

**Tommy Thumbs Pre-School
Trustees' Annual Report
and Accounts
Year ended 31st March 2021**
Charity number 1022430

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administration details

Charity name Tommy Thumbs Pre-School
(Not known by any other name)

Charity Number 1022430

Principal Address Cledford Primary School
George VI Avenue
Middlewich
CW10 0DD

Names of Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Date of appointment/resignation if not for full year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Julie Cooper	Treasurer	Appointed January 2017	Trustees or members
Lisa Conlon	Chair	Appointed January 2017	Trustees or members
Amanda Taylor	Secretary	Appointed March 2019	Trustees or members

Advisors

Bankers National Westminster Bank
The Bullring
Northwich
Cheshire. CW9 5BN

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's governing document is the Pre-School Learning Alliance Model Pre-School Constitution 2011. This was adopted by Tommy Thumbs in April 2009, reviewed in April 2016 and most recently in January 2019. The Charity is constituted by Trust Deed. Trustees are selected by election from the current membership or appointed by the current trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the Pre-school is to provide a safe, happy and nurturing environment for all pre-school children and their families, free from discrimination and prejudice. Children of school age are supported within our wraparound care provision before and after school and throughout the school holidays.

Public Benefit Accounting

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. As a charity, the parents of our children have the assurance that all our income must be applied for the benefit of the children attending our setting.

Achievements and Performance

Tommy Thumbs continues to operate from two rooms and can accommodate up to 60 children at any one time across the setting. In the Nursery room (3-4yrs) we offer 3hrs per morning session and 3hrs per afternoon session including a lunch session, five days a week, for 38 weeks per annum. In total 10 sessions per week are run. In the Little Learners room (2-3yrs) we offer a 3hr morning session including a lunch session and a 3hr afternoon session, currently five days a week, for 38 weeks per annum. In total 10 sessions per week are run. To support our families further we now operate a flexible start and finish time of 8.30am & 3.30pm

As at 31 March 2021, the total number of children on the register was 40 in the Nursery room and 40 in the Toddler room.

We continue to offer the Universal Funding offer for all three & four year olds of 15 hours per week, the extended the 30 hours per week funding for eligible 3 and 4 year olds and the two year old funding for eligible children.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

Reserves at 31 March 2021 were £187,749.89 (2020: £184,057). The trustees have worked hard this year to increase the level of reserve. Examples of costs, which would require paying in this situation would be rent and staff redundancies. In addition, reserves are held to cover fluctuations in receipts and payments during the financial year. It should also be noted that there are no restricted or endowment funds held.

Annual surplus

The annual surplus for the year to 31 March 2021 for the Pre-School was £3692.91 (2020: £44,082).

Current year results

This year, Tommy Thumbs has invested a significant sum from Reserves to enhance the indoor provision for our Rising 5 children, purchasing new tables & chairs and comfortable seating for our

Our two year old provision has benefitted from a covered outdoor canopy area to support outdoor learning in all weathers.

No fundraising activities were undertaken during the year to 31 March 2021, directly due to the impact of the National Lockdown & restrictions (2020; £799 *net of costs*). We are hoping that we will be able to restart our fundraising activities in the coming year. This is a vital part of the role of the committee as it gives the pre-school the ability to continually improve on the standard of equipment and quality of care given to the children who attend. Through

fundraising, items of equipment, which could not normally be afforded, can be purchased.

Future years

Tommy Thumbs at Cledford is now coming to the end of its ninth year of operation on the site of Cledford Primary School. Jointly, we are formulating a ten year aspiration to enhance the provision and performance of both our Pre-School and Fun Club operations.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Lisa McIntosh-Conlon
Chair

Date

Julie Cooper
Treasurer

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Pre-School

I report on the accounts of the Pre-School for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiners statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:

Signed:

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address:

Date:

Receipts and Payments Account for General Funds

	Current year to 31 March 2021 £	
Receipts		
Fees from parents	32,209.83	
Fees from voucher agency	163,202.19	
Total fees	195,412.02	
 Fundraising <i>(see note 1)</i>	 0	
Donations	0	
HMRC Grants	21,874.33	
 Bank Interest	 34.36	
 Support Funding	 14,713.29	
 Milk Refund	 206.27	
Amendment	882.50	
 Total Receipts	 37,710.75	

Receipts and Payments Account for General Funds

	Current year to 31 March 2021 £
Payments	
Amendment	882.50
Catering	2929.43
Premises	15,000.00
Building work and maintenance	7265.19
General Costs	3,436.20
Other Staff Costs	1,916.87
Equipment	4048.74
Recruitment Costs	138.67
Administration/ office	7992.95
Payroll	185,819.31
Total payments	229,429.86
 Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	 44,082
Un presented cheques	0
Total brought forward from previous year	88,200
Surplus/(deficit) carried forward	132,282

Statement of assets and liabilities

**At 31
March
2018**
£

Cash Funds

Current Bank account	103,343.2	
	3	
Reserve Bank account	84,406.66	

Total cash funds

(As per receipts and payments account on prior page)

187,749.8
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Other monetary assets

Outstanding fees from parents	0	
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Liabilities

Invoices not yet paid	0	
Outstanding rent	0	
	0	

Signed as approved on behalf of the trustees

Lisa McIntosh-Conlon

Date

Chair

