

POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1027238

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-10-27

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

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Activities

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: To offer pre-school education for 2 yr olds to 4yr olds.

Classification

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

Geography

- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£188,260	£134,930	-	-
2024-08-31	£120,491	£110,262	-	-
2023-08-31	£111,043	£102,726	-	-
2022-08-31	£102,515	£114,261	-	-
2021-08-31	£115,759	£112,521	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL LISTER	Chair	2012-02-08
DAVID WALLIS		2023-10-24
Emma Grange		2024-10-15
Faye Myers		2017-12-19
Natalie Allen		2019-10-15

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Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)

Significant Information and Report of Trustees

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Review of Activities

The principal activity and object of the charity is to develop and advance the education of children below compulsory school age and the whole of the incoming and outgoing resources are related to this activity.

Review of Financial Position

During the period the school had net income of £53330 Reserves at the end of the period were £129613

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to have at least three months of operating expense in cash reserves and to recognise Pre-School Learning Alliance guidelines.
Cash balances at 31 August 2025 were £125153 which achieved this aim.

Risk Factors

The trustees have considered the risks the charity is exposed to and have processes in place to understand and mitigate those risks. Strategic and short term plans are reviewed regularly and funding planned to meet the needs of the charity. Internal control procedures to monitor expenditure are in place.
Steps have been taken to ensure any reduction in local authority funding does not have a permanent impact.

Approval

David Wainwright

C. Hester

Date 21-10-25

POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP AGM

TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2025

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Welcome to Pre-Schools AGM, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Carol Lister and I have been Chairperson of Pre-School for several years. As a former childminder most of the children I've looked after have attended this lovely setting.

Pre-School had a really good year last year. It started at the end of September when we got THE CALL our first Ofsted inspection in our new setting was taking place the following day, Vikky, Tracy and team took it in their stride, the inspector was very impressed with the whole setting and awarded us a Good. Which to my mind was never in doubt. Well done ladies.

We finally got the fence erected around the outside grass area, which has made a big difference to the children's outdoor play.

COMMITTEE

Pre-School is a committee run charity, which needs a committee to continue to operate otherwise we would have to close. All committee members have to have a DBS check; this costs you nothing.

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FUNDRAISING

Events this last year have been a Halloween disco (organised by Faye Myers our fundraising co-ordinator) Wreath making (organised by myself with Vikky and Tracy), Christmas cake raffle (cakes donated by Sue Grange), Christmas Raffle + Pool Feast. Staff also organised a sponsored obstacle course for the children.

THANK YOU'S

Firstly, I would like to thank Vikky our manager she goes over and above her role for Pre-School, we are so lucky to have her, with her knowledge, experience and dedication.

Secondly, my thanks go to Tracy our deputy manager who also brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and dedication to the setting and is a huge support to Vikky, they are both absolute stars.

Thirdly, thank you to Rachel, Penny and Sam our Pre-School assistants who are all caring and dedicated workers.

Sadly, our lovely Penny decided to retire in July, she had been part of Pre School since 1997, she will be missed but we wish her a happy retirement. We welcomed a new member of staff in September Mrs. Sarah Bowman who has settled in well. We have an amazing team.

Fourthly, I would like to thank our Financial Administrator Sue, who has the difficult job of balancing the books which she does well.

Next, thank you to the committee, Faye, Natalie, Andrea, David, Emma and George your help and support has been amazing, not to mention the laughs we've had.

Last but by no means least I would like to thank all you parents for your support it means such a lot to Pre-School.

Pool Pre-school Group Managers report for 2025/26

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend our Pre-School AGM, and New Parents meeting myself and the staff really are grateful for all the support from our current committee and parents over the last year as we look towards a bright future.

Pre-School follows an ambitious curriculum which was carefully designed and tailored for a child centred approach to learning, with an emphasis on the prime areas of learning. The prime areas help to build a foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Our aim is that children in our care reach their full potential and have well developed skills to become model citizens in future life.

