

**Dicker House Nursery
Group**

Registered charity number 1036414

Report and accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2024

**Dicker House Nursery Group
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

The management committee present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Constitution and terms of reference

This unincorporated charity was established by a scheme approved and sealed by the Charity Commissioners on 26 January 1994.

The charity's registration number is 1036414

Committee of management

The committee who held office during the year were as follows:

Beverley Thring	Victoria Horrocks
Gemma Walker	Amanda Stephenson
Jade Merret	Julia Thomas
Dominique Carter	Matthew Newman
Stefanie Kemsley	Natalie Blackman

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution which was re-adopted at an AGM on 24 May 2010 and the charity is constituted by trust. Trustees are appointed and reappointed annually at the AGM.

The charity has several policies which govern in operation, these policies cover admissions, discipline, child protection, equal opportunities, child placements and staff training and development. The policies are reviewed regularly both by the staff and management committee to ensure they are both appropriate and adequate.

Criminal Records Bureau checks are carried out prior to commencement of employment or trusteeship.

The charity is a member of the Early Years alliance, a national body which helps parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children. The PSLA, together with other academic bodies, assists us with staff training and also in a advisory capacity.

All members of the management committee give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration, they all make a significant contribution to the successful running of the charity, in particular by regularly attending management meetings to ensure the charity is operated appropriately and any issues are quickly and adequately resolved.

Objectives and activities

Dicker House Nursery Group was established to provide pre-school learning .The objectives of the charity during the year were as follows:

- Develop and motivate all of our children to the fullest possible extent.

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- Provide a safe and comfortable environment for all children.
- Educate and encourage parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.
- The aim of this committee is to maintain the playgroup in a sound environment and in accordance with all statutory requirements.
- Ensure the reserves of the charity increase or do not fall below the contingent level set by the management committee, of approximately three months' salary costs.

Public benefit

The charity provides benefit to the public by offering placements to both state funded and non-funded children, and also to children from all backgrounds and abilities.

Achievements and performance

The charity has continued on from previous years to provide an enjoyable and safe environment whilst ensuring the development of the children also remains at the highest possible standard. In response to the popularity of the charity and thus the level of its children, staff levels and cost have also increased but are covered by the level of income.

The management committee strongly believe that success of the charity is as a result of the hard work and dedication of the charity staff and the management committee itself.

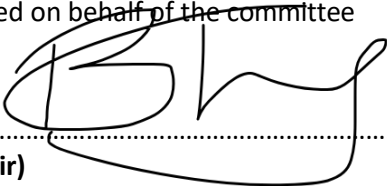
Financial review

Total income for 2023/24 was £113,474 compared to £148,601 in 2022/23. We ended the year with a deficit of £16,878 compared to £23,769 surplus last year. The deficit was due to an decrease in fees income. We ended the year with monies held at the bank of £119,606 compared to £133,897 last year. The end result was that reserves have decreased to £112,668 from £129,546 last year, this comfortably covering the charity's objective of three months' salary.

The charity's main source of income comes from fees, both from the West Sussex County Council for children eligible for funding under the Early Years Foundation Stage free entitlement scheme and from parents of younger children.

Income from fundraising activities is used primarily to improve the environment and resources available to the children at the pre-school, any surplus is used to increase the contingency fund.

Signed on behalf of the committee



(Chair)

24.02.2025

(Date)

Dicker House Nursery Group
Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dicker House Nursery
Group
for the year ended 31 August 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Robert Couser

28th February 2025

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Revenue account
For the year ended 31 August 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Fees		111,779		143,360	
Registration fees		<u>450</u>		<u>1,137</u>	
			112,229		144,497
Other income					
Fundraising	3	770		3,512	
Donations		50		-	
Grants		250		-	
Clothing		136		572	
Other income		-		-	
Bank interest		<u>39</u>		<u>20</u>	
			<u>1,245</u>		<u>4,104</u>
TOTAL REVENUE			113,474		148,601
DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE					
Nursery toys & consumable		3,801		1,806	
Advertising		135		135	
Insurance		116		112	
Subscriptions		1,114		1,332	
General supplies		545		2,268	
Salaries		96,094		90,928	
Pensions		589		489	
R&R		312		1,325	
Printing, Postage & Stationery		386		273	
Computer expenses		401		1,832	
Other		3,072		-	
Legal & Professional		3,715		3,517	
Accountancy		275		275	
Rent		17,010		17,280	
Training		1,512		1,671	
Clothing		654		819	
Telephone		112		112	
Bank Charges		95		106	
Depreciation		414		552	
			<u>130,352</u>		<u>124,832</u>
(LOSS)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			<u>£ (16,878)</u>		<u>£ 23,769</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
Year ended 31 August 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Canopy and shed	2		1,241		1,655
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank account		116,260		130,569	
Fundraising account		3,167		3,246	
Petty cash		180		82	
Debtors		<u>–</u>		<u>1,258</u>	
			<u>119,607</u>		<u>135,155</u>
GROSS ASSETS			120,848		136,810
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade creditors		156		6,669	
Other creditors		7,749		320	
Accruals		<u>275</u>		<u>275</u>	
			8,180		7,264
NET ASSETS			<u>£ 112,668</u>		<u>£ 129,546</u>
GENERAL FUND					
Brought forward			129,546		105,777
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year			<u>(16,878)</u>		<u>23,769</u>
			<u>£ 112,668</u>		<u>£ 129,546</u>

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, UK accounting standards and charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reports gross in the SOFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

1.3 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Canopy 25% on a reducing balance

2	<u>Fixed Assets</u>		Canopy	Shed	Total
	Cost at	01/09/2023	6,507	3,558	10,065
	Additions		-	-	-
	Disposals		-	-	-
	Cost at	31/08/2024	6,507	3,558	10,065
			25% RB	25% RB	25% RB
	Depn at	01/09/2023	6,353	2,057	8,410
	Charge		39	375	414
	Disposals		-	-	-
	Depn at	31/08/2024	6,392	2,433	8,825
	NBV at	31/08/2024	115	1,126	1,241
	NBV at	31/08/2023	154	1,501	1,655

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3	<u>Fundraising activities</u>			2024	2023
		Income	Expenditure	Net	Net
	Photos	40.00		40.00	75.00
	The Co-op scheme	-		-	1,915.00
	Easy fundraising	-		-	61.00
	Jolly jars	114.00		114.00	335.00
	Quiz night	387.00		387.00	-
	Other	229.00		229.00	1,126.00
		770.00	0.00	770.00	3,512.00

4 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024	2023
Independent examiner's fee	<u>275.00</u>	<u>660.00</u>

5 Staff costs

	2024	2023
Gross salaries	96,094.00	90,928.00
Pension costs	<u>589.00</u>	<u>489.00</u>
	<u>96,683.00</u>	<u>91,417.00</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Trade creditors	156.00	6,669.00
Other creditors	7,749.00	320.00
Accruals	<u>275.00</u>	<u>275.00</u>
	<u>8,180.00</u>	<u>7,264.00</u>