



EARLYBIRDS PRESCHOOL

TRUSTEES REPORT 2022 to 2023

Earlybirds Preschool has continued to provide high quality, child focused early years education during the report period.

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

This year saw changes in the pre-school both with a new Pre-school Leader (internal promotion) and a new committee.

The previous Chair of Committee retired from her role alongside her Head Teacher position in the adjoining Infant School. We were fortunate to recruit a new Chair of Committee, Cath Butler Harris who works in the Infant School and is committed to supporting the preschool in providing high quality early years education.

Alongside a new Chair came a new committee with 1 previous member staying on. This is a common occurrence in preschool settings where parents move on with their children changing schools. We are fortunate to have built a good team to champion the work of the preschool.

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

The internal promotion of Deputy Leader to Preschool Leader has created as opportunity for development and a further internal promotion for a staff member to move into the Deputy Role.

Further staff changes include the Administrator resigning and recruitment of a replacement. The handover period of the Administrators was lengthy due to the role being a work-from-home based role and the many varied tasks.

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 (26 children at end of school year) and therefore the preschool has generated a healthy income along with the local authority Early