Our biggest aim from 2024/25 was to get our outdoor learning area up and running, we fundraised like mad in order to finance planning and installation, we danced at Halloween disco's, held wreath making classes and raffles a parent even ran a marathon in support of the project. Finally in February the planning was passed and the books balanced and the work began. We were so pleased with the result as children are innately curious, driven learners who flourish if allowed to find out more about the world around them with a variety of natural materials which provides an authentic experience. Outdoor learning also nourishes opportunities for awe and wonders which allows each child to revisit their fascinations, schema and dispositions. Exploring nature also helps to build children's confidence, self-awareness, and boost their independence- I bet you guys thought we were just "Playing out"

July saw the retirement of Mrs Penny Gwilt who after over 40 years of working for Pool Pre-School Group decided to hang up her pink and purple polo t-shirts, we all wish her a restful retirement. The team welcomed a new member of staff Mrs Sarah Bowman who comes with a wealth of experience from her previous role and will become an asset to the setting.

Now it's time for my thanks, a big thank you to our team of volunteer parents who make up our Pre-School Committee- some of whom no longer have children attending the setting, they give up their time to help make some of the difficult decisions about the running of the setting always putting Pre-School at the heart of everything they do- Thank You.

Thank you to the wonderful committee and trustees at Arthington Village Hall for their continuing support, and for allowing us to make their hall our home.

Thanks to our Parents- previous and current, the support, generosity and love, particularly this year has absolutely blown us away we all feel very appreciated- Thank You.

Thanks to our Chairperson Carol, who's wisdom and guidance has given the setting consistency for more years than she would probably like to own up to.

Tracy my deputy, you're amazing, I'm not sure I could do what I do without you by my side.

Finally Praise and thanks to the dedicated staff at the setting, we all work together to make our beloved Pre-school drive forwards no matter what comes our way

Thank You! Vikky Campbell

Treasurer's Report – October 2025

The Pool Pre-School accounts, copies of which are available today, show the finances for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Result for the Year

The accounts show a surplus for the year 2024/2025 of £53,330

Incoming Resources

Fee income for the year was £32,082 this was higher than the previous year due to SEN places which was £17897

Grant funding totalled £114,998 which is up from the previous year which was £98,727.

We extend sincere thanks to parents, carers, and relatives who supported our fundraising efforts. Special thanks to staff and committee members who organised events.

Fundraising income totalled £2187, which is up from the previous year which was £2055.

Resources Expended

Staff wages have increased in line with national minimum wage adjustments. We recruited a new team member to backfill a retirement. Staffing levels are under regular review to ensure we meet all needs effectively.

Rent and Premises

We remain settled in our premises at Athington Village Hall. The facility continues to accommodate our extended hours and expanding community, and now offers the outdoor play area for use.

Reserves

As of 31 August 2025, Pool Pre-School holds reserves of £125,153. Our goal remains to maintain at least three months of operating expenses in reserve, in line with Pre-School Learning Alliance guidelines.

Looking Forward

Our focus remains on increasing child numbers, strengthening community links, and continuing our fundraising efforts. We are building strong relationships with local settings and promoting our extended hours and experienced team.

We are proud of our outstanding staff, and I extend heartfelt thanks to them for their dedication and care under the continued leadership of Vikky Campbell.

David Wallis, Treasurer (FY 2024–2025)

POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

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POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP AGM

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2024

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Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Significant Information and Report of Trustees

Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Charity Trustees

Carol Lister

Faye Myers

David Wallis

Natalie Allen

Andrea Robinson

Trustees are selected by appointment or election.

Bankers - HSBC

Independent Examiners

David Locke & Co

8A The Gills, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 2AH

Address

Pool C of E School

Holme View

C/O Arthington Village Hall, Arthington Lane, Pool In Wharfedale LS21 1PQ

Trustees Responsibilities For The Accounts

Charity law requires the trustees of the Pre-School to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. In addition the trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charities transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Pre-School. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Management

The management of the charity is through a committee of volunteers who are trustees of the charity. The day to day running of the charity is through a team of paid staff.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission per section 4 of the Charities Act 2006

The financial statements are prepared using the statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard For Smaller Entities.

Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Pool Pre-School Group
On Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of The Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- b) To Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charities Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention.

1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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- b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of The Charities Act.

have not been met or

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

David Locke AIA AFA

David Locke & Co

8A The Gills, Otley LS21 2AH


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Date..... 07/10/2024

Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)

Significant Information and Report of Trustees

Year Ended 31 August 2024

Review of Activities

The principal activity and object of the charity is to develop and advance the education of children below compulsory school age and the whole of the incoming and outgoing resources are related to this activity.

Review of Financial Position

During the period the school had net income of £10229. Reserves at the end of the period were £76283

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to have at least three months of operating expense in cash reserves and to recognise Pre-School Learning Alliance guidelines.

Cash balance at 31 August 2024 were £61805 which achieved this aim.

Risk Factors

The trustees have considered the risks the charity is exposed to and have processes in place to understand and mitigate those risks. Strategic and short term plans are reviewed regularly and funding planned to meet the needs of the charity. Internal control procedures to monitor expenditure are in place.

Steps have been taken to ensure any reduction in local authority funding does not have a permanent impact.

The cost of premises rental had increased and the Trustees decided to move to lower cost premises.

Approval


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C. Water
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Date 15/10/24
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Pool Pre School Group (charity no 1027238)

Balance Sheet At 31 August 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock - Sweatshirts & T Shirts	269	269
Debtors & Prepayments (Note 3)	5000	5000
Bank Balance Current A/C	24176	16869
Bank Balance Deposit A/C	47858	44936
Petty Cash	0	0
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	77303	67074
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors & Accruals (Note 4)	1020	1020
	-----	-----
	1020	1020
	-----	-----
NET CURRENT ASSETS	76283	66054
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NET ASSETS	76283	66054
	=====	=====
GENERAL FUND	76283	66054
	=====	=====

Approved By the Trustees



..... C. Hester

Date 15/10/24

Pool Pre School Group (Charity no. 1027238)

Notes To The Accounts At 31 August 2024

<u>1) Fund Raising</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Gift Aid	0	158
Wreath Making	782	743
Raffle	121	179
Halloween	265	370
Valentines	61	0
Just Giving	504	1129
Sundry Fundraising	322	102
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	2055	2681
	=====	=====

2) Stock of T Shirts

The costs during the previous years included shirts purchased for use by employees.

3) Debtors & Prepayments

Debtors	0	0
Prepayments - Rent	5000	5000
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	5000	5000
	=====	=====

4) Creditors & Accrued Expenses

PAYE & Social Security Costs	0	0
Accountancy	1020	1020
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	1020	1020
	=====	=====

5) Related Party Transactions

Members of the committee had dealings with the pre school, these were on an arms length basis and are not considered material.

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On Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Date..... 07/09/2024

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POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP AGM

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COMMITTEE

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Date.....17th October 2023

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Faye Myers	Natalie Allen	
Gemma Owens	Ros Fox -Bentley	

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Review of Financial Position

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Reserves Policy

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The cost of premises rental had increased and the Trustees decided to move to lower cost premises.

Approval

CL C. Hester

AD [Signature]

Date 24th October 2023

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Balance Sheet At 31 August 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	0
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Stock - Sweatshirts & T Shirts	269	269
Debtors & Prepayments (Note 3)	5000	5000
Bank Balance Current A/C	16869	10277
Bank Balance Deposit A/C	44936	43118
Petty Cash	0	93
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	67074	58757
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<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors & Accruals (Note 4)	1020	1020
	-----	-----
	1020	1020
	-----	-----
NET CURRENT ASSETS	66054	57737
NET ASSETS	----- 66054 =====	----- 57737 =====
GENERAL FUND	----- 66054 =====	----- 57737 =====

