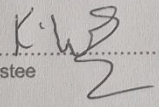
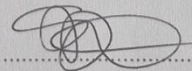


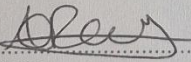
ICKFORD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP INCORPORATING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Preschool fees		136,718		149,351
Grants		4,000		2,154
Donations/fundraising		1,236		1,237
Recovery of costs from staff		-		478
Interest received		60		-
Miscellaneous income		106		163
		<u>142,120</u>		<u>153,383</u>
PAYMENTS				
Wages & salaries	118,83		116,896	
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Pension contributions	4,539		3,791	
Training	939		296	
Professional fees & licences	3,432		3,309	
Catering (children)	5,114		5,837	
Materials (essentials)	617		896	
Learning materials	1,207		1,934	
Play equipment funded by grant	2,035		-	
Rent & rates	8,000		8,376	
Light & heat	2,076		3,196	
Phone & broadband	570		702	
Equipment	768		334	
Administration – stationery etc.	775		1,160	
Uniforms	216		396	
Repairs & maintenance	2,533		2,692	
Bank charges	60		-	
Miscellaneous expenses	373		351	
		<u>152,091</u>		<u>150,166</u>
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		(9,971)		3,217
Funds brought forward		<u>55,648</u>		<u>52,431</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>45,677</u>		<u>55,648</u>
CASH FUNDS				
Cash at bank -C.A.F.		20,845		33,216
Cash at bank – Lloyds current account		24,832		22,432
Birthday fund		-		-
		<u>45,677</u>		<u>55,648</u>

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 Date

Ickford Preschool Treasurer's Report 2023/24

It was a slow start to the year again which is inevitable with 11 children leaving the setting to go to school and then a change of management which did lead to a temporary increase in staff wages. We maintained our staffing level despite having fewer children however spaces began to fill up due to the introduction of 2 year funding, which helped the income as well as reducing expenditure, however it didn't help clear all the deficit from the first quarter.

The majority of the income was received from Bucks County Council which totalled £63991.00 and our private fees which we invoiced approx. £75000, the total of which was approx. £20,000 less than the previous year 2022/23.

We had some grants and donations totalling £2154, on a par with previous year.

Our expenditure totalled £152,091; the majority of which was staff wages and associated employment costs at £123,376. Minimum wage increase had to be taken into account and went up by just over £1 per hour for all staff. This impacted finances and will continue to do so.

Training had increased from last year as we required multiple first aid courses and other courses required.

We ended up with a deficit of £9971 which given the lack of income we did quite well to crawl some funds back.

The pre-school has two bank accounts, a current account and a savings account. As at the end of August 2024 the current account balance was £20845 and the savings account balance was £24832 a total of £45677 invested in total.

Forecasting into 2024/25 our income was higher than outgoings due to additional funding being provided and more 2 year olds in the setting with more starting through the year. Spending will be kept to a minimum as usual and any savings that can be made on utilities will be done by the Finance Manager.

From starting back in September 2024 things are really positive for the rest of the school year with numbers rising and enquiries coming in regularly. After school club seems to have increased as well and we are at a point where we are full on Wednesday and other days are almost full.

ICKFORD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP INCORPORATING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ickford Pre-School
Incorporating After School Club (Charity number 1036452)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on page 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Wood

Andrew Wood ACA

3 June 2025

Date

Ickford Pre-School Chair's Report 2023/24

The year started with change of manager in the pre-school as Helen Harris who had worked at the pre-school for a number of years left the setting. She was replaced by the deputy manager Suzanne Rogers. Ellen Chapman was then appointed internally to the role of deputy manager.

The setting did make a small deficit in this year. This was mostly due to the high staff costs in the first quarter and the relatively low number of children using the setting. Although the financial situation did improve later in the year we were not able to recover entirely from this initial setback.

At the end of the year Sophie Herring stepped down as committee secretary, to be replaced by Anne Choi and Dave Borthwick left the role of treasurer to be replaced by Franziska Warren. Kath White remained as sole Chair of the committee. Kate Tinkler and Andrea Reeve remained as the other two members of the committee.

Manager Report September 23/24

What a year it has been, from change of management to needing more staff due to getting busy.

I took over from HH on October 23, with help from Ally, Kath and Anne. We got on board with each other and became a working team.

Lydia from Bucks CC came and helped me. With all the information and advice I needed to run the Pre- School well.

The staff took a little while to work as a team due to all the changes that had been made. We took Ellen as Dept Manager and started to work as a team.

We started to get really busy with new children coming in and advertised for a member of staff. We appointed Chloe to start after Easter.

We had 11 leavers in July. They were more than ready for the move up to Primary School.

Numbers for September 2024 are looking good at 24, they have just added 2yrs funding so are getting more children in.

Suzanne Rogers

Manager

AGM - Ickford Preschool & After School Club
Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Present - Kath White, Sue Rogers, Ally Rogers, Kate Tinkler, Franzi, Lily & Tommo's dad, Andrea, Ellen, Anne Choi

Vacant committee roles - to entice more members some strategies are:-
Sue to approach some parents she feels might like to contribute
Draft carefully worded email to send out calling for more volunteers.

Discussed fee increase in September - Ally looking at figures. Expected increase in running costs, explain this to parents when announcing fee increase. This will be finalised in coming weeks.

Would we incorporate a slight increase in fees to pay for snacks/nappies/wipes etc?
Something we are not doing at the moment.

Also, a suggestion for setting up a fund to pay for staff training.

Ickford is much cheaper than private nurseries but as a charity it provides more affordable child care, so not to raise fees too much.

Update from Ally - small loss overall for year ending Sept 2024 but things looking much brighter by now. ASC doing particularly well.

Sorting the lease was a large cost.

We have to pay for waste management, payment of which is manageable at the moment.

£10,000 grant secured for the setting, thanks to Ally. Hoping to get the playground markings done before summer. Suggestions for trying to get contractors in whilst on school trip or during sports day, if holiday time booked up.

Update from Sue - All okay. Struggling with motivation of Mia. Discussion centered around whether it's worthwhile keeping her on as her lack of engagement detrimental to general staff wellbeing.

- check on contract (zero hours to July)

We will have enough staff in September without her, as child numbers always decrease slightly at the beginning of the year.

Anne to write up letter and advertisement for sixth formers to send out to secondary schools.

Date for the summer fayre - Sat 28th June, in the park, Pavilion.

In future, discussion of alternating Summer trips as children often in Pre school for two years.

What would happen if there was no committee? Discussion on the possibility of Bucks taking on the preschool setting. Long process apparently, involving expense, Ofsted, change of bank details and name of setting. However, doable. Ally, Kath and Anne to look into it.

A huge thank you to Kath White for all her amazing hard work and dedication over the past few years as she steps down from the role of Chairperson in June.