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OCCUPATIONAL LICENCE

DATE: 1st April 2023

PARTIES:

- (1) Cuckfield Village Hall acting by Cuckfield Parish Council (hereinafter called "the Licensor")
- (2) Cuckfield Pre-school Playgroup acting by its Trustees (hereinafter called "the Licensee")

BACKGROUND

- (A) The Licensor acknowledges that the Licensee is a charity whose purpose is provision of childcare, play and education, that this requires that the facilities provided for Pre-School use meet the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to Ofsted requirements and that the Licensee can operate in a well-controlled, business-like fashion.
- (B) The Licensee acknowledges that the Licensor is a local Parish Council whose purpose is the provision of a multi-purpose village hall for the benefit of the local community and that this requires that the premises are available for other community uses when not in use by the Licensee.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- 1.1 In this Licence and in the schedule the following terms shall, except so far as the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

"Access ways" means such ramps, paths, entrance hall and corridors, and other means of access in or upon the Property the use of which is necessary for obtaining access to and egress from the Property as the Licensor may from time to time reasonably specify on 7 days' notice to the Licensee;

"Licence Fee" means £13.20 per hour during Term Times;

“Licence Period”	means the period from 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024 or the date on which this licence is determined in accordance with clause 6;
“Permitted Hours”	means the hours described in the Schedule;
“Permitted Use”	means use of the Property for providing education to and to enhance the development of children between the ages of 2 to 5 years of age and for storage ancillary to such use;
“Plan”	means the plan annexed hereto;
“Play Area”	means that part of the Village Hall shown for the purpose of identification only edged blue on the Plan
“Property”	means the property shown edged red on the Plan;
“Term Times”	means school term times as decided by the local education authority;
“Village Hall”	means the land and building comprising Cuckfield Village Hall including the Property;

1.2 References herein to the Licensee shall include also its members, employees and persons authorised by it to enter the Property.

2. Licence and Licence Fee

2.1 The Licensor hereby grants to the Licensee a non-exclusive licence to use the Property, the Play Area and a non-exclusive licence to use the facilities and services more particularly described in the Schedule for the Licence Period for the Licensee to use during the Permitted Hours for the Permitted Use.

2.2 The parties may add further Licence Periods to this Licence for such year(s) and at such Licence Fee as they may from time to time agree in writing. The parties shall consult on the granting of a new licence agreement and the amount of the Licence Fee in good time before the end of the last Term Time in the Licence Period.

2.3 The Licence Fee shall be payable on the first day of each half term, as per the invoice issued.

3. Licensee's Covenants

The Licensee agrees with the Licensor as follows:

3.1 To register Cuckfield Pre-school Playgroup with WSCC and maintain in force its registrations with all appropriate local and other statutory authorities and to

comply at all times with the terms and conditions of such registrations and legislation relating thereto.

- 3.2 To pay the Licence Fee including any VAT payable without any withholdings or deductions whether the same be demanded or not;
- 3.3 To insure and keep insured with an insurance office of good repute against employer's liability and also against third party claims against the Licensor in respect of death of or injury to any person or persons and/or damage to property movable or immovable arising from the Licensee's use thereof and to produce on request to the Licensor the receipt for the current year's premium or premiums;
- 3.4 The Licensee shall in respect of each session be responsible for:
 - 3.4.1 unlocking and locking Cuckfield Village Hall at the beginning and end of each supervision;
 - 3.4.2 the turning on and off of lighting and kitchen appliances to the Property;
 - 3.4.3 the security of Cuckfield Village Hall;
 - 3.4.4 the protection of the fabric and contents and
 - 3.4.5 the behaviour of all persons using the Property whatever their capacity and for ensuring the persons leaving the Property during or following each session shall do so in an orderly manner and in such a way as not to cause nuisance or annoyance to owners or occupiers of nearby premises.
- 3.5 Not to make any alteration or addition to any part of the Property or to any fixtures and fittings without the prior written consent of the Licensor;
- 3.6 So to conduct its activities and to ensure that the rights hereunder are so exercised as not in any way to interfere with or adversely affect the enjoyment of the Village Hall by the Licensor or by others authorised by the Licensor;
- 3.7 Not to assign the benefit of this licence or sub-licence or share possession with anyone of any part of the Property without the prior written consent of the Licensor;
- 3.8 To keep the Property, the Play Area, fire exits and Access ways unobstructed, clean and tidy and clear of rubbish;
- 3.9 To take reasonable care of the Property and all fixtures and fittings and not remove them or any part of them from the Property without the prior written consent of the Licensor;
- 3.10 To make good and pay for all damage (including accidental damage) caused to any part of the Property and the Accessways or to any of the fixtures and fittings by its clients, employees, servants, agents or similar persons;
- 3.11 Not to use or permit the Property to be used except for the Permitted Use;