Approved By the Trustees

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Date

Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
<u>RECEIPTS - Incoming Resources</u>	£		£
Fees	21699		21567
Interest Received	473		17
Milk Refunds	652		533
Donations	534		1117
Grants	85004		76774
Fund Raising - Note 1	2681		2337
First Aid	0		170
	-----	111043	----- 102515
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<u>LESS PAYMENTS - Resources Expended</u>			
Staff Wages & Pensions	79818		79416
Rent	12000		27150
Milk	658		533
Insurances	883		861
Electricity	2464		0
Equipment/Materials/Refreshments	1395		1802
Administration Expenses	312		124
Computer Fees	142		0
Accountancy	510		510
Gifts Gratuities & Donations	186		194
Publications & Subscriptions	344		120
Training & Courses	171		651
Tarmac	3750		0
Miscellaneous Expenses	93		0
Relocation Expenses - Removal	0		260
- Roof	0		2640
- Toilets	0		14472
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EXCESS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		-----	-----
		8317	-26218
Balance Brought Forward 1 September 2022		57737	83955
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Balance carried forward 31 August 2023		66054	57737
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Pool Pre School Group (Charity no. 1027238)

Notes To The Accounts At 31 August 2023

<u>1) Fund Raising</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Gift Aid	158	134
Wreath Making	743	655
Raffle	179	135
Haloween	370	307
Cake Stall	0	106
Spring Into Spring	0	863
School Fete	0	137
Just Giving	1129	0
Sundry Fundraising	102	0
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	2681	2337
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2) Stock of T Shirts

The costs during the previous years included shirts purchased for use by employees.

3) Debtors & Prepayments

Debtors	0	0
Prepayments - Rent	5000	5000
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	5000	5000
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4) Creditors & Accrued Expenses

PAYE & Social Security Costs	0	0
Accountancy	1020	1020
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	1020	1020
	=====	=====

5) Related Party Transactions

Members of the committee had dealings with the pre school, these were on an arms length basis and are not considered material.

Treasurer's report - October 2023

The Pool Pre-School accounts, copies of which are available today show the finances for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Result for the Year

The accounts show a small surplus for the year 2022/2023 of £8,317

Incoming resources

Due to rising energy and salary costs fees were increased in the year. Fee income remains relatively unchanged from last year at £21,699. Grant funds are up slightly at £85,004. While the hourly grant funding rate has increased annually, it has not kept pace with the rate of inflation therefore we will need to carefully review fees in future and focus on fundraising activity to ensure our setting is sustainable.

I want to extend sincere thanks to parents, carers and relatives who have supported fundraising efforts throughout the year. And to the staff and committee members who have organised a range of events from Wreath Making to Halloween Discos to Marathon running.

In total fundraising income was £2,681, £344 up on the prior year.

Resources expended

Rising staff wages (in line with minimum wage increases) are a contributing factor to the requirement to increase fees. Due to our recent move and child numbers we have not needed to replace a team member who left in the prior year. However, we have seen an increased number of children with additional needs and may therefore need to recruit in 2023-24 year. Staff levels are continuously reviewed.

Rent and premises

We are now very much settled into our new premises at Athington Village Hall. While we were sad to leave the Pool Primary School our new setting has enabled us to offer extended hours.

Reserves

The balance sheet shows as of 31st August 2023, Pool Pre-School holds reserves of £44,936. Our goal is to hold 3 months operating expenses in reserve in line with Pre-School Learning Alliance Guidelines.

The reserve fund may also be needed to cover the cost of making our new setting even better for our children, with the creation of a 2nd outdoor play space.

Looking forward

Our focus must remain on fundraising efforts as well as campaigns to raise numbers. We have made good links with other settings in the area who will refer our setting should theirs not meet the needs of the parents and children. We continue to promote our extended hours and excellent, long-serving team which is a major benefit to this setting. We have an outstanding team to whom I extend my thanks for all they do for the Pre-School under the excellent leadership of Vikky Campbell.

