

## **THE FINANCIAL BACKGROUND TO EDUCARE SMALL SCHOOL**

**Educare Small School is a charitable trust operating as a not-for-profit organisation. We deliberately keep our fees as low as we can. This is made possible due to the great generosity of Peter and Elizabeth Steinthal, who opened the school in 1997 and allow us to use the building on a rent-free lease, as well as supporting its development in countless other ways. Many teachers, parents and friends have open-heartedly supported the school's development and successes, taking less than market-value salaries when necessary, fundraising and offering their skills and time for free. This strengthens our community as well as ensuring the financial health of the school.**

**All of the hard work and vision invested by so many is to enable our community to include children from a variety of social and economic backgrounds. The school therefore offers an unusual combination: a high quality, low-cost learning experience for children, with qualified and dedicated teachers who believe in the school's commitment to its children's education. We want to continue to offer this alternative approach to education and learning to children of the future.**

**This presents challenges: the sustainability of the school depends on a stable number of pupils and on regular fundraising activities by parents. Parents do need to actively share responsibility for supporting the school, more than may be the case elsewhere. Financially, this means parents need to pay fees punctually by standing order, with no arrears, as a small amount of money makes a big difference in a small school. It also entails a willingness to fundraise or volunteer when needed; this is the responsibility of all who join our community and not just the few. More than ever then, we absolutely rely upon and look forward to your participation and support.**