

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1026090

Details

Other names DORCHESTER PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-09-16

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

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Activities

Objects: 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 SUCH 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: The provision of a pre-school education for children aged between 2 and 4.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£96,896	£87,237	-	-
2023-08-31	£118,180	£99,042	-	-
2022-03-31	£56,602	£53,700	-	-
2021-03-31	£57,093	£52,083	-	-
2020-03-31	£62,652	£63,995	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Laura Garside		2025-01-27
Jessica Morris		2024-11-05
John Andrew Murby		2022-10-18
Rebecca Robinson-Phillips		2025-02-13
William John Robertson Yates		2024-11-05

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31 AUGUST 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CHARITY NAME:	Dorchester Pre-School	
REGISTERED CHARITY NO:	1026090	
ADDRESS:	Horsa Hut Queen Street Dorchester-on-Thames Oxon OX10 7HR	
TRUSTEES FROM 20 th October 2023:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. E. Leake Mr. J. Murby Mrs K Atkinson	Mrs. S. Egan Mrs R. Winslett-Morris Mrs. C. Garside
TRUSTEES FROM 15 th October 2022:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. E. Leake Mr. J. Murby	Mrs. S. Egan Mrs. S. Brown Mrs. C. Garside
OFFICERS FROM 20 th October 2023:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. S. Egan Mrs. E. Leake	Chair Secretary Treasurer
OFFICERS FROM 15 th October 2022:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. S. Egan Mrs. E. Leake	Chair Secretary Treasurer
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Nigel Scott 6 Queens Close Dorchester-on-Thames OX10 7LR	

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
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Governance

The overall management and control of the Pre-School rests with the individual members of the Pre-School Committee. All Committee members are volunteers.

Committee members are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members are eligible for re-election each year unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years.

Committee members may be co-opted outside of an AGM. In which case, they are eligible for re-election each year unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for six consecutive years

All Committee members are Trustees. The Trustees hold the capital and income of the Charity for the benefit of Dorchester Pre-School.

The Trustees who have acted during the year are as follows:

Mr. William Orr-Ewing	Mrs Rachel Winslet-Morris
Mr. John Murby	Mrs. Sarah Egan
Mrs. Emily Leake	Mrs. Charlotte Garside
Mrs Kelly Atkinson	

The Trustees are not remunerated in any form for their services.

The governing document is the Pre-School Learning Alliance Constitution 2011.

Objectives and activities

The main activity of the charity is the provision of pre-school facilities for the children within its catchment area and others within the admissions policy.

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.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Committee meetings.

The Pre-school achieves its aims by:

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Instigating, adhering to and furthering the aims and objectives of the Early Years Alliance*

* Early Years Alliance is the trading name of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Achievements and Performance

The Pre-School continued to offer standard opening hours, from 9am to 3pm weekdays during which time we have provided care for a range of children, several who have special educational needs and two that are eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium funding. The setting has administered the provision of supermarket vouchers through the Household support fund for those eligible.

The Pre-School was rated Good at its Ofsted inspection in February 2024, with particular praise given for the dedication and care the staff show towards the children, and for the children's effective and sustained progress. The summary findings from the report are:

Quality of education	- Good
Behaviour and attitudes	- Good
Personal development	- Good
Leadership and management	- Good

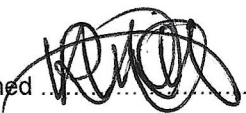
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings

Financial Review

The Pre-School continues to be in a good financial position, thanks to its current assets, ending the year in an improved position at £83k due to an annual surplus of £9.3k for the year. The previous financial period covered 17 months due to changing the financial year. This financial period covers 12 months. An increase in funding of 2 year olds from the government has increased the grants received from the local county council, this new funding helped to increase children taking up spaces at the Pre-School and fees paid for additional hours on top of their funding.

Expenditure was higher this year, staff wages were increased in line with minimum wage increases, repairs and maintenance on the building was needed and a pergola was installed to improve the outdoor area.

Funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and the majority have not been designated for other purposes. However, it has been agreed to retain a portion of these funds to cover closure costs of the preschool, should such an eventuality occur. Retained funds were maintained at £20K, to reflect the redundancy costs payable and other costs should the pre-school have to close. This amount is being reviewed annually.

