

COTEBROOK PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1026845

Details

Other names	LITTLE BUDWORTH PLAYGROUP, LITTLE BUDWORTH PRE-SCHOOL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-10-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Cotebrook Pre-School Eaton Primary School Lower Lane Eaton
Phone	01829730001
Email	info@cotebrookpreschool.co.uk
Website	www.little-bumbles.co.uk

Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE.

Activities: Provision of pre-school activities

Classification

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

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£133,708	£126,053	-	-
2024-07-31	£122,752	£123,116	-	-
2023-07-31	£122,752	£123,116	-	-
2022-07-31	£97,149	£98,193	-	-
2021-07-31	£71,335	£75,414	-	-
2020-07-31	£87,316	£79,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexandra Hebblewhite		2025-02-27
Andrew Pritchard		2024-11-13
Owen Williamson		2025-02-27
Tracy Chorlton		2016-04-12
Trudy Nelle Boyle		2022-10-01

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CW6 9AL

Charity Trustees –

Serving Within the Year:

Mrs T Chorlton (Chair) – Resigned as Chair
Mr A Pritchard (Chair) - In year appointment
Mrs T Boyle (Secretary) – Resigned as Secretary
Mrs K Barsby (Secretary) – In year appointment
Professor W Boyle (Treasurer) – Resigned
Mr O Willianson (Treasurer – In year appointment

Trustees – No appointed role – Mrs T Boyle, Mrs A Hebblewhite, Mrs T Chorlton

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Summary of the Main Achievements and Activities of the Charity Within the Year –

Occupancy continues to recover slowly, (Easter 2025 term saw a 76% average occupancy level) and operational achievements continue to be gained within the year. Fees were held to prior year rates of £16.00 (for a three-hour session) which remains lower than other commercial childcare establishments in the local area. There has been a more significant difference in age during the year's cohort (winer born / summer born children). However, LB enabled a noticeable 'closing of the gap' re age / ability related milestones, ensuring that each child was prepared for the transfer into school reception class (15 children in July 2025).

LB Pre-School is continuing to develop strong links with the linked Eaton Primary School (the Pre-school is based on its site and the school invited LB to participate at their February exhibition – dinosaur theme [including fossils]), with the rising school children visiting regularly for activities to gain confidence in the new environment. This provides a smoother transition when they start reception.

Other activities / community involvement has included –

- Stall at Tarporley festival / Christmas Hamper Raffle
- Child and Parent breakfasts
- Mothers-Day / Fathers-Day events
- Winter Fun Day (inc Snow Play)
- Celebration of World Book Day
- All staff continued with ongoing Safeguarding Training
- Visits from NHS Practitioners / Bandage / Plaster Cast Demonstrations

Staff increasing Qualification Levels

- Stay and Play sessions for Parent's
- Leavers Picnic in the Park

OFSTED – Continued GOOD Rating

All the Operating Policies and Procedures continue to be updated on a regular basis in line with PSLA Guidance.

The average number of children attending per session over the year was 19.5.

Statement on the Charities Policy on Reserves -

Within the Financial Statements a figure of £36.9k is presented as Total Funds, of which £20.0k is Designated Funds – Reserves.

This is the figure as agreed by the Trustees to be held in Reserve to meet specific Statutory / Contractual costs should LB cease to operate – Staff Redundancy, Premises Rent Notice and other recognised 'winding-up' costs.

The Charity is not in deficit after making such a Reserve.

