



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 August 2024 Period start date To 31 July 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Osmotherley Pre School

Charity registration number: 1035485

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We are an independent pre-school which also has charitable status and is run by parent volunteers who carry out the aims and objectives of the pre-school. All monies raised in whatever manner go back into to resourcing the group where all monies are directly spent on the children.
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	We aim to serve every child within the local community and beyond. We maintain strong links with all aspects of the community including the local primary school. We believe that children play a vital role within our communities. Here at pre-school we believe that children learn best through play, we therefore have a great deal of free flow play in which the children are able to make independent choices about activities that they are interested in. We plan for children's learning through their interests, assessing their well-being, involvement and schematic play. We take a holistic approach to both development and learning where all children are valued. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance and provide a rich variety of resources both indoor and outdoor. We also provide regular opportunities for exploring the local environment for the children, a truly enriched learning experiencing. All our staff are well qualified, undertake training and update knowledge in line with Ofsted and other government requirements. In July 2024, the Preschool was awarded Outstanding status by Ofsted after inspection. Details of the report can be found on the Ofsted website. The pre-school has had 25 plus children on the roll through the year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit as issued by the Charity Commission when undertaking the

issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		charities work during the year.
--	--	---------------------------------

## 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	We continue to provide three full day (8am to 5.30pm) sessions and two 8am – 330pm sessions during term time and weekly holiday club provision. This provides a realistic option for working parents and has contributed greatly to the ongoing financial stability of the pre-school. Staff wage rates were increased in April 2025 to continue to be comparable with other local settings and national minimum wage. The Committee are committed to ensuring wages rates continue to rise annually. This is to both recognise the performance of the current staff and to enable future recruitment. The increases do have an impact on operating cash flow and we continue to fundraise to assist with provisions and operating costs. Fundraising also ensures we have sufficient in our reserves to cover drops in head count as well as having the funds available for building repair and maintenance as it arises.

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The pre-school holds in reserve sufficient funds to cover statutory redundancy payments. This is annually. In addition, a capital reserve is held for any future building costs. (The preschool being responsible for all maintenance of the building under the terms of the lease with NYCC). If we are unable to pay for repair works as they arise, we would be forced to close the preschool. The current area that is likely to need repair is the roof as we have replaced the boiler in the year. .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserves are held in a separate instant access account with higher interest
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£49,984
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

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 26 JANUARY 1994, AS AMENDED 15 JANUARY 1996
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Via the 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	All trustees are elected at our AGM and they have to be agreed by 2 or more current trustees.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Osmotherley Preschool
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1035485
Charity's principal address	3 School Lane Osmotherley Northallerton DL6 3BW

### 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	Elisabeth Margaret James	Chair		
2	Anna Ramshay	Treasurer		
3	Bethany Bilby	Trustee		
4	Elizabeth Brown	Trustee		
5	Alex Bilby	Trustee		
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

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

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## 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

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

## Other optional information

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)**

E James

A Ramshay

**Full name(s)**

Elisabeth Margaret James

Anna Ramshay

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

Chair

Treasurer

**Date**

19/05/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Osmotherley Pre-School

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1035485

Set out on pages

3,4 & 5

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 07 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

19 May 2026

Name:

Martin Wheller

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

ACA

Address:

4 Burnhope Way, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 6GR

**Section B****Disclosure**

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

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



## Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31st July 2025

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Fees	21,979.12	25,734.72
NYCC	53,232.00	24,718.00
Grants *	4,433.35	5,916.65
Fundraising	6,269.57	16,530.20
Total excludes interest on deposit account	<u>85,914.04</u>	<u>72,899.57</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Wages	58,362.91	58,514.73
Premises costs inc Insurance**	4,075.70	6,324.50
General Running costs***	1,736.91	4,539.58
Books and Materials	171.11	401.02
Grant Expenditure ****	3,524.43	-
Excludes amounts paid to Savings account	<u>67,871.06</u>	<u>69,779.83</u>
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u><u>18,042.98</u></u>	<u><u>3,119.74</u></u>
<b>Transfers</b>		
Other Receipts & Payments		
From Savings Account	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
To Savings Account	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
-		
Net Transfers to Savings Accounts	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>

