



## **EARLYBIRDS PRESCHOOL**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT 2020 – 2021**

Earlybirds Preschool has continued to provide high quality, child focused early years education during the report period. We have been between lockdowns through the past year and now providing early years education while adhering to social distancing and “bubbles” within setting. As an early years education setting, we have been supporting children through the challenges that lockdowns have presented them, including social development.

Over the course of this year, we have had 28 children in setting which is an increase from the previous year. Our staff team of 4 included one member that “shielded” during the Covid-19 pandemic however has been consistent through the year and this is reflected in the increase in number of children attending.

#### **Management Committee**

The Committee remained unchanged over the year and continued to support the provision of the preschool with their expertise and involvement.

The preschool was Ofsted inspected in September 2019 and the Leader managed the preschool team to continue to deliver the early years provision while continually monitoring and reviewing the standards within setting against the setting development plan.

Children’s data has continued to be monitored for areas of improvement and learning & development opportunities within the staff team.

The preschool continues to receive positive feedback from parents and guardians, including the feedback questions which are issued 2 weeks after enrolment.

#### **Staffing**

We have an established staff team with Leader, Deputy Leader, Administrator with 1 members of staff.

We were fortunate to have a student placement with us during this time who took on paid hours when needed. This helped with consistency during lockdowns.

Agency staff fees have been used to cover sickness absence where required but this is anticipated to reduce.

Following the Coronavirus pandemic, Volunteers have not been reestablished in setting. This may be reviewed in the future.

## **Accounts**

The number of children in setting has been high and therefore the preschool has generated a healthy income along with the local authority Early Years Funding, we continue to be financially stable.

The expenses associated with maintaining hygiene guidelines during the pandemic were a significant cost, especially PPE.

The preschool started to offer breakfast club and after school club to working parents/guardian's which provides further income for the preschool while serving as essential childcare for working families. The financial benefit of this service continues to be monitored and evaluated to ensure its cost effectiveness.

## **Outside Activities**

We are fortunate enough to enjoy a rural environment, with the children visiting our school playground, church and village area on a regular basis.

We were unable to provide our usual seasonal activities due to the pandemic restrictions. We celebrated activities for a week so all children in "bubbles" were included.

## **Fundraising**

All fundraising activities were cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions so we have had no income from fundraising this year.

## **Thank you**

We continue to thank the committee, staff team, parents and local community for their support to ensure the preschool stays in a financially secure position to provide high quality early years education in our rural community.





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Earlybirds Preschool (Newtown)

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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

21/08/2020

To

20/08/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Funding	54409	-	-	54,409	49,729
Parent Payments	17783	-	-	17,783	12,970
Donation	-	-	-	-	100
Deposit	-	-	-	-	2,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>72,192</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,192</b>	<b>64,799</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>72,192</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,192</b>	<b>64,799</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising - Recruitment	-	-	-	-	162
Expenses	403	-	-	403	2,904
HMRC	5,523	-	-	5,523	3,206
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	102
Memberships	937	-	-	937	864
Mobile	-	-	-	-	32
Pension	3,443	-	-	3,443	3,188
Rent	2,372	-	-	2,372	1,897
Resources	2,375	-	-	2,375	872
Supply Staff	704	-	-	704	292
Training	294	-	-	294	-
Uniform	158	-	-	158	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-	3,691
Wages - Staff	49,197	-	-	49,197	45,242
Website	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>65,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,405</b>	<b>62,452</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>65,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,405</b>	<b>62,452</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>2,347</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>30,929</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,929</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>37,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,716</b>	<b>2,347</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Treasurers Account	26,145	-	
	Reserve Account	11,571	-	
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>37,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

<i>C Butler</i>	CATHERINE BUTLER	24/1/24
<i>S Powell</i>	SARAH POWELL	31/01/24





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

EARLYBIRDS PRESCHOOL (NEWTOWN)

On accounts for the year  
ended

20.08.2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1083648

Set out on pages

(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 20.08.2021.

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:

J Przybycin

Date:

26.01.2024

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.