

NOAH'S ARK PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1027796

Details

Other names NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-11-01

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

Contact

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Farrington Road
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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 RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OFF 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: We provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment where all children benefit by being able to enjoy themselves and grow in confidence. We encourage every child to be a competent learner who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. We seek to build to positive relationships with both our children and their families.

Classification

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

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£185,723	£170,293	-	-
2024-08-31	£159,707	£135,965	-	-
2023-08-31	£141,546	£120,996	-	-
2022-08-31	£114,521	£114,780	-	-
2021-08-31	£108,835	£103,883	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LOUISE SMART	Chair	2022-11-08
Abby Channing		2025-11-18
Amber Lauren Hamilton		2023-11-15
Caitlin Brown		2024-11-19
Emily Lockett		2024-11-19
Emma Clare Blackmore		2023-11-15
Michelle Lawrence		2021-07-30
Natalie Jayne Baber		2023-11-15
Rikki Sharp		2025-11-18
Sarah Sharp		2025-11-18

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Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

NOAH'S ARK PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2024

Charity no (if any)

1027796

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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
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- 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.

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Signed:

C. Shakespeare

Date:

4.12.24

Name:

CAYLE SHAKESPEARE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 From **01 09 2023** To **31 08 2024**

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Noah's Ark Playgroup

Other names charity is known by Noah's Ark Preschool

Registered charity number (if any) 1027796

Charity's principal address

The wooden Classroom	
Farrington Road	
Paulton, Bristol	
Postcode	BS39 7LW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(not applicable to trusts)</small>	Preschool Learning Alliance Constitution 2011 adopted October 2014.
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Trustee selection methods <small>(not applicable to trusts)</small>	Parents and family members are invited to the Annual General Meeting in the Autumn. A management committee is appointed or reappointed at this meeting. Trustees are the committee members.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

The preschool is run by a voluntary parent led committee. Committee members are elected by nomination at the Annual General Meeting and have roles and responsibilities as set out in the Charity Commission guidance. All new members are DBS checked and approved by Ofsted.

There is a handover period for each new officer (Chair, Treasurer & Secretary) and suitable training is available from BANES Council if required.

We have regular contact with Bath and Northeast Somerset Council's Early Years Team.

Noah's Ark Preschool is a member of the Preschool Learning Alliance.

We have strong links with the Early Years Teachers at Paulton Infant School and regularly visit them to ensure a smooth transition for all our children.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We reopened In September after the Summer break with encouraging numbers. This continued throughout the first 2 quarters and by Easter we were running to near full capacity.

STAFF

We retained our normal staffing levels and employed 1 trainee Assistant practitioner in February; however, in July we said a very sad goodbye to Kirstie Pitt Preschool Manager who retired after 18 years' service. We employed a preschool and charity administrator in July to support the preschool staff and committee.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All Staff benefit from regular supervision meets and yearly appraisals. We have attended face to face training this year and have renewed our safeguarding certificates where necessary. We continually work with other professionals to enhance our practice these include the Early Years Teachers and Advisors from Children Centre Services and Banes.

VISITORS

We continue to hire Jenny James (Music with Mummy's) to provide weekly music sessions. The children enjoy the singing, dancing and playing of instruments. These sessions are held on different days throughout the week so all children can take part. We have regular visits and story sessions from the library volunteers. We have benefitted from a visit from our local PCSO, the children enjoyed the road safety discussions and trying on the uniforms. We also encourage parents to visit to talk with the children about their work or life achievements.

CHRISTMAS 2023

We visited Paulton Infants school to watch their Christmas Production. In December we invited parents into the preschool for planned craft sessions. It was a great success. We held a Christmas party for children and families with hired entertainment at the end of Term 2.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer visited in November and June and gave us a percentage of the orders.

LEAVER'S PARTY

We held a school leaver's party with hired entertainment in July.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

As well as the money raised from the photo sells, we had a Bingo night, Christmas raffle and a race night in May. All was a great success raising just over £1400. This money will be spent on large outdoor climbing equipment and resources.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have had a very positive year resulting in a profit. Income is up 12.8% on last year. Although this percentage is down on the 27% increase on the year before. This increase is mainly due to more funding hours and increased rates from Banes + a small increase to non-funding fees which we implemented In September. Expenditure has increased by 12.3% an increase of the 5.4% the previous year. The running costs have risen year on year with the cost of living – food, electric and gas. We have also upgraded the laptops and purchased 2 Apple Macs. Wages have increased by 5.9%, PAYE/NI by 263% and Pensions by 150%. PAYE/NI and Pensions have vast increases due to the hourly rate increases in line with the minimum wage. All staff received a bonus in December. We have started work updating the outside of the building and gardens and have separated these costs from the main running costs. This will enable us to keep track of expenditure.

