



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2024

date To 31/08/2025

Period end date

Charity name: Applecroft Pre-School

Charity registration number: 1059313

Objectives and Activities

	reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	para	To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.
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	The charity's main activity is to run Applecroft Pre-School which provides high quality education through play and childcare for children aged between 2 and 4.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees carry out various local fundraising activities to support income from the charity's core activities. In planning activities, the Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustee meetings.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits. The Trustees have an annual programme of fundraising activities, which they undertake with the help of volunteers from the local community and parents/carers of children who attend the pre-school. These include selling drinks and hot food at the pre-schools summer fete and Christmas fayre and selling raffle
		tickets with prizes donated by parents/carers/local shops and businesses.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	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	The pre-school is staffed by an experienced and well-qualified team. We operate with good staff:child ratios to focus on individual child development within the EYFS framework. We offer a safe, fun and stimulating environment in which children can learn through play. Children have opportunities to grow emotionally as well as physically, to develop their communication and language skills and to increase their self-confidence and self-awareness in preparation for starting primary school.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed	ara	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorp association (	ara	Unincorporated charity / Committee run.
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	ara	Trustees are selected from parents/carers at the AGM to form a committee. The committee appoints new Trustees and Volunteers who are voted in or step down at the AGM in October.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1 .51	The charity is a member of the Early Years Alliance, which provides information, advice and training to childcare providers and campaigns to influence early years policy and practice. The charity has built strong links with the local council, safeguarding services and primary schools in the local area.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1 .51	The pre-school setting works closely with The Scouts Falkes Association as we lease the Scout Hut as the location for running the pre-school. The charity also has strong links and dialogue with local primary schools to ensure a successful transition from pre-school to reception class.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charit name	Applecroft Pre-School
Other name the charit uses	
Re istered charit number	1059313

Charity's principal address	Ross Park Scout Hut Applecroft Road LUTON LU2 8BD

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1 .21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	ara	The trustees aim to hold a minimum of E 15,000 in reserves to meet unforeseen expenditure, losses due to unexpected closures, to cover sudden reductions in fee income due to changing childcare requirements and to cover terminal obligations if the pre-school were to close permanently.
Amount of reserves held	ara	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	ara	Unfortunately, due to fraud committed against the preschool in January 2020 we do not currently have a contingency fund but are working hard to build this up as soon as possible.
Details of fund materially in deficit	ara	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1 .23	

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	The charity's principal source of funds is from the government schemes. The charity continues to receive fees from non-funded children. The charity works hard to gain income from fundraising opportunities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1 .46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1 .46	There have been increased costs due to inflation, cost in rent and consumables are impacting the charities ability to start building reserves. The pre school has to pay out higher amounts to HMRC and pensions and tax due to increased rates put into place by the Government
Other		

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole ear	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee if an)
1				
3	Debbie Smailes	Chairperson		
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5	Alice o'Shea	Treasurer		
6	Ciara Morrison	Secretary		
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of Name Address adviser

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

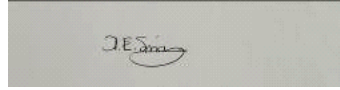
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Debbie smailles- Chairperson



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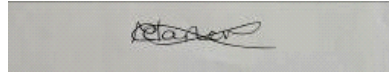
Chairperson

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deputy manager

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APPLECROFT PRE-SCHOOL PROFIT AND LOSS

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 1ST 2024-AUGUST 31ST 2025

Profit and loss report

INCOME

Funding	£	99,311.38
Fees	£	5,616.50
Donations	£	-
Grants	£	-
Milk	£	
Fundraising	£	2,487.11
Misc	£	394.79
Interest	£	
Blank	£	
Blank	£	

EXPENDITURE

Wages	£	86,200.12
HMRC		
Equipment	£	148.99
Snack	£	1,091.00
Fundraising	£	100.00
Bank	£	126.36
Training	£	60.00
PLA/OFSTED	£	35.00
Utilities	£	13,888.76
Expenses	£	1,535.23
Petty Cash	£	70.00
Resources	£	
		2,424.72
Misc	£	410.60

Total £ 107,809.78

total £ 116,488.99

Balance sheet

ACCOUNTS Opening cash position 29,491.32 Profit/loss 1-£ 8,679.21
Closing cash position £ 20,812.11

BANK

ACCOUNT 72830530 537011 £ 20,812.12

TOTAL £ 20,812.12

NOTE

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Section A
Independent Examiner's Report
Applecroft Pre-school
On accounts for the year ended

 31st August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1059313

Set on 11/09/2024

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") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the duty of the trustees 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

The examination was conducted in accordance with the guidance issued 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'. 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s6(1) of the Charities Act 2011;
- 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.

Signed: TVT & H.P.
Date: 03/07/2025
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