



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	April	2022	To	31	March 2023

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Rainbow Pre-School (Wallingford)

Other names charity is known by Rainbow Pre-School

Registered charity number (if any) 1020936

Charity's principal address Westgate House

Millington Road

Wallingford

Postcode OX 10 8FE

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Charlotte Beaumont-Oates	Committee member Co-chair person		
2	Mark Savery	Treasurer		
3	Antonia Shakerley	Committee member		
4	Adam Hilliard	Committee member		
5	Amanda Absolom	Committee member		
6	Louise Wadsall	Committee member		
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
none	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

Georgina Flannigan – Pre-School Manager

## **Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Association

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by parents

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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.

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

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.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Rainbow Pre-School aims to enhance the learning and development of children, guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our provision reflects the four overarching principles for the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We believe every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable and self-assured

We help children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.

Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and carers.

Our activities and planning are based around the prime areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional development, Physical Development and Communication and Language. We also base activities around specific areas such as: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

We are also particularly proud to also offer Forest School to the older children in the setting.

We also take advantage of our unique location, making use of the local library and local community events to enhance the learning experiences of the children.

In March 2020 the setting moved to a newly fitted out, purpose designed premises. The year to 31 March 2024 has been focussed on improving the setting. After the year end the pre-school celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with parents and children past and present.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Rainbow has provided 38 weeks of pre-school sessions between 08.45-16.30 for children aged between 2-4yrs. In addition it runs a holiday club scheme for all the major school holidays providing care for children up to the age of 9.

#### The committee this year

The committee have been great this year with making sure they completed all the necessary DBS checks as quickly as possible, read the pre-school constitution, reviewed risk assessments and policies.

As a team we have continued to:

- Follow the roles and responsibilities document as set out by Oxfordshire County Council Early Years team
- Improved accountancy support with a qualified accountant as treasurer and also ensure that improvements to accounting have been made following recommendations by the independent examiner
- Reviewed setting policies
- Kept minutes of termly committee meetings and produced termly newsletters for parents
- updated posters and artwork for adverts
- Fund raising

Our top priority is always the safeguarding and welfare of the children and staff. Rainbow is run by parents, for parents.

Thanks to all those parents, friends and family who may have helped out over the year perhaps either helping out with the children with activities or on outings or out in the garden.

We are also endeavouring to work more closely with other pre-school settings in the area, discussing best practice or trying to co-ordinate training activities.

#### Ofsted

In early 2019 the pre-school was rated as “**Good**” by Ofsted. In June 2022 (after the year end) the pre-school was re-evaluated and maintained its “**Good**” rating. There has been no further inspection since, but the committee and leadership team continue to focus on continuous improvement of educational practices.

The Committee are thankful for the continued professionalism of the staff .

**Staff**

We employ a blend of qualified and un-qualified staff.

We have also welcomed students from local colleges and schools to do work experience here.

The number of years the staff have worked at Rainbow range from 1 year up to over 25 years!

We also employ a Qualified Early Years teacher.

Our record of staff retention is a good indicator of Rainbow being a good place to work, with fair remuneration, flexible working hours and good benefits.

It also shows how committed and loyal the staff are to the setting as well.

**Staff Training**

The committee recognise the importance of staff training and we have continued to invest in staff training.

**Forest School**

The children of Rainbow benefit greatly from this weekly activity. Amelia continues to be the forest school leader.

**The Children**

The actual number of children that have enrolled in Rainbow has roughly matched those of previous years and given the challenges we had its pleasing to see such continued support.

**Activities**

Each term the children have covered a new topic and the staff at Rainbow continue to keep this fresh and varied so that the children continue to learn and develop.

**Holiday play-schemes**

These continue to be a success, the children have a wide variation of activities to partake in during this time and always have lots of fun! The extended Summer play scheme was very successful after the year end.

**Community**

Rainbow is really involved with community events; and fundraising has continued since the return to normal of the covid-19 shut downs.