Signed 
Trustee

Date 30/6/25

Signed 
Trustee

Date 30 June 2025

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

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 the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 the 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 Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

Signed.....

Date: 30/6/25

Name: Nigel Scott

Address: 6 Queens Close,
Dorchester-on-Thames
OX10 7LR

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Income Fund ended 31.08.24 (12 mnths) £	Unrestricted Income Fund ended 31.08.23 (17 mnths) £
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Fees		14,453	16,588
Grants		79,389	88,080
SEN & HSF Grant		240	11,374
Fundraising income		2,480	1,908
Bank Interest	4	334	230
Total Incoming Resources		96,896	118,180
Resources Expended			
Direct charitable expenditure			
Pre-School running costs	5	84,235	97,453
		84,235	97,453
Other Expenditure			
Management and administration of the Charity	6	3,002	1,589
Total Resources Expended		87,237	99,042
Net Incoming/(outgoing) Resources for the Year		9,659	19,137
Fund balances brought forward at 31 August 23		73,360	54,223
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 24		83,019	73,360

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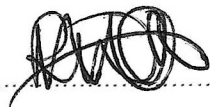
BALANCE SHEET

As at

31 AUGUST 2024

		31.08.24	31.08.23
Current Assets	Note	£	£
Cash at bank - Current Account		62,488	40,449
- Savings Account		20,181	20,625
Fundraising Account		0	11,793
CAF Account		350	493
		<u>83,019</u>	<u>73,360</u>
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Net Assets		<u>83,019</u>	<u>73,360</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Income Fund		<u>83,019</u>	<u>73,360</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



..... Trustee



..... Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period ended: 31 AUGUST 2024

1. **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared using Receipts and Payments accounts.

2. **Accounting Policies**

Income

Income arising from Fees, Grants, Fundraising and other sources is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as it is received.

3. **Taxation**

The Trust is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Section 506(1) of the Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly the Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

4. **Other Income**

	31.08.24	31.08.23
Bank account interest	334	230
	<u>334</u>	<u>230</u>

5. **Pre-School Running Costs**

	31.08.24	31.08.23
Wages	65,116	74,518
Bank charges	15	97
Cleaning	0	660
Office expenses	279	0
DBS checks	126	0
Fundraising costs	279	0
Food and supplies	863	2,429
Gifts and Parties	130	2,861
Equipment	9,074	4,785
Hall Fees	0	60
HSF Payments	165	375
Insurance and PLA subscription	1,158	2,067
Marketing	132	359
Phone	48	0
Play and educational supplies	1,404	3,691
Recruitment	46	0
Repairs & refurbishment	1,601	729
Training courses	324	175
Staff uniforms	0	0
Utilities, broadband & fire alarm	2,851	3,886
Waste collection	624	761
	<u>84,235</u>	<u>97,453</u>

6. **Management and Administration of the Charity**

	31.08.24	31.08.23
	£	£
Administration, stationery, postage & copies etc.	3,002	1,589

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Lynne Painton The Warren Cottage Warren Road Woodley Reading RG5 3AR	

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Mrs. Katrina Eden	Mrs. Rachel Gallant
Mr. Edward Shrimpton	Mr. Jonathan Eden
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Achievements and Performance

The pre-school continued to offer standard opening hours, from 9am to 3pm weekdays during which time we have provided care for a range of children, several for whom English is not their first language and one with significant disabilities for whom some additional funding was provided. In addition to taking fee paying two-year olds we also had two funded two-year-old children during the year. During the continuation of the Covid pandemic the pre-school remained open for all children throughout the year. The attendance of children gradually increased to return to similar numbers per session compared to pre Covid. Funding from Oxfordshire County Council continued at the level of pre-pandemic 3/4 year old funded child numbers. The setting was also required to administer the provision of supermarket vouchers through the Household support fund.

From September, a new permanent member of staff was taken on to cater for the return to previous numbers of children and ensure compliance with required staff / children ratios at all times.

By February half term the pre-school had 20 children on the roll, a figure not seen for several years, albeit some only attending a few hours per week.