Declaration –

The Trustees confirm that they have approved this Trustees Report:

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees –

Mr A Pritchard

Position - Chair

Date – 15/01/26



Cotebrook Pre-School Foundation Charity		Charity No (if any)	1026845	CC39a
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/09/2024	To	Period end date	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Fees for Charitable Services		39,818	-	-	39,818	71,243
Grants for Services		93,080	-	-	93,080	85,044
Fundraising Events		105	-	-	105	343
Donations, legacies and Grants			-	-		66
Interest and dividends		398	-	-	398	
Trips		127	-	-	127	154
Transfers from Savings a/c			-	-	-	-
Lunch		180	-	-	180	-
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	S01	133,708	-	-	133,708	156,850
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Wages, Salaries, Pensions, NI etc		104,222	-	-	104,222	119,668
Rent and Rates		4,800	-	-	4,800	3,200
Insurance		1,116	-	-	1,116	678
IT / Telephone / Postage / Stationery		2,312	-	-	2,312	3,285
Legal and Professional Fees		3,216	-	-	3,216	3,197
Food and Consumables		5,153	-	-	5,153	4,487
Toys and Books / Resources		4,842	-	-	4,842	3,944
Fixtures and Fittings		111	-	-	111	166
Travel / Training and Sundry Expenses		2,114	-	-	2,114	1,538
Depreciation		767	-	-	767	959
Gov 9M Offer Provision			-	-		7,000
2024 Rent Provision (Reversal)		- 2,600	-	-	- 2,600	2,600
			-	-		
Transfers to FR			-	-		755
			-	-		
Total resources expended	S02	126,053	-	-	126,053	151,477
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	S03	7,655	-	-	7,655	5,373
Gross transfers between funds	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	S05	7,655	-	-	7,655	5,373
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets	S07	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S08	7,655	-	-	7,655	5,373
Total funds brought forward	S09	29,554	-	-	29,554	24,181

Total funds carried forward	S10	37,209	-	-	37,209	29,554
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Cotebrook Pre-School (T/A Little Bumbles)

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1026845

Set out on pages

CC39a

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: N Oates

Date: 18/01/2026

Name: Mr N Oates

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

Institute of Chartered Management Accountants
+ Global Corporate Management Accountants

Address:

Greenfield Lock Cottage, Christleton, Chester, CH3 5PN

Section B

Disclosure

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Mrs T Chorlton

Position - Chair

Date – 11/11/23

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B01	7,060	5,056
	B02		-
Investments (Note 9)	B03	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	B04	7,060	5,056
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress	B05		
Debtors (Note 10)	B06	349	124
(Short term) investments	B07		
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	26,026	19,626
<i>Total current assets</i>	B09	26,375	19,750
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B10	208	300
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	B11	26,167	19,450
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	B12	33,227	24,506
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B13	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-
<i>Net assets</i>	B15	33,227	24,506
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	B16	13,227	4,506
Designated funds	B17	20,000	20,000
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>			
Restricted income funds (Note 12)	B18	-	-
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Signature	Date of approval
T Chorlton (Chairperson)	31/10/2023



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Signed: N Oates

Date: 31/10/23

Name: Mr N Oates

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Position - Chair

Date – 11/11/23

Total funds carried forward	\$10	25,225	-	-	25,225	24,545
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Signature

Date of approval

T Chorlton (Chairperson)

10/31/2023

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with* Accounting Standards;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

No changes to standards

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies

The attached accounting statements continue in the designated Charity Commission format and have been developed within the policy of Cash Accounting

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

No changes have been made to accounting statements for previous years

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

N/A



Section A

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/2023	Charity no (if any)	1026845
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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2023**.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: N Oates

Date: 31/10/23

Name: Mr N Oates

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

Institute of Chartered Management Accountants
+ Global Corporate Management Accountants

Address:

Greenfield Lock Cottage, Christleton, Chester, CH3 5PN

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

COTEBROOK PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1026845

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report for the Period - 1 Sept 2020 to 31 August 2021

Charity Name - Cotebrook Pre-School (Now Trading as 'Little Bumbles')

Charity Registration Number - 1026845

Principal Address -

Cotebrook Pre-School
T/A Little Bumbles
Lower Lane
Eaton
Nr Tarporley
Cheshire
CW6 9AL

Charity Trustees -

Serving Within the Year:

Mrs T Chorlton (Chair)
Mrs T Boyle (Secretary)
Professor W Boyle (Treasurer)

Parent Committee Serving Within the Year:

Mrs S Shaw
Mrs S Haseler
Miss A Hibbert
Mrs L Miller
Mrs C Cheesman

The Parent Committee Whatsapp Group for fundraising and Website continues to operate, however, due to the impact of C19 fundraising activity has been severely curtailed within the year.

