

Little Willows Preschool

Chair's Report - 17th July 2023

Authored by Rachel A. Robinson - Chair

During my last Chair's report to the AGM, I spoke about the challenges we had faced and overcome throughout 21/22, as the last effects of the Covid Pandemic were being felt and we said goodbye to our long-standing manager, Sarah. And whilst 22/23 has not been without its challenges, we have had a lot to celebrate.

This year, we have welcomed Devenne, Mel and Mary to Little Willows. All have settled in over the year and become valued members of the team. Going forwards into the next academic year, we will hopefully be welcoming our new Apprentice Practitioner to the team. Through this we hope to further cement our relationship with West Suffolk College and support more young people into Childcare.

Yet again we have been incredibly well supported by the Community. At Eastertime, we gratefully received funding from the Town Farm Trust which enabled us to refresh some of the furniture in the setting. This has allowed us to continue to develop our approach toward creating a positive learning environment for the Children. The Walsham Wild Wood steering group purchased an equipment trolley on our behalf in support of the Forest School. Abley managed by Joanne and the team, the Forest School aims to develop the children's skills through nature and build an awareness and appreciation of the environment. The scheme is very well respected and thought of by the Wild Wood team.

Towards the end of term, we finally had our long-awaited Ofsted inspection. Whilst we are unable to share the outcome of the inspection more widely at this point, we are confident we will receive a positive report. The work that the whole team have put into preparing for the Ofsted inspection was second to none. Led by our manager Kylie, the Ofsted inspection went smoothly with all staff handling their individual meetings confidently and calmly. As the Chair of the Committee, the feedback I received from our Inspector made me incredibly proud, albeit not surprised! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for the incredible commitment and dedication they give to Little Willows, our children and all the families. We hope you know just how much it is appreciated!

We are unfortunately saying goodbye to two of our long standing Committee members. Creena Hancock and Emily Masters have handled the treasury positions at Little Willows together for 5 and 7 years respectfully. Given the funding streams and processes we are obliged to follow, this is no mean feat! On behalf of all of the Committee and staff at Little Willows, we would like to say a huge Thank You for the time and dedication you have both given to the setting over the years.

After 2 years, I will also be stepping down as Chair of the Committee, and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout my tenure. I'd like to wish the incoming Committee Members luck and I look forward to watching the preschool develop ever further.

Charity Commission Annual Return 2021

LITTLE WILLOWS PRE-SCHOOL

Charity registration number: 1050897

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2021.

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/01/2021

Financial period end date

31/12/2021

Income and spending

Income £

£100,229

Spending £

£77,728

Serious Incidents

For the period of this return, were there any serious incidents in your charity that have not been reported to the Charity Commission?

No

Fundraising - professional fundraiser

Did your charity raise funds from the public?

Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers?

No

Fundraising - commercial participator

Did your charity work with any commercial participators?

No

Government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities?

No

Government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities?

Yes

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities?

1

What was the total value of these grants?

£72,237

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK ?

No

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales?

No

Trading subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries?

No

Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses?

No

Did any of the trustees resign and then take up employment with the charity?

No

Employees' salaries

**Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more?
Select No if your charity does not have any staff , or does not pay any staff.**

No

For your highest paid member of staff only, what was the total value of their employee benefits?

(For example if your highest paid member of staff received £35,000 enter 35000). If you do not have any staff or did not pay any staff, enter 0 (zero)

£19,924

Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?

0

Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls?

Yes

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

(a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;

(b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;

(c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

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We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

Your role at the charity (select one):

Trustee

Given names

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Masters

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Date submitted

02/11/2022

It is a criminal offence under section 60 of the Charities Act 2011 for anyone to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information to the commission; this includes suppressing, concealing or destroying documents.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: LITTLE WILLOWS PRE-SCHOOL

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2022 Charity no (if any): 1050897

Set out on pages

1 (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

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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: JAY

Date: 07/11/23

Name: JENNIFER HALL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACMA, CGMA

(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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