

ERMINGTON PRE-SCHOOL UNIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1034037

Details

Other names ERMINGTON UNDER FIVES

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-02-28

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY; (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF SUCH NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: Childcare for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. The children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and learn lots from fun learning/games sessions, colouring, interesting trips. Visitors are encouraged, to widen all the childrens experiences.

Classification

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

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	-	-	-	-
2024-08-31	£95,165	£124,555	-	-
2023-08-31	£118,252	£127,533	-	-
2022-08-31	£120,886	£121,715	-	-
2021-08-31	£105,339	£89,485	-	-
2020-08-31	£96,234	£82,414	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Katherine Toms	Chair	2017-10-09
Cathryn Isaac		2025-09-01
Sarah Joy Foulis		2025-04-20

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 September 2023** to **31 Aug 2024**

Charity name: **Ermington Pre School Unit**

Charity registration number: **1034037**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Pre School education for Children aged 2 to 5 years
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Providing high quality early years education for children between the ages of 2 to 5 years. Our curriculum is tailor made and designed to give each child the best possible start to their educational journey, by equipping out children with resilience, independence and curiosity for lifelong learning. Our mission statement is "Equipping every child for a world they will discover."
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants to other organisations
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have no investments. We do not take part in social investments or program related investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers work in administration and fundraising. All volunteers are enhanced DBS checked and vetted for suitability following Safer Recruitment procedures and approval from OFSTED.
Other		None

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	From September 2023 we changed our opening hours permanently and are now open from 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. five days a week, offering wraparound care. This has been very successful and attracted a higher number of new registrations than anticipated. The low national birth rate during the COVID pandemic continued to have a detrimental impact on numbers. However this also had positive impacts in that more time and resources could be redirected to the children who were attending the setting. We continued to support a relatively high number of children with additional needs, successfully ensuring that children entered mainstream education with EHCPs in place. Our reputation for providing excellent care and support for children with additional needs and looked after children led to recommendations from the Local Authority to families in the area. We ended the year with a financial loss but had anticipated this and covered with reserves and fundraising wherever possible.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Successfully implemented extended opening hours. Manager and Deputy attended various conferences provided by Devon County Council and the Pre School Learning Alliance. Staff continuous professional development was encouraged and supported wherever possible. However slightly less was spent on training than in
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		previous years. Free courses were sought out wherever possible. Mandatory training was maintained as a priority. Despite a difficult year financially the pre school maintained its reputation and continued to meet all objectives. Progress continued to be made on setting up CIO to replace current structure which struggled to recruit volunteers and trustees.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising continued to be difficult due to cost of living and inflation during this period which left many families locally with much lower disposable income. SeaMoor lotto and Easy Fundraising continued to provide a small income; however Amazon Smile folded in this year and was no longer providing any income. Small events locally such as pub quizzes and Fair in the Square provided some cash income, as well as Christmas card sales from the children.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have no investments
Other		None

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	A loss was made this year due to the following: • Higher costs associated with providing care for children with additional needs • Lower birthrate nationally due to the impact of COVID-19 • Increased costs and bills caused by rising inflation • A new academy trust managing the school site chose to increase building and insurance costs Signs of recovery are on the horizon and we hope to have an improved year in 2024-25
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity accumulates reserves through fundraising to support the core business and for the purchase of equipment and other resources We also maintain a level of reserves for emergency situations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£46357
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funding for core activities is from EYEF and 2 year old funding, with unfunded time being charged at cost to parents. Additional funding was provided from Devon County Council for the children with a high level of additional needs. Other income comes from various fundraising activities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The changes to the number of funded hours for children announced by the new government continues to have a significant impact on our finances, like that of the finances of many other childcare settings. We have seen many closures of settings like ours in the rural Devon area. The amount of funding per hour received is still insultingly low and does not even cover the basics of staff salaries, building costs and utility bills. Recruiting and retaining qualified and experienced quality staff will become more of a challenge for all settings without a radical recognition of the true social and economic costs of early years education.
Other		Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Advancement of Early Years Education for children who attend aged 2-5 years.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Guidance in association with the Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Early Years Alliance Constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	We work in accordance with the Early Years Alliance constitution. Trustees are required to apply in writing to the Chair of the Committee. They then are selected based on suitability, safeguarding knowledge and relevant experiences that may benefit the needs of the business. They are proposed and seconded at a democratic vote before being appointed by the members making up the Pre School committee.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are required to adhere to all policies and procedures. They must also complete training in safeguarding and safer recruitment procedures. This training is provided online by Devon County Council.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Not applicable
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ermington Pre School Unit
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable

Registered charity number	1034037
Charity's principal address	The Lodge School Road Ermington Ivybridge Devon PL21 9NH

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	Katherine Toms			
2	Sarah Foulis			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this	Not applicable

falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Sarah Foulis – Manager Cathryn Isaac – Deputy Manager
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	K L Toms	S Foulis
Full name(s)	Katherine Lindsay Toms	Sarah Foulis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Committee Member
Date	29 September 2025	

Charity Name

ERMINGTON PRE-SCHOOL UNIT

No (if any)

1034037

Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period
from

Period start date
01/09/2023

To

Period end date
31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted
funds

Restricted
funds

Endowment
funds

Total funds

to the nearest
£

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Funding	61,838	-	-	61,838
Fee	31,284	-	-	31,284
Fundraising	1,396	-	-	1,396
Interest	596	-	-	596
Other Income	51	-	-	51
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	95,165	-	-	95,165

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Sub total

95,165	-	-	95,165
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Total receipts

A3 Payments

Wages and Salary	105,022	-	-	105,022
Tools and Equipment	352	-	-	352
Food and Subsistence	1,738	-	-	1,738
Telephone and Internet	2,426	-	-	2,426
Uniform expenses	753	-	-	753
Rent	5,832	-	-	5,832
Repair and Renewals	1,509	-	-	1,509
Advertising	174	-	-	174

IT cost	863	-	-	863
Legal expenses	102	-	-	102
Subscription	1,913	-	-	1,913
Travel and Subsistence	126	-	-	126
Staff expenses	518	-	-	518
Consultancy	799	-	-	799
Other expenses	2,429	-	-	2,429
Sub total	124,555	-	-	124,555

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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Sub total	-

Total payments				
	124,555	-	-	124,555

Net of receipts/(payments)				
	29,390	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	75,748	-	-	75,748
	46,357	-	-	46,357

A5 Transfers between funds

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments

account(s))

Current Account	4,735	-
Reserve Account	41,623	-
	-	-
	46,357	-
	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds

Details

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

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	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

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B3 Investment assets

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

[illegible]

B5 Liabilities

Details

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			-
			-
10			-

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees Signed

Signature

**Fund to
which asset
belongs**

Cost (optional)

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Fund to which liability relates

Print Name

Sarah Foulis	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Ermington Pre-school

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Set out on pages

**Charity no
(if any)**

1034037

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(remember to include the pagenumbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act")

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 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 should be drawn 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.*

M. Tuffaha

Date: 22/10/2025

Signed:

Name: M.H Tuffaha AFA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

IFA

(if any):

Address:

Sterling Gate Accountants
3rd Floor 86-90 Paul Street

London

EC2A 4NE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Sept 2022
Period end date

Period start date To 31 Aug 2023

Charity name: **Ermington Pre School Unit**

Charity registration number: **1034037**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Pre-School education for children aged 2-5 years.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Providing high quality early years education for children between the ages of 2 to 5 years. Our curriculum is tailor-made which is designed to give each child the best possible start to their educational journey, by equipping our children with resilience, independence, and curiosity for lifelong learning. Our mission statement is “equipping every child for a world they will discover”.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the charity commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants to other organisations.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have no investments. We do not take part in social investments or program-related investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers work in administration and fundraising. All volunteers are enhanced DBS

