



Goslings Playgroup

Registered Charity Number 1031887

Trustees' Annual Report

Presented to the AGM on 12th November 2024

Chair's report 2023/2024

I am happy to present you with the 2024 annual report for Goslings Playgroup. Week in, week out, Sarah and the team remain committed to providing a safe and fun learning environment for all the children at Goslings. They do so by carefully planning a curriculum of child-led and adult-initiated activities based on the children's interests and themes such as Christmas, Diwali, fireworks and free craft.

The team work hard to capture the children's imagination and support their learning and curiosity through various channels, such as story reading and outdoor play. This year, the playgroup welcomed tadpoles and caterpillars, with a grand finale of releasing the frogs and butterflies.

All planning follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. We thank Gayle and Ruth, our deputy leaders who continue to support Sarah and the playgroup brilliantly with their years of expertise, and would like to extend thanks to the whole team who ensure the smooth running and nurturing environment of the playgroup each and every day.

This year, new lighting has been installed and improvements have been made to the outdoor area with new resource racks and a cosy quiet area. There has been a wall replaced and new heating installed, both of which have been a success.

Policies

Documents were reviewed and amended as required.

A proposed change to the admissions policy was agreed from September 2024, children who are attending the playgroup all day will be given priority to attend the lunch time places. Goslings will hold the right to withdraw any lunches which accommodate a half-day session.

Staffing and staff development

The team continue to promote training and leadership with first aid training and Early Years training being carried out. It is also ensured that everyone is up to date with safeguarding training.

We would like to congratulate both Lauren and Charlotte for completing their Early Years qualification, well done for your hard work and dedication to gain your certificates. Angela continues to complete her qualification (Level 3 in Childcare and Education). Mami and Ruth completed their First Aid training.

Goslings staff accommodate cover for Lauren's maternity leave through increased hours, Lauren is due to return in February 2025.

Newer members of staff now have their own key children.

Finances

As always, the finances remain a careful balancing act. Goslings made a £4.3k surplus last academic year, largely due to having a really busy summer term, thank you to Gayle for her amazing scheduling work. We also had to contribute less for building repairs than expected.

There has been a 15% reduction in sessions (for the term beginning September 2024) compared to this time last year and so a loss is to be expected in the first new term. Staff numbers are low due to the low numbers of children, which is helpful as salaries are the main cost for the playgroup, and as usual, we are thankful to the staff for being willing to accommodate a more flexible staffing model.

Fundraising

We have been successful with our fundraising this year thanks to a great team who continue to give their time and effort. This year, there has been a photographer (£52.00 raised), scavenger hunt (£1,052.00 raised), a summer fair including a summer raffle (£1,135.00 raised) and continued promotion of the 'Easy Fundraising' platform.

The Summer Fair funds were used to replace the lighting in the building, and other funds raised were put towards equipment and materials.

I would like to thank Phil and all the Committee for their continued support, commitment and hard work behind the scenes which is very much appreciated.

Kirsty Fells

Acting Chair, Goslings Management Committee

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Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st August 2024

		2023/24		2022/23	
		RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees		129,800.41		130,563.75	
Fundraising		3,194.98	952.45	2,157.09	569.29
Grants		21,197.80		-	
Donations		-		141.00	
Interest (E-Saver a/c)		347.42		167.93	
HMRC advance for SMP		4,624.29		-	
Staff costs:-	Salaries		113,967.65		100,872.30
	Training		431.76		1,094.40
	Uniforms		108.60		314.16
	Staff Xmas meal		330.00		390.00
Premises:-	Rent		8,595.00		8,595.00
	Maintenance		22,643.28		3,293.49
Catering			176.32		304.05
Insurance			1,035.13		915.70
Consumables			2,718.45		3,244.87
Equipment			687.58		2,332.51
Administration			2,954.81		2,636.55
Ofsted registration fee			50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA			115.91		112.11
Other payments:-	DBS checks		45.80		£137.40
	Leaving gift		£37.99		-
		<u>£159,164.90</u>	<u>£154,850.73</u>	<u>£133,029.77</u>	<u>£124,861.83</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year			£4,314.17		£8,167.94
Surplus for the year 2023/24		£4,314.17			
Reserves B/F from 2022/23		£37,162.75			
Reserves C/F to 2024/25		£41,476.92			

BANK RECONCILIATION

Closing Balances at 31st August 2024

Current Account	£2,603.82
Deposit Account	£0.00
E-Saver Account	£40,347.42
LESS HMRC SMP advance for Sept/Oct	-1,474.32
	<u>£41,476.92</u>



Phil Byford
(Treasurer)
11/11/2024



Michael Fisher
(Independent Examiner)
11/11/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Goslings Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1031887

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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 31/08/2024

**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:

11/11/2024

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.

	Report to the trustees members of
	On accounts for the year ended
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I report to the trustees of the charity the results of my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018.	Responsibility as set basis of report
I have completed my examination in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).	Independent examiner's statement
I have no concerns and have signed and dated this report in connection with the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018.	
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