Income and expenditure

Bank Balance b/f 156976.22

Total Income for the year to 31st August 2024

BANES	136382.02
Fees	21763.29
F Raising	1476.05
Uniform	86.
Lunch Club	0
Interest	0
Misc	0
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Total Expenditure for the year to 31st August 2024

Wages	101404.86
PAYE/NI	5829.93
NEST	4055.07
Running Costs	13395.56
Equipment	4170.15
Uniform	343.49
Fund Raising	372.60
Building & Improvements	1770.18
Training	368.98
Repairs/renewals	570
Food/snacks	1500.32
Other	91.62
Subscriptions	2092.42
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	135965.16
Bank Bal to c/f	180718.42
Excess of Income over Expenditure	23742.20

Balance Sheet on 31st August 2024

	Y/e Aug 24
Bank Bal B/f	£156976.22
Income over Expenditure	<hr/>
	£23742.20
Balance to C/f	<hr/>
	£180,718.42

FUTURE PLANS

To secure a 10-year lease with Pauton Parish Council. Now that we have surveys to state that the building is in adequate order, we can start spending the reserves put aside to update the property inside and out. Plans are in place to renew the kitchen and craft areas. Regenerate the outside playing area. Repaint and update the lighting in the classroom and cloakroom. Meetings are ongoing with the Management Committee to ensure the current pay structure is fair and to continue are commitment to investing in our staff.

The management committee comprises of parent volunteers. The overall management of the preschool and all fundraising events are carried out by these volunteers.

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

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our current financial position is positive, and we have a relatively healthy amount of savings which we are keeping in reserve for any unforeseen expenditure, the purchase of new equipment/resources and the enhancement/renovation of a very old building.

Further financial review details (Optional Information)

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


- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of funding is through paid fees for younger children and the Early Years Entitlement. We raise further funds through our regular fundraising events.

Our expenditure has always supported our key aim to provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment where all children are able to enjoy themselves and grow in confidence.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Date:	19-11-24
Full name(s)	Louise Smart		CHAIR

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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STAFF

We retained our normal 9 staff; however, in July we said a very sad goodbye to Angela Cross who retired after 30 years' service. We had one student who worked with us from September to December.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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Income and expenditure

Bank Balance b/f 136426.19

Total Income for the year to 31st August 2023

BANES 114124.15

Fees 25504.90

F Raising 1263.13

Uniform 244.50

Lunch Club 409.00

Interest

Misc

141545.68

Total Expenditure for the year to 31st August 2023

Wages 95739.85

PAYE/NI 2211.67

NEST 2701.35

Running Costs 13106.65

Equipment 1701.38

Uniform	0
Fund Raising	400.46
Building & Improvements	2845.55
Training	178.00
Repairs/renewals	648.00
Food/snacks	1008.60
Subscriptions	454.14
	<u>120995.65</u>
Bank Bal to c/f	156976.22
Excess of Income over Expenditure	20550.03
 <u>Balance Sheet at 31st August 2022</u>	
	Y/e Aug 23
Bank Bal B/f	£136426.19
Income over Expenditure	<u>£20550.03</u>
Balance to C/f	<u>£156976.22</u>
 <u>FUTURE PLANS</u>	
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Date:	15/11/23
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Stone	CHAIR	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of NOAHS ARK PRESCHOOL

On accounts for the year ended 31-08-2023 **Charity no (if any)** 1027796

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity 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
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In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:		Date:	29.11.23
Name:	GAYLE SHAKESPEARE		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FMAAT.		
Address:	Bourne and Bargery		
	The Byers, Manor Farm,		
	Chilcompton, Radstock, BA3 4HP		

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).

Deleted: Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose. ... [1]

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has again been challenging due to uncertainty after the global pandemic and rising costs. We opened in September to fewer children than normal. Management staff cut shifts to help with expenditure during the first quarter, Numbers started to pick up throughout January and the closure of Acorn Preschool at Easter resulted in more children for Terms 5 and 6. We ended the academic year with 47 children to which 18 left in July for school.

STAFF

We started the year with 9 staff. Aaron Jackson left us at the end of term 4 to pursue a full time career. Jackie Byers retired in July and Kirstie Pitt took on more of an administrative management role during Term 6, In light of the staff changes we employed Lauren Fennelly at the start of Term 5 and Hannah Smith from Term 6. Kay Willcox remains as Leader in Charge with Fee Tucker as her deputy and Senco Manager.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have attended training via zoom but this has been problematic due to internet issues. All staff renewed their First Aid qualification in July. All Staff benefit from regular supervision meets and yearly appraisals. We continually work with other professionals to enhance our practice these include the Early Years Teachers and Advisors from Children Centre Services and Banes.

