

# VICTORIA ROAD PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1020175

## Details

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**Other names** VICTORIA ROAD PLAYGROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1993-04-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Website** [www.victoriaroadpreschool.co.uk](http://www.victoriaroadpreschool.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:(a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;(b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;(c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

**Activities:** We are a pre-school which was formed in 1968. We care for children aged 2 to 4 years old from Monday to Friday during school term times only. The pre-school runs 5 days a week offering either 3, 5 or 6 hour sessions. 8:50-2:50, 9am-12 and 9am-2.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** TILEHURST
- Reading

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£141,559	£151,716	-	-
2024-07-31	£132,891	£124,956	-	-
2023-07-31	£97,326	£113,796	-	-
2022-07-31	£117,970	£134,455	-	-
2021-07-31	£119,201	£115,679	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Joanne Graham		2021-11-12
Lauren Hawkins		2021-11-12
Sharon Hammond		2019-10-16

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## **Manager's Report 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025** **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

### **Reflection**

Over this year we had 15 school leavers that attended with us and transitioned to primary school, and we had 15 younger children, to whom 7 were 2-year-olds. Having all 2-year-old only attend morning sessions really did benefit the older children that stayed all day, and we felt that the younger children doing 5 mornings benefited them with the daily routine and their wellbeing.

The pre-school team has once again been outstanding and provide the best start for all our children that attend.

### **Staff**

In this period, we had 8 members of staff, six at level 3 and two at level 2. Katie completed her Level 5 qualification at the end of July 2025 and is showing strong leadership skills. Katie and Alison are both deputies and work well together, Alison is our SENCo and I support both in their roles.

We all keep our training up to date and attend regular meetings to discuss how we can improve our setting environment, and what support children may need, making sure each child's needs are met.

### **Equipment**

We had to purchase a new laptop this year and replace the outside shelter roof. Where possible we have items passed down to us as things do get damaged due to being in a pack away setting.

### **Fundraising Events**

Our biggest fundraising event is at Christmas when we hold our Nativity play, through selling tickets and holding a raffle. We also sell calendars, graduation photos and USB sticks when children leave. We have not held any other fundraising events.

We rely on voluntary half termly donations, £10 each half term so £60 over the year. However, we find only half of our families donate, so this does have an impact on what we can buy and provide. Donations help us buy ingredients for baking and making play dough, arts and crafts resources, and messy play such as mud and sand. All of this enhances children's play and provides opportunities to extent their learning.

**Finances** - Please see our treasurer's report

### **Moving Forward**

We observed over many weeks on all children's learning and how moving forward we can continue to provide the best start for children in their early year's life and make transition to school as smooth as possible. Our main aim has always been that children are safe, happy and learn through play and we do not want to lose the fact we are a pre-school and not a day nursery. With our setting environment taking younger children for longer hours, we feel is not in the best interest of all our children and for us to continue a high standard we decided only school leavers will be able to do 5- or 6-hour sessions.

Also, with the new government 30-hour funding now from 9months old, we will no doubt start seeing a decline in 30-hour children funded children attend with us. Especially as we do not offer this for children other than school leavers of that academic year.

### **Join our Pre-School!**

We would love to have more parents/families involved in our pre-school. However, I understand that everyone has other commitments and maybe working long hours or family life is just too busy.

Without these committee members we would not be able to run our pre-school, and their support has been very much appreciated.

*Jo Graham*

# Profit and Loss 2024-2025

Victoria Road Pre-School

1 August, 2024-31 July, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	921.00
Fundraising	743.49
RBC Funding	135,872.88
Sales	3,981.75
Uniform	40.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>£141,559.12</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>£141,559.12</b>
Expenses	
Computer Costs	767.18
Gift	753.32
Insurances	1,011.33
Interest Payable	0.00
Nest Pension	5,171.95
New Equipment	1,665.30
Other Professional Services	2,440.96
Payroll Expenses	111,644.95
Phone Costs	493.50
Pre-School Supplies	1,479.45
Printing, Postage and Stationery	72.16
Raising funds	207.07
Rent or Lease of Buildings	11,394.00
Repair and maintenance	1,618.18
Staff Training	1,109.87
Taxes Paid	11,801.86
Travel and Accommodation	2.00
Uniform Expense	83.03
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>£151,716.11</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-£10,156.99</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-£10,156.99</b>

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Date 16.10.25

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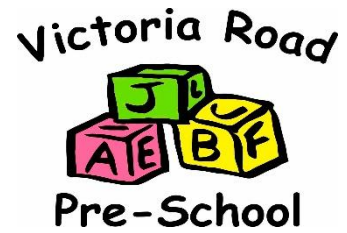
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October 2024

Dear Committee & Parents,

**Victoria Road Pre-School AGM**

I would like to thank Jo & the staff for all their efforts over the last year. The feedback received from last year's parents survey was very positive and I know the staff really appreciated all their lovely comments.

