

**Tommy Thumbs Pre-School
Trustees' Annual Report
and Accounts
Year ended 31st March 2024
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	Chair	Appointed January 2017	Trustees or members
Rebecca Bugg	Secretary	Appointed January 2021	Trustees or members
Amanda Taylor-Hall	Treasurer	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 time of 0815am.

As at 31 March 2024, the total number of children on the register was 25 in the Nursery room and 36 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 2024 were £91,555. 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 deficit for the year to 31 March 2024 for the Pre-School was £11,125.

Current year financial results

This year, Tommy Thumbs has looked to enhance our indoor environment. We have begun the process of decorating all areas in neutral shades, looking to replace worn storage units & boxes and developing areas of display for the children's work.

Fundraising during the year to 31 March 2024 was lower than previous year (-£174net). We held back again this year on some of our own fundraising to support other local & national charities, for example we enjoyed National Jumper Day for Save The Children and dressed up to support Red Nose Day.

Future years

Tommy Thumbs at Cledford is now coming to the end of its twelfth 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:

Julie Cooper
Chair



Date 23.5.24

Amanda Taylor-Hall
Treasurer



Date 23.5.24

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 2024, 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: DAVID TAYLOR

Signed: D Taylor

Relevant professional qualification or body:

ICAEW

Address: 64 LEWIN STREET

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CHESHIRE CW10 7AS

Receipts and Payments Account for General Funds

	Current year to 31 March 2024	Prior year to 31 March 2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Fees from parents	87,817	82,126
Fees from voucher agency	187,823	203,714
Total fees	275,640	285,840
 Fundraising (<i>see note 1</i>)	275	545
Donations	0	0
Uniforms	48	347
Other receipts	2,660	922
Support Funding	0	0
Bank Interest to Reserve Account	1214	396
Total Receipts	279,837	288,050

Receipts and Payments Account for General Funds

	Current year to 31 March 2024 £	Prior year to 31 March 2023 £
Payments		
Fundraising costs (<i>see note 1</i>)	449	488
Catering	6,841	6,365
Premises	18,000	15,000
Building work and maintenance	704	1,633
Other	0	2,150
Consumables	3,310	3,133
Equipment	2,150	1,928
Meeting Costs	11	7
Administration/ office	14,888	11,660
Payroll	244,609	250,805
Total payments	290,962	293,169
 Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	 (11,125)	 (5,119)

Statement of assets and liabilities

	At 31 March 2024	At 31 March 2023
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Credit Card payment in advance	0	0
Current Bank account	83,463	95,802
Reserve Bank account	91,555	90,400
Petty cash balance	100	100
Total cash funds	175,118	186,302
(As per receipts and payments account on prior page)		

Other monetary assets

Outstanding fees from parents	0	0
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Liabilities

Invoices not yet paid	0	0
Outstanding rent	0	0

Signed as approved on behalf of the trustees

Julie Cooper
Chair



Date

23.5.24

Notes to the accounts

1 Fundraising receipts and payments

	Current year to 31 March 2024 £	Previous year to 31 March 2023 £
Receipts		
Unrestricted fundraising	275	545
Restricted fundraising income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total receipts	275	545
Payments		
Unrestricted Fundraising Activities	449	488
Total payments	<u>449</u>	<u>488</u>
Net fundraising surplus for the year	<u>-174</u>	<u>57</u>