

**Goslings Playgroup**  
**Registered Charity Number 1031887**  
**Trustees Annual Report**  
**Presented to the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Chair's report 2021/2022**

Well here we are again, another year's growth in our small people and our team here at Goslings flourishing with new ideas and planning for all those small fingers and feet to keep busy. Week on week our Goslings team, headed up by Sarah consistently plan a balanced curriculum which not only draws on the children's varied and changing interests but also our seasons and relevant themes such as Autumn, firework's night and Diwali amongst others. All planning follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. They plan for gross and fine skills (big and small movements!) outside play, kinaesthetic learners, themed stories and much, much more. We also thank Gayle and Ruth, our deputy leaders who have moved seamlessly into their new roles and are supporting Sarah and the playgroup brilliantly with their years of expertise.

We extend a big thank you to the whole team for their continued dedication to Goslings.

**Policies**

Policy documents were reviewed and amended as required in the summer term with continued COVID protocol added where necessary.

**Staffing and staff development**

The team continue to promote training and leadership with first aid training and Early Years training all being carried out. Lauren is doing a qualification in Early Years. We ensure all are up to date with their safeguarding.

**Finances**

Our finances remain up and down. With careful discussion and consideration over fees to charge and in careful balance with wages (taking into account the Daily Living Wage and inflation) we have tried very hard to balance everything. We have adopted a more flexible staffing model having only the number of staff in that we need and different numbers in on different days depending on the numbers of children this has made a difference in terms of daily costs and we are thankful to have such a flexible staff.

We have had a few Saturday fundraising mornings based around Messy Play which have been really successful; not just in terms of fundraising but also socially for different groups of children and parents who are often dashing from drop off or pick up. Also great to create the mess and leave for someone else to tidy up!!! These have raised funds for specific items like the balance beam which have been really well received and we have had external people in like Next Page Books who have sponsored some books.

Every committee meeting we work hard to ensure every pound of our parents' money, government money and the grant money counts as there is increasing pressures on every pound.

## **Fundraising**

We have been trying super hard with our fundraising this year thanks to our great team who have thought really outside the box and have given a lot of time and effort to it. We have managed a scavenger hunt, a photographer, several messy play mornings and have a Christmas raffle coming up....

Goslings remains such a well-loved pre-school in Hitchin and comes very highly recommended by past parents. I have been so proud and happy to have been involved in such a community for the past 8 years and chair for the past 5 but now I am working a little more the pressure on my time with my other voluntary hats including, Beavers and Sunday School I must say goodbye and hand over to someone else

I thank Bethan and Phil and all the committee for all their help, exciting ideas, commitment and hard work behind the scenes every term and I would encourage anyone to get involved because we do have fun!

Gail Litterick

Chairperson, Goslings Management Committee

# GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

## Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st August 2022

	2021/22		2020/21	
	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees	107,450.21		94,405.62	
Fundraising	1,949.27	594.00	1,299.60	267.50
Grants	2,000.00		16,137.04	
Donations	411.00		488.00	
Interest (Deposit a/c)	7.88		2.58	
Staff costs:-				
Salaries		94,830.39		95,167.00
Training		2,551.60		552.70
Uniforms		255.00		28.80
Staff Xmas meal		300.40		275.00
Premises:-				
Rent		5,983.00		5,890.00
Maintenance		234.00		2,843.13
Catering		252.78		282.76
Insurance		888.78		827.85
Consumables		2,321.12		2,840.09
Equipment		2,919.95		891.21
Administration		2,610.60		2,703.91
Ofsted registration fee		50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA		109.28		115.00
Other payments:-				
DBS check		45.80		£143.70
Leaving gift		40.00		£27.00
	<u>£111,818.36</u>	<u>£113,986.70</u>	<u>£112,332.84</u>	<u>£112,905.65</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		<b>-£2,168.34</b>		<b>-£572.81</b>
Deficit for the year 2021/22	<b>-£2,168.34</b>			
Surplus B/F from 2020/21	<u>£31,163.15</u>			
Surplus C/F to 2022/23	<u>£28,994.81</u>			

### BANK RECONCILIATION

#### Closing Balances at 31st August 2022

Current Account	£11,353.73
Deposit Account	£20,041.08
LESS O/S payment for play equipment	<b>-£2,400.00</b>
	<u>£28,994.81</u>



Phil Byford  
(Treasurer)  
19/10/2022



Michael Fisher  
(Independent Examiner)  
19/10/2022



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Goslings Playgroup

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1031887

**Set out on pages**

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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 31/08/2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:**

**Date:**

20/10/2022

**Name:**

MICHAEL GRAHAM FISHER

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

