



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.23 Period start date To 31.12.23 Period end date

Charity name: LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL MILDENHURST

Charity registration number: 1083227

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age.
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	In 2023 we offered places to all families who requested to join. We engaged with Lancashire SEND services to help us provide a place for a child with needs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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	/
Other		✓

Achievements and Performance

	SORP 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	<p>All children transitioned smoothly to their Reception Class.</p> <p>We successfully recruited two new staff members to cover a maternity leave and ensure our future.</p> <p>We offered places to all families who requested to join us.</p>

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		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We had a deficit at the end of 2023 of £15,037.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	we aim to hold funds to cover at least 3 months running costs plus statutory redundancy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The deficit was caused by high staffing costs for SEN purposes and low numbers of pupils.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties currently. A healthy waiting list for 2024.

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	/
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	/
Other		/

Charity name	LITTLE ACORN'S MANCHESTER
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1083251
Charity's principal address	10 Manchester St, 2nd Floor, C/O School House Green, Manchester, M4 0 3QT

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	—
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	Para 1.25	Adopted by members at AGM.

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	/
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	/
Other		/

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	LITTLE ACORNS MAWDESLEY
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1083227
Charity's principal address	% Mawdesley St Peter's C/E School Hurst Green Mawdesley Lancashire L40 2QT

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 adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

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

n/a

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

none

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	REBECCA FLETCHER	CHAIR	—	COMMITTEE
2	CLARE PATERSON	SECRETARY	—	—
3	PAULA SCARISBRICK	TREASURER	—	—
4	TIMOTHY PENNINGTON	—	—	—
5	MARION CONNETT	—	—	—
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

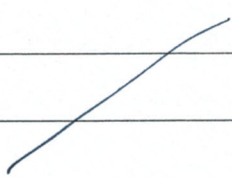
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	M.L. Connett	
Full name(s)	MARION LAURA CONNETT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	COMMITTEE MEMBER	
Date	7.9.24	

Little Acorns
Profit and Loss account

	<u>Dec-23</u>	<u>Dec-22</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Early years free entitlement	53,197	52,320
Invoiced fees	9,630	10,587
Funds raised	Notes 531	1,729
Investment income	Notes 2,632	526
Miscellaneous	Notes	15,195
	<hr/> 65,990	<hr/> 80,357
 <u>Payments</u>		
Staff salaries	62,358	37,826
Employers NI		1,404
Employers Pension Contributions		1,269
Staff training	374	467
Rent	4,300	3,584
Business rates	451	638
Insurance	685	1,327
Payroll charges		569
Resources	3,722	2,682
Classroom improvements	2,388	678
Stationary	566	363
First aid/cleaning/toiletries	927	775
Childrens snacks & trips party	195	269
Fund raising costs	137	307
Miscellaneous	1,177	106
DBS checks	13	13
Ofsted		
Bank charges	30	29
Canopy	3,139	
Advertising	211	
Accounts	275	
Telephone	79	
	<hr/> 81,027	<hr/> 52,306
 Net receipts/payments	 -15,037	 28,051
 Cash funds b/f	 57,093	 32,755
cash funds c/f	42,056	60,807
Less fixed asset additions		-3714
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Little Acorns Pre School Nursery

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023

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:

3/7/24

Name:

Andrew Chard ACA

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

Chartered Accountant and a member of ICAEW- Membership Number
8458947

Address:

60 Crawshaw Grange, Crawshawbooth, Rossendale, BB4 8LY

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.

Nothing to note