

LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1023583

Details

Other names EASTON PLAYSCHOOL, EASTON PRE SCHOOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-07-12

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

Contact

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C/O St Georges Primary School
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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Activities: We are a local committee run pre school in Dorset and operate from a detached unit in the grounds of a local primary school. We currently provide care for 39 children aged 2 years 3 months - 4 years old. We help prepare them for reception/primary school and follow the EYFS guidelines to achieve this. To run smoothly we rely on Government funding, fees from parents and fundraising for resources.

Classification

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

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£154,890	£153,821	-	-
2024-07-31	£143,510	£137,365	-	-
2023-07-31	£134,832	£123,137	-	-
2022-07-31	£119,168	£118,594	-	-
2021-07-31	£98,169	£98,065	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Julie Skillman		2016-11-14
Nikki Avery		2021-11-30

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LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Unrestricted	£
2024	£

CASH AT BANK

	30,611.56	29,798.19
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Current Account

	1,070.14	814.74
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Reserve account

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Petty Cash

	<u>31,681.70</u>	<u>30,612.93</u>
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RETAINED SURPLUS

Brought Forward

	30,612.93	24,468.49
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Retained surplus/(deficit)

	<u>1,068.77</u>	<u>6,144.44</u>
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Carried Forward

	<u>31,681.70</u>	<u>30,612.93</u>
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The accounts were approved by the Trustee on 21-04-25

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LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Fees and funding	154,374.16	142,046.65
Uniform sales	-	-
Fundraising and donations	509.00	1,449.44
Interest	6.90	14.07
	<u>154,890.06</u>	<u>143,510.16</u>
EXPENSES		
Wages and staff training	129,682.83	118,997.66
Rent	6,844.00	5,398.00
Insurance and Licences	1,277.98	756.52
Stationery and Telephone	2,286.44	2,188.94
Canteen, Food and Cleaning	3,381.39	4,018.19
Toys, Equipment and entertainment	5,262.18	2,284.80
Miscellaneous and sundries	819.37	973.13
Repairs and renewals	2,700.00	471.20
Bank Charges	93.00	86.67
Legal & Professional fees	1,054.10	1,790.61
Accountancy	420.00	400.00
	<u>153,821.29</u>	<u>137,365.72</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		
	<u>1,068.77</u>	<u>6,144.44</u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

to the trustees/
members of
Little Dragons Pre-School

31 July 2025

Charity no 1023583

Set out on pages 2-3

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
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**Basis of independent
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 17.5.26

Name:

Lee Richards

Relevant professional

M.A.A.T

qualification(s) or body

(if any):

15 Shepherds Croft
Portland
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Address:

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Accounts

Little Dragons Preschool Trustee Report

2023 – 2024

Little Dragons Preschool is registered with Ofsted, setting no. EY273825/ registration no. RP904567. Little Dragons Preschool is a member of the Early Years Alliance. The preschool has child protection policies in place which includes regular training for all staff, safer recruitment training for the management, enhanced DBS checks for all new staff and committee members and thereafter, said members are registered with the Update Service providing further annual checks.

The preschool is partnered with St Georges Primary school whom it rents the property and associated facilities in which provides Early Year education.

Little Dragons preschool is a small, friendly, charity, non for profit preschool which has 36 children on the books by the end of the year. A healthy waiting list for the following school year is also in place. The preschool provides a varied, interesting and informative Early Years education and childcare for children aged between 2 and 4 years from Portland and surrounding area. The setting is open term time only, providing a Monday to Friday service from 9 am to 3 pm.

The preschool's last Ofsted inspection was in May 2022 and was rated Good with Outstanding in attitudes and behaviour.

The links and relationships between our preschool, other preschools and other primary schools in the area has strengthened with regards to communication and sharing of information and we currently enjoy a friendly and professional partnership. We run a transition group with the primary schools in the summer term with the purpose of preparing the children for school transition. Other links to the schools include annual sports day, Easter bonnet parade and annual Teddy Bear's picnic.

