



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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We continued to support a relatively high number of children with additional needs, successfully ensuring that children entered mainstream education with EHCPs in place.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We ended the year with a financial loss but had anticipated this and covered with reserves and fundraising wherever possible.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Successfully implemented extended opening hours.</p> <p>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</p>
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		<p>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.</p> <p>Progress continued to be made on setting up CIO to replace current structure which struggled to recruit volunteers and trustees.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>A loss was made this year due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Signs of recovery are on the horizon and we hope to have an improved year in 2024-25</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity accumulates reserves through fundraising to support the core business and for the purchase of equipment and other resources</p> <p>We also maintain a level of reserves for emergency situations.</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Other income comes from various fundraising activities.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable

<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Other</p>		<p>Not applicable</p>

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	<p>We work in accordance with the Early Years Alliance constitution.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>They are proposed and seconded at a democratic vote before being appointed by the members making up the Pre School committee.</p>

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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Details

B3 Investment assets

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Details

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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

**Charity no
(if any)**

1034037

Set out on pages

14-17

(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

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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.