

# Annual Statement

Stannington Village Pre-School

January 2022 (Covering Sept 2020 to July 2021)



## **Chair Persons Report – Justine Martin**

I start as always by offering my thanks to the committee and staff for their time and efforts this year our virtual committee meetings have gone well. We always welcome new parents/ carers to sit on the pre-school committee, if you are interested and feel you could spare a couple of hours for a meeting once each half term please talk to Anne for details.

We have continued to be affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic; our Toddler Group remained closed for this period but Pre-school re-opened in September 2020 thanks to the efforts of both our managers and reams of paperwork and risk assessments over the summer.

We have benefited from a stable staff this year with no staff changes to report.

We continue to offer Early sessions to children as part of our flexible provision.

The transition to school continues to run well. The relationship we have with Stannington Infant School remains strong and positive and we work collectively to support children with the move. School continues to provide feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of each cohort which allows us to review teaching practice.

It is very pleasing to see we managed to keep the years finances in the black after all the extra costs associated with Covid but we are yet to see the real effect of our recent room hire increases on our costs.

Please remember that you can visit pre-school at any time, Anne & Hannah are always happy to answer any questions.

## **Managers Report – Sarah Brown**

Pre School re-opened in September 2020 after nearly 6 months of closure due to Covid- 19. Many changes were implemented and staff and families were comfortable with attending the setting with these in place. Occupancy was affected by the pandemic but the overall numbers increased over the academic year. Pre School attempted to keep the running of SVPS consistent and managed to support all families and staff with any changes. We continued to work with external agencies to support our children with a special educational need and monitored this throughout the year. Overall the year was a success and we celebrated many children leaving to start school and looked forward to welcoming more families in the next academic year.

### **Administrators Report – Anne Fellows**

Covid-19 as expected had a dramatic effect on SVPS. Closing Pre-School and Toddlers in March 2020 and then Furloughing staff in the following months were difficult decisions but we were driven by the need to keep children and staff safe and to ensure we were viable as a business once normal operating conditions returned and parents again needed us.

We successfully re-opened in September 2020 but as expected occupancy was hit hard by the Pandemic and remained much reduced for the rest of the financial and academic year.

Government funding though Early Years Funding continued to be paid during the period of closure and CJRS became available for the private fees element of our income. We ended the year with a small profit as a result of CJRS and reduced outgoings during closure. As a result of this we have since repaid CJRS monies relating to pre-school staff, £3830 for the period of closure. We have retained CJRS funds received for Toddlers staff as Toddlers remained closed until September 2021 with no income at all.

### **Toddler Group – Diane Shepherd + Anne Fellows**

Toddlers was closed during this period, finally re-opening, September 2021.

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