VISITORS

From April we hired Jenny James (Music with Mummy's) to provide weekly music sessions and during Term 6 paid for weekly Athletic sessions with Mini Athletics.

CHRISTMAS 2021

We visited Paulton Infants school to watch their Christmas Production. In December we held our own production 'A medley of Christmas songs and carols at Holy Trinity Church. It was a great success. We had a Christmas party with hired entertainment for all children.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer visited in November and June and gave us a percentage of the orders.

LEAVER'S PARTY

We held a school leaver's party with hired entertainment on Friday 15th July.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Fundraising Events have been postponed since March 2020 as our emphasis has been on keeping the preschool open. We are planning to resume during 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Although the Charity remains in a positive financial position we sadly ended this financial year with a loss of £258.58. Income is slightly up (4.9%) on last year, however Expenditure has increased by 9.5%. Payroll costs are up 6% year on year due to the payment of sick pay during covid, a pay increase from April 1st, first aid training and higher staffing levels throughout terms 5 and 6 to ease the transition period during staff changes. The preschool paid for a Staff meal and evening out at Christmas and again in July to celebrate the staff leaving and milestone birthdays. We also bought a laptop, iPad and accessories to assist with the move to Blossom Early Years Software to which we now subscribe.

Income and expenditure

Bank Balance b/f	136684.77
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Total Income for the year to 31st August 2022

BANES	97141.15
Fees	16387.00
F Raising	992.70
Uniform	
Lunch Club	
Interest	
Misc (B College)	_____
	114520.85

Total Expenditure for the year to 31st August 2022

Wages	88006.74
PAYE/NI	4067.91
NEST	1949.13
Running Costs	14481.01
Equipment	4558.63

Uniform	0
Fund Raising	407.70
Training	683.00
Repairs/renewals	
Food/snacks	
Other	625.31
	<u>114779.43</u>
Bank Bal to c/f	136426.19
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-258.58
<u>Balance Sheet at 31st August 2022</u>	
	Y/e Aug 22
Bank Bal B/f	£136684.77
Income over Expenditure	<u>-£258.58</u>
Balance to C/f	<u>£136,426.19</u>
<u>FUTURE PLANS</u>	
Discussions have started to take place with Paulton Parish Council on the longevity of our current building and plans are afoot for renovations and enhancements to the building. A working party has been appointed and surveys of the building have been completed.	
The management committee comprises of parent volunteers. The overall management of the preschool and all fundraising events are carried out by these volunteers.	

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

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

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our current financial position is stable and we have a relatively healthy amount of savings which we are keeping in reserve for any unforeseen expenditure, the purchase of new equipment/resources and the enhancement/renovation of the building.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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


- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of funding is through paid fees for younger children and the Early Years Entitlement. We raise further funds through our regular fundraising events.

Our expenditure has always supported our key aim to provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment where all children are able to enjoy themselves and grow in confidence.

Section G Declaration

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)		Date: 8/11/22.
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Stone	CHAIR



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

NOAHS ARK PRESCHOOL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31-08-2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1027796

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity 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
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (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:		Date:	15.12.22
Name:	Mrs Gayle Shakespeare		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT		
Address:	Bourne and Bargery		
	The Byers Manor Farm		
	Chircompton, Radstock, BA3 4HF		

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).

NOAH'S ARK PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1027796

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 From 01 09 2020 To 31 08 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

The wooden Classroom	
Farrington Road	
Paulton, Bristol	
Postcode	BS39 7LW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Elizabeth Stone	Chair		Committee
2	Emma Morris	Treasurer		Committee
3	Hannah Rutt	Secretary		Committee
4	Kirstie Pitt			Committee
5	Laura Cooper			Committee
6	Michelle Lawrence		01/07/21	Committee
7	Hannah Smith		01/07/21	Committee
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Cooperative	16 St Stephens Street, Bristol
Accountant	Bourne and Bargery	The Byers, Manor Farm, Chilcompton. Somerset