		checked and vetted suitability following safer recruitment procedures and approval from Ofsted.
Other		None.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Due to a lower birth rate nationally, our admissions during this academic year were lower than predicted. We provided SEN support for families of children with complex additional needs, and obtained EHCP's for those children. We invested in resources for our sensory room, making a safe space for our children to have their needs met in an inclusive and calming way, that benefits their individual development. Staffing costs were high this year due to the individual needs of children attending the setting, and a higher level of staff required to ensure all children's safety. We also trialled increasing our opening hours from 8.00am-5.30pm during the summer term of this year, which will come into permanent effect from September 2023.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Continued to provide specific staff training in relation to the individual additional needs of children in attendance. Makaton training completed for all staff. Manager and Deputy attended various conferences and courses provided by DCC, PSLA etc.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising continued to be a challenging area this year on the back of covid and the lower birth rate nationally. Seamoor lotto and easyfundraising continue to provide a small income, as well as an income from small fundraising events within the village.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have no investments.
Other		None.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	A loss was made this year, due to the costs associated with providing support for children with additional needs. A low birth rate nationally, which resulting in lower numbers than normal, and increasing costs in of bills etc. Accounts have been independently examined in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission and have been submitted as part of our annual report.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity accumulates reserves through fundraising through fundraising to support the core business for the purchase of equipment and other resources. We aim to work towards a more stable financial position next year with the aim to return some of the savings used to support with our outgoings this year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£18,721
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funding for core activities is from EYEF and 2-Year Funding, with unfunded time being charged at cost to parents. Other income comes from various fundraising activities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The changes to the number of funded hours for children announced by the Government will have a significant impact on our finances, as we will have fewer unfunded hours for which we can charge parents. The amount of funding received per hour is woefully inadequate and does not cover the even the basic

		costs of providing childcare such as staff salaries, legal registration and utility bills. This is a huge problem for all childcare settings nationwide and we have seen many local settings close as a result. Fundraising continues to be difficult as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, and there does not seem to be an end in sight for this.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Advancement of Early Years education for children who attend aged 2-5 years.
Type of governing document (trust ded, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Guidance in association with the Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Early Years Alliance constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	We work in accordance with the Early Years Alliance constitution. Trustees are required to apply in writing to the chair of the committee. They then are selected based upon suitability, safeguarding knowledge, and relevant experience that may benefit the needs of the business. They are proposed and seconded in a voting situation before being appointed by the members making up the Pre-School body.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ermington Pre-School Unit
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1034037

Charity's principal address	The Lodge, School Road, Ermington, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9NH

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	Katherine Toms			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

K TOMS

S Foulis

Full name(s)

Katherine Toms

Sarah Foulis

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Committee member

Date

Profit and loss and balance sheet for Ermington Pre-sch

Profit and loss report

INCOME

Funding	###
Fees	###
Donations	
Grants	
Kids Club	
Fundraising	£ 1,153.70
Misc	
Interest	£ 289.22
BFL - Old fees	

EXPENDITURE

Wages	###
HMRC	£ 8,835.62
Equipment	£ 1,771.42
Snack/Food	£ 2,249.90
Fundraising	
Phone/Internet	£ 1,116.92
Training/Uniform	£ 1,626.77
Rent	£ 5,640.00
Repairs/Maintenance	£ 3,350.28
Insurance	£ 797.55
Payroll/Auditing	£ 874.76
Children Activities	£ 1,305.00
Advertising	£ 130.00
Computer costs	£ 973.34
Ofsted/DBS	£ 76.00
Subscriptions	£ 1,312.07
Debt collection	
Trips	
Sundry expenses/Play sur	£ 2,912.98
Team Building	£ 300.00
Consultancy	£ 1,349.00

Total ###

total ###

Profit/Loss

-£9,280.90

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1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

Balance sheet

ACCOUNT:	Current Account b/wd	###
	Deposit Account b/wd	###
	Profit/loss for the yr	-£9,280.90
	Closing cash position	###
	BANK	
	ACCOUNT	
	Current Account	###
	Deposit Account	###
	TOTAL	###

NOTE

THE TWO GREEN NUMBERS SHOULD BE THE SAME

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Ermington Pre-school

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1034037

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities 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 AAT.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 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 should be drawn 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:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

