



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2023 To 31/08/2024

Charity name: Monkton Under Fives Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1026638

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide outstanding childcare for children aged 2 to 4 years in accordance with the EYFS Guidelines. To establish strong links with parents and the community to maximise children's learning experience.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Monkton Under 5's provides quality education to children aged 2 to 4 years who live in the village of Monkton and surrounding areas. It strives to ensure children have a positive and fulfilling start to their educational lives by creating a safe and secure environment where children develop their independence and confidence through a range of learning and play based experiences. By following the guidelines of the EYFS; Monkton Under 5's ensures that pupils are prepared for the transition into primary school. The settings has very strong links with the community and many topics that the children cover throughout the year have the community at its heart. During the topic on People Who Help Us, the children at playgroup had visits from the local fire engine, dental nurse, doctor, primary head teacher and lollipop lady. They have also welcomed a dog specifically trained to be around children into the setting to help develop children's emotional intelligence.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Monkton Under 5's understands that children develop quickly in the early years and that good parenting and high quality early learning together provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.</p> <p>Throughout the year, Monkton Under 5's has sought to ensure the four guiding principles as set out in the EYFS shape practice in their setting.</p> <p>These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. - Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships. - Children learn and develop well in enabling environments. - Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates. <p>On average 25 children benefitted from the education provided by the setting each month. It has provided structured and specific learning activities in the seven areas of learning and development identified by the EYFS.</p> <p>These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication and language - Physical development - Personal, social and emotional development - Literacy - Mathematics - Understanding the world - Expressive arts and design <p>In March 2023, following an inspection by Ofsted, Monkton Under 5's was inspected by OFSTED and awarded a good in all areas. This was an excellent result given the setting had undergone a period of change.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity achieved a surplus of £3,792 for the year, increasing reserves to a satisfactory £12,725. Reserves are held to secure the daily running costs of the nursery when needed, especially if we have a low intake of children. The Trustees recognise that there is to be sufficient reserves; the current amount needs to be increased in due course to cover three months running costs as a minimum.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12,725
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Charity Commission Scheme
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Existing trustees appoint new trustees

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Monkton Under Fives Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1026638
Charity's principal address	122 Monkton Street Monkton Kent CT12 4JQ

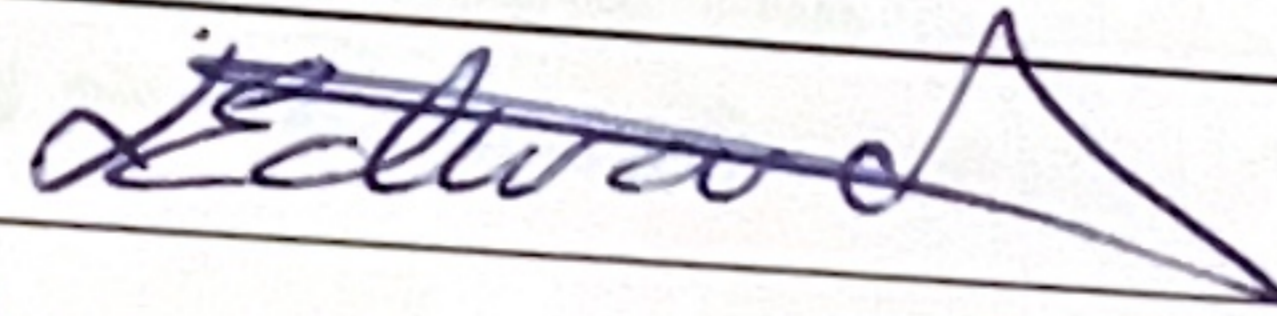
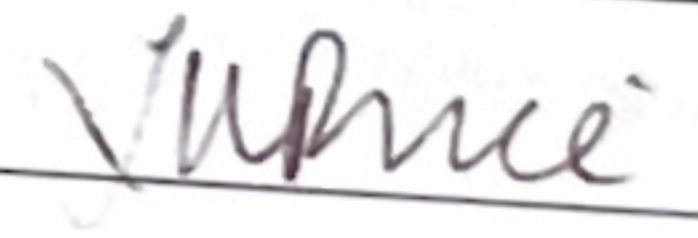
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entrusted to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Louise Edwards		From 20/11/2024	
2	Charlie Millington		From 28/06/2024	
3	Jackie Bullivant		From 28/06/2024	
4	Janet Price		From 28/06/2024	
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LOUISE EDWARDS	JANET PRICE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	22-5-2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Monkton Under Fives Playgroup

No (if any)
1026638

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
9/1/2023

To

Period end date
8/31/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees KCC	47,026	-	-	47,026	36,231
Non Funded Fees	13,539	-	-	13,539	12,776
National savings and interest	9,391	-	-	9,391	4,629
Donations	25	-	-	25	-
		-	-	-	-
Interest received	29	-	-	29	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	70,010	-	-	70,010	53,636
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,010	-	-	70,010	53,636
A3 Payments					
Wages	56,921	-	-	56,921	59,770
Rent and gas	3,279	-	-	3,279	3,196
Insurance		-	-	-	-
Telephone	517	-	-	517	529
Supplies	1,588	-	-	1,588	6,134
Sundry items	50	-	-	50	50
Repairs	-	-	-	-	970
Cleaning		-	-	-	-
Accountancy and payroll	2,682	-	-	2,682	3,938
Training	299	-	-	299	-
Exceptional items	750	-	-	750	-
		-	-	-	-
Reimbursed expenses	133	-	-	133	2,272
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	66,218	-	-	66,218	76,859
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	66,218	-	-	66,218	76,859
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,792	-	-	3,792	23,223
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	8,933	32,156
Cash funds this year end	3,792	-	-	12,725	8,933

Monktons Under Fives Playgroup

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Monkton Under Fives Playgroup ('the Charity')

For the year ended 31 August 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters, other than those fully detailed below, have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any materials respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I confirm that there are no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn (outside of the below) in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

During the course of my independent examination, I have been made aware of matters suggesting dishonesty and fraud, involving a significant loss, or of material risk to, charitable funds and assets.

The trustees have identified that over a number of years, there has been evidence of misappropriation of material charity funds. The Trustees are currently engaged in a criminal case around this matter and as such no further detail can be disclosed at time of signing report.

I understand that the Trustees have recognized that there has been a major lapse in the operation of the Charity's systems and controls, and that, in conjunction with guidance issued by Charity Commission, they are taking appropriate steps going forward to put in place more effective systems and controls, with the aim of significantly reducing the scope for such transactions to re-occur.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters. I am required to state to them in an independent examiners report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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Date: 19th May 2025