The pre-school was rated Good at it's last Ofsted inspection in April 2018, with particular praise given for the dedication and care the staff show towards the children, and for how engaged and motivated the children are. The summary findings from the report are:

Effectiveness of the leadership and management	- Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	- Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	- Good
Outcomes for children	- Good

The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings

Financial Review

The pre-school continues to be in a reasonable financial position, thanks to its current assets, ending the year in an improved position at £54.2k due to an annual surplus of £2.9k for the year. The overall income was down slightly on the previous year by £0.5k although that variance only arose due to the previous year including a substantial Covid 19 related payment of £7.4k.

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Expenditure increased slightly by £1.6k mainly increased staff costs, although the pre-school continues to operate ~~with~~ a paid administrator. The committee of volunteer trustees have distributed the required activities amongst them. It is anticipated this action will help keep annual expenditure sufficiently low to reduce the risk of annual budget deficits.

Due to Covid restrictions there were much reduced fund-raising activities compared to pre Covid years, depriving the setting of the additional income that usually generates. A fund raising at the end of the financial year saw the income receipts arrive just into the subsequent financial reporting period.

Invested funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and the majority have not been designated for other purposes. However, it has been agreed to retain a portion of these funds to cover closure costs of the preschool, should such an eventuality occur. Retained funds were maintained at £20K, to reflect the redundancy costs payable and other costs should the pre-school have to close.

Signed *NASCB*.....
Trustee

Date *18/10/2022*.....

Signed *[Signature]*.....
Trustee

Date *18/10/2022*.....

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

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.

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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..... 

Name: Lynne Painton

Date: 08/10/2022 .

Address: The Warren Cottage
Warren Road
Woodley
Reading
RG5 3AR

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Income Fund 2022 £	Unrestricted Income Fund 2021 £
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Fees		55,399.04	55,724.14
Grants			
Fundraising income		0	129.50
Other income	4	1,203.23	1,239.26
Total Incoming Resources		56,602.27	57,092.90
Resources Expended			
Direct charitable expenditure			
Pre-School running costs	5	52,886.84	51,024.23
Fundraising costs		0.00	0.00
		52,886.84	51,024.03
Other Expenditure			
Management and administration of the Charity	6	812.84	1,058.83
Total Resources Expended		53,699.68	52,082.86
Net Incoming/(outgoing) Resources for the Year		2,902.59	5,010.04
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April		51,320.25	46,310.21
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		54,222.84	51,320.25

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BALANCE SHEET

As at

31 MARCH 2022

		2022	2021
Current Assets	Note	£	£
Cash at bank - Current Account		18,695.60	16,159.92
- Deposit Account		20,554.64	20,533.06
Petty Cash		2,850.10	2,704.43
Fundraising Account		11,730.99	11,729.80
CAF Account		391.51	193.04
		<u>54,222.84</u>	<u>51,320.25</u>
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Net Assets		<u>54,222.84</u>	<u>51,320.25</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Income Fund		<u>54,222.84</u>	<u>51,320.25</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

NA Scott Trustee

[Signature] Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 MARCH 2022

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

2. Accounting Policies

Income

Income arising from Fees, Grants, Fundraising and other sources is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as it is received.

3. Taxation

The Trust is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Section 506(1) of the Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly the Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

4. Other Income

	2022	2021
Donations and miscellaneous	1180.40	1100.20
Milk refunds		
Hut and equipment hire		
Photographs		
Deposit and fundraising account interest	22.83	139.06
	<u>1203.23</u>	<u>1239.26</u>

5. Pre-School Running Costs

	2022	2021
Wages	46,905.59	45,853.36
Bank charges	96.00	69.00
Staff uniforms	10.00	43.80
Training courses	371.60	0
Milk	0	0
Recruitment & Marketing	0	0
Equipment	190.37	0
Repairs & refurbishment	0	360.00
Electricity, gas & fire extinguisher	776.54	736.68
Insurance and PLA subscription	890.30	889.05
Play and educational supplies	1,478.13	1,129.54
Cleaning	105.00	240.17
Refreshments	112.12	152.31
Christmas party and other gifts	277.00	302.30
Photographs	40.66	21.94
Telephone/Broadband	1164.77	943.08
Waste collection	468.76	282.80
	<u>52,886.84</u>	<u>51,024.03</u>

6. Management and Administration of the Charity

	2022	2021
	£	£
Administration, stationery, postage & copies etc.	812.84	1,058.83

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Objectives and activities

The main activity of the charity is the provision of pre-school facilities for the children within its catchment area and others within the admissions policy.