24/12/2024

Name:	NICOLA HOOPER
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FMAAT
Address:	21 CHERRY TREE CLOSE
	EXETER
	DEVON EX4 5AT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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

A large number of receipts were not available for checking against expenses paid, in particular expenses paid to staff. The chair has confirmed that all expenses have been seen and used within the pre-school. Advice has been given about keeping and recording receipts,

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Sep 2021 to 31 Aug 2022

Charity name: Ermington Pre School Unit

Charity registration number:

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Pre-School education for children aged 2 to 5.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Providing high quality care and education for children aged 2 to 5, focusing on expanding imagination for each child, and equipping children with resilience, independence, and curiosity for lifelong learning. Our mission statement is “equipping every child for a world they will discover.”
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant-making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants to other organisations
Policy on social investment including program-related investment	Para 1.38	We have no investments. We do not take part in social investments or program-related investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers work in administration and fundraising. All volunteers are enhanced DBS checked and vetted for suitability following Safer Recruitment procedures
Other		None

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Continued to operate at full capacity. Provided care and support for 8 children with additional needs, obtaining EHCPs, Speech and Language therapy and assisted with applications for appropriate benefits for the families. Provided additional staff training for SEN. Computer systems updated, including accounting and payment systems, resulting in less admin work for the Manager and Deputy Manager. Improvements made to outdoor area including a new water wall and mud kitchen, repairs to fencing and removal of outdated equipment (a playhouse).

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set.	Para 1.41	Aimed to be operating at full capacity by the end of the Autumn term. This was achieved by October half term. Continued to provide staff training. Manager attended various conferences and workshops provided by DCC, PSLA etc.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set.	Para 1.41	Fundraising continues to be a difficult area. Small events brought in some additional income. SeaMoor Lotto, Easy Fundraising, Class Fundraising and Amazon Smile brought in some additional funds. We are disappointed to hear that Amazon smile will cease to operate in 2022.
Investment performance against objectives.	Para 1.41	We have no investments.
Other		None

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our financial position is satisfactory. A small loss was made this year, due to the costs associated with providing support for children with additional needs, and a general increase in costs of bills etc. Staff received a small pay rise in line with inflation, but the Committee are concerned that they are now underpaid as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. Accounts have been independently examined in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission and have been submitted as part of our annual report.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity accumulates reserves through fundraising to support the core business for the purchase of equipment and other resources. We aim to build reserves with a view to potentially expanding the building as we have operated consistently at full capacity for the last several years and believe there may be scope to expand.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13,500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funding for core activities is from EYEF and 2-Year Funding, with unfunded time being charged at cost to parents. Other income comes from various fundraising activities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted.	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The changes to the number of funded hours for children announced by the Government will have a significant impact on our finances, as we will have fewer unfunded hours for which we can

		charge parents. The amount of funding received per hour is woefully inadequate and does not cover the even the basic costs of providing childcare such as staff salaries. This is a huge problem for all childcare settings nationwide and we have seen many local settings close as a result. Fundraising continues to be difficult as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, and there does not seem to be an end in sight for this. Recruitment to the committee remains difficult, and the decision was taken to begin the process of converting to a CIO operating model.
Other		Objectives for 2022-23 Begin process to convert to CIO and aim to complete. Continue to provide care and support for children with additional needs. Investigate the possibility of extending the opening hours until 5/6 p.m., which could provide a new funding stream. However, there are costs associated with this.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Constitution as from time to time adopted or amended at Annual General Meeting.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by committee

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	Para 1.51	There are policies covering all major procedures relating to the Charity's operation. These are available at any time on request.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.	Para 1.51	The Charity is subject to overall control by a Committee, with day-to- day management by a Manager and a Deputy Manager. All activities are "risk managed" and governed by written procedures for minimising risk, while still providing children with interesting and challenging activities.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ermington Pre School Unit
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1034037
Charity's principal address	The Lodge, Ermington Primary School, School Road Ermington Ivybridge PL21 9NH