- 3.12 Not knowingly to do or permit or suffer to be done anything which would or might constitute a breach of any statutory requirement, bye-law or regulation affecting the Property or which would or might vitiate in whole or in part any insurance effected on the Property by the Licensor from time to time or increase the rate of premium of such insurance;
- 3.13 Not to use or permit the Property to be used for any illegal purpose;
- 3.14 Not to store or bring onto the Property any articles of a specially combustible, inflammable or dangerous nature or of an illegal nature;
- 3.15 Not to impede in any way the officers, servants or agents of the Licensor in the exercise of the Licensor's rights of possession and control of the Property;
- 3.16 To keep the Licensor and all those authorised by it to use the Village Hall or any part thereof indemnified against all third party claims, demands, actions, or proceedings made or brought and all losses, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities incurred, suffered or arising directly or indirectly in respect of or otherwise connected with (a) the exercise of the licence by the Licensee or by any persons authorised by the Licensee including any persons invited by the Licensee or (b) the non-observance of any of the terms of this Licence however expressed or implied.
- 3.17 Save in respect of children's artwork or as required by its insurer or Ofsted, not to exhibit any advertisement, signboard, nameplate, inscription, flag, banner, placard or poster on any part of the Property or the exterior of the Village Hall except with the prior written consent of the Licensor such consent not to be unreasonably withheld provided that any sign or poster at the date hereof shall deemed to have the consent of the Licensor;
- 3.18 To observe any reasonable rules and regulations the Licensor makes and notifies to the Licensee from time to time, governing the Licensee's use of the Premises;
- 3.19 On the termination of this Licence to vacate immediately the Property and the Play Area and to leave the Property and the Play Area in a clean and tidy condition.

4. Storage and Removal of Equipment

- 4.1 The Licensor accepts no responsibility for any stored equipment or other property brought on to or left at the Property, the Play Area or any part of the Village Hall, and all liability for loss or damage is hereby excluded save where loss or damage arises directly as a result of the Licensor's negligence or wilful act.
- 4.2 Outside of the Permitted Hours the Licensee agrees to store all equipment and other property in the store cupboard or other designated areas agreed from time to time with the Licensor. Any equipment and other property left at the Property outside of the Permitted Hours which is not properly stored in accordance with this clause 4.2 must be removed at the end of each session or additional fees may be charged at the Licensor's discretion.

4.3 At the end of the Licence Period the Licensee will remove from the Property and the Play Area all goods belonging to or used by it. The Licensee irrevocably appoints the Licensor to be the Licensee's agent to store or dispose of any chattels or items it has fixed to the Property and the Play Area and which have been left by the Licensee on the Property and the Play Area for more than ten (10) working days after the end of the Licence Period. The Licensor will not be liable to the Licensee by reason of that storage or disposal. The Licensee will indemnify the Licensor in respect of any claim made by a third party in relation to that storage or disposal.

5. Licensor's Covenants

The Licensor agrees with the Licensee as follows:

- 5.1 To pay all rates, taxes, assessments and outgoings in respect of the Property.
- 5.2 To provide adequate heating water electricity and lighting in the Property to standards required by the Early Years Foundation Stage or subsequent regulations.
- 5.3 To provide reasonable facilities for the preparation of food and drink.
- 5.4 To repair, maintain and decorate the Property to a reasonable standard of safety, security and cleanliness provided that the Licensor shall not be liable by virtue of this clause to maintain the Property in a better state of repair and condition than as at the date hereof provided further that where an Ofsted inspection calls for improvements to the levels of safety, security and cleanliness the parties shall consult on the work required to be done by each party to comply with such requirements and the Licensor shall make reasonable improvements as may be agreed or allow the Licensee to do so at its own expense.
- 5.5 To pay for all gas electricity water and sewerage rates and all other utilities used at the Property and all charges for meters and standing charges
- 5.6 To insure and keep insured in an insurance office of good repute against damage or destruction by fire and such other risks and perils as the Licensor may determine the Village Hall and also against third party claims against the Licensee in respect of death of or injury to any person or persons and/or damage to property movable or immovable arising from the condition of the Property or the user thereof and to produce on request to the Licensee the receipt for the current year's premium or premiums;
- 5.7 To give at least 7 days prior written notice to the Licensee (except in the case of emergency) for the Licensor or its employees and workmen to enter the Property or the Play Area during the Permitted Hours for the purpose of repairing renewing maintaining or cleansing the Property or the Play Area or for the carrying out of any works or doing anything whatsoever during the Permitted Hours. In the event that the Licensee is unable to use the Property or the Play Area during the Permitted Hours to reimburse the Licensee a due proportion of the Licence Fee for the times and days the Property or the Play Area are not made available to the Licensee.

