



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

WINTERSLOW PRE-SCHOOL AND TODDLER GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Charity no (if any)

1030393

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Judith Mathias

Date: 21/10/2020

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Section B

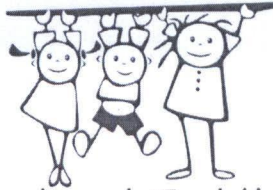
Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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Pre-School and Toddler Group

Reg. Charity No. 1030393

Winterslow Pre-School - Annual General Meeting 16th December 2020

Chair's Report: 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020

This year has been an unsettlingly year, which has obviously been dominated by Covid 19.

First and foremost I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful and dedicated staff – who faced the challenges of the unprecedented national lockdown at short notice in March, the loneliness and uncertainty of furlough for some staff and the strangeness of working from home for others.

We re-opened in May and, whilst it might be hard to remember now, it was a very unsettling period and the risk was still very much unknown to people. Despite this the staff overcame any concerns they had and bravely stepped up and came into work to support and care for our children. It is easy to overlook now that so much time has past – but you should be very proud of what you did. Well done and thank you.

I also must thank the Village Hall who have been exceptionally supportive both financially through reduced rent and also by allowing sole use of the Hall to minimise contacts and allow us to operate safely. We have agreement to operate in the Table Tennis room at least up until next half term and possibly up to Easter. This taste of permanence has been a very positive experience for children and staff, and has re-kindled long held plans to find a location that the Pre-school can permanently use to allow it to improve child development, safeguarding and the 'feel' and ambience of the setting. Steve will give an overview of those plans a little later.

The next area I will cover is fundraising and donations. We have suffered for fund-raising this year, as Covid has prevented many of the normal fund raising events taking place. This has been offset, however, by the exceptional generosity of people throughout the village and supporting area who have collectively donated £1,700 over the year. We have sent individual thank you cards to each of the donors, including (in alphabetical order!): Alison Pittaway, an anonymous donor, an anonymous organisation, Central stores, Chloe Roberts, Gill, Liz Higgitt, Phipsons, Ray Hunt, Ruth Wildes, Sarum Dental Practice, and Winterslow Cricket club.

Finally I will move onto the Management Committee. As a charity we are reliant on parents to volunteer onto the Committee to help run the Preschool and, in more normal times, to run fundraising events. Thank you to all the Committee members for your hard work, commitment and willingness to give your time & expertise throughout the year – and especially to Doug, Otto and Julia who have or will step down from the Committee this year. Thanks to Doug for single-handedly updating our Policies, to Otto for revamping our Safeguarding, and special thanks have to go to Julia who has been Treasurer for almost 6 years, helping to formalise the finances and put the Preschool on a really firm footing - and thus allowing the Preschool to weather this current storm.

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This is also my last Preschool AGM, having joined with Julia 6 years ago, as I will be stepping down as Chair and handing over to the new Committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting preschool over the years, and will look out everyone at future fun events, as we all look forward to a better 2021!

Jonathan Evans

Chair
Winterslow Pre-school Management Committee

Treasurer Report

October 2019 - September 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a detrimental effect on Pre-school finances this year. The pre-school had to close for a term; we saw a drop in funding, privately invoiced fees and the number of children attending. The Pre-school ended the accounting year with a deficit of £3,081.80.

During a usual school year the number of children attending increases by approximately 33%; this year the increase was only 10%. The September 2020 term has 40% fewer children attending than September last year. These reductions in attendance have caused the considerable drop in income. Our funding from the Council fell by nearly £7830 and privately invoiced fees dropped by £8438 from last year.

We were able to utilise the Job Retention Furlough Grant scheme to cover part of the staff wages however the amount was capped by the council. For 5 months our wage bill exceeded our income.

Our normal fundraising activities could not take place this year (the Summer Fair money recorded in these accounts was from the fair that took place in the previous accounting year). However, we have been very fortunate to receive some generous donations from various village organisations and supportive members of the community. The Village Hall also kindly reduced or waived our rent during closure and partial re-opening, which we very much appreciate.

Other outgoings and costs have been kept to a minimum where possible. Thank you to our manager Helen and the staff who have been aware of the Pre-schools finances throughout the pandemic and have been cautious with their spending.

Considering the challenges faced this year, I believe a deficit was to be expected, and we have sufficient financial reserves to weather this difficult time. Hopefully the coming year will see a return to some sort of normal and better finances.

Julia Tibbatts

Treasurer

Winterslow Pre-school Management Committee

