

Trustees Report

Burma Court Playgroup continues to provide good quality care and education for pre-school children. The Playgroup was inspected by Ofsted in October 2018 and provision was judged to be 'Good'. The playgroup expects to be inspected again within the next 3 years.

The committee is encouraged that the playgroup ended the financial year with £76,331 in cash reserves, although there was a deficit over the prior 12 months (with £93,831 income and £124,444 in expenses.)

A major expenditure was the installation of a new classroom in the outside space in 2021. The classroom is a refurbished shipping container, the project was managed by the Playgroup Manager, staff and a number of parents. It was paid for by fundraising by parents and staff in the previous years and cost £21294.00. The space is used for breakout group learning.

Over the last year, the playgroup has operated on a skeleton staff to keep costs down during the worst of the pandemic. As of January 2022 we have employed a full time staff member with a Diploma in Childcare and Education, who shares the role of Deputy Manager and responsibilities include planning and covering for the Manager as and when needed.

The playgroup continues to employ a full time Playgroup Manager. Her role includes staff management, EYFS curriculum, safe guarding and health and safety.

Capacity is monitored and maintained to ensure it is maximised and any unexpected changes are quickly resolved. The committee is encouraged to see that applications for children to join the playgroup have increased again after a lull in applications and decreased number of children attending during 2021. Modelling continues to be used to establish what balance of 2 and 3 year olds strikes the best balance for teacher / pupil vs income ratio.

In 2019 fees for non-funded children increased in September 2019 in line with the Learning Trust. 2 year olds now pay £6 per hour and 3-4 year olds pay £4.50 per hour.

Two inset days were held for staff training during this financial year.

The risk assessment for the charity was not formally updated this year.

The continued financial health of the playgroup, following the addition of afternoon sessions in 2016-2017, has enabled the committee and management of the playgroup to set aside funds for unforeseen circumstances and for capital works.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Burma Court Pre-school

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1036944

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets) ²

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 needed.

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 Commission (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 statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

3rd February 2022

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.