

CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

Annual Report and Accounts

31 August 2022

Aydan Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
4 Edgecot Grove  
South Tottenham  
London  
N15 5HD

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP**  
**Contents**

	<b>Page</b>
Charity Information	1
Trustees' Report	2-7
Independent Examiner's Report	8-9
Receipts and Payments Account	10
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	11

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP**  
**Charity Information**

**Trustees**

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson  
Anita G De Souza -Treasurer  
Karyne Lopez - Secretary

**Independent Examiner**

Aydan Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
4 Edgecot Grove  
South Tottenham  
London  
N15 5HD

**Bankers**

Barclays

**Charity number**

1037148

**Charity address**

The Oldschool House  
2A South Grove  
Tottenham  
London  
N15 5QD



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	09	2021	To	31	08	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Chairperson		
2	Karyne Lopez	Secretary		
3	Anita G De Souza	Treasurer		
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg appointed by, elected by)	By election

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees who served during the year are shown below:

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson  
Anita G De Souza - Treasurer  
Karyne Lopez- Secretary

Trustees are recruited from the parents of the children attending the playgroup.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Chestnuts Playgroup (Haringey) provides an educational service for 2-8 year old children. We have morning, afternoon and full day services which are between 9am and 6pm and are open for 38 weeks of the year. We offer flexible hours taking into account children from any ethnic background, working parents, students, lone parents and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The continued main focus of the playgroup is to develop a new outdoor play area in which the children (many of whom do not have access to outdoor areas at home) can explore and play in, safely and securely, and help to develop their social and emotional skills as well as their physical skills.

The playgroup is going to work with an architecture firm to draw up a concept design and final drawings for the outdoor play area and will bring these plans forward to the council departments to approve.

The management committee will also continue to negotiate terms of a long term lease with Haringey Council (the landlord).

In terms of long term planning, the playgroup is looking at ways in which they could possibly grow and develop the preschool further. This may involve looking at other opportunities where the preschool could establish itself and provide even more genuinely affordable childcare provisions for the local Tottenham community.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Parents continue to be recruited to the management committee and together with the staff are actively working towards improving and developing the playgroup's future.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Chestnuts Playgroup has settled well into their new premises and the children and staff are thriving in their new environment.

The main outstanding issue to deal with is renovating the old timber shed adjacent to the preschool building in order to make the outdoor play area significantly bigger.

The current outdoor play area is totally inadequate in size for the number of children who attend the preschool.

The management committee for the preschool have been in ongoing discussions with the landlord of the site, Haringey Council for a frustratingly long time. Response from the various council departments involved in giving the permissions for the development of the site, has been incredibly slow.

The preschool has recently been informed that the development will have to go through the planning process and the plans will also have to be approved by the Senior Leadership Team at Seven Sisters Primary School, the Corporate Landlord for Schools at Haringey Council and the Strategic Property Unit at Haringey Council.

The preschool is in the process of instructing an architecture firm to draw up plans for the proposed outdoor play area for the children and will begin the process of applying for planning permission.

In addition to the development of the outdoor play area, the management committee have been negotiating the terms of the long term lease with the landlord Haringey Council. Again these discussions are frustratingly slow as the council are slow to respond. The preschool is currently able to use the premises as there is a tenancy at will agreement in place.

The preschool will continue to press ahead with these negotiations in order to provide the preschool and its children and staff with the security and stability that they need and deserve.

Ofsted have continued to rate the setting as Good.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity currently has a healthy bank balance and has plenty of money in reserve should it be needed if it gets into difficulty. Future spending on the improvement of the playgroup is currently being planned but a figure of £50,000 will be kept in reserve which equates to approximately 6 months running costs.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Chestnuts Playgroup continues to receive funding from the local authority, the London Borough of Haringey.

The numbers attending the preschool have maintained a healthy income so income comes in from both the government funded hours and from private fees too. The after school club which had a slow restart after opening up again after Covid has now picked again and has begun to provide a healthy revenue stream.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Anita G De Souza
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	25/01/2024	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 AUGUST 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1037148

**Set out on pages**

6&7

(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets.)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**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:**

25/01/2024

**Name:**

ERSIN ASUTAY

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

**Address:**

4 EDGECOT GROVE

LONDON

N15 5HD

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.**



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2021	To	Period end date 31/08/2022
---------------------	---------------------------------	----	-------------------------------

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Local authority grants	-	156,439	-	156,439	143,493
Fees paid by parents	-	28,667	-	28,667	3,318
Fundraising income	-	396	-	396	100
Milk refund	-	1,462	-	1,462	347
Bank interest received	-	10	-	10	9
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	<b>147,267</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	<b>147,267</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotion	319	-	-	319	-
Cleaning costs	1,614	-	-	1,614	165
Consultancy fees	2,070	-	-	2,070	2,805
DBS costs	219	-	-	219	-
Entertaining	456	-	-	456	-
Staff gifts	350	-	-	350	-
Legal and professional fees	167	-	-	167	51
Independent examiner fee	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,508
Bank charges	16	-	-	16	-
Computer costs	598	-	-	598	-
Insurance	979	-	-	979	1,017
Payroll processing fees	1,375	-	-	1,375	938
Printing, postage and stationery	1,550	-	-	1,550	615
Sundry expenses	29	-	-	29	72
Website costs	755	-	-	755	195
Premises costs	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Building repairs	2,640	-	-	2,640	21,963
Refuse collection	441	-	-	441	253
Rent	14,300	-	-	14,300	12,945
Repairs and maintenance	565	-	-	565	3,259
Telephone and internet	441	-	-	441	415
Preschool equipment and activities	696	-	-	696	-
Equipment, toys and books	3,913	-	-	3,913	14,487
Food and drink	2,055	-	-	2,055	1,198
Subscriptions	48	-	-	48	480
Trips and activities	33	-	-	33	-
Staffing costs	486	-	-	486	-
Employer's NI	4,973	-	-	4,973	15,562
Employer's pension	2,364	-	-	2,364	5,138
Salaries	127,484	-	-	127,484	88,822
Staff recruitment and training	590	-	-	590	891
Staff travel	3	-	-	3	58
Christmas gifts	432	-	-	432	-
Energy supply	918	-	-	918	168
Nursery cover staff	1,755	-	-	1,755	-
Other expenditure	110	-	-	110	1,132
School trip	739	-	-	739	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>179,682</b>	-	-	<b>179,682</b>	<b>175,137</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Van purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased	2,767	-	-	2,767	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,767</b>	-	-	<b>2,767</b>	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>182,449</b>	-	-	<b>182,449</b>	<b>175,137</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- <b>182,449</b>	<b>186,974</b>	-	<b>4,525</b>	- <b>27,870</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>182,449</b>	- <b>182,449</b>	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>244,271</b>	-	<b>244,271</b>	<b>272,141</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	<b>248,796</b>	-	<b>248,796</b>	<b>244,271</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Business Premium Account		43,987	43,980
	Barclays Community Account		204,621	200,181
	Cash in Hand		188	110
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>248,796</b>	<b>244,271</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Prepayments	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Motor vehicle	0	-	
	Computer equipment	2038	2,038	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors		2,400	31.12.23
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Sildonie Marie Mclean	25/01/2024
		Anita G De Souza	25/01/2024