



LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL

POLICIES

FUNDRAISING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Little Acorns Pre-school is a registered charity. The only income received is from fees, grants or fund-raising activities.

The Little Acorns Governors and Staff members are required to research and investigate any grant funding which the setting may be eligible to apply for and make applications and also to organise and participate in various regular fundraising activities to help raise funds for the setting.

Money raised is essentially needed for the general running of the setting. Without the money raised by the staff and Committee, Little Acorns could not continue to operate to such a high standard. In addition to this, the Little Acorns Long Term Plan includes specific equipment and resources which are seen as areas of improvement- targeted fundraising events would enable relevant purchases of specific items.

Fund raising is discussed at every Governor's meeting. Little Acorns intend to arrange various events throughout the year, which are aimed at both raising funds and encouraging children and their families to have fun and learn together.

PURPOSE

Currently the target is to have a minimum of one major fundraising activity each term during session times; these normally include a Christmas Production and Festive Party, Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Leavers Party. It would be anticipated that each of these events would raise approximately £75 on average. The fund raising element will normally be a raffle and light refreshments being sold. Members of the committee would source raffle prizes by contacting local businesses for donations and asking parents.

In addition to this, on occasions, there may be an activity, which is not during normal session times (often early evening so that siblings and more family members can attend) based on the theme of the term, for example, a Moonlit Walk around the outdoor learning environment which related to the theme of night and day light and dark theme and a Traditional Tales evening. The fund raising element will normally be in the form of a small entrance fee and light refreshments being sold. It would be anticipated that each of these events would raise approximately £35 on average.

Whilst fundraising is always an agenda item and ideas are discussed at each full Governors meeting and events are planned accordingly; this is currently an area which is feasible to aid sustainability for the setting.

AIMS

Fundraising activities should be appropriate and must not be undertaken if they may be detrimental to the good name or community standing of Little Acorns.

All fundraising activities must have the prior approval of the Governors, as recorded in meeting minutes.

It is important to remember that in a multi-cultural society, it is not always appropriate to focus all events around particular religions or beliefs as this could be seen as discriminatory and could also mean that some of the families and community may feel isolated or excluded.

Financial contributions will only be accepted from companies, organisations and individuals the Governors consider ethical.

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