Funding from Brighter Futures for Children (RBC) is our main income. Their funding has increased over the last year and so, in line with them, we raised fees for 2-year-olds in April.

We asked for half termly donations last year which provided extra resources and treats for the children and our graduation ceremony in July generated a lot of donations too. We also received a donation of £1,430 from a Crawshay Pre-School in Caversham, which closed in July 2023, and a £250 donation from a local couple. These were a fantastic boost to our funds and helped pay for new toys and experiences for our children.

Our major expenses are payroll & rent. We employed Holly in April and Liffy this September, this is to enable us to take on more children if needed and to give us more flexibility to cover sickness and absence etc.

We have had a good year financially and are in positive figures for the first time in several years. Well done Jo and the team!

With best wishes,

*Sharon Hammond*

Treasurer, Victoria Road Pre-School

# Victoria Road Pre-School

## Profit and Loss

August 2023 - July 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Admin Fees	100.00
Donations	2,854.00
Fundraising	953.18
Graduation fundraising	309.00
Interest	390.52
RBC Funding	117,137.75
Sales	11,134.00
Uniform	12.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£132,890.95</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>£132,890.95</b>
Expenses	
Advertising/Promotional	269.74
Computer Costs	316.99
Gift	64.38
Insurances	848.48
Nest Pension	3,779.95
New Equipment	1,383.90
Other Professional Services	2,226.23
Payroll Expenses	92,288.92
Phone Costs	400.55
Pre-School Supplies	1,769.39
Printing, Postage and Stationery	60.18
Raising funds	149.93
Rent or Lease of Buildings	11,182.00
Staff Training	3,412.59
Taxes Paid	6,408.06
Uncategorised Expense	0.00
Uniform Expense	394.04
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£124,955.33</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>£7,935.62</b>
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Date 15.10.24

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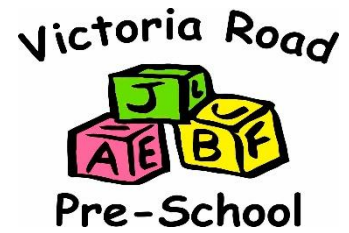
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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear Committee & Parents,

**AGM – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Unfortunately, as mentioned by Jo, we have made a big financial loss this year. However, from a parent's point of view, I think Jo and her team had a successful year and really helped to build children's confidence and readiness for school. The graduation was a lovely event and well organised. Jo and her team went above and beyond to make it a special event for both children and parents.

As a committee we really need to get more involved and help the team raise funds for the everyday essentials they need. I know that money is tight for everyone now, but the team really need our help to organise events that will bring in that extra income. Last year's Christmas Market and Graduation were good fundraisers but were a lot of work for Jo and her team.

To those of you that are interested in joining the committee, either as a secretary or fundraiser, we really appreciate your support. It is not much of a commitment beyond a couple of online training sessions and 3 meetings a year. The more people that join the committee the better for all of us and the pre-school.

I am happy to continue as chairperson if you all agree.

With best wishes.

Kind regards,

*Lauren Hawkins*

Chairperson, Victoria Road Pre-School

# Victoria Road Pre-School

## Profit and Loss

August 2022 - July 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	260.00
Fundraising	1,125.85
Graduation fundraising	424.50
Interest	94.80
RBC Funding	84,730.63
Sales	10,657.25
Uniform	33.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£97,326.03</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>£97,326.03</b>
Expenses	
Computer Costs	491.98
Gift	829.00
Insurances	809.79
Nest Pension	3,196.08
New Equipment	978.07
Other Professional Services	2,225.49
Payroll Expenses	84,636.23
Phone Costs	380.73
Pre-School Supplies	1,557.69
Printing, Postage and Stationery	45.98
Raising funds	0.00
Rent or Lease of Buildings	11,075.00
Repair and maintenance	0.00
Staff Training	828.67
Taxes Paid	6,378.80
Uniform Expense	362.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£113,796.50</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>£ -16,470.47</b>
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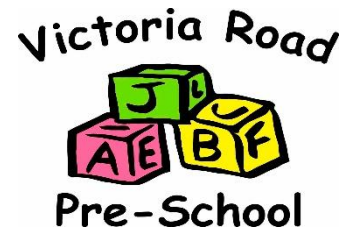
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I would like to thank Jo & the staff for all of their efforts and hard work this year. They make the pre-school a happy, safe & secure place for the children.