Anna Drabble, Treasurer (FY 2023-2023)

POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

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Pool Pre School Group (Charity no. 1027238)

Accounts

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Pool Pre School Group (Charity no. 1027238)

Notes To The Accounts At 31 August 2022

<u>1) Fund Raising</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Gift Aid	134	100
Wreath Making	655	105
Raffle	135	0
Halloween	307	56
Cake Stall	106	0
Spring Into Spring	863	0
School Fete	137	0
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	2337	261
	=====	=====

2) Stock of T Shirts

The costs during the previous years included shirts purchased for use by employees.

3) Debtors & Prepayments

Debtors	0	0
Prepayments - Rent	5000	0
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	5000	0
	=====	=====

4) Creditors & Accrued Expenses

PAYE & Social Security Costs	0	0
Accountancy	1020	510
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	1020	510
	=====	=====

5) Related Party Transactions

Members of the committee had dealings with the pre school, these were on an arms length basis and are not considered material.

Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2022

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
<u>RECEIPTS - Incoming Resources</u>	£		£
Fees	21567		21162
Interest Received	17		6
Milk Refunds	533		492
Donations	1117		100
Grants	76774		89469
Fund Raising - Note 1	2337		254
First Aid	170		0
HMRC Grants	0		4276
	-----	102515	-----
			115759
<u>LESS PAYMENTS - Resources Expended</u>			
Staff Wages & Pensions	79416		78245
Rent	27150		29591
Milk	533		415
Insurances	861		767
Equipment/Materials/Refreshments	1802		909
Administration Expenses	124		1594
Accountancy	510		510
Gifts Gratuities & Donations	194		98
Publications & Subscriptions	120		251
Training & Courses	651		141
Relocation Expenses - Removal	260		0
- Roof	2640		0
- Toilets	14472		0
	-----	114261	-----
			112521
EXCESS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		-----	-----
		-11746	3238
Balance Brought Forward 1 September 2021		83955	80717
Balance carried forward 31 August 2022		-----	-----
		72209	83955
		=====	=====

Pool Pre School Group (charity no 1027238)

Balance Sheet At 31 August 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock - Sweatshirts & T Shirts	269	269
Debtors & Prepayments (Note 3)	5000	0
Bank Balance Current A/C	10277	19471
Bank Balance Deposit A/C	43118	65173
Petty Cash	93	93
	-----	-----
	58757	85006
	-----	-----
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors & Accruals (Note 4)	1020	1051
	-----	-----
	1020	1051
	-----	-----
NET CURRENT ASSETS	57737	83955
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NET ASSETS	57737	83955
	=====	=====
GENERAL FUND	57737	83955
	=====	=====

Approved By the Trustees

.....C. Wister.....

.....H Russell.....

Date18/10/22.....

Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Pool Pre-School Group
On Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of The Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- b) To Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charities Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention.

1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of The Charities Act.

have not been met or

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

David Locke AIA AFA
David Locke & Co
8A The Gills, Otley LS21 2AH

D Locke
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Date..... 03/10/2021

Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)

Significant Information and Report of Trustees

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Review of Activities

The principal activity and object of the charity is to develop and advance the education of children below compulsory school age and the whole of the incoming and outgoing resources are related to this activity.

Review of Financial Position

During the period the school had net outgoing resources of £26218. Reserves at the end of the period were £57737.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to have at least three months of operating expense in cash reserves and to recognise Pre-School Learning Alliance guidelines.

Cash balance at 31 August 2022 were £53395 which achieved this aim.

Risk Factors

The trustees have considered the risks the charity is exposed to and have processes in place to understand and mitigate those risks. Strategic and short term plans are reviewed regularly and funding planned to meet the needs of the charity. Internal control procedures to monitor expenditure are in place./

Steps have been taken to ensure any reduction in local authority funding does not have a permanent impact.

The cost of premises rental had increased and the Trustees decided to move to lower cost premises.

Approval

..... C. Wisser

..... H. Russell

Date 18/10/22

Pool Pre School Group (Charity number 1027238)

Significant Information and Report of Trustees

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Charitable Objectives

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 an 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.

