

Goslings Playgroup  
Registered Charity Number 1031887  
Trustees Annual Report  
Presented to the AGM on 22nd November 2023

### **Chair's report 2022/2023**

I am happy to present you with the 2023 annual report for Goslings Playgroup. Week on week the Goslings team, headed up by Sarah, consistently plan a curriculum which is a blend of child-led and adult-initiated activities that aim to cover all seven areas of learning. The staff use their knowledge of child development to plan activities based on the children's interests and next steps as well as using relevant themes such as Oral hygiene, fireworks night, Diwali and many many others. All planning follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. We also thank Gayle and Ruth, our deputy leaders who continue in supporting Sarah and the playgroup brilliantly with their years of expertise. In other news, we have brought in our old climbing frame which has been in storage for around 5 years. This is really helping the children's confidence with climbing, coordination and balance. We also had an Ofsted inspection in December 2022 which went well and we have maintained our 'Good' rating from this.

### **Policies**

Policy documents were reviewed and amended as required in the summer term with policies for respiratory infections 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. It is also ensured that everyone is up to date with safeguarding training.

Lauren is continuing to complete her qualification in Early Years and there are now two further members of staff, Angela and Charlotte, who have also started their Level 3 qualifications.

### **Finances**

Our finances remain a careful balancing act. There is still much discussion and consideration over fees to charge in careful balance with wages (taking into account the Daily Living Wage and inflation) and current and potential future Government funding. We have continued to use the more flexible staffing model and are thankful to the staff for helping with this. All this has meant a more positive end to the last financial year than previous years with a small surplus which will be used to boost reserves.

We had a Summer Fair this year which was very successful. It both raised funds and was a great social opportunity for children and their parents. It may also have helped to reach parents of future users of Goslings and advertise the facilities available to them. The funds raised from this were put towards the upkeep of the outside play area.

Every committee meeting we work hard to ensure every pound of our parents' money as well as government monies count as there is ever increasing pressures on every pound.

## **Fundraising**

We have been successful with our fundraising this year mainly thanks to a great team who continue to give a lot of time and effort to it. We have managed a Summer Fair, a scavenger hunt and a photographer.

I would like to thank Phil and all the committee for their help, commitment and hard work behind the scenes which is continued and unwavering. It has been a pleasure to be involved with such a well-loved pre-school which always comes so very highly recommended by past parents, myself included and I look forward to an even more successful year to come.

Catherine Leal-Bennett

Chairperson, Goslings Management Committee

# GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

## Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st August 2023

	2022/23		2021/22	
	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees	130,563.75		107,450.21	
Fundraising	2,157.09	569.29	1,949.27	594.00
Grants	-		2,000.00	
Donations	141.00		411.00	
Interest (Deposit a/c)	167.93		7.88	
Staff costs:-		100,872.30		94,830.39
Salaries				
Training		1,094.40		2,551.60
Uniforms		314.16		255.00
Staff Xmas meal		390.00		300.40
Premises:-		8,595.00		5,983.00
Rent				
Maintenance		3,293.49		234.00
Catering		304.05		252.78
Insurance		915.70		888.78
Consumables		3,244.87		2,321.12
Equipment		2,332.51		2,919.95
Administration		2,636.55		2,610.60
Ofsted registration fee		50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA		112.11		109.28
Other payments:-		137.40		£45.80
DBS checks				£40.00
Leaving gift		-		
	<u>£133,029.77</u>	<u>£124,861.83</u>	<u>£111,818.36</u>	<u>£113,986.70</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		£8,167.94		-£2,168.34
Profit for the year 2022/23	£8,167.94			
Surplus B/F from 2021/22	£28,994.81			
Surplus C/F to 2023/24	<u>£37,162.75</u>			

### BANK RECONCILIATION

#### Closing Balances at 31st August 2023

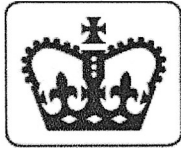
Current Account	£10,233.68
Deposit Account	£0.00
E-Saver Account	£30,000.00
LESS O/S payment for activity wall panel	-£70.93
LESS O/S payment for repairs to play area	-£3,000.00
	<u>£37,162.75</u>



Phil Byford  
(Treasurer)  
08/11/2023



Michael Fisher  
(Independent Examiner)  
08/11/2023



**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 2023

**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 31/08/2023.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

08/11/2023

**Name:**

MICHAEL GRAHAM FISHER

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

**Address:**

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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.**