We welcome all children within the age range, regardless of personal circumstance, gender, faith, cultural background and lingual ability. We work with other agencies such as SALT etc, to give all children the best start in life.

Parents, staff and committee members have played a vital part in fundraising events this year including a music festival, an Easter egg hunt, sponsored Elf run and book and cake sales. The money is greatly accepted enabling the preschool top up it's resource, set up a forest school area, provide Cultural Capital and set up a new enclosed canopy.

The preschool employs 8 members of staff. We have 5 committee members.

Hot meals are optional at the setting at a cost of £3.00. They consist of a healthy, balanced main meal such as jacket potatoes, pasta and fish dishes. A piece of fruit and a dessert are also included in the lunch price. The manager is the main cook and has

completed an advance food hygiene course. The hot meals have proven popular with both children and parents over the past few years and will continue as a non-profit making lunch time option. Children who wish to bring a healthy lunch box from home are welcome too

Regular staff training has taken place throughout the year as required.

LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2024</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees and funding	142,046.65		133,635.91	
Uniform sales	-		44.00	
Fundraising and donations	1,449.44		1,150.09	
Interest	14.07		2.15	
	143,510.16		134,832.15	
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Wages and staff training	118,997.66		108,173.07	
Rent	5,398.00		5,200.00	
Insurance and Licences	756.52		720.25	
Stationery and Telephone	2,188.94		1,883.76	
Canteen, Food and Cleaning	4,018.19		2,227.53	
Toys & Equipment	2,284.80		1,641.77	
Miscellaneous and sundries	973.13		955.71	
Repairs and renewals	471.20		-	
Bank Charges	86.67		93.84	
Legal & Professional fees	1,790.61		1,861.42	
Accountancy	400.00		380.00	
	137,365.72		123,137.35	
<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>	6,144.44		11,694.80	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/
members of** Little Dragons Pre-School
**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 July 2024
Set out on pages 2-3

Charity no 1023583

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responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

Signed:



Date: 23.4.25

Name: Lee Richards

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** M.A.A.T

Address: 15 Shepherds Croft
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Dorset
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Parents, staff and committee members have played a vital part in fundraising events this year, including staff climbing Mount Snowdon, an Easter egg hunt, sponsored Elf Run, sponsored colour run and clothes donation fundraising. The money is greatly accepted enabling the

preschool to top up it's resources, provide Cultural Capital, or go towards a more substantial 'wish list' including a new enclosed canopy.

The preschool employs 8 members of staff. We have 6 committee members.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Part to the trustees/
members of
Little Dragons Pre-School

accounts for the year
ended
31 July 2023

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Signed:



Date: 1.7.24

Name: Lee Richards

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

M.A.A.T

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LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2023</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees and funding	133,635.91		117,294.37	
Uniform sales	44.00		18.00	
Fundraising and donations	1,150.09		1,855.27	
Interest	2.15		0.20	
		<u>134,832.15</u>		<u>119,167.84</u>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Wages and staff training	108,173.07		103,524.51	
Rent	5,200.00		5,200.00	
Insurance and Licences	720.25		700.33	
Stationery and Telephone	1,883.76		1,480.28	
Canteen, Food and Cleaning	2,227.53		1,961.49	
Toys & Equipment	1,641.77		2,019.50	
Miscellaneous and sundries	955.71		1,141.94	
Repairs and renewals	-		-	
Bank Charges	93.84		174.84	
Legal & Professional fees	1,861.42		2,021.50	
Accountancy	380.00		370.00	
		<u>123,137.35</u>		<u>118,594.39</u>
<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>		<u><u>11,694.80</u></u>		<u><u>573.45</u></u>

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Parent partnership remains strong with many parents joining us for events, celebrations and parent consultations.

Signed by Trustee.....*J Skillman*.....

Print Name.....*Julie Skillman*.....

Date.....*23.3.23*.....

LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Unrestricted <u>2022</u> £	Unrestricted <u>2021</u> £
<u>CASH AT BANK</u>		
Current Account	10,688.17	6,981.33
Reserve account	2,085.52	5,218.91
Petty Cash	-	-
	<u>12,773.69</u>	<u>12,200.24</u>
 <u>RETAINED SURPLUS</u>		
Brought Forward	12,200.24	12,096.52
Retained surplus/(defecit)	<u>573.45</u>	<u>103.72</u>
Carried Forward	<u>12,773.69</u>	<u>12,200.24</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustee on 27.3.23

by JB Skillman

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/
members of** Little Dragons Pre-School
**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 July 2022 **Charity no** 1023583
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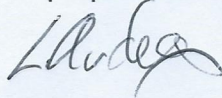
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Signed:



Date: 21.3.23

Name: Lee Richards

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): M.A.A.T

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LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL

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Accounts

LITTLE DRAGONS PRE-SCHOOL TRUSTEE REPORT 2020 - 2021

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The pre-school is partnered with St George's Primary school from whom it rents the property and associated facilities in which it provides Early Years education and childcare.

Little Dragons is a small, friendly charity run pre-school which has had 39 children on the books by the end of the year. A healthy waiting list for the following school year is also in place. The preschool provides a varied, interesting and informative Early Learning Years education and childcare for children between the age of 2 years 3 months and 4+ years from Portland and the surrounding area. The setting is open term time only, providing a Monday-Friday service from 09:00 am until 15:00 pm.

The link and relationship between our pre-school and on-site Primary school has strengthened with regards to communication and sharing of information and we currently enjoy a friendly and professional partnership. We run a transition group at the school in the summer term with the purpose of preparing the children for school transition. Other links with the school include the annual Sports Day, Easter Bonnet Parade event and the annual Teddy Bears Picnic.

We welcome all children within the age range regardless of personal circumstance, gender, faith, cultural background and lingual ability.

Parents and committee members have played a vital part in fundraising events this year including a Easter event, Christmas Party and Clothes Donation fundraising. Fundraising for the year raised £886.07. The money is greatly accepted enabling the pre-school to top up its resources or go towards a more substantial 'wish list' item. We are hoping more fund raising events now that lockdowns are over

The pre-school employs 7 members of staff and an apprentice. We have 7 committee member volunteers.

Hot meals are optional at the setting at a cost of £3.00. They consist of a healthy, balanced main meal such as jacket potato, pasta and fish dishes. A piece of fruit and a dessert are also included in the lunch price. Two staff members are rotated to cook and have completed the necessary food and kitchen hygiene courses. The hot meals have proved extremely popular with both children and parents over the past few years of offering them and will continue as a non-profit making lunch time option. Children who wish to bring a healthy lunch box from home are welcome too.

Staff training has taken place through the year as required.

Parent partnership remains strong with many parents joining us for events, celebrations and parent consultations.

Signed by Trustee B Skillman Print Name J. Skillman

Date 9 - 5 - 22

LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2021</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2020</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees and funding		89,153.33		98,933.74
Uniform sales		40.00		39.00
Fundraising and donations		886.07		1,524.54
Government grants		8,088.93		8,798.84
Interest		0.40		0.74
		<u>98,168.73</u>		<u>109,296.86</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Wages and staff training	84,599.53		95,258.10	
Rent	4,400.00		4,500.00	
Insurance and Licences	695.60		690.27	
Stationery and Telephone	1,706.79		1,365.99	
Canteen, Food and Cleaning	1,783.51		1,310.60	
Toys & Equipment	1,792.53		1,429.89	
Miscellaneous and sundries	160.80		210.67	
Repairs and renewals	437.65		-	
Bank Charges	106.02		137.39	
Legal & Professional fees	2,027.58		1,172.84	
Accountancy	355.00		335.00	
		<u>98,065.01</u>		<u>106,410.75</u>
<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>		<u><u>103.72</u></u>		<u><u>2,886.11</u></u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of Little Dragons Pre-School
On accounts for the year
ended 31 July 2021 Charity no 1023583
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Signed: 

Date: 27.4.22

Name: Lee Richards
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): M.A.A.T

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