- 5.8 In the event of any foreseeable event occurring for which the Property or the Play Area are needed for community use (e.g. an election, special event such as a national or traditional celebration) which would prevent the Licensee from using the Property or the Play Area during the Permitted Hours, to give at least 21 days prior written notice. In the event that the Licensee is unable to use the Property or the Play Area during the Permitted Hours to reimburse the Licensee a due proportion of the Licence Fee for the days and times it is not available or, if the Licensee prefers, provide an extension of the Licence Period at the end of the Licence Period for a period equivalent to the duration when the Property or the Play Area were unavailable.
- 5.9 Only in the circumstances described in clauses 5.7 and 5.8 and in the event that notice has not been given in accordance with those clauses to pay to the Licensee any loss in income incurred by the Licensee as a direct result of being unable to use the Property during the Permitted Hours.
- 5.10 In the event of an emergency (such as breakdown of heating, use of the Village Hall as an emergency centre, unforeseen disaster) to give as much notice to the Licensee as possible of the circumstances which may prevent the Licensee from using the Property during the Permitted Hours. In these circumstances to reimburse the Licensee a due proportion of the Licence Fee for the times and days the Licensee is unable to use the Property during the Permitted Hours or, if the Licensee prefers, provide an extension of the Licence Period at the end of Licence Period for a period equivalent to the duration when the property was unavailable.
- 5.11 To consult with the Licensee about any changes or alterations to the Property which might affect the Permitted Use or other changes which may adversely affect the smooth running of the Permitted Use, in order that the Licensee may comply with Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements, or subsequent regulations, and to use all reasonable endeavours to accommodate any proposed changes or alterations resulting from such consultation.
- 5.12 To take reasonable steps in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements or subsequent regulations to ensure that visitors or other users of the Village Hall do not adversely impact on the quality or safety of the provision of service by the Licensee.
- 5.13 To take reasonable steps to ensure the co-operation of visitors, other Village Hall users, trustees, volunteers and staff of the Licensor in meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements or subsequent regulations including the establishment and operation of a signing procedure and obtaining Disclosure and Barring Service disclosure, registration or other checks as required.

6. Termination

This Licence may be terminated:

- 6.1 by the Licensor by not less than seven days' notice to the Licensee;
- 6.1.1 If at any time the Licence Fee or any other payment payable hereunder is unpaid for 21 days after becoming due (whether demanded or not);

- 6.1.2 If the Licensee shall have failed for a period of 14 days to remedy any breach (capable of remedy) of any of the agreements, stipulations and conditions herein contained after being required to remedy the same by notice in writing from the Licensor specifying the breach and requiring the same to be remedied;
 - 6.1.3 On any breach by the Licensee of the agreements stipulations and conditions herein contained which is in the opinion of the Licensor incapable of being remedied and is stated to be so in the notice given by the Licensor; and
 - 6.1.4 If the Licensee ceases to trade at the Property or becomes bankrupt or if a receiver is appointed over the whole or part of its assets or if the Licensee makes an assignment for the benefit of or composition with its creditors generally or threatens to do any of these things.
- 6.2 by either party giving to the other not less than one term's notice (approx. 3 months) in writing to that effect.
7. No Warranty or Liability
- 7.1 The Licensor gives no warranty that the Property is legally or physically fit for the Permitted Use.
 - 7.2 The Licensor shall not be liable for the death or injury to any person or for damage to any property of or for any losses, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, damages, costs or expenses or other liability incurred by the Licensee in the exercise or purported exercise of the rights granted by Clause 2 except where caused by the negligence and/or fault of the Licensor, its servants or agents.
 - 7.3 In the event of the Property or any part thereof being rendered unfit for the purposes of this licence the Licensor shall not be liable to the Licensee for any resulting loss or damage whatsoever. In such circumstances the Licence Fee shall be suspended and cease to be payable until the Property or the damaged parts of the Village Hall are made fit for occupation and use.
 - 7.4 It is hereby agreed by the parties hereto that the liability of the trustees of Cuckfield Preschool Playgroup ("the Trustees") shall not exceed the net value of the assets within its control in the charity and that save for that the parties shall not have any claim whatsoever against the Trustees.
8. Non-exclusive Occupation
- 8.1 It is hereby agreed between the parties that:
 - 8.1.1 this Licence constitutes a licence and confers no tenancy or other interest in land upon the Licensee;
 - 8.1.2 the Licence hereby granted shall be exercised by the Licensee in common with the Licensor and all other persons now or hereafter authorised by the