Charity Trustees

Carol Lister

Anna Dribble

Helen Russell

Faye Myers

Natalie Allen

Michelle Adams

Gemma Owens

Ros Fox -Bentley

Trustees are selected by appointment or election.

Bankers - HSBC

Independent Examiners

David Locke & Co

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Address

Pool C of E School

Holme View

C/O Arthington Village Hall, Arthington Lane, Pool In Wharfedale LS21 1PQ

Trustees Responsibilities For The Accounts

Charity law requires the trustees of the Pre-School to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. In addition the trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charities transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Pre-School. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Management

The management of the charity is through a committee of volunteers who are trustees of the charity. The day to day running of the charity is through a team of paid staff.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission per section 4 of the Charities Act 2006

The financial statements are prepared using the statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard For Smaller Entities.

Pool Pre-school Group Managers report for 2022

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend our Pre-School AGM, myself and the staff really are grateful for all the support from our current committee and parents over the last year as we look towards a bright future here in Arthington.

It's very difficult to sum up the last 12 months in a year which has seen some of the biggest changes to Pool Pre-School Group. The staff and committee worked tirelessly for almost 4yrs in order to protect and safeguard our beloved Pre-School on an emotional rollercoaster which was sad, exciting, optimistic, exhausting and finally secure.

Through all this your brilliantly resilient children continued to thrive and knew nothing about the big changes which lie ahead.

Pre-School has always strived to provide the best opportunities for your children to flourish in our setting by investing in the professional development of staff, last year all staff took part in training with Kate Lowe-reception class teacher who also works delivering training for the National centre for excellence in the teaching of mathematics. The training was around the concept of pattern and the important links with Mathematical thinking and noticing pattern, the training has really helped us all in the way we observe and support children with their mathematical awareness and following very brief feedback from Pool Primary the class of 2021-22 who recently left our setting are showing more awareness around Mathematical concepts when baseline assessed. We look forward to seeing what Kate has in store for us this year!

We now look towards our hopes and wishes for the next year, we all have high aspirations for the future of the setting which is reflected in the Self-evaluation. This is a working document that we review and update regularly striving for the best possible outcomes for your children and the staff working with them.

Now it's time for my thanks, a big thank you to our team of volunteer parents who make up our Pre-School Committee- some of whom no longer have children attending the setting, they give up their time to help make some of the difficult decisions about the running of the setting always putting Pre-School at the heart of everything they do- Thank You.

Thank you to the wonderful committee and trustees at Arthington Village Hall for supporting our move and making us feel so welcome here.

Thanks to our Parents- previous and current, the support, generosity and love, particularly this year has absolutely blown us away we all feel very appreciated- Thank You.

Thanks to our Chairperson Carol, who's wisdom and guidance has given the setting consistency for more years than she would probably like to own up to. Carol has supported and championed myself and the staff to make our Pre-School a fantastic place to work- Thank You.

Tracy my deputy, you're amazing, I'm not sure I could do what I do without you by my side. (don't cry). I see you more than my husband Mon-Fri but argue with you a lot less.

Praise and thanks to the dedicated staff who between us have a combined service history of over 80 years- not bad for the four of us! I believe that this gives me the pleasure of calling them all friends as well as colleagues. Between us we work together to make our beloved Pre-school drive forwards no matter what comes our way

Thank You!

Vikky Campbell

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT AGM 18th OCTOBER 2022

Hello and welcome to our AGM.

We have had a very busy and at times stressful year which ended with our move into new premises, the decision to move was not taken lightly but we felt we had no option after over 4 years of stress worrying about our future.

Vikky + Tracy worked extremely hard to make the move go smoothly taking time out from their summer holidays to do this, I want to say a huge thank you to them both, I'd also like to thank those parents who helped out too. We are looking forward to the future in our new home.

Fundraising did well especially the wreath making which was held over two nights. We also did a cake stall which went really well and a preloved toy stall at schools summer fair.