### Notes

\*Best Practice £4,083.35; Broadacres Housing Association £350

\*\* Prior year included a new boiler

\*\*\* Prior year included historic IT costs and Ipad

\*\*\*\* Kitchen expenditure, grant was received in prior year; new toilet door

## Balance Sheet for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

		2024/25	2023/24
		£	£
Pre School Fund as at	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	<b>31,884.69</b>	28,434.06
	Income	18,042.98	3,119.74
	Bank Interest	<u>496.59</u>	<u>330.89</u>
Pre School Fund as at	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	<b><u>50,424.26</u></b>	<b><u>31,884.69</u></b>
<b>Represented by</b>			
	Current Account	3,931.11	5,888.13
	Deposit Account	46,493.15	25,996.56
		<u><b>50,424.26</b></u>	<u><b>31,884.69</b></u>
Committed balance			
	Pensions due	£172.65	
	PAYE due	<u>£267.38</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£440.03</u></b>	
This leaves a net uncommitted balance of		<b><u>£49,984.23</u></b>	
Provisions			
	Roof fund	£39,984.23	
	Redundancy	<u>£10,000.00</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£49,984.23</u></b>	

## Bank Reconciliation

**Report as at 31/07/2025**

**Balance on Statement** **£3,931.11** 31/07/2025

**Balance at start of year** **£5,888.13** 01/08/2024

Income	£87,023.30	
(Incl from Deposit Account)	£0.00	
less unbanked items	£0.00	£87,023.30
		<b>£92,911.43</b>

Expenditure	£88,980.32	
(Incl to Deposit Account)	£20,000.00	
less unpresented cheques	£0.00	£88,980.32

<b>Current balance</b>		<b>£3,931.11</b>
------------------------	--	------------------

check zero		£0.00
------------	--	-------



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Osmotherley Pre-School

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1035485

Set out on pages

3,4 & 5

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 07 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

19 May 2026

Name:

Martin Wheller

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

ACA

Address:

4 Burnhope Way, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 6GR

**Section B****Disclosure**

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

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

## Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31st July 2025

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Fees	21,979.12	25,734.72
NYCC	53,232.00	24,718.00
Grants *	4,433.35	5,916.65
Fundraising	6,269.57	16,530.20
Total excludes interest on deposit account	<u>85,914.04</u>	<u>72,899.57</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Wages	58,362.91	58,514.73
Premises costs inc Insurance**	4,075.70	6,324.50
General Running costs***	1,736.91	4,539.58
Books and Materials	171.11	401.02
Grant Expenditure ****	3,524.43	-
Excludes amounts paid to Savings account	<u>67,871.06</u>	<u>69,779.83</u>
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u><u>18,042.98</u></u>	<u><u>3,119.74</u></u>
<b>Transfers</b>		
Other Receipts & Payments		
From Savings Account	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
To Savings Account	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
-		
Net Transfers to Savings Accounts	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>

### Notes

\*Best Practice £4,083.35; Broadacres Housing Association £350

\*\* Prior year included a new boiler

\*\*\* Prior year included historic IT costs and Ipad

\*\*\*\* Kitchen expenditure, grant was received in prior year; new toilet door

## Balance Sheet for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

		2024/25	2023/24
		£	£
Pre School Fund as at	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	<b>31,884.69</b>	28,434.06
	Income	18,042.98	3,119.74
	Bank Interest	<u>496.59</u>	<u>330.89</u>
Pre School Fund as at	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	<b><u>50,424.26</u></b>	<b><u>31,884.69</u></b>
<b>Represented by</b>			
	Current Account	3,931.11	5,888.13
	Deposit Account	46,493.15	25,996.56
		<u><b>50,424.26</b></u>	<u><b>31,884.69</b></u>
Committed balance			
	Pensions due	£172.65	
	PAYE due	<u>£267.38</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£440.03</u></b>	
This leaves a net uncommitted balance of		<b><u>£49,984.23</u></b>	
Provisions			
	Roof fund	£39,984.23	
	Redundancy	<u>£10,000.00</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£49,984.23</u></b>	

## Bank Reconciliation

Report as at 31/07/2025

Balance on Statement £3,931.11 31/07/2025

Balance at start of year £5,888.13 01/08/2024

Income	£87,023.30	
(Incl from Deposit Account)	£0.00	
less unbanked items	£0.00	£87,023.30
		<hr/>
		<b>£92,911.43</b>

Expenditure	£88,980.32	
(Incl to Deposit Account)	£20,000.00	
less unpresented cheques	£0.00	£88,980.32
		<hr/>

Current balance **£3,931.11**

check zero £0.00