

# MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1024088

## Details

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**Other names** MONTACUTE PLAYGROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1993-07-27

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

## Contact

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**Address** Baptist Church School Rooms  
South Street  
Montacute  
TA15 6XD

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## 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:** Montacute Pre-School provides high quality care and education through play to children aged from 2 years to school age. The Pre-School follows the early years/foundation stage curriculum as stipulated by Ofsted and accepts children in receipt of Early Years Entitlement.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£109,945	£122,693	-	-
2024-08-31	£112,582	£95,545	-	-
2023-08-31	£92,593	£90,320	-	-
2022-08-31	£87,774	£85,482	-	-
2021-08-31	£81,883	£89,366	-	-
2020-08-31	£90,962	£89,390	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Harriet Raeburn</b>	Chair	2024-10-01
Harriet Blackburn		2024-11-14
Josephine Bollen		2025-10-09
Laura Worboys		2025-10-09
Lorraine Johnson		2024-03-04
Melanie Wilkins		2021-06-28

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2024

To 31 August 2025

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Montacute Preschool offers 8 mixed age sessions across 5 mornings and 3 afternoons for 38 weeks of the year. Parents are able to access Early Years Entitlement. Children are given access to a variety of learning opportunities and experiences supported by staff and external professionals where appropriate. Staff also encourage, advise and support parents as required or requested.
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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Montacute Preschool is run and supported by volunteers and is grateful to the parents who give up their time to manage the preschool, assist in sessions and support fundraising activities and events.

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Expenditure exceeded income in this financial year. Funds were withdrawn from the deposit account.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Montacute Preschool has a reserves policy. The aim is to hold sufficient reserves to allow for late payment of government funding and fluctuating numbers of children. Reserves will also meet the requirement to fund redundancy payments should the need arise.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£22,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None to report
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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Other		Montacute Preschool also works closely with the local community.

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Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	L Johnson	H Blackburn
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Lorraine Johnson	Harriet Blackburn
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	9 October 2025	

# MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL

Registered Charity No. 1024088

## Receipts and Payments Account as at 31 August

	2025			2024		
Receipts	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Bank Balances						
Current Account		23987.11			7389.44	
Deposit Account		<u>28963.88</u>			<u>28523.87</u>	
			52950.99			35913.31
Fees Received:						
Parents	8332.75			12776.70		
SCC	<u>86136.22</u>			<u>77450.00</u>		
		94468.97			90226.70	
Fundraising		4096.53			4923.82	
Consumables Fee		10382.00			6773.10	
Milk Refund		197.96			218.85	
Other		<u>0.00</u>			<u>10000.00</u>	
			109145.46			112142.47
Deposit Account Interest			799.98			440.01
			<u><u>162896.43</u></u>			<u><u>148495.79</u></u>
Payments		£	£		£	£
Wages		102706.99			80192.22	
Hall Rent		5226.76			5304.39	
Milk		202.48			218.85	
Telephone		1001.86			909.61	
Fundraising		5831.28			1968.57	
Consumables		4795.66			5179.25	
Insurance/Membership		1163.86			875.02	
Course Fees		1650.00			570.00	
Other		<u>114.37</u>			<u>326.89</u>	
			122693.26			95544.80
Closing Bank Balances						
Current Account		1939.31			23987.11	
Deposit Account		<u>38263.86</u>			<u>28963.88</u>	
			40203.17			52950.99
			<u><u>162896.43</u></u>			<u><u>148495.79</u></u>

## **MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

**Charity Number : 1024088**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

**For the Year ended 31st August 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Pre-School for the year ended 31st August 2025.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, and consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the act, follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes, a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning 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 view given by these accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's 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 1933 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with these records, have not been met.
- 2, to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**E. C. CHANT**  
**Accountant**

**18th November 2025**

**The Old Coach House**  
**East Coker**  
**Yeovil**  
**Somerset**

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<b>Signature(s)</b>	L Johnson	C R Jackson
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Lorraine Johnson	Claire Jackson
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	1 October 2024	

