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## **Annual Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

### **Trustees report**

The Trustees for Stepping Stones Playgroup present their report and the financial statements of the Playgroup for year ending 31st August 2024.

Stepping Stones Playgroup is a registered charity governed by the constitution adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

### **Charitable Objectives**

The objectives of the Trustees and staff of Stepping Stones Playgroup are to;

- Provide high quality care and education for children below the statutory school age.
- Working in partnership with parents to help children learn and develop.
- Add to the life and well-being of the local community.
- Offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

Every child deserves the best possible start in life and support to fulfil their potential. A child's experience in early years has a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe, and happy childhood is important in its own right, and it provides a foundation for children to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up. When parents choose Stepping Stones, they want to know that we will keep their children safe and help them to thrive. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the framework that provides that assurance.

Stepping Stones Playgroups objectives are achieved mainly by learning through play and establishing strong communicative links with parents.

## **Organisation**

Stepping Stones Playgroup is committee led and administered by the following trustees; -

Mr C Westmore, Mrs R Murphy, Mrs S Tregaske, Mrs E Kelly, Mrs K Griffiths.

Stepping Stones Playgroup employs 10 members of staff, to who, day-by-day management is delegated in conjunction with the Trustees.

The Trustees are appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting.

STEPPING STONES PLAYGROUP  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

## **STEPPING STONES PLAYGROUP**

### **STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Bank Account	36,137	28,486
Deposit Account	33,227	33,058
<b><u>Total Cash Funds</u></b>	<b><u>69,364</u></b>	<b><u>61,544</u></b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Fixed Assets	937	666
Fees Receivable	829	1,011
Other Debtors	506	451
<b><u>Total Other Assets</u></b>	<b><u>2,272</u></b>	<b><u>2,128</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Trade Creditors	384	285
PAYE	167	75
Wages	-	-
Accruals	3,807	637
Fees Repayable	-	-
Pension creditor	64	10
Bad Debt provision	-	-
<b><u>Total Liabilities</u></b>	<b><u>4,422</u></b>	<b><u>1,007</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>67,214</u></b>	<b><u>62,665</u></b>
<b>Represented by;</b>		
Reserves B/Fwd - unrestricted	62,667	60,058
Excess / (deficit) for the year	4,547	2,607
	<b><u>67,214</u></b>	<b><u>62,665</u></b>

**STEPPING STONES PLAYGROUP****MANAGEMENT PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	£	£	2022 £
<b>INCOME</b>			
Fees		107,785.00	93,549.00
Fundraising Events		1,578.00	1,410.00
Donations		1,835.00	25.00
Nursery Events		13.00	-
Photographer		-	-
		<u>111,211.00</u>	<u>94,984.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Wages & National Insurance	84,489.00		(75,173.00)
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,176.00		(831.00)
Training	225.00		(677.00)
Staff Welfare	-		-
Cost of fundraising Events	1,200.00		(1,010.00)
Huggs - Food Voucher Scheme	100.00		-
Rent & Hire of rooms	11,145.00		(9,607.00)
Repairs & Maintenance	1,065.00		(56.00)
Vegetable garden	-		-
Refreshments & Consumables	344.00		(127.00)
Outings & Parties	2,190.00		(686.00)
Insurance	743.00		(767.00)
Telephone & Internet	-		(227.00)
Printing, Postage & Stationery	190.00		(347.00)
Advertising & Promotion	100.00		-
Gifts	-		-
Crafts & toys	1,623.00		(1,146.00)
Accountancy	1,312.00		(1,074.00)
Legal	131.00		(93.00)
Depreciation	288.00		(288.00)
Bad Debt provision	-		(272.00)
		<u>106,833.00</u>	<u>(92,381.00)</u>
NET		4,378.00	2,603.00
Bank Interest received		169.00	4.00
<b>NET of Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<u>4,547.00</u>	<u>2,607.00</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

STEPPING STONES PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2023

Charity no (if any)

1035183

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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 August 2019.

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

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:

- 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.

Signed:

*Maureen Anne Richardson*

Date:

18 June 2024

Name:

Maureen Anne Richardson

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

N/A.

(if any):

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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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