do and finally a big thank you to Michelle, Kerri, Jane and all of the teaching staff at Three Bears for all of their continued hard work and for always ensuring that our children receive such excellent early years provision. This year I personally saw how well the staff at Three Bears prepare the children for their transition to primary school academically, socially and emotionally as my own daughter Rosie went up to Cedarwood herself after two very happy years here at the setting.

Thank you

Natalia Horsfield

Chairperson of Three Bears Playgroup

Kesgrave Three Bears Playgroup

Balance Sheet as 31st August 2023

Bank Current Account	£4,929.67
Bank Reserve Account	£31,362.26
Cash Box	£90.51
Cash Card	£3.15
Net Current Assets	<u>£36,385.59</u>
Deferred Income	£ -
Net Current Liabilities	<u>£-</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>£36,385.59</u></u>
Brought Forward 1st September 2022	£43,467.95
Profit for the year	<u>-£7,103.43</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>£36,364.52</u></u>

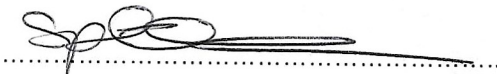
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THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

I hereby certify the attached Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023

I have made such verifications as were necessary for the proper certification of these Accounts.



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