**Fundraising**

Fundraising over the last 12 months as a result of many of our fundraising activities not being run, such as the annual fireworks, quiz night, Christmas bazaar, children's bike ride and after the year end a celebration of 50 years of Rainbow.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Committee aim to hold a minimum of six to 12 months of running costs in reserves. Running costs in the last 12 months were £248,000.

During the year the cash reserves increased slightly to £208,000 , as a result of increased demand in flexible good value early years provision, which the setting aims to provide. The near term focus is maintaining the premises and additional IT equipment for both the direct benefit of the children attending the setting and staff to improve efficiency.

Reserves are also held to cover any costs incurred regarding closure of the setting i.e. staff redundancies.

Reserves are all held in instant access bank accounts to ensure maximum flexibility, although with investment in the new premises largely complete, this will be reviewed.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Rainbow's main income comes from government funded childcare fees for 2,3-4yr olds.

Additional funding comes from extra 1-1 funding for children with special requirements, pupil premium and additional hours needed by parents for childcare and fundraising.

The main expenditure is staff wages.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at the AGM.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

**Mark Savery – Treasurer**  
**September 2024**

**January 2023**



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Rainbow Pre-School (Wallingford)

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1020936

Set out on pages

1 - 7, 9 & 10

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 18/11/2024

Name:

Melanie Cornut

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

MAAT



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	Wallingford
	Oxon, OX10 8BG

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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# Rainbow Preschool

## Statement of financial activity for year end 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>		
Funded Fees Income (Voucherschemes)	178	628
Milk Money	-	-
Oxon CC 2 years old	1,054	12,459
Oxon CC 3+ years old	178,754	162,273
Oxon CC SEND/Pupil premium paym	4,311	2,535
Paid Fees Income	49,032	43,551
Playscheme Fees Income	24,612	29,560
Grant Income	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>257,941</b>	<b>251,006</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Advertising & Marketing	195	450
Bank Charges	-	0
Catering - children	2,854	2,562
Coronavirus PPE etc	-	-
Depreciation of Westgate House assets	2,386	3,251
Educational Supplies	8,282	5,135
Employer Pension Contributions	3,829	3,075
Employers NI	7,790	5,705
Staff welfare	36	684
Equipment & Repairs	184	46
Travel	33	-
Insurance	1,514	1,470
Licenses and Subscriptions	439	152
Postage and Delivery	10	1
Printing and Stationery	1,444	1,214
Professional & Legal Fees	2,576	2,252
Professional Development	794	1,025
Rent	15,106	15,106
Salaries	196,957	168,911
Software Expense	878	811
Sundries - cleaning materials	364	959
Utilities - Telecommunications	1,207	984
Utilities - Waste Management	1,522	1,411
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>248,400</b>	<b>215,205</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>9,541</b>	<b>35,801</b>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Donations Received	160	311
Fundraising Income	3,053	3,539
Interest Received	1,730	262
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,944</b>	<b>4,111</b>
Other Expense		
Fundraising Expense	802	319
Donations to other charities	-	104
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>3,688</b>
<b>Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>13,683</b>	<b>39,489</b>

All income and expenditure is unrestricted

# Rainbow Preschool

## Statement of financial position at 31 March 2024

Charity Reg:

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	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Premises Improvements	14,315	15,679
<b>Current Assests</b>		
Cash at Bank and in hand		
Current Account	60,183	70,834
Deposit Account	132,458	106,032
Fundraising Account	15,525	14,129
Total Cash at bank and in hand	208,165	190,995
Other taxes and social security Receivable	-	-
Total Current Assets	208,165	190,995
 Total Assets	 222,480	 206,674
 <b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accruals	-	-
Pensions and PAYE	3,003	879
Total Current liabilities	3,003	879
 <b>Net Assets</b>	 <b>219,477</b>	 <b>205,794</b>
 Reserves (all unrestricted)		
At 1 April	205,794	166,306
Surplus in year	13,683	39,489
<b>At 31 March</b>	<b>219,477</b>	<b>205,794</b>