



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Bream Early Learners

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1062902

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

C. P. Pembley

Date:

15/10/24

Name:

CHRISTOPHER PHILIP PEMBLEY

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

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MOUNT VIEW, LANDDOWN WALK,
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Charity name:

Charity number:

Bream Early Learners

1062902

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1st September 2023

Period end date 31st August 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Previous year £	Current year £	
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	104,372.08	120,461.03	
Nursery Education Funding - EYPP	1,224.00	2,389.80	
Children's fees	6,824.95	10,041.65	
Club Income	9,798.12	5,318.00	
Uniform and Gym bag Sales	154.00	38.00	
Fundraising	1,833.54	1,736.65	B
Donations and Grants	12,457.00	0.00	B
Interest	233.67	766.73	
Other receipts	0.00	355.00	
SUB TOTAL	136,897.36	141,106.86	
Income from the sale of equipment			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) 136,897.36	141,106.86	

PAYMENTS	Previous year £	Current year £	
Employment costs (wages plus HMRC)	105,322.40	108,876.51	
Training costs	614.40	1,377.20	
Premises (rent, heat etc)	9,382.59	8,237.81	
Subscriptions	670.66	498.88	
Insurance	2,007.76	3,266.55	
Administration	1,673.95	955.44	
Refreshments	858.30	639.34	
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,808.49	1,400.25	
Uniform and Gym bags	696.80	0.00	
Fundraising costs	264.06	30.00	
Other	565.40	792.70	
SUB TOTAL	123,864.81	126,074.68	
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	10,724.54	4,053.43	B
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) 134,589.35	130,128.11	

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	2,308.01	10,978.75	A
Cash funds last year end	(D)	50,814.17	53,122.18	
Cash funds this year end	(C+D)	53,122.18	64,100.93	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Current Value £	
Current A/cs	40,483.37	C
Deposit A/cs	23,517.56	C
Petty Cash	100.00	
	64,100.93	

Signed for the trustees (Committee)

Role

Date

Davies *Chairperson*

25/11/2024

DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT/ASSET EXPENDITURE AND OTHER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Other expenditure	£
Reptile Visit	180.00
DBS Checks	34.20
Thank You Presents	298.50
Coach Hire	195.00
Xmas Presents	85.00

TOTAL 792.70

Other Income	£
Rental income - summer club 23	175.00
GCC First aid training grant	180.00

355.00

Expenditure on Equipment/Assets

	£
Benches	100.00
Tablets & cases	555.27
Overalls	291.64
Sensory Snug	716.72

TOTAL 1,663.63


DETAILS OF FUNDRAISING

Event	Receipts £	Expenditure £	Profit £
Discs	6.00	0.00	6.00
Forest Lottery	231.50	0.00	231.50
Raffles	313.35	30.00	283.35
Xmas	453.80	0.00	453.80
Easter Walk	732.00	0.00	732.00

TOTAL 1,736.65 30.00 1,706.65

These certified figures were submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting of:

Bream Early Learners on ^{25th} ~~xx~~th November 2024

Signed..........(Treasurer) Name (in block letters) Hannah Partridge

Address: 2 Bakery Mews, Bream, Gloucestershire GL156FG

Bream Early Learners

Annual General Meeting - Monday 25th November 2024

Manager's Report

Another positive year for BEL, it's families and the staff here!

Ofsted:

One of our greatest achievements this year is our Ofsted inspection and subsequent report that followed. With this being my first managerial role of a whole setting (and my first ever experience of an Ofsted inspection!), I must admit to being nervous after receiving the initial phone call in January. We're very pleased to say that our hard work had paid off; our amendments to various documents relating to the enrolment of the committee members and the improvements made to record keeping, ensured we had a great basis for a successful outcome. Ofsted stated that "children make good progress with their communication and language....staff quickly identify those who need additional support...a strong focus on children's emotional wellbeing and readiness to learn is at the forefront"

With the previous changes to the setting during 2022, a Good outcome is a great achievement.

Merge with School:

Further to various meetings and correspondence with the school, we are pleased to finally be merging with Bream School, planned for early 2025. With our current registers almost completely full, it is great to know that the management structure of Bream Early Learners is progressing as necessary too. The merge will benefit the Bream community massively; not only to ensure the longevity of the setting but it will also provide vast benefits for the families and the staff here. I'm glad that links made with the school since late 2022 have led to these next steps

Enrolments:

Our current registers are 'healthy' and we are looking to be full again, for the staff members that we have, from January. Even with the recruitment of two new staff members, numbers are looking particularly high for Acorn class, meaning that there are already children booked into registers for 2026.

New staff:

With recruitment being so difficult for early years settings, losing Layla to maternity leave was going to be difficult. However, further to advertising a staff vacancy, we were lucky enough to appoint two new members of staff. Both new members of staff have now started their roles and have settled into the team. They are both level 3 qualified and come with a vast experience of childcare.

Enhancements to BEL and the curriculum:

Earlier this year, Acorn room gained a sensory snug. This has been an essential space for those children who need a quiet and safe space to relax in. Resources for the snug were

purchased using DAF money, whilst the labour, and contractors who provided their time, were voluntary contributions. A huge thank you to both Derek and Richard for their service!

Since the last AGM, Oak class children completed their participation in the Songscape scheme, funded by Gloucestershire Youth Music. This allowed staff at BEL to look at enhancing their music provision, ensuring that we are using a range of songs and music suitable for the tones and pitches of our children's vocals. The scheme proved successful with Vanessa, our music champion, continuing to use aspects of the scheme during her practice.

We are in the process of adding an extra indoor space to the front lawned-area of BEL. The building will be a multi-purpose storage and wellbeing space, suitable for staff to rest in, small group time learning and a family space for parents and staff to meet in. This will be vital to the development of BEL and will ensure that staff are properly catered for. I am hoping to create a new 'practical skills' area where the existing shed/cabin is so that the children can access wood work and engineering activities all year round.

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I'm pleased with the progress that BEL has made over the past 12 months; changes to staff always brings feelings of anxiety but I'm glad we were able to recruit new staff who brought with them more expertise and knowledge.

The exciting changes ahead with the merging of Bream Primary School will ensure that BEL families and staff are well cared for.

A message of thanks:

Most importantly, I'd like to give the biggest of thank yous to our committee members who have endured a mountain of paperwork and changes over the past two years. Without such willing volunteers, our setting would have collapsed years ago. It may not feel like much has been done, but a strong, reliable and approachable committee have been CRUCIAL to my role here and the growth of BEL. The final hurdles are now insight so you can all enjoy your time, without the messages of "Hi all....."

Bonnie Ellis

Manager

20th November 2024