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.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Committee meetings.

The Pre-school achieves its aims by:

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;

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;

Instigating, adhering to and furthering the aims and objectives of the Early Years Alliance*

* Early Years Alliance is the trading name of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Achievements and Performance

The pre-school continued to offer standard opening hours, from 9am to 3pm weekdays during which time we have provided care for a range of children, several for whom English is not their first language. In addition to taking fee paying two-year olds we also had a funded two-year-old during the latter part of the year. The year was dominated by the Covid pandemic. Pre-school closed completely for 11 weeks from end of March 2020. Children of key worker provision was made available jointly with the neighbouring primary school. Pre-school re-opened for all children from 8th June. Attendance was markedly decreased compared to before closure, with some parents keeping their children at home. Funding from Oxfordshire County Council continued at the level of pre-pandemic 3/4 year old funded child numbers, which together with Covid support funding such as Job Retention Scheme, more than made up any shortfall from there being fewer fee paying children.

From September, number of children at the setting recovered, but remained below the long term average for the autumn term starters.

From February half term the pre-school facilitated the provision of holiday period shopping vouchers for parents of eligible children.

The pre-school was rated Good at it's latest Ofsted inspection in April 2018, with particular praise given for the dedication and care the staff show towards the children, and for how engaged and motivated the children are. The summary findings from the report are:

Effectiveness of the leadership and management	- Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	- Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	- Good
Outcomes for children	- Good

The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings

Financial Review

The pre-school continues to be in a reasonable financial position, thanks to its current assets, ending the year in an improved position at £51.3k due to an annual surplus of £5k for the year. This was due to an Autumn Covid top up grant of £7.4k. The one-off Covid top up avoided a small deficit that would otherwise have arisen.

The pre-school administrator resigned at the end of December. The committee decided not to replace this paid staff member and instead distributed the required activities amongst the volunteer trustees. It is anticipated this action will help reduce the annual expenditure sufficiently to lower the risk of continued annual budget deficits.

There was a decrease in overall income of £5.6k compared to prior year, due to reduced numbers of children attending the setting and the reduction in fundraising. Due to Covid restrictions there were much reduced fund raising activities compared to prior years, depriving the setting of the additional income that usually generates several £k per annum. Overall Expenditure decreased by £11.9k on the previous year.

Invested funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and the majority have not been designated for other purposes. However, it has been agreed to retain a portion of these funds to cover closure costs of the preschool, should such an eventuality occur. Retained funds were maintained at £20K, to reflect the redundancy costs payable should the pre-school have to close.

Signed NA Scott
Trustee

Date 20/10/2021

Signed [Signature]
Trustee

Date 20/10/2021

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

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 the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 the accounts.

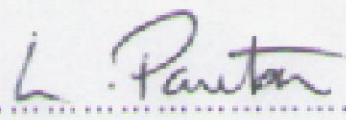
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

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.

Signed..... 

Name: Lynne Panton

Date: 9-10-21

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DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Income Fund 2021 £	Unrestricted Income Fund 2020 £
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Fees		55,724.14	58,769.09
Grants			
Fundraising income		129.50	3,135.24
Other income	4	1,239.26	757.57
Total Incoming Resources		57,092.90	62,651.90
Resources Expended			
Direct charitable expenditure			
Pre-School running costs	5	51,024.23	61,826.62
Fundraising costs		0.00	939.41
		51,024.03	62,766.03
Other Expenditure			
Management and administration of the Charity	6	1,058.83	1,229.22
Total Resources Expended		52,082.86	63,995.25
Net Incoming/(outgoing) Resources for the Year		5,010.04	(1,343.35)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April		46,310.21	47,653.56
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		51,320.25	46,310.21

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET

As at

31 MARCH 2021

		2021	2020
Current Assets	Note	£	£
Cash at bank - Current Account		16,159.92	10,301.70
- Deposit Account		20,533.06	20,410.38
Petty Cash		2,704.43	2,559.31
Fundraising Account		11,729.80	11,714.58
CAF Account		193.04	1,324.24
		<u>51,320.25</u>	<u>46,310.21</u>
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Net Assets		<u>51,320.25</u>	<u>46,310.21</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Income Fund		<u>51,320.25</u>	<u>46,310.21</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

NAS Trustee

[Signature] Trustee

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 MARCH 2021

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

2. Accounting Policies

Income

Income arising from Fees, Grants, Fundraising and other sources is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as it is received.

3. Taxation

The Trust is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Section 506(1) of the Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly the Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

4. Other Income

	2021	2020
Donations and miscellaneous	1100.20	439.73
Milk refunds		
Hut and equipment hire		
Photographs		140.00
Deposit and fundraising account interest	139.06	167.84
	<u>1239.26</u>	<u>747.57</u>

5. Pre-School Running Costs

	2021	2020
Wages	45,853.36	50,708.79
Bank charges	69.00	60.00
Staff uniforms	43.80	0
Training courses	0	119.40
Milk	0	2.25
Recruitment & Marketing	0	57.99
Equipment	0	1167.16
Repairs & refurbishment	360.00	3392.93
Electricity, gas & fire extinguisher	736.68	736.68
Insurance and PLA subscription	889.05	880.56
Play and educational supplies	1,129.54	1,554.27
Cleaning	240.17	300.02
Refreshments	152.31	166.49
Christmas party and other gifts	302.30	542.24
Photographs	21.94	126.49
Telephone/Broadband	943.08	1282.08
Waste collection	282.80	729.27
	<u>51,024.03</u>	<u>61,826.62</u>

6. Management and Administration of the Charity

	2021	2020
	£	£
Administration, stationery, postage & copies etc.	1,058.83	1,229.22

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1026090

Accounts

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2020

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CHARITY NAME:	Dorchester Pre-School	
REGISTERED CHARITY NO:	1026090	
ADDRESS:	Horsa Hut Queen Street Dorchester-on-Thames Oxon OX10 7HR	
TRUSTEES FROM 10 th October 2019:	Mrs. C. Scott Mrs. E. Shrimpton Mrs. R. Gallant Mrs. H. Bailey	Mr. N. Scott Mrs. L. Collett Ms. B. Greenwood
TRUSTEES FROM 20 th March 2019:	Mrs. C. Scott Mr. N. Scott Mrs. E. Shrimpton	Mrs. L. Collett Mrs. L. Margison
OFFICERS FROM 10 th October 2019:	Mr. E. Shrimpton Mrs. L. Collett Mr. N. Scott	Chair Secretary Treasurer
OFFICERS FROM 18 th October 2018:	Mrs. L. Margison Mrs. L. Collett Mr. N. Scott	Chair Secretary Treasurer
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Lynne Panton The Warren Cottage Warren Road Woodley Reading RG5 3AR	

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2020

Governance

The overall management and control of the Pre-School rests with the individual members of the Pre-School's Committee. All Committee members are volunteers.

Committee members are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members are eligible for re-election each year unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years.

Committee members may be co-opted outside of an AGM. In which case, they are eligible for re-election each year unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for six consecutive years

All Committee members are Trustees. The Trustees hold the capital and income of the Charity for the benefit of Dorchester Pre-School.

The Trustees who have acted during the year are as follows:

Mrs. Caroline Scott	Mr. Nigel Scott
Mrs. Hazel Bailey	Mrs. Rachel Gallant
Mr. Edward Shrimpton	Mrs. Lauren Collett
Mrs. Emma Shrimpton	Ms. Bethany Greenwood
Mrs. Louisa Margison	

The Trustees are not remunerated in any form for their services.

The governing document is the Pre-School Learning Alliance Constitution 2011.

Objectives and activities

The main activity of the charity is the provision of pre-school facilities for the children within its catchment area and others within the admissions policy.

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.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Committee meetings.

The Pre-school achieves its aims by:

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Achievements and Performance

The pre-school continued to offer standard opening hours, from 9am to 3pm weekdays during which time we have provided care for a range of children, several for whom English is not their first language. In addition to taking fee paying two-year olds we also had a funded two-year-old during the first part of the year. Attendance was markedly increased compared to recent financial years, especially funded 3 and 4-year olds. A large amount of fundraising activity was undertaken, so overall income increased by £8.9k compared to prior year.

The pre-school was again rated Good at it's latest Ofsted inspection in April 2018, with particular praise given for the dedication and care the staff show towards the children, and for how engaged and motivated the children are. The summary findings from the report are:

Effectiveness of the leadership and management	- Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	- Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	- Good
Outcomes for children	- Good

The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings

The staff at pre-school have undertaken a significant amount of training during the year to ensure special needs are catered for, First Aid and safer recruitment are refreshed and planning for compliance with GDPR.

Financial Review

The pre-school continues to be in a reasonable financial position, thanks to its current assets, ending the year still at £46.3k despite an annual deficit of £1.3k for the year (a significantly smaller deficit than prior year).

The deficit arose purely because the setting was forced to construct it's own entrance gateway and associated pathways following a decision by the neighbouring primary school to no longer allow sharing of their access route. These works cost £3,1k, without which the pre-school would have achieved a positive net outturn for the year. Increase in overall income of £8.9k comprised £6.2k increase of fees and funding and £2.7k additional fundraising. Overall Expenditure up by £1.2k on the previous year, although £3.1k of that was due to the new entrance construction.

Invested funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and the majority have not been designated for other purposes. However, it has been agreed to retain a portion of these funds to cover closure costs of the preschool, should such an eventuality occur. Retained funds were maintained at £20K, to reflect the redundancy costs payable should the pre-school have to close.

Signed NAScott Trustee

Date 15/10/2020

Signed [Signature] Trustee

Date 8/12/2020

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

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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 the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 the 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 Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

Name:

L. Panton

Date: 11-10-20

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DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Income Fund 2020 £	Unrestricted Income Fund 2019 £
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Fees		58,769.09	52,600.60
Grants			
Fundraising income		3,135.24	552.25
Other income	4	747.57	637.68
Total Incoming Resources		62,651.90	53,790.53
Resources Expended			
Direct charitable expenditure			
Pre-School running costs	5	61,826.62	60,929.51
Fundraising costs		939.41	176.74
		62,766.03	61,106.25
Other Expenditure			
Management and administration of the Charity	6	1,229.22	1,664.88
Total Resources Expended		63,995.25	62,771.13
Net Incoming/(outgoing) Resources for the Year		(1,343.35)	(8,980.60)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April		47,653.56	56,634.16
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		46,310.21	47,653.56

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET

As at

31 MARCH 2020

		2020	2019
Current Assets	Note	£	£
Cash at bank - Current Account		10,301.70	7,824.29
- Deposit Account		20,410.38	20,295.12
Petty Cash		2,559.31	1,229.12
Fundraising Account		11,714.58	16,665.84
CAF Account		1,324.24	1,639.19
		<u>46,310.21</u>	<u>47,653.56</u>
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Net Assets		<u>46,310.21</u>	<u>47,653.56</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Income Fund		<u>46,310.21</u>	<u>47,653.56</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

NAS Trustee

Am Trustee

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 MARCH 2020

1. Basis of Accounting

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2. Accounting Policies

Income

Income arising from Fees, Grants, Fundraising and other sources is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as it is received.

3. Taxation

The Trust is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Section 506(1) of the Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly the Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

4. Other Income

	2020	2019
Donations and miscellaneous	439.73	508.54
Milk refunds		
Hut and equipment hire		
Photographs	140.00	
Deposit and fundraising account interest	167.84	129.14
	<u>747.57</u>	<u>637.68</u>

5. Pre-School Running Costs

	2020	2019
Wages	50,708.79	54,526.54
Bank charges	60.00	60.00
Staff uniforms	0	0
Training courses	119.40	668.00
Milk	2.25	12.74
Recruitment & Marketing	57.99	0
Equipment	1167.16	284.33
Repairs & refurbishment	3392.93	54.10
Electricity, gas & fire extinguisher	736.68	683.26
Insurance and PLA subscription	880.56	875.60
Play and educational supplies	1,554.27	1,327.60
Cleaning	300.02	226.45
Refreshments	166.49	109.51
Christmas party and other gifts	542.24	479.94
Photographs	126.49	0
Telephone	1282.08	914.54
Waste collection	729.27	706.90
	<u>61,826.62</u>	<u>60,929.51</u>

6. Management and Administration of the Charity

	2020	2019
	£	£
Administration, stationery, postage & copies etc.	1,229.22	1,664.88