As usual the staff did a great build up to Christmas for the children.

We returned to Pre School after the Christmas break ready for spring to arrive and lots of topics to explore.

Sadly our Pre-School assistant of several years Mrs Laura Milner left us for pastures new in June.

Our manager Vikky has worked so hard and diligently over the past year keeping up to date with EYFS changes etc. Thank you Vikky you are amazing.

Our deputy manager Tracy has also been a tower of strength throughout, supporting and helping Vikky with everything, again we are so lucky to have her. Thank you Tracy you are a star.

To Rachel and Penny I would like to thank you also for all your hard work during the year. We have got a great Pre School team.

Thanks also go to Sue our Financial Administrator who has the difficult job of balancing the books etc and to Helen our Treasurer who has supported Sue in this role.

My thanks go also to the Committee for all their help and support throughout the year.

My final thanks go to you all for attending tonight's meeting.

If any of you would like to join the committee please speak up.

Thank You.

Carol Lister

POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

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POOL PRE-SCHOOL AGM MEETING

TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2021

Present: Carol Lister (Chairperson), Vikky Campbell (Manager), Tracy Thompson (Deputy), Sue Grange (Financial Administrator), Susannah Calder, Faye Myers, Helen Russell, Penny Gwilt, Rachel Duncan, Laura Milner, Megan Booth, Collette Thomas, Gemma Owen, Jane Doyle, Roz Fox-Bentley, Michelle Adams, Fran Sowerby, Lewis Sowerby.

Apologies: Anna Drabble, Natalie Allen, Taylor Campbell, Nicky Scales.

- 1. The minutes of the last AGM were accepted.**
- 2. Chair Persons Report - Attached.**
- 3. Manager's Report - Attached.**
- 4. Treasurers Report - Attached.**
- 5. Appointment of new committee.**

Helen Russell, Susannah Calder and Natalie Allen all agreed to stay on the committee. Nicky Scales and Taylor Campbell stood down from the committee. New Members are: Collette Thomas, Fran Sowerby, Michelle Adams, Roz Fox-Bentley, Gemma Owen.

Election of officers:

Chairperson: Carol Lister proposed by Faye Myers and seconded by Susannah Calder.

Treasurer: Helen Russell proposed by Carol Lister and seconded by Faye Myers.

Secretary: Anna Drabble proposed by Carol Lister and seconded by Sue Grange.

A.O.B: Michelle Adams asked about fundraising, Vikky replied that we have wreath making classes booked for Thursday 2nd + Friday 3rd December at Arthington Village Hall and that more details would be sent out nearer the time.

D.O.N.M: to be arranged after half term.

Carol thanked everyone for attending .

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT AGM 19th OCTOBER 2021

Welcome to our AGM.

Pre – School has slowly got back to some sort of normality over the year thanks to our dedicated staff. They have taken lateral flow tests at least twice a week to ensure the safety of the children, they have promoted hygiene and cleanliness throughout the whole setting with an excellent regime in place.

The staff did a great build up to Christmas for the children, despite there being no visit from Santa.

Our manager Vikky has handled the day to day running of Pre School and the staff with great professionalism and care, we are so lucky to have her. Thank you Vikky.

Our deputy manager Tracy has been a great support and sounding board for Vikky and the staff. Thank you Tracy.

Thank you to our assistants Rachel, Penny and Laura who along with Vikky and Tracy work so hard to make sure the children are in a caring, safe and happy environment.

My thanks also go to Sue our Financial Administrator who has the difficult job of balancing the books etc and to Nicky our Treasurer who has supported Sue in this role.

My thanks go to the Committee for all their help and support this year especially Anna who has recorded all the minutes from meetings etc. Sadly we said goodbye to Barbara Nicholson who had been on the committee for several years the latter of which was as treasurer, we send her our thanks and best wishes

We have been unable to do our usual fundraising this last year but we are looking forward to starting them up again this school year, which brings me on to a date for your diaries Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December we will be doing Wreath Making at Arthington Village Hall, more information will be sent out nearer the dates.