Our major income is funding from Brighter Futures for Children (RBC). This funding has remained almost the same as the previous financial year and our income from non-funded children has risen for this year.

Our fundraising was up from the previous year, mainly due to our Christmas market, Nativity and graduation activities.

Our major expenses are payroll & rent but this year we also bought a new garden canopy at a cost of £13,680. This provides extra shelter for the children and equipment and was particularly beneficial in the summer, giving some shade from the heat.

Our overall expenditure was slightly more than we made but staffing levels have decreased which is a major factor in our spending.

With best wishes,

Sharon Hammond

Treasurer, Victoria Road Pre-School

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## Profit and Loss August 2021 - July 2022

	TOTAL	
	AUG 2021 - JUL 2022	AUG 2020 - JUL 2021 (PP)
<b>Income</b>		
Admin Fees	38.80	45.00
Charitable activities	18.82	
Donations	710.00	9,033.37
Fundraising	1,455.70	926.20
Interest		2.02
RBC Funding	91,946.56	91,891.30
Sales	23,571.75	17,268.50
Uncategorised Income	155.29	
Uniform	73.50	47.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£117,970.42</b>	<b>£119,213.39</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>£117,970.42</b>	<b>£119,213.39</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising/Promotional	256.30	
Computer Costs	250.39	79.99
Gift	1,506.87	900.00
Insurances	786.61	
Nest Pension	2,133.20	1,608.01
New Equipment	15,291.35	7,385.25
Office/General Administrative Expenses	362.79	257.40
Other Professional Services	1,922.00	2,181.75
Payroll Expenses	93,173.64	84,914.58
Phone Costs	413.15	460.10
Pre-School Supplies	2,122.25	2,729.84
Printing, Postage and Stationery	37.88	218.05
Raising funds	-264.34	
Rent or Lease of Buildings	11,002.00	11,370.00
Repair and maintenance	44.24	135.00
Staff Training	126.00	285.00
Taxes Paid	5,017.97	2,768.14
Uncategorised Expense	273.50	
Uniform Expense		386.40
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£134,455.80</b>	<b>£115,679.51</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£ -16,485.38</b>	<b>£3,533.88</b>
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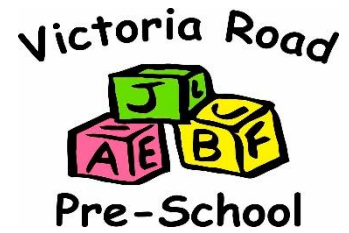
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Our fundraising was down from the previous year.

We received a donation of £8580.37 from another pre-school which unfortunately ceased running. With this we were able to upgrade the garden and purchase new equipment to benefit the children.

Our major expenses are payroll & rent

With best wishes.

Sharon Hammond

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## Profit and Loss August 2020 - July 2021

	TOTAL	
	AUG 2020 - JUL 2021	AUG 2019 - JUL 2020 (PY)
<b>Income</b>		
Admin Fees	45.00	80.00
Donations	9,023.37	260.00
Fundraising	926.20	1,359.03
Interest	0.18	
RBC Funding	91,891.30	120,600.60
Sales	17,268.50	12,561.50
Uniform	47.00	77.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£119,201.55</b>	<b>£134,938.63</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>£119,201.55</b>	<b>£134,938.63</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising/Promotional		126.84
Computer Costs	79.99	
Gift	900.00	50.00
Nest Pension	1,608.01	1,235.88
New Equipment	7,385.25	1,780.55
Office/General Administrative Expenses	257.40	884.06
Other Professional Services	2,181.75	2,489.71
Payroll Expenses	84,914.58	84,746.87
Phone Costs	460.10	429.88
Pre-School Supplies	2,729.84	2,347.84
Printing, Postage and Stationery	218.05	112.02
Rent or Lease of Buildings	11,370.00	8,097.00
Repair and maintenance	135.00	170.00
Staff Training	285.00	731.80
Taxes Paid	2,768.14	322.96
Uniform Expense	386.40	675.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£115,679.51</b>	<b>£104,200.61</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£3,522.04</b>	<b>£30,738.02</b>
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**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general instructions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in financial statements and seeking explanations from you as a Trustee concerning any such matters. The procedure undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives me any reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the companies act 2006 and
  - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the companies act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the statements of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of financial statements to be reached.

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Date: February 2022