Licensor to use any part of the Property and facilities and services affected by this Licence and the Licensor shall, subject to clause 8.2, at all times have full and free rights of possession and management and control of the Property; and

8.1.3 the Licensee shall not at any time or in any manner do any act which may impede the Licensor or any person authorised by the Licensor in the exercise of the Licensor's rights of possession and control of the Property.

8.2 Subject to clauses 5.7, 5.8, 5.9 and 5.11, during the Permitted Hours the Licensee shall have sole use of the Property and Play Area, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Licensor

9. Notices

Any notice to be given under this Licence shall either be delivered personally or sent by first class recorded delivery post or email. The address for service of each party shall be the address stated herein or any other address for service previously notified by one party to the other or (in the absence of any such notification) their last known address. A notice shall be deemed to have been served as follows:

9.1 if personally delivered, at the time of delivery;

9.2 if posted, at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities; and

9.3 if sent by email at the time of transmission;

In proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that personal delivery was made, or that the envelope containing such notice was properly addressed and delivered into the custody office of the postal authority as a prepaid first class recorded delivery letter or that the fax was electronically acknowledged as received as the case may be.

10. Dispute

10.1 The parties shall each designate one person to act as a primary contact for the resolution of any issue or dispute arising in the first instance from this licence agreement. If any issue or dispute remains unsolved the respective Chairs of each party shall meet to discuss the problem.

10.2 If any dispute between the parties remains unresolved within four (4) weeks of the date on which the dispute arose, then either of the parties may serve notice on the other to require the dispute to be referred to an independent chartered surveyor of good repute who shall be nominated without delay by agreement between the parties (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed by either of the parties) and who shall act as an expert and not as an arbitrator, provided that in default of agreement as to such nomination the expert shall be nominated on the joint application of the parties (or if either of them neglects to concur in such application, then on the sole application of the other) by the president or other chief officer or acting chief officer for the time being of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

10.3 The following provisions shall apply if an expert is appointed to resolve a dispute between the relevant parties pursuant to sub-clause 10.1:

10.3.1 the expert shall set a strict (but nevertheless fair) timetable, not exceeding two months in its entirety, with which the parties must comply in order to secure a resolution of their dispute without undue delay or expense;

10.3.2 the expert shall invite each of the parties (or their respective agents) to submit written representations to him to explain their respective cases in relation to the dispute;

10.3.3 the costs of the reference to the expert shall be borne equally between the parties, unless the expert directs otherwise;

10.3.4 the expert shall not be fettered or bound by any representations (or comments on the same) made to him by or on behalf of either of the parties;

10.3.5 the decision of the expert shall be final and binding on the parties (in the absence of manifest error or unfairness) provided that the expert provides each of the parties with a detailed statement setting out their reasons for making the decision which they have arrived at;

10.3.6 the expert shall not have exclusive jurisdiction on questions of construction of law.

IN WITNESS this Licence has been executed and has been delivered upon its dating.

SIGNED by)
and)
for and on behalf of the Licensor)

SIGNED)
and)
for and on behalf of the Licensee)

SCHEDULE

1. Property

Cuckfield Village Hall
London Lane
Cuckfield
West Sussex
RH17 5BD

2. Available Facilities and Services

The Licensor further permits the use of:

Kitchen
Toilets
Garden

3. Permitted Hours

During Term Times set by the Licensee each year between the hours of 8.00am to 3.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 8.00am to 12.30pm on a Friday, inclusive of setting up and clearing away. Bank and other public holidays excepted or such other hours as the Licensor and Licensee shall from time to time agree.