

## TOTS R US PRE-SCHOOL

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### Progress during the year

This has been a busy year for tots with lots of children registering with us from outside of the village as well as our usual levels of local children due to the increase in funding for free entitlement — other local villages preschools being full has seen children come to us from Aylesham and Ash and a few more than usual enquiries from Eythorne families.

We have a lower number of children starting school and therefore more returning to tots in September meaning we are off to a good start in September 2024. This, however, means we have less space for new families, and we are predicting we may become full earlier this year. Our only concern with this is that if local families wish to join us, we may not have available what they want so we will try to keep some spaces in reserve for this as our constitution is that we are here for local families.

We stand by our constitution re local families accessing us and local people being employed by us and unexpectedly we find a member of staff that has only just joined us going on maternity leave however we have been lucky enough to have a local mature student that more than fits the job specification and we are therefore employing her on a temporary contract to cover this but we more than expect this will become permanent next summer due to the rising demand in nursery places re the increased free entitlement funding.

Our profit is being used to completely redecorate the whole setting this summer as it is in much need of this and some new resources for the increasing numbers of children. If there is any spare it will go into the contingency fund for a new building as is always the case and for any unexpected repairs that will arise due to the age of the building and more into the redundancy funds due to the increasing number of staff. We also know that we have covered the wages for the maternity cover before committing to employing another member of staff.

This year has seen the return of a past member of staff, which was needed due to the unexpected increase in children — safer recruitment was applied once again even though they were employed by us before.


As advised, we did try to open a business savings account. We spent months providing all the information required to the building society, only for them to just eventually say sorry we are not opening any more business savings accounts at present. It was very long winded, and we will try again this year to sort one out.

It has been a good year, and we expect the next to be as fruitful.

#### Reserves

At the year end income reserves amounting to £209,263 (2023 - £188,809) were held by the Pre-School.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE

  
M Hollis, Chairperson

Date: 26.11.24

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Charitable activities:					
KCC funding and nursery vouchers		-	105,874	105,874	71,640
Fees		-	20,926	20,926	7,088
Fund-raising		-	175	175	404
<b>Total</b>		-	126,975	126,975	79,132
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Management and administration expenditure	3	-	1,227	1,227	1,091
Charitable expenditure	4	1,955	106,150	108,105	84,256
<b>Total</b>		1,955	107,377	109,332	85,347
<b>Net expenditure</b>		(1,955)	19,598	17,643	(6,215)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		7,349	194,984	202,333	208,548
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		5,394	214,582	219,976	202,333

The notes form part of these financial statements

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
TOTS R US PRE-SCHOOL**

I report on the financial statements of the Pre-School for the year ended 31 July 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 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 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 the 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.

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Dated: *2ND DECEMBER* 2024