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BALANCE SHEET SEPT 2019 - AUGUST 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE		£ 1,417.13
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INCOME

Funding	£ 77,307.26	
Fees	£ 19,432.86	
Fundraising	£ 2,977.26	
Donations	£ 11,092.10	
Others	£ 4,406.09	
TOTAL	£ 115,215.57	£115,215.57

EXPENDITURE

Staff wages, PAYE & Pension	£ 68,492.03	
Rent & Service Charges	£ 7,653.32	
Insurance & Membership	£ 547.20	
Electricity	£ 2,087.28	
Telephone	£ 675.96	
Equipment	£ 1,433.31	
Materials/ consumables	£ 1,631.22	
Snacks	£ 492.85	
Staff Training	£ 237.60	
Administration	£ 498.54	
Parenta web site	£ 239.88	
Advertising	£ 110.00	
Ofsted Membership	£ 50.00	
Clothing stock/ Jellybeanz	£ 490.32	
Fundraising expenses	£ 152.65	
Yearly fire / CRB .		
Others	£ 24,101.48	
TOTAL	£ 108,893.64	£108,893.64

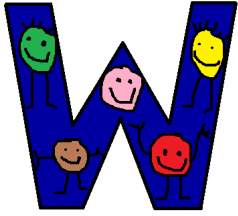
CLOSING BALANCE		£ 7,739.06
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	£3,644.09
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Add interest on 18/9/18	£20.77
Transferred to current account	-£4,000.00
Transferred back	£4,000.00
Grants& surplus in current account	£17,000.00

CLOSING BALANCE	£20,664.86
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