



### Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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**01 Aug 2022 31 July 2023**  
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Section A Reference and administration details	
Charity name	PLAYMATES PRE-SCHOOL
Other names charity is known by	PLAYMATES PLAYGROUP
Registered charity number (if any)	1028557
Charity's principal address	THE BUNGALOW, WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINDMILL LANE, RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
	POSTCODE NN9 6LA

#### 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) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Donna Randall	Chairperson		Member of Playmates Pre-school
2 Gail Gilbert			Member of Playmates Pre-school
3 Carla Harmsworth			Member of Playmates Pre-school
4 Daniel Taylor	Treasurer		Member of Playmates Pre-school
5 Charlene Taylor	Secretary		Member of Playmates Pre-school
6 Svetlana Dewar			Member of Playmates Pre-school
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

Gail Gilbert - Pre-school Manager
Marrilynn Hazeldine - Pre-school Leader
Kellie Mayes - Pre-school Deputy Leader
<b>Section B Structure, governance and management</b>

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg trust deed, constitution).	Constitution
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How the charity is constituted (eg trust, association, company).	Company
Trustee selection methods (eg appointed by, elected by).	Election by members

**Additional governance issues (optional information)**

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• Relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>We were inspected by Ofsted in July 2022 and were downgraded from an outstanding to good rating. This was during a staffing illness crisis and in peak holiday season, so we had less staff, still well within ratio. .</p> <p>This has had no effect on our income and families continue to recommend us throughout the Community.</p>
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<b>Section C</b>	<b>Objectives and activities</b>
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<p><b>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</b></p>	<p>The aim of Playmates is to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.</p> <p>The objectives are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• offering appropriate play facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups offering opportunities for all children, regardless of race, culture, religion or means.</li> <li>• encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of</li> </ul>
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	such needs in the local areas instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims of the Early Years Alliance
<b>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)</b>	Preparing our attending children for primary school. We support the children to reach their full potential and with high levels of confidence to ensure they know what to expect when starting school and understand what to expect.

### **Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)**

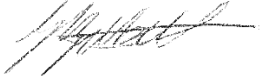
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy on grant-making;</li> <li>• Policy programme related investment;</li> <li>• Contribution made by volunteers.</li> </ul>	
<b>Section D</b>	<b>Achievements and performance</b>
Summary of the main achievement of the charity during the year	<p>The pandemic has produced further challenges with children’s speech and language and emotional and social development being compromised. Much effort and success has been made in filling in these gaps through plans and proven strategies to expose the children to the opportunities to support them.</p> <p>The loss of higher needs funding had quite a financial detriment to our Setting, together with the delay in the replacement scheme being implemented, we found ourselves funding all the extra input needed. Gladly, the SEND support agencies kept us updated and we were able to claim funding at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>With the early years sector being so totally let down by the handling of the pandemic and lack of consideration, many practitioners left the profession. We had some trials finding suitable candidates. Our current team is strong and dedicated.</p> <p>We struggled to accommodate the 9.6% living wage increase fairly across our staff members. This was the second major hike in 2 years, the funding for the children was not covering our wages bill prior to this, now it was even less. As we had funds in reserve we managed this with a token raise for everyone (which is not a fair system, our</p>

	staff deserve to be paid their worth).
<b>Section E</b>	<b>Financial review</b>
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Our reserves are prioritised for covering redundancies and notice of rent, if we have to close. Any funds outside of this are used to improve the Setting for the children by updating our provision with new resources, projects and equipment.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);</li> <li>• How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li> <li>• Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Section F</b>	<b>Other optional information</b>
<b>Section G</b>	<b>Declaration</b>

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Donna Marie Randall	Gail Frances Gilbert
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairperson	Committee Member
<b>Date</b>	01/09/2023	01/09/2023

## Raunds Playmates Group

Year Ended 31 July 2023

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Fees etc from parents	82,367.99	Wages	269,548.86
Funding	203,405.58	Rent, storage and repairs	9,420.88
Fundraising	63.25	Equipment	1,594.74
Donations	-	Refreshments & Consumables	4,231.57
Miscellaneous	170.30	Fundraising Expenses	-
Interest Received	524.50	Administration	3,549.78
		Uniforms	382.05
		Miscellaneous Expenditure	3,886.45
		Accounts	258.00
		Courses & Training	713.80
		Insurance	701.14
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>286,531.62</u></b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>294,287.27</u></b>

Add: Funds @ 1 Aug 2022

Barclays current a/c	2,628.89		
Barclays premium a/c	136,337.20		
		<u>138,966.09</u>	
			<u>425,497.71</u>

Add: Funds @ 31 July 2023

Barclays current a/c	6,255.51		
Barclays premium a/c	124,954.93		
		<u>131,210.44</u>	
			<u>425,497.71</u>

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the above financial report, for the year ended 31st July 2023.

We have not carried out an audit, but we are of the opinion that the above report has been prepared using proper accounting principles and is in accordance with the books, vouchers, other records and explanations supplied to us.

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06 March 2024

The Treasurer  
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Dear Gail

Please find enclosed the accounts for the playmates pre-school for the year ended 31 July 2023. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, also if you require either some bound copies of the accounts or duplicates in the existing format, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your books and papers are available for collection at your convenience.

Our invoice is also enclosed for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely



Maresa Watford  
For and on behalf of  
Denton Tavera Limited