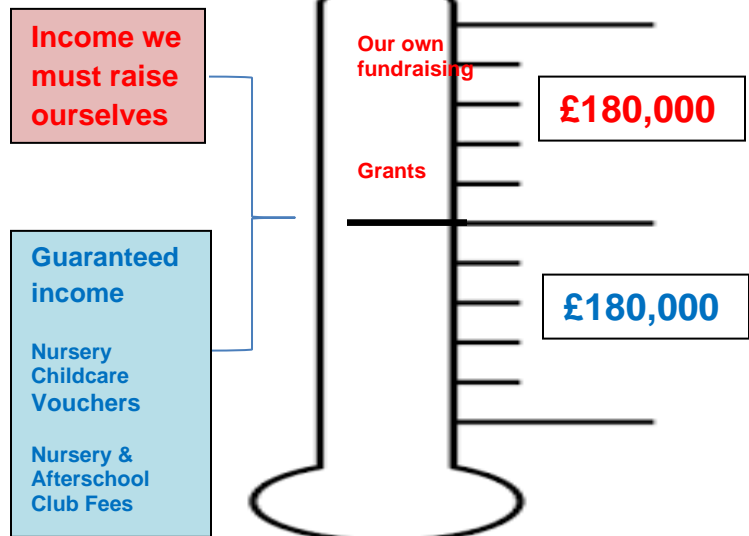


**FUNDRAISING
NEWSLETTER – SUMMER
2024**

£320,000



Bags2School Clothes collections – we have several collections throughout the year OUR NEXT COLLECTION WILL BE THURSDAY 4TH JULY.

Please make sure your donations of clothes, shoes, bags, belts and hats are all here before the dates, so just bring them in when it's convenient to you as we can store them in our fundraising shed, the more bags we collect the more funds are raised, so far we are just short of £1200, sorry no linen, towels or duvets – just clothes etc.

Stepping Stones is a charity. Our income is the result of obtaining nursery voucher income and a contribution towards a key person for SEN children. The rest, as you can see from the thermometer above has to come from our own fundraising. We need to raise £180,000 every year. We do this by applying for grants and from our own fundraising events.

To enable us to give our service we need your support by attending our fundraising events and we are happy to support you too if you would like to raise funds by arranging an event for us. It is a challenging time for all charities, so we all need the support of our families.

Links for our social media

Twitter - @step_stones1

Instagram - stepping_stones_play

Facebook – Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group

UNWANTED GIFTS

If you have received a gift that you can't use or it's just not something you want then why not think about giving it to us and we can use it in future raffles, helping us to raise much needed funds for our charity. All donations grateful received.



OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

100 Club – ask for details on how to join, a monthly donation of just 1 is all you need.

One Lottery – www.onelottery.co.uk and search for Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group

Essex Lottery – www.essexlottery.co.uk and search for Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group

eBay – www.eBay.co.uk when you buy or sell something, you can indicate a local charity gets a percentage of the sale/fee.

Just Giving – www.justgiving.com JustGiving's online fundraising pages make it simple for anyone to raise money for a cause that they care about.

Easy Fundraising – www.easyfundraising.org.uk Shop at over 3,500 shops and sites. Raising free donations when you shop online couldn't be easier!

WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING

As a registered charity, we rely on an active fundraising plan throughout the year and welcome your suggestions and ideas and your help organising and running events. We have to raise £180,000 ourselves on top of any government funding we receive for child places.

Every penny raised goes back onto our nursery and benefits every child. So, get your thinking caps on and support our charity.

We also look for and appreciate company sponsorship whether it be for a key worker salary or operational costs to a raffle prize for one of our events – to coin a well-known phrase – “|Every Little Helps”!

