



Happy Faces Playgroup

The Liddell Hall, Old Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, Hampshire RG27 0EZ
Tel: 01256 880903

Annual Report for the Year to 31 August 2022

The Happy Faces Playgroup, The Liddell Hall, Old Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, Hampshire RG27 0EZ is registered with the Charity Commissioners (no. 1029688), constituted by a Pre-school Constitution dated 29 September 2012 and regulated by OFSTED.

The Charity is administered by a voluntary Management Committee of mainly parents and other volunteers, comprising:

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| Chair | - | Hayley Dunbar (appointed 20 September 2021) |
| Secretary | - | Andy Reynolds |
| Treasurer | - | Monika Loud (appointed 20 September 2021) |
| General members | - | Viv Allaway, Alison Smith, Kelly Cadman (appointed 28 September 2021), Laura Cadmore, Amanda Harvey, Eleanor Miller (appointed 20 September 2021), Lyndsey Taylor, . |

New members are appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting with the next meeting set for October 2023.

The aims of the Pre-school are 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 and by:

- (a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;

- (b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas
- (c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

The Playgroup offers sessions 5 days a week, with opening hours of 8.45am to 3.45pm from Monday to Friday, with flexible sessions offered through the day along with the option to add ad-hoc sessions subject to space being available. Parents are consulted each year and agree the suitability of the sessions offered.

Regular Committee Meetings were held throughout the year by the Management Committee covering subjects relating to maintaining and enhancing the playgroups processes and delivery of its aims as stated above. It was pleasing to see that some fundraising events were able to be held after the restrictions associated with the Coronavirus Pandemic were relaxed. The main fundraising Easter Egg hunt was held with an excellent attendance from both current and past children and parents. The playgroup managed to raise some other funds through Bags2School collections and the Easy Fundraising website.

Numbers this year have been lower the previous years but still healthy with some sessions being full with maximum numbers. Despite many leavers in the Summer, the numbers for the beginning of the autumn term are good. This is usual for the playgroup and we anticipate growth in children attending more session as the autumn term progresses.

As an approved Early Years Education Provider, we continue to receive Early Years Education Payments from the funder Hampshire County Council adhering to the Early Years Education Payment Funding terms and conditions.

As is becoming usual within the Government's April Budget Announcements, the national minimum wage rates increased and we therefore increased all the staff wages in line with the national minimum wage whilst maintaining a distinction between the qualified and unqualified staff as well as levels of management. The committee also reviewed the levels of pay to try to address any wages that are uncompetitive with other local settings.

The biggest social media platform for Happy Faces continues to be the Facebook page which is updated regularly with weekly activities and news. We cancelled our Enhanced Service on DayNurseries.co.uk as we did not feel it was generating any new business and the cost had increased.

The playgroup rents its premises from the local parish council / village hall which has been problematic this year. Price increases are imminent from them and the playgroup is beginning to see pressures from price increases especially from utility cost increases as a function of the situation in Europe. Under OFSTED, the playgroup is obligated to maximise outdoor play time and to achieve this it utilises a rear garden space from the village hall. The maintenance costs of this space is creating tension with our 'landlord'. The village hall is also a charitable fund group and have similar financial pressure to the playgroup.

The Management Committee were again keen to give the staff a bonus at Christmas as recognition of their hard work and also gave the care staff a 'frontline' bonus at Easter to recognise their commitment at working during repeated lockdowns. The playgroup financial position allowed this to occur.

It must be noted in this report that at this time the management committee is observing that, as is the case with the nation as a whole, the playgroup staff and children have suffered from the pandemic. The Management committee is seeing issues with staff morale and post pandemic 'PTSD' issues with fatigue and stress related issues. The 2 joint managers of the playgroup are also observing behavioural issues and greater development needs from the children attending. It is worrying the committee that these will have an adverse impact on the playgroup over the next few years.

Andrew Reynolds
Secretary (acting on behalf of the Chair)
Happy Faces Playgroup
June 2023

Est. 1982
No. 1029688

Charity

Receipts and Payments Account for General Fund

Happy Faces Playgroup

For the year ended 31 August 2022

Cash Basis

Account Name	2022	2021
Receipts and Payments Account		
Receipts		
Fees (including snacks)	30,665	34,709
Administration Fees Received	743	1,073
EYE Funding	94,728	92,374
EYPP Funding	1,931	1,053
Grants	708	1,430
Funding - Food Voucher Scheme	1,110	1,053
SSP	161	128
Donations Received	134	263
Fundraising receipts	4,580	1,320
Other Receipts	11,516	0
Interest Income	0	0
Total Receipts	146,275	133,403
Payments		
Gross Wages Paid	94,364	85,010
Employer Pensions Paid	1,059	946
Premises and storage	12,515	12,690
Consumables	4,323	3,841
Equipment	3,294	2,235
Telephone	463	474
Insurance	1,064	956
Training	95	610
Regs/Membs/Subs	848	827
Staff Uniform	530	199
DBS Checks	56	96
Advertising & Website	438	0
Accounts and Payroll software	559	701
Accounts Independent Review	600	600
Fundraising expenses	1,890	658
Leavers Gifts	222	163
Gifts	130	256
Parties Expenses	485	286
Food Voucher Scheme	1,135	1,205
Bad Debts	85	0
Fees refunded	0	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,782	36
Total Payments	125,936	111,789
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	20,339	21,614

Receipts and Payments Account for General Fund (contd.)

Happy Faces Playgroup
For the year ended 31 August 2022
Cash Basis

Account Name	2022	2021
Accumulated Fund as at 31 August		
Accumulated Fund brought forward	(66,112)	(44,498)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(20,339)	(21,614)
Total Accumulated Fund as at 31 August	(86,451)	(66,112)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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For the year ended 31 August 2022

Account Name	2022	2021
Cash Funds		
Current Account	86,309	65,969
Deposit Account	43	43
Petty Cash	100	100
Total Cash Funds	86,451	66,112

Account Name	2022	2021
Other Monetary Assets		
Accounts Receivable	135	31
NIC refund due	0	9,900
Total Other Monetary Assets	135	9,931

Account Name	2022	2021
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Investment Assets

The charity holds no investment assets

Account Name	2022	2021
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Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use (Not Valued)

Furniture

Computer Equipment

Toys, games, puzzles and books

Outdoor play equipment

Account Name	2022	2021
Liabilities		
Fees Received in Advance	(2,623)	(5,996)
PAYE/NIC Payable	(203)	0
Total Liabilities	(2,826)	(5,996)

Name

Chair

Happy Faces Playgroup

Date

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Fundraising Profit Summary

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For the year ended 31 August 2022

Account Name	2022	2021
Fundraising Profit by Event		
Bags 2 School	105	315
Christmas Cards	102	156
Christmas Play/ Raffle	895	0
Clothing	(179)	(18)
Easter Event	1,620	0
Santa's Letters	12	65
Easy Fundraising	105	96
Amazon Smile	29	48
Total Fundraising Profit by Event	2,690	662

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Happy Faces Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1029688

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

Signed:

J.Saunders

Date:

29/06/2023

Name:

Jodie Saunders

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA (ICAEW)

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.