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	Katherine Toms	Chair		Pre-School Committee
2	Nicholas Toms	Treasurer		Pre-School Committee
3	Gemma McClements			Pre-School Committee
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Sarah Foulis – Manager
Cathryn Isaac – Deputy Manager

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	K L Toms	
Full name(s)	Katherine Lindsay Toms	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	25 July 2022	

Profit and loss and balance sheet for Er

Profit and loss report

INCOME

Funding	£	88,031.54
Fees	£	32,082.35
Donations		
Grants		
Kids Club	£	-
Fundraising	£	447.06
Misc	£	317.47
Interest	£	7.12

EXPENDITURE

Wages
HMRC
Equipment
Snack/Food
Fundraising
Phone/Internet
Training/Uniform
Rent
Repairs/Maintenance
Insurance
Payroll/Auditing
Children Activities
Advertising
Computer costs
Ofsted/DBS
Subscriptions
Debt collection
Trips
Sundry expenses/Play sundries
Team Building

Total	£	120,885.54
Total	£	120,885.54

total
total

Profit/Loss

Wilmington Pre-school

1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Balance sheet

ACCOUNTS

Current Account bfwd
Deposit Account bfwd

Profit/loss for the yr
Closing cash position

BANK

ACCOUNT
Current Account
Deposit Account

TOTAL

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£ 84,934.75

£ 8,144.60

£ 1,623.83

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£ 3,258.15

£ 5,640.00

£ 1,292.95

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£ 1,564.92

£ 1,430.00

£ 938.70

£ 569.22

£ 191.00

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£ 6,540.91

£ 1,022.59

£ 121,714.72

£ 127,192.94

-£ 829.18

£29,127.67
£56,730.00

-£829.18
£85,028.49

£22,813.15
£56,737.12

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Ermington Pre-school

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1034037

Set out on pages

2 remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 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 should be drawn 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 A Hooper

Date:

09/07/2023

Name:

Nicola Hooper

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FMAAT
Address:	21 Cherry Tree Close
	Exeter
	Devon EX4 5AT

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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

Advice has been given to the setting about ways of changing how expenses to staff are dealt with. A large amount of income is paid in this way. Advised to pay companies direct, set up a pay trail of invoices with expense claim forms.

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Aug 2020 to 31 July 2021

Charity name: Ermington Pre School Unit

Charity registration number: 1034037

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Pre School Education for children aged 2 to 5.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Providing high quality care and education for children aged 2 to 5, focusing on expanding imagination for each child, and equipping children with resilience, independence and curiosity for lifelong learning. Our mission statement is “equipping every child for a world they will discover.”
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants to other organisations
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have no investments and we do not take part in social investments or program related investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers work in administration and fundraising. All volunteers are enhanced DBS checked and vetted for suitability following Safer Recruitment procedures
Other		None

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Excellent financial performance by continuing to operate at full capacity. New members of staff recruited and all staff received a pay rise in line with inflation (at the time). Continued to remain open and provide care for children of key workers during various lockdown periods and school closures. Stayed open throughout the whole pandemic, supporting vulnerable families and critical care workers. Supported families virtually during the pandemic using regular Zoom sessions, and Tapestry. Followed ever-changing COVID policies by keeping up to date and giving clear and safe guidance to staff and families throughout.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Aimed to be operating at full capacity by the end of the autumn term. This was achieved before the Autumn Half Term break. Staff training has continued, focusing on curiosity-led learning and SEN. New staff have been recruited, relieving some of the pressure on the Manager and Deputy Manager.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising has resumed on a small scale, but continued to be disrupted in the early part of the financial year. We successfully ran two small events and an end of term party. Careful financial management resulted in a surplus which has been reinvested in new resources for the children, including a purpose-built water wall for the outdoor area. Seamoor Lotto, Easy Fundraising, Class Fundraising and Amazon Smile continue to bring funds in.