My final thanks go to you all for attending tonight's meeting.

If any of you would like to join the committee please speak up.

Thank You.

Carol Lister

Pool Pre-school Group Managers report for 2021

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend our Pre-School AGM, it seems like a lifetime ago that we could have a face-to-face meeting, myself and the staff really are grateful for all the support from our current committee and parents over the last year as we look towards a brighter future.

Its very difficult to sum up the last 12 months in a year which has included lock-downs, both locally and nationally, family meetings were cancelled with no birthday parties or anniversary celebrations with friends, weddings were allowed with restricted numbers or postponed. This included our very own "Miss Marshall" who we welcomed back in September after a very long wait as Mrs Laura Milner, I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating Laura and offering our best wishes for the future and a long and happy marriage.

Although we experienced disappointment we adapted, missed opportunities became new possibilities, we couldn't showcase our setting to new or perspective parents whilst children were attending....so we offered evening or weekend visits, we were told not to have soft toys, playdough or dressing up clothes for the children to play with.... These valuable resources we felt we could manage to provide safely, so staff just took them home to wash or made fresh playdough. Our biggest disappointment was that we couldn't visit Wharfedale Court retirement flats to perform our annual Christmas sing-a-long and story, a disappointment felt by children, staff and the residents. We wanted the residents to know we were thinking of them so the children made 25 Christmas cards and glittery decorations one for each person residing at Wharfedale Court the gifts were reciprocated with cards and chocolate lolly pops in return.

Yet through all this your brilliantly resilient children continued to thrive and know nothing about the nasty bug at the door, they were allowed to play together and the only bubbles they knew of were blown from a wand and went pop if you touched them, they sang songs and played games and if they fell and hurt their knees they were patched up and cuddled until the Ouchy or boo-boo stopped hurting.

The coming year will see lots of new changes for the staff and setting to embrace, the most important is the new development matters curriculum guidance which has replaced the old EYFS, whilst this is considered a transitional year staff are all working extremely hard behind the scenes to keep up to date with the changes to practice and improve their understanding of how to implement this whilst maintaining our high standards of care and education.

We now look towards our hopes and wishes for the next year, we all have high aspirations for the future of the setting which is reflected in the Self-evaluation. This is a working document that we review and update regularly striving for the best possible outcomes for your children and the staff working with them. We offer great opportunities for staff to develop their skills with access to CPD and online training, the benefits of which are helping us to confidently support children with psychological first aid, provide a healthy food environment and improve the outcomes for all children in our setting.

Now to give thanks, a big thank you to our team of volunteer parents who make up our Pre-School Committee- some of whom no longer have children attending the setting, they give up their time to help make some of the difficult decisions about the running of the setting always putting Pre-School at the heart of everything they do- Thank You.

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Thank You!

Vikky Campbell

POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP (Charity No. 1027238)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Incoming Resources			
Fees		21,162	22,658
Interest Received		6	110
Milk Refunds		492	349
Donations		100	-
Grants		89,469	75,416
Fund Raising	1	254	843
Sweatshirts & T-shirts		-	9
HMRC Grants		4,276	1,065
		-----	-----
Total Incoming Resources		115,759	100,450
		=====	=====
Resources Expended			
Staff Wages & Pensions		78,245	85,168
Rent		29,591	12,000
Milk		415	355
Insurance		767	847
Equipment, Materials, Refreshments & Entertainment		909	1,415
Administration Expenses		2,104	912
Gifts, Gratuities & Donations etc		98	113
Publications & Subscriptions		251	251
Sweatshirts & T-shirts	2	-	6
Training & Courses		141	139
		-----	-----
Total Resources Expended		112,521	101,206
		=====	=====
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources and Net Movement in Funds		3,238	(756)
Balance Brought Forward at 1 September 2020		80,717	81,473
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Balance Carried Forward at 31 August 2021		83,955	80,717
		=====	=====