

Plaistow Preschool

Winterton Hall Plaistow West Sussex RH14 0PH

Tel No: 01403 871329

Established 1966

Registered Charity 305405

Trustees Annual Report

1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

Plaistow Preschool is managed by a committee of trustees who are volunteers from the parent body and local community. Our current committee was appointed in May 2022 at an Extraordinary General Meeting, when the previous committee expressed a desire to step down. The current committee are volunteers from the parent body of our Preschoolers, and we meet monthly to manage the Preschool alongside our staff. We started the Autumn term with a new manager of our Preschool after our previous manager, Carol Krol, retired after 39 years working for us. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication over her many years of service.

For the first time since 2019 we held our annual Maypole Fete, a longstanding tradition in our local village community and our most important fundraising event of the year. It was hugely supported by the local community and the sun shone as the children danced around the Maypole, with a yellow and blue theme in support of the crisis in Ukraine. We had childrens entertainers, a dog show, live music, BBQ, and lots of traditional stalls for everyone to enjoy.

We are based at the Winterton Hall in Plaistow, West Sussex. We have our own lovely garden for children to use in all weathers, as well as access to the local park which was revamped by the Parish council in October 2021. We are open 9am-3pm, 5 days a week and we follow school term dates. Our learning at Preschool is child led and our activities evolve as the children engage and interact with them. We cover many festivals throughout the world; Harvest, Bonfire, Diwali, Mothers Day, Easter and Chinese New Year to name a few.

We have added in a dance class, provided by the Vicky Michelle Academy of Dance, on a Monday afternoon, and a football skills session provided by the Sports Talent Academy on a Tuesday morning. We have also purchased balance bikes and implemented bike activity sessions for the children incorporating physical control, confidence, mathematical as well as directional positioning.

The children worked hard on their Nativity Play and gave a splendid performance on the day. We also combined it with a Christmas Party for the children beforehand with

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snacks, a disco and games. In the summer term we held our annual Sports Day on the village green for all our families to enjoy. Our lead Practitioner took our school starters to visit Plaistow and Kirdford Primary school on multiple trips in the leadup to the end of the school year. This has helped enormously to aid their transition into the Primary school ready for starting school in September.

We believe that we have provided a safe and caring environment to ensure the children feel valued and encouraged to achieve their learning goals, as well as having fun in the process. We encourage all our staff to do training as part of their development either online or otherwise. All staff have been through supervisions, they have been through food hygiene and paediatric first aid as well as an annual safeguarding course.

We have extended our opening hours from 26 to 30, which has opened up the provision to a wider community. This, alongside more children joining us this year and filling up our sessions, has increased our income from fees. The success of our annual Maypole Fete also brought in more income from fundraising than last year, and we were given a grant of £2,000 from Plaistow Parish Council to make some improvements to the facilities in our garden, which we are yet to spend. We have struggled with higher costs again this year, and we continue to be hit with price increases from all our suppliers.

We would like to thank all our staff for their commitment and hard work throughout the last year. Thank you to the committee without whom we would not be able to continue the wonderful work we do. Lastly, thank you to everyone who helped organise the fundraising events, especially the Maypole Fete and made it such a success.

Trustees:

Claire Cutler - Treasurer
Alex Pringle-Hood - Chairperson
Grace Collingwood - Secretary
Sally Schuck
Ellie Brimicombe
Roxanne Morgan
Hannah Miller

Plaistow Pre School 2021/22			
		Year Ended	Year Ended
		31-Aug-22	31-Aug-21
		(Unrestricted	(Unrestricted
		Funds)	Funds)
		£	£
Income			
Fees		84,552.60	67,233.29
Fund Raising		7,675.77	1,384.98
Grant from PPC		2,000.00	
Donations		585.69	802.76
Total Income		94,814.06	69,421.03
Less: Expenditure			
Wages	85,963.65		84,543.90
Rent	5,930.75		4,798.50
Equipment	7,055.12		4,295.62
Sundries Expense	2,529.30		1,783.34
Support (Family/Capita)	1,643.76		
Insurance	500.91		436.72
Compliance	364.00		329.37
Training	315.00		1,849.60
Advertising	175.81		910.80
Website	167.88		424.52
Printing, Post	157.43		416.26
Phone	103.51		173.45
Maintenance	93.81		340.98
Total Expenditure	105,000.93		100,303.06
Profit/Loss for the year		-10,186.87	-30,882.03

Balance Sheet			31-Aug-22		31-Aug-21
			(Unrestricted		(Unrestricted
			Funds)		Funds)
			£		£
Accumulated Funds					
Opening Balance			31,989.62		62,871.65
Surplus for the Year			-10,186.87		-30,882.03
Closing Balance			21,802.75		31,989.62
Represented by:					
Current Account			24,092.56		7,635.05
Savings Account			5,444.82		30,444.82
Total cash and bank balances			29,537.38		38,079.87
Add:	Debtors		667.40		583.75
Less:	Accruals		8,402.03		6,674.00
			21,802.75		31,989.62



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

PLAISTOW PRE SCHOOL

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2022
Charity no 305405 (if any)

Set out on pages

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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 trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

[The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales..

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 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:

[Signature]

Name:

D L Edwards FCA

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Section B Disclosure

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