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Milk Refund		218.85			225.90	
Other		<u>10000.00</u>			<u>0.00</u>	
			112142.47			92443.83
Deposit Account Interest			440.01			149.31
Deposit Account Expenses						-787.97
			<u>#####</u>			<u>#####</u>
<b>Payments</b>		£	£		£	£
Wages		80192.22			74600.08	
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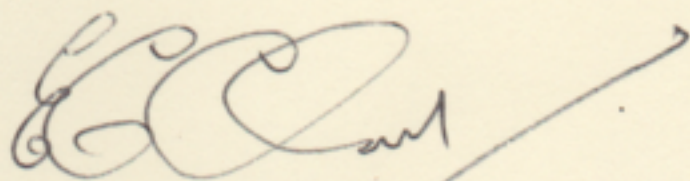
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#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Hannah Doble

Claire Jackson

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

16 October 2023

# MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL

Registered Charity No. 1024088

## Receipts and Payments Account as at 31 August

	2023			2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Opening Bank Balances						
Current Account		4477.74			2189.37	
Deposit Account		<u>29162.53</u>			<u>29159.80</u>	
			33640.27			31349.17
Fees Received:						
Parents	20935.60			20016.40		
SCC	<u>63311.41</u>			<u>57828.74</u>		
		84247.01			77845.14	
Fundraising	3778.92			4485.08		
Consumables Fee	4192.00			4150.00		
Milk Refund	225.90			136.63		
Other	<u>0.00</u>			<u>1154.16</u>		
		<u>8196.82</u>			<u>9925.87</u>	
		92443.83			87771.01	
Deposit Account Interest		<u>149.31</u>			<u>2.73</u>	
			92593.14			87773.74
			<b><u><u>126233.41</u></u></b>			<b><u><u>119122.91</u></u></b>
<b>Payments</b>		£	£		£	£
Wages		74600.08			73309.99	
Hall Rent		5222.45			4635.00	
Milk		224.40			133.46	
Telephone		1019.57			954.93	
Fundraising		4672.11			5140.16	
Consumables		2000.00				
Insurance/Membership		804.11			782.56	
Course Fees		155.00			245.00	
Other Equipment		787.97				
Other		<u>834.41</u>			<u>281.54</u>	
			90320.10			85482.64
Closing Bank Balances						
Current Account		7389.44			4477.74	
Deposit Account		<u>28523.87</u>			<u>29162.53</u>	
			35913.31			33640.27
			<b><u><u>126233.41</u></u></b>			<b><u><u>119122.91</u></u></b>

**MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

Charity Number : 1024088

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

**For the Year ended 31st August 2023**

I report on the accounts of the Pre-School for the year ended 31st August 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, and consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the act, follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

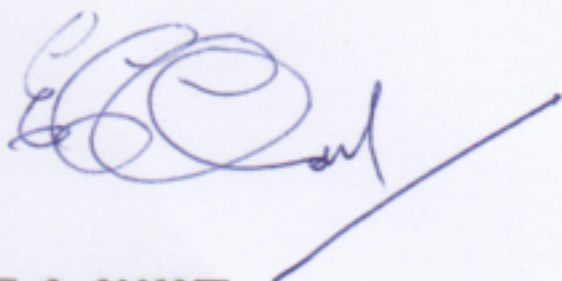
**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes, a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning 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 view given by these accounts.

**Independent examiner's 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 1933 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with these records, have not been met.
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**E. C. CHANT**  
Accountant

7th March 2024

**The Old Coach House**  
East Coker  
Yeovil  
Somerset

**MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1024088

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month Sept	Year 2021		Day 31	0 August	Year 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Montacute Pre-School

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1024088

**Charity's principal address** Baptist Church School Rooms

South Street

MONTACUTE Somerset

**Postcode**

TA15 6XD

### 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	Emma Lloyd	Chair		
2	Sam Pattison-White	Secretary		
3	Hannah Doble	Treasurer		
4	Melanie Wilkins	Nominated Person		
5	Claire Jackson			
6	Juliet Lawn			
7	Mel Grenville			
8	Lora Gillard			
9	Christiane Doey			
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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

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

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

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

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

Run by a committee of which a minimum of 60% must be Family Members. The remainder may be affiliated.
By election of members of the Pre-School. Officers and Committee members are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting.

