

Charity Number 1049558



LADYBIRDS PRE-SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 CHARITY NAME

Ladybirds Pre-School

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1049558

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lucy Carek	Chairman and Trustee
Emma Wilson	Treasurer
Jennifer Gallagher	Secretary
Sarah Maguire	General Member
Carol Childs	General Member
Sarah Childs	General Member
Kathleen Tasou	General Member

BANKERS

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill,
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Sam Tasou

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMT

Ladybirds Pre-School is incorporated under the Pre-School Learning Alliance

Ladybirds Pre-School is a registered charity (No 1049558) and is a non-profit, committee-run community pre-school offering pre-school education for children age 2 to school age.

The charity consists of 7 Board of Trustees.

Policies and Procedures

Refer to current Ladybirds Pre-school Policies and Procedures found at:
<http://www.ladybirdspre-school.com/policies.html>

The Pre-school has a Child Protection Policy in place. DBS criminal record checks are carried out prior to commencement of employment, trusteeship or other voluntary work with the Pre-school.

All trustees give their time as volunteers and receive no remuneration or other benefits for duties fulfilled as part of their trustee role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Ladybirds Pre-school works for the public benefit, having as its objects the development and education of children and young people in particular by:

- (1) promoting their care and safety;
- (2) promoting their education and promoting parental involvement;
- (3) promoting their health and wellbeing;
- (4) providing services to support them and their families and carers;
- (5) providing services to individuals holding membership of the CIO; and
- (6) furthering the aims of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

Ladybirds Pre-school is an integral part of the community, and we work hard to strengthen links with other local organisations and facilities. We aim to offer a strong grounding for our children below compulsory school age and to assist them in developing their own identities.

The pre-school aims to provide affordable and accessible childcare to pre-school aged children (age 2 – statutory school age), in a safe and supportive environment and to work in partnership with parents in the provision of this.

The Pre-school owns one building situated on land at Littlebourne Church of England School and also rents a second building at the same site. Sessions run concurrently at both sites, where qualified and friendly staff provide stimulating and creative play, which enables learning to take place in a fun and secure environment.

The Pre-school is open Monday to Friday during term time, providing sessional day care in a caring and learning environment. Children are cared for by qualified, paid staff that have shown great dedication and commitment to the Pre-school. The Preschool actively encourages parental involvement in the management of the Preschool and the development of their children, both within the setting and at home.

We look upon the Pre-school as the first stepping-stone to school and school life.

The daily routine includes a variety of activities that follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework taking in to consideration each individual child's preferences and needs.

A great contribution is made by Committee members and parent volunteers, along with staff commitment outside their paid working hours.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Ladybirds Pre-school has had a good year. The Pre-school is very fortunate to have a dedicated staff team and board of trustees. The Pre-school is a highly valued part of the local community with an excellent reputation.

Training

Staff have continued their professional development by attending a variety of courses including the new EYFS, In the moment planning, SEND, Food Hygiene, Safeguarding for the designated lead, Safeguarding for all staff, First aid training for all staff Forest school and equality and inclusion.

This year the setting has embarked on a new project called The Balance System. This supports the staff in creating a system for improving speech and language for all children and also focuses on children that need support too. This will eventually lead to an accreditation for the setting who will continue to implement different strategies, including involving parents.

Allotment

We are continuing to visit the village allotments and the children spend many hours looking at fruit and vegetable plants which has been invaluable for children's development and learning.

Parent Visits

The pre-school welcomes parents and families into the setting. Parents are enjoying coming in and taking part in activities.

Fundraising

We have taken on more fundraising activities including an Easter bonnet Parade, Christmas nativity.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Ladybirds Pre-school has been educating children and benefitting the community of Littlebourne and the surrounding villages since 1992. We welcome all children in the local community from every background. Our work with children from 2 years to school age means we help children learn and develop important social skills they will take with them into school and beyond. We lay important foundations in skills such as sharing, teamwork, communication and language development, and conflict resolution. All of these accumulated skills enable our children to become well-rounded and responsible members of the local community and school.

IMPROVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

We aim to ensure the financial stability for the future of the Pre-school, whilst improving upon the facilities and resources we provide for the children and their families. We aim to build upon relationship with parents and their continued involvement in their children's learning and development.

The Pre School has implemented a more efficient way of collecting fees, with the aim being that all of fees are collected via BACS payments. Unfortunately, this is something that has caused problems for the Pre School in the past, and with support of the committee members, the Pre School has taken a tougher line on unpaid fees. This has resulted in the majority of the fees paid in full and on time.

The Board of Trustees is looking forward to supporting the setting through another successful year next year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Pre School has made a profit of £5,145.34 on a turnover of 171,406.64. This is an improvement on last year. The lease is still yet to be finalised so funds are being put aside to pay the outstanding amount of rent due. The increase yet again in the minimum wage has had an impact and we have increased the fees as the funding from the government Early years free entitlement as still not increased enough to cover the shortfall.

The majority of the Pre-school funding is met by government funding. Further funding comes through sessional fees. We also raise funds through various fundraising activities. Our expenditure has fully supported our key objectives to provide a quality, safe and stimulating environment for the children to learn through play. The main expenditure has included staff wages, rent, insurance and utilities.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Carol Childs

Full name(s)

Mrs Carol Ann Childs

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date 08/07/2024

Littlebourne Ladybirds Pre-school

Income and Expenditure Account as at 31/03/2024

		£	£
Income	Fees	48,340.78	
	KCC Fees	113,033.73	
	EYPP	544.23	
	SENI/DAF	7,977.93	
	Donations	50.00	
	Fund Raising	510.00	
	Training Reimbursement	899.00	
	Bank Interest	50.97	
	Bank Transfer	0.00	
	Grants	0.00	
			171,406.64
Expenditure	Wages	120,549.67	
	Employer Pension Contributions	7,829.96	
	Reserve for Rent	4,000.00	
	Utilities	5,536.36	
	Office/Admin costs	3,088.59	
	Gifts & Presents	631.57	
	Activities	3,431.76	
	Transfer to Reserves	13,000.00	
	Training	1,109.00	
	Legal Expenses	0.00	
	Activity Equipment	355.45	
	Catering	1,476.88	
	Advertising	205.08	
	Maintenance	3,701.28	
	Insurance	1,285.70	
	Bank Charges	60.00	
			166,261.30
Net Income/(Expenditure)			5,145.34



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Littlebourne Ladybirds Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

2024

Charity no
(if any)

1049558

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

04/07/2024

Name:

Sam Tasou

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

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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.

None