		We also received a donation from the closure of Ermington Kids Club.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have no investments
Other		None

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our financial position is good. We have not used any of our reserves and have been able to add to them. Fundraising was somewhat impacted by the ongoing pandemic disruption during this year but not to the same extent as 2019/20. It is now recovering. Accounts have been independently examined in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission and have been submitted as part of our annual report.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity accumulates reserves through fundraising to support the core business for the purchase of equipment and other resources. We are currently building reserves with a view to potentially expanding the building as we have operated consistently at full capacity for the last several years and believe there may be scope to expand.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13,500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funding for core activities is from EYEF and 2-Year Funding, with unfunded time being charged at cost to parents. Other income comes from various fundraising activities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Fundraising is likely to continue to be difficult over the coming years due to cost of living crisis. Recruitment to committee continues to be difficult – parents simply do not have the time to be active committee members. A member of the committee also had to be removed during 2020-21, highlighting the dangers that are present even with careful vetting and DBS checks. Alternative business models for operating the pre-school are now being explored.
Other		Objectives for 2021-22 Upgrade computer systems for admin Continue to develop staff training, with particular focus on ASD and Makaton. Invest in outside areas, with a new water wall and mud kitchen currently proposed.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Constitution as from time to time adopted or amended at Annual General Meeting.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Committee

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	There are policies covering all major procedures relating to the Charity's operation. These are available at any time on request.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is subject to overall control by a Committee, with day-to- day management by a Manager and a Deputy Manager. All activities are "risk managed" and governed by written procedures for minimising risk, while still providing children with interesting and challenging activities.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ermington Pre School Unit
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1034037
Charity's principal address	The Lodge, Ermington Primary School School Road Ermington Ivybridge PL21 9NH

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	Katherine Toms	Chair		Pre School Committee
2	Nicholas Toms	Treasurer	1 Oct 2020 to present	Pre School Committee
3	Gemma McClements			Pre School Committee
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Manager – Sarah Foulis
Deputy Manager – Cathryn Isaac

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	K L Toms	
Full name(s)	Katherine Lindsay Toms	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	25 July 2021	

ERMINGTON PRESCHOOL PROFIT AND LOSS 1ST
SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

INCOME

FUNDING	£ 74,768.86
FEES	£ 28,509.37
OTHER	£ 1,205.29
	£ -
INTEREST	£ 5.67
	£ -
KIDS CLUB TRANS	£ 849.50
	£105,338.69

INCOME	£ 105,338.69
EXPENDITURE	£ 89,485.49
SURPLUS	£ 15,853.20

EXPENDITURE

WAGES	£ 75,305.72
INSURANCE	£ 1,268.81
TRAINING	£ 590.37
EQUIPMENT	£ 3,319.78
LUNCH	£ 2,652.18
PAYROLL	£ 354.00
OTHER	£ 5,994.63
	£ 89,485.49

BALANCE SHEET

ACCOUNTS

OPENING BALANCE	
SURPLUS	
CLOSING BALANCE	

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BUSINESS	
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Ermington Pre-school

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1034037

Set out on pages

2 remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 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 should be drawn 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:

NA Hooper

Date:

2nd July 2022

Name:

Nicola Hooper

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FMAAT
Address:	21 Cherry Tree Close
	Exeter
	Devon EX4 5AT

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01 August 2019 To 31 July 2020**

Charity name: **Ermington Pre School Unit**

Charity registration number: **1034037**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Pre School Education for children aged 2 to 5
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provide high quality care and education for children aged 2 to 5, focusing on expanding imagination for each child and equipping children with resilience, independence, and curiosity for lifelong learning. Our mission statement is "equipping every child for a world they will discover."
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants to other organisations.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have no investments and we do not take part in social investments or program related investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers work in administration and fundraising. All volunteers are enhanced DBS checked and vetted for suitability by Safer Recruitment procedures.