**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.

CRB checks are carried out on all staff, bank staff and committee members. There is a Safeguarding Children policy in place.
The charity is a Pre-School and is regulated by Ofsted.
Montacute Pre-School was judged by Ofsted as ‘GOOD WITH OUTSTANDING FEATURES’ in March 2022.
The Pre-School adheres to strict guidelines as laid out by Ofsted and delivers the Early Years curriculum.
The Pre-School received support and advice from the Pre-School Learning Alliance and from the local Early Years team.
Montacute Pre-School also works closely with the local community and takes part in local events such as the annual carnival.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

Montacute Pre-School aims to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by offering appropriate play, education and care facilities.
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The Pre-School offers 8 mixed age sessions across 5 mornings and 3 afternoons for 38 weeks of the year. Parents are able to access Early Years Entitlement – 15 Universal hours per week, 15 Extended hours per week and 2 year old funding subject to conditions. Children are given access to a variety of learning opportunities and experiences and supported by external professionals where appropriate. Staff also work hard to encourage, advise and support parents as required or requested.

**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)**

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

Montacute Pre-School is run and supported by volunteers and is grateful to the parents who give up their time to manage the pre-school, assist in sessions and support fundraising activities and events.

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

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

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

The staff and committee have worked hard this year to raise funds for the pre-school.

The annual Nativity and Sports Day were a great success

The village carnival was again well supported, the funds raised are not for the Pre-School itself but our contribution to the wider community.

This year the Pre-School was fortunate to have funds raised by parents taking part in events e.g cycle rides.

## Section E Financial review

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

The aim is to hold sufficient reserves to cover fees for one term to allow for late payment of government funding and fluctuating numbers of children. Reserves will also meet the requirement to fund redundancy payments should the need arise.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None to report

### 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.

The Pre-School's primary sources of funding are from Early Years Entitlement and from parent paid fees.

Secondary sources are made up of grants, fundraising and donations.

The primary expenditure is on staff wages and training.

## Section F Other optional information

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## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	E Lloyd	
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>		

# MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL

Registered Charity No. 1024088

## Receipts and Payments Account as at 31 August

	2022			2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Opening Bank Balances						
Current Account		2189.37			9677.87	
Deposit Account		<u>29159.80</u>			<u>29154.24</u>	
			31349.17			38832.11
Fees Received:						
Parents	20016.40			13014.60		
SCC	<u>57828.74</u>			<u>60456.09</u>		
		77845.14			73470.69	
Fundraising		4485.08			1987.47	
Grant		0.00			1598.00	
Milk Refund		136.63			165.97	
Interest on Deposit a/c		2.73			5.56	
Consumables Fee		4150.00			4251.67	
Other		<u>1154.16</u>			<u>404.30</u>	
			87773.74			81883.66
			<u><b>119122.91</b></u>			<u><b>120715.77</b></u>
<b>Payments</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages		73309.99			76916.38	
Hall Rent		4635.00			4595.00	
Milk		133.46			169.24	
Telephone		954.93			900.11	
Consumables					1584.41	
Fundraising (inc consumables 2022)		5140.16			3425.71	
Insurance/Memberships		782.56			769.85	
Course Fees		245.00			915.00	
Others		<u>281.54</u>			<u>90.90</u>	
			85482.64			89366.60
Closing Bank Balances						
Current Account		4477.74			2189.37	
Deposit Account		<u>29162.53</u>			<u>29159.80</u>	
			33640.27			31349.17
			<u><b>119122.91</b></u>			<u><b>120715.77</b></u>

## **MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

Charity Number : 1024088

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

**For the Year ended 31st August 2022**

I report on the accounts of the Pre-School for the year ended 31st August 2022.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, and consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the act, follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

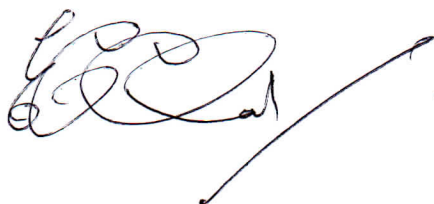
#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes, a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning 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 view given by these accounts.

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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.