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Preschool Learning Alliance Constitution 2011 adopted October 2014.
How the charity is constituted	Association
Trustee selection methods	Parents and family members are invited to the Annual General Meeting in the Autumn. A management committee is appointed or reappointed at this meeting. Trustees are the committee members.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The preschool is run by a voluntary parent led committee. Committee members are elected by nomination at the Annual General Meeting and have roles and responsibilities as set out in the Charity Commission guidance. All new members are DBS checked and approved by Ofsted.</p> <p>There is a handover period for each new officer (Chair, Treasurer & Secretary) and suitable training is available from BANES Council if required.</p> <p>We have regular contact with Bath and North East Somerset Council's Early Years Team.</p> <p>Noah's Ark Preschool is a member of the Preschool Learning Alliance.</p> <p>We have strong links with the Early Years Teachers at Paulton Infant School and regularly visit them to ensure a smooth transition for all our children.</p> <p>We hold termly committee meetings to discuss the overall running of the preschool and future fundraising plans.</p> <p>We complete a daily risk assessment on the building and grounds and a yearly assessment of all equipment. Any visits or outings are also assessed in line with the preschool policies.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>We aim to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging families to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.</p>

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities and daily routines the committee have regard for and keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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The preschool is open Monday - Friday during term time and offers affordable sessional day care for children aged 2.5 - 4. All 8 practitioners are fully qualified to level 3 or above and we encourage parent helpers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the preschool. We have 1 apprentice currently working towards a level 2 qualification. We offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has again been challenging due to the uncertainty of the global pandemic. We optimistically reopened to all children in September 2020. Restrictions were still in place on play activities, fundraising, visitors and outings. As with all educational settings we remained open throughout the 3rd lockdown from early January to Easter. We continued to provide much needed childcare for key workers and the children transitioning to school. Unfortunately, we were forced to close from Monday 25th January to Thursday 4th February as a member of staff fell ill with Covid. We reopened again to all children and with less restrictions for Term 3. We ended the academic year with 46 children to which 27 left in July to start school.

STAFF

During the year we maintained the employment of 9 staff. We did not need to access the Government's furlough scheme to pay staff salaries as we remained in receipt of the full Early Years Entitlement from Bath and North East Somerset Council.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have not been able to attend any face to face training however, we try to keep up to date via zoom with Banes, LCSB and The Preschool Learning Alliance where possible. We continually work closely with other professionals to include the Early Years Teachers and Advisors from Children Centre Services and Banes either via telephone or Zoom meetings.

CHRISTMAS 2020

We were unable to visit Paulton Infants school to watch their Christmas play, nor were we able to hold our own Christmas production or party.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer visited in June for the leaver's photos and gave us a percentage of the orders.

LEAVER'S PARTY

We held a school leaver's party with hired entertainment on Friday 16th July.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Fundraising Events have been postponed since March 2020 as our emphasis has been on keeping the preschool open.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are very pleased to report that the preschool has again been able to maintain a positive financial position. We ended the financial year with a profit of £4951. Income is slightly up (2.6%) on last year but still lower than normal due to the loss of non-funded children during lockdown and fundraising events. Fortunately, we were still paid the Early Years Entitlement from Banes for all eligible 2 and 3 year olds' throughout the year. The expenditure is up (7%) on last year due to purchasing large quantities of PPE, lateral flow tests, a fogger and disinfectant during the early part of the year. Due to the restrictions in place on toys we also had to purchase more craft materials than normal. We increased our insurance cover to include Trustee and a higher level of revenue cover. All staff received a pay increase as part of the agreed 4 year plan on April 1st. The preschool paid for a Staff meal and evening out in August as the normal Christmas meal was cancelled.

Income and expenditure

Bank Balance b/f	131733.44
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Total Income for the year to 31st August 2021

BANES	90677.15
Fees	16148.50
F Raising	714.70
Uniform	31.70
Lunch Club	757.50
Interest	0
Misc (B College)	504.94
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Total Expenditure for the year to 31st August 2021

Wages	82722.76
PAYE/NI	3582.55
NEST	2064.16
Running Costs	9095.75
Equipment	3398.50

Uniform	0
Fund Raising	421.20
Training	98.45
Repairs/renewals	50
Food/snacks	1010.32
Other	1439.47
	<u>103883.16</u>
Bank Bal to c/f	136684.77
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4951.33
 Balance Sheet at 31st August 2021	
	Y/e Aug 21
Bank Bal B/f	£131,733.44
Income over Expenditure	£4951.33
Balance to C/f	<u>£136,684.77</u>
FUTURE PLANS	
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	Y/e Aug 20
Current Account	£131,733.44
Cash	-
	<u>£131,733.44</u>

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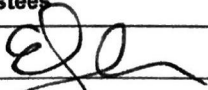
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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Date:	13/12/2021
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Stone	CHAIR	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
NOAHS ARK PRESCHOOL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/21	Charity no (if any)	1027796
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responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

Signed:  Date: 03.11.2021

Name: Mrs Gayle Shakespeare

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

Address: Bourne and Bargery
The Byers, Manor Farm,
Chilcompton, Radstock . BA3 4HP

Section B

Disclosure

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