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Good financial performance by continuing to operate at full capacity. Adapted Frenchtastic and Forest School provisions to be COVID-19 compliant. Remained open throughout the pandemic providing care for key worker and vulnerable children. Whole staff training rolled out to support a child with specific SEN needs. Additional resources obtained to support curiosity-led learning Adapted to reduced opportunities for fundraising by actively seeking and publicising alternatives, including Amazon Smile.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Aimed to be operating at full capacity by the end of the autumn term - this was achieved midway through the autumn term. Continued with staff training and roll out of curiosity-led learning. Other objectives that were set became obsolete due to the impact of the pandemic.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising has been severely disrupted due to COVID-19. Locality Funding from South Hams District Council was obtained to purchase a new camera for the setting. Currently using reserves to manage during COVID-19 with

		some fundraising opportunities provided by Amazon Smile, EasyFundraising, Class Fundraising and SeaMoor Lotto. Aim to resume fundraising in the new academic year, with events being planned for each term.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have no investments
Other		None.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our financial position is good. There has been a drop in fundraising as a result of the pandemic but our accumulated reserves have meant that this could be managed. Accounts have been independently examined in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission and have been submitted as part of our annual return.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity accumulates reserves through fundraising to support the core business for the purchase of equipment and other resources. We are currently building reserves with a view to potentially expanding the building as we have operated consistently at full capacity for the last several years and believe there may be scope to expand.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funding for core activities is from EYEF and 2-Year Funding, with unfunded time being charged at cost to parents.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	COVID-19 continues to present challenges in terms of staffing and social distancing. We anticipate that these issues will be an ongoing concern for the setting and are planning to roll out additional staff training.

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Constitution as from time to time adopted or amended at Annual General Meeting.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Committee

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	There are policies covering all major procedures relating to the Charity's operation. These are available at any time on request.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is subject to overall control by a Committee, with day-to-day management by a Manager and a Deputy Manager. All activities are "risk managed" and governed by written procedures for minimising risk, while still providing children with interesting and challenging activities.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ermington Pre School Unit
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1034037

Charity's principal address	The Lodge School Road Ermington, Ivybridge PL21 9NH

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	Katherine Toms	Chair		Pre School Committee
2	Peter Thurley	Treasurer		Pre School Committee
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Manager - Sarah Foulis
Deputy Manager - Cathryn Isaac

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

K L Toms

Full name(s)

Katherine Lindsay Toms

**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

Date

01 July 2020

Profit and loss and balance sheet fo

Profit and loss report

INCOME

Funding	£	77,820.74
Fees	£	16,666.96
Donations	£	100.00
Grants	£	-
Kids Club	-£	93.24
Fundraising	£	1,429.47
Misc	£	-
Interest	£	31.65
BFL - Old fees	£	278.40
Blank	£	-

EXPENDITURE

Wages
HMRC
Equipment
Snack/Food
Fundraising
Phone/Internet
Training/Uniform
Rent
Repairs/Maintenance
Insurance
Payroll/Auditing
Children Activities
Advertising
Computer costs
Ofsted/DBS
Subscriptions
Debt collection
Trips
Sundry expenses

Total £ 96,233.98
Total £ 96,233.98

total
total

Profit/Loss

for Ermington Pre-school

1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

£ 67,035.27
£ 595.68
£ 2,633.71
£ 726.71
£ 289.62
£ 1,269.19
£ 727.56
£ 2,212.00
£ 869.86
£ 770.09
£ 671.68
£ 1,825.00
£ 120.00
£ 1,274.98
£ 63.00
£ 285.37
£ 500.00
£ 221.10
£ 323.44

£ 82,414.26
£ -

£ 13,819.72

Balance sheet

ACCOUNTS Current Account bfwd
Deposit Account bfwd

Profit/loss for the yr
Closing cash position

BANK

ACCOUNT
Current Account
Deposit Account

TOTAL

£2,488.51
£53,696.24

£13,819.72
£70,004.47

£13,280.14
£56,724.33

£70,004.47

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Ermington Pre-school

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2020

Charity no (if any)

1034037

Set out on pages

2 remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn 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:

NAHooper

Date:

2nd July 2021

Name:

Nicola Hooper

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

FMAAT

Address:

21 Cherry Tree Close

Exeter

Devon EX4 5AT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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