**E. C. CHANT**  
Accountant

19th February 2023

**The Old Coach House**  
East Coker  
Yeovil  
Somerset

**MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1024088

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month Sept	Year 2020		Day 31	Month August	Year 2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Montacute Pre-School

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1024088

Baptist Church School Rooms

South Street

MONTACUTE Somerset

**Postcode**

TA15 6XD

### 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	Emma Lloyd	Chairperson		
2	Sam Pattison	Vice Chair/Secretary		
3	Zoe Campbell	Treasurer		
4	Melanie Wilkins			
5	Susan Purchase			
6	Melissa Dodds			
7	Claire Jackson			
8	Christiane Doey			
9	Simon Staniland			
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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

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

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

Constitution – Pre-School Learning Alliance  
Pre-School Constitution 2011

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

Run by a committee of which a minimum of 60% must be Family Members. The remainder may be affiliated.

Trustee selection methods  
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By election of members of the Pre-School. Officers and Committee members are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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

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- 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.

DBS checks are carried out on all staff, bank staff and committee members. There is a Safeguarding and Child Protection policy in place.

The charity is a Pre-School and is regulated by Ofsted. The Pre-School adheres to strict guidelines as laid out by Ofsted and delivers the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

The Pre-School receives support and advice from the Early Years Alliance and from the local Early Years team.

Montacute Pre-School also works closely with the local community and takes part in local events such as the annual carnival (although this year, due to Covid-19, the carnival did not take place).

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

Montacute Pre-School aims to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by offering appropriate play, education and care facilities.

The Pre-School offers 8 mixed age sessions across 5 mornings and 3 afternoons for 38 weeks of the year. Children are given access to a variety of learning opportunities and experiences and supported by external professionals where appropriate. Staff also work hard to encourage, advise and support parents as required or requested.

**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)**

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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

Montacute Pre-School are very pleased to have received the highest award of 'OUTSTANDING' from Ofsted in December 2013.

Fundraising activities were minimal this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The aim is to hold sufficient reserves to cover fees for one term to allow for late payment of government funding and fluctuating numbers of children. Reserves will also meet the requirement to fund redundancy payments should the need arise.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None to report

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Secondary sources are made up of grants, fundraising and donations.

The primary expenditure is on staff wages and training.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Emma Lloyd	Mrs Zoe Campbell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	2 November 2021	

**MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

Registered Charity No. 1024088

**Receipts and Payments Account as at 31 August**

	<b>2021</b>			<b>2020</b>		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Opening Bank Balances						
Current Account		9677.87			8120.77	
Deposit Account		29154.24			29139.61	
			<u>38832.11</u>			<u>37260.38</u>
Fees Received:						
Parents	13014.60			19220.50		
Somerset CC	60456.09			57646.23		
		<u>73470.69</u>		<u>76866.73</u>		
Fundraising		1987.47			2634.95	
Grant		1598.00			2000.00	
Milk Refund		165.97			149.19	
Interest on Deposit A/C		5.56			14.63	
Consumables Fee		4251.67			4001.80	
HMRC CJRS		404.30			5294.81	
			<u>81883.66</u>			<u>90962.11</u>
			<b><u>120715.77</u></b>			<b><u>128222.49</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>		£	£		£	£
Wages		76916.38			78122.09	
Hall Rent		4595.00			3390.75	
Milk		169.24			151.09	
Telephone		900.11			950.42	
Consumables		1584.41			4906.08	
Fundraising		3425.71			222.45	
Insurance		610.61			610.61	
Membership Fees		159.24			158.00	
Course Fees		915.00			760.00	
Others		90.90			118.89	
			<u>89366.60</u>			<u>89390.38</u>
Closing Bank Balances						
Current Account		2189.37			9677.87	
Deposit Account		29159.80			29154.24	
			<u>31349.17</u>			<u>38832.11</u>
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# **MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

Charity Number : 1024088

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MONTACUTE PRE-SCHOOL**

**For the Year ended 31st August 2021**

I report on the accounts of the Pre-School for the year ended 31st August 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, and consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the act, follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes, a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning 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 view given by these accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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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 1933 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with these records, have not been met.
- 2, to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**E. C. CHANT**  
Accountant

18th November 2021

The Old Coach House  
East Coker  
Yeovil  
Somerset