

Chair Report AGM 2020-2021


What a year we have had this year! In our previous AGM we had low expectations of our ability to push forward and end this year in the black following to a very poor 2019-2020 with the impact of COVID and the continued inability to fundraise effectively. It has most definitely been a reflective year and one which has still seen the lingering and seemingly never ending effects of the pandemic on the preschool. Our staff have been asked to report, reassure, revisit and review lots of government modifications to the way we usually operate. As a team they have stood strong and resilient in the face of yet another year of adversity and have done so whilst creating a reliable, safe and supportive environment for not only our children but their families too.

Some of the measures the preschool still have to adopt have been difficult to manage and navigate and the preschool staff have skilfully ensured that parents have been given information, have been supported to understand the reasons why measures have remained and have kept families on side in the quest to keep the children and staff safe. We have managed to maintain hygiene standards well and have ensured that all the safety and safeguarding measures have been adhered to which has allowed us to continue through the last year without closure and with minimal positive cases and no outbreaks.

Once again I have been happy to support the staff appraisals this year and am proud to report on a very strong management team and extremely highly skilled and experienced and reliable staff who move forward with us into our next academic year. This success, skill and experience was recognised in the extremely strong and positive OFSTED inspection in the summer term. The inspection really did reflect the amazing and consistently high standard of input from our management and team and we have ended the year with a real sense of achievement and validation of all the hard work being very much worthwhile.

We have been advised of a few staff notices over the last couple of months and the 2021-2022 academic year will see us lose some of our key players in the staff and management teams. We will see Karen Skinner leave us after almost 15 years, Karen Kinch leaves us after 1 year service, Claire Foster will leave the management team after a successful 3 year period and after 11 years Vicki Drinkwater will also be hanging up her preschool shoes. We wish all our leavers a very successful next move and thank them for their time and investment in our preschool.

With these changes, there has been a very successful move to a restructure within preschool which will see some fantastic opportunity of professional development within both the junior team and management structures. We have effectively created a series of development moves from unqualified play assistants to qualified staff moving through to trainee room leads, room leads, supervisors, deputies, assistant managers and senior management roles. We have also moved to source administration staff to support a duo of senior management to free up the funding for salaries to ensure not only a strong management support element but also movement within the preschool roles to ensure staff retention and development opportunities within the preschool team. We are very excited for a productive and numbers permitting, prosperous 2021-2022 academic year.

Section B		Balance sheet				
Lymington Preschool: year ended 31 August 2021		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	Charitable Note	£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 14)	801	1,857	-	-	1,857	3,417
	802	-	-	-	-	-
	803	-	-	-	-	-
	804	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	805	1,857	-	-	1,857	3,417
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 18)	806	-	-	-	-	-
	807	12,890	-	-	12,890	3,998
	808	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	809	31,897	-	-	31,897	36,315
	810	-	-	-	-	-
Total current assets	811	44,787	-	-	44,787	40,313
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 25)	812	1,473	-	-	1,473	9,581
Net current assets/(liabilities)	813	43,314	-	-	43,314	30,732
Total assets less current liabilities	814	45,171	-	-	45,171	34,169
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	815	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	816	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	817	45,171	-	-	45,171	34,169
Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	818	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	819	45,171	-	-	45,171	34,169
	820	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	821	45,171	-	-	45,171	34,169
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
				B Woodcock-Riddle		30/11/21
				H Yeates		31/11/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
LYMPSTONE PRESCHOOL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1038447

Set out on pages

**SOFA, B-Sheet, N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N11, N12, N14, N19, N20, N24,
N27, N28, N29** (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 **31/08/2021**.

**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.

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

Signed:



Date:

9/11/2021

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Howard Cookes FCA

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