

Uplands Pre-School

Report from Treasurer 2025 to be read in conjunction with accounts

The group has had a successful year financially. The Treasurer is keeping a close eye on the finances especially with regards to running with fewer children in September (so we can increase their sessions in January) and because of the current financial situation in childcare. Regular meetings are held with the rest of the Committee to discuss current situation. The accounts have been audited by Sharon Peacock and all books are up to date and correct. In addition the books have been reviewed by an independent examiner for the Charities Commission, Adam Sandford.

The group is operating offering 15 hours free childcare for 2-4 year old and 30 hours free childcare for eligible working parents (group is paid at an hourly rate of £5.40 from September 2025 for 3 and 4 year olds and £7.57 from September for 2 year olds). The group is also receiving additional funding for child using the disadvantage formula for some postcode areas. A few of our children are also entitled to Early Years Pupil Premium which is used to directly support the individual child. Meetings have been held between key persons and parents to decide how to spend the money using children's interests and areas identified on trackers as needing support. Disadvantage formula has been spent wisely on resources to enhance the woods and providing more small world play or to enhance staff ratios for children needing additional support. All funding has been completed successfully.

From January those who wanted to extend childcare hours due to reaching their funding period or claiming 30 hours were able to increase their sessions. The group have decided that from September 2025 we will not have as many children so that we can offer them additional sessions in January. The group will fill up sessions in January for sustainability; therefore there will be no additional sessions available in April.

Fees for those children who are not yet entitled to government funding are £18, being increased to £19 from September 2025, a session, lunch club is currently £7 increasing to £10 in September and breakfasts are currently £4 increasing to £5 in September. In addition parents of funded children are charged £2 (increasing from £1) per session to cover the costs of consumables (invoice issued). This charge is to cover the costs of craft materials, fruit, nappies etc. Some parents have chosen not to pay and prefer to bring in their own craft materials. Most settings have brought these charges in and they are now mentioned at the bottom of the Funding Forms. Most parents have been prompt in paying fees but appropriate letters have been sent if they got behind with payments. Our invoices show clearly funded and non-funded hours and these go out each term with two payment dates and details so that payments can be paid directly into the Pre-School's bank account. Book Bags and T-Shirts are being paid for, Book Bags £6, T-Shirts £6 and Fleeces £15, and these may rise in September due to increased costs from Screenprint. Breakfast and Lunch Clubs continue to be very successful.

Children starting last September required extra sessions from January and April luckily we were able to keep sessions back. We are now full to maximum to get as much money behind us for September so that we can keep sessions free to follow the same pattern next year. This will be dependent on the impact of the cost of living on bills etc.

The Community Centre charge £13.50 per hour. We are not paying what other hall members are but the situation will be monitored depending on the utility bills coming in. If the Management Committee for the hall struggle with finances long term it would mean closure.

Staff sick pay has been changed. Staff will now only receive Statutory Sick Pay, latest rules apply.

Minimum pay has been increased from £11.44 per hour to £12.21 per hour in April 2025 this, along with other price increases, has resulted in a real strain on the Pre-School finances. Paying for 14 weeks holiday may not be possible moving forward. Staff are only entitled to 5.6 weeks by law.

Payments have been made in respect of annual fees to the Pre-School Learning Alliance and Ofsted, and the insurance premium has been paid to Sterling, cover having been increased to reflect additional hours operating for breakfast and lunch clubs. PAT testing has been completed and invoice paid. Sponsored walk took place in June to raise funds for the group along with a Christmas raffle.

UPLANDS PRE-SCHOOLACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

Balance b/f		31,941.33
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INCOME

Income/Fees	17845.61	
Funding	155297.56	
T Shirts/Fleece	497.00	
Party Funds	1146.00	
Donbation	100.00	
Amazon Refund	4.74	174,890.91

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wages	158745.27
Screens/Resources	933.23
Meals/parties etc	1995.00
Toys/Books etc	2260.31
Hall Hire	11545.00
Renewals/Membership	277.76
Insurance	576.55
Postage	87.24
Stationery	1268.97
Bank Charges	60.00
Border bus safe guarding	264.60
Maintenance/Equipment	102.73

Alone Rental

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Audit	80.00	
Nest Pension	6489.39	20,590.18
Pat Testing	79.49	
Courses	899.18	
Refund Fees	267.20	186,242.06

Balance c/fwd		<u>20,590.18</u>
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Bank Statement as at 31 March 2025		25,790.72
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Less unrepresented cash	£405.40	
	£251.62	
	£197.20	
	£362.96	
	£329.03	
	£355.06	
	£267.24	
	£335.12	
	£144.40	
	£97.24	
	£126.89	
	£11.26	
	<u>£2,387.12</u>	5,270.54

Plus unrepresented cash	£10.00	
	£12.00	
	£10.00	
	£3.00	

£35.00

70.00

20,590.18

Balance b/f

31,941.33

INCOME

Income/Fees	17,845.87
Funding	1,502,736
Tickets/Plaque	487.00
Party Funds	1,145.00
Donation	100.00
Amazon Return	4.74

174,590.01

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wages	1,567,445.27
Supplies/Requisites	933.23
Miscellaneous etc	1,990.00
Trip/Books etc	2,260.34
Hall Hire	11,545.00
Partners Membership	277.76
Insurance	576.46
Postage	87.24
Stationery	1,268.97
Bank Charges	60.00
Bus/Bus also parking	234.00
Maintenance/Equipment	162.75



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Uplands Pre-School

On accounts for the year
ended

30.11.2025

Charity no
(if any)

1046072

Set out on pages 1-2

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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 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:

30.11.2025

Name:

Mr A H Sandford

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

N.A

Address:

22 Walmer Road, Pakefield, NR33 7LB

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.

N/A