Manager - Mrs S Edge

The Charity Trusts Constitution Details -

Governing Document - Pre-School Learning Alliance Constitution (as modified to suit Pre-School operations and Trustee / parent commitments)

Charity Constitution - Committee of 3 (Maximum) with 2 Trustees having to be present at meetings to be Quorate.

Trustees Nomination / Selection Process - Existing Trustees to Confirm Nominations.

Additional Governance Issues -

The Childcare Act 2006, DfE EYFS Guidance 2014, CWAC Local Safeguarding Board Guidance.

Summary Objectives of the Charity -

To provide high quality Childcare & Early Learning to the local community at a sub-commercial cost within the confines of the DfE EYFS Guidance.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for Public Benefit -

In planning the Charities' activities for the year' the Trustees were mindful of the Charity Commission's requirement to deliver public benefit and as such:

Cotebrook Pre-School seeks to always offer a quality setting environment (Ofsted 'Good') that is priced sub-local commercial Nursery operators, enabling access to parents and children of 'low income' families.

Additionally, Cotebrook Pre-School actively foster engagement with the local Cotebrook / Eaton community and through prudent financial management is able to offer several outings and activities (eg; Dance Classes / 'end of year' party) to children each year, thus providing 'wider world' experiences that are potentially unaffordable to relevant parents.

Summary of the Main Achievements and Activities of the Charity Within the Year -

C19 has had a significant impact on occupancy and Pre-School closures during the year resulting in reduced income levels. However, fees were held to prior year rates (£13.00 for a three-hour session) which remains lower than other commercial childcare establishments in the local area.

Cotebrook Pre-School is continuing to develop strong links with the linked Eaton Primary School (the Pre-school is based on its site), with the rising school children visiting regularly for activities to gain confidence in the new environment. This provides a smoother transition when they start reception.

Other activities / community involvement has included -

- Winter visit to Chester Zoo
- 'Virtual' Christmas activities and Panto

- Easter Raffle
- EYFS revisions implemented including required staff training
- Joint school Sports Day
- World Book Day activities

Specific C19 driven activities during enforced closure included - The Manager holding frequent Zoom meetings with families and pre-recorded Facebook broadcasts to children re storytelling, videos, sent-out work, activity packs, and EYFS learning.

Specific material purchases to enhance the Cotebrook Pre-School environment include outdoor classroom enhancements, additional books, Fixturs and Fittings to enhance storage and 'educational' floor mats etc.

All the Operating Policies and Procedures continue to be updated on a regular basis in line with PSLA Guidance.

This year has been very challenging for Cotebrook Pre-School but we look forward to moving forward and continuing to provide quality affordable care for local children in a fully inclusive manner.

Over the year the average number of children on-roll decreased to 27 with 11 children planned to move Eaton Primary School from September 2021. The average number of children attending per session over the year was 18.

Statement on the Charities Policy on Reserves -

Within the Financial Statements a figure of £27,264 is presented as Total Funds, of which £20.0k is Designated Funds - Reserves.

This is the figure as agreed by the Trustees to be held in Reserve to meet specific Statutory / Contractual costs should the Charity cease to operate - Staff Redundancy, Premises Rent Notice and other recognised 'winding-up' costs.

The Charity is not in deficit after making such a Reserve.

Declaration -

The Trustees confirm that they have approved this Trustees Report:

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees -

Mrs T Chorlton

Position - Chair

Date - 20/10/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Cotebrook Pre-School (T/A Little Bumbles)

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2021

Charity no (if any)

1026845

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/21**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

20/10/21

Name: Mr N Oates

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Chartered Management Accountants
+ Global Corporate Management Accountants

Address: Greenfield Lock Cottage, Christleton, Chester, CH3 5PN

Section B

Disclosure

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N/A

COTEBROOK PRE-SCHOOL

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Accounts

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Mrs J Simon-Byrne
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Mrs S Macdonald
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During the year a Parent Committee Whatsapp Group for fundraising has been set-up in conjunction with a new Website.

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The Charity Trusts Constitution Details -

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Cotebrook Pre-School seeks to always offer a quality setting environment (Ofsted 'Good') that is priced sub-local commercial Nursery operators, enabling access to parents and children of 'low income' families.

Additionally, Cotebrook Pre-School actively foster engagement with the local Cotebrook / Eaton community and through prudent financial management is able to offer several outings and activities (eg; Dance Classes / 'end of year' party) to children each year, thus providing 'wider world' experiences that are potentially unaffordable to relevant parents.

Summary of the Main Achievements and Activities of the Charity Within the Year –

As a result of a continued marketing campaign and the move to Eaton the Nursery has continued to expand, its occupancy at the YE being higher than the prior year. Fees were held to prior year rates (£13.00 for a three-hour session) which remains lower than other commercial childcare establishments in the local area.

Cotebrook Pre-School is continuing to develop strong links with the linked Eaton Primary School (the Pre-school is based on its site), with the rising school children visiting regularly for activities to gain confidence in the new environment. This provides a smoother transition when they start reception.

Other activities / community involvement has included –

- In cooperation with the local Church – Harvest Festival, Carol Service
- Christmas Fair / Nativity Play
- Christmas visit to Blakemere Winter Wonderland & Father Christmas visit, however, due to C19 the following events had to be cancelled – Knowsley Safari Park, Beach Day, Sports Day, Summer Fair, Easter Egg Hunt / Bingo, Summer Child Fashion Show
- Fundraising events – Mothers and Fathers-Day breakfasts
- Dance Lessons

- A series of parent information meetings to promote engagement in the operation of the nursery and to encourage parents to be future Committee Members

Specific C19 driven activities during enforced closure included – The Manager holding frequent Zoom meetings with families and pre-recorded Facebook broadcasts to children re storytelling, videos, sent-out work, activity packs, and EYFS learning.

Specific material purchases to enhance the Cotebrook Pre-School environment include a new floor, outdoor resources and an Astro-Turf covered outdoor play area with garden planters.

All the Operating Policies and Procedures continue to be updated on a regular basis in line with PSLA Guidance.

This year has been very positive for Cotebrook Pre-School and we look forward to moving forward and continuing to provide quality affordable care for local children in a fully inclusive manner.

Over the year the average number of children on-roll increased to 35 with 23 children planned to move Eaton Primary School from September 2020. The average number of children attending per session over the year was 22.

Statement on the Charities Policy on Reserves -

Within the Financial Statements a figure of £30,668 is presented as Total Funds, of which £20.0k is Designated Funds – Reserves.

This is the figure as agreed by the Trustees to be held in Reserve to meet specific Statutory / Contractual costs should the Charity cease to operate – Staff Redundancy, Premises Rent Notice and other recognised ‘winding-up’ costs.

The Charity is not in deficit after making such a Reserve.

Declaration –

The Trustees confirm that they have approved this Trustees Report:

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees –

Mrs T Chorlton

Position - Chair

Date – 30/09/20

Total funds carried forward	\$10	30,668	-	-	30,668	23,234
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Cotebrook Pre-School (T/A Little Bumbles)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1062845

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/07/2018**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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examiner's statement**

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

[Signature box]

Date:

30/09/20

Name:

Mr N Oates

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

Institute of Chartered Management Accountants
+ Global Corporate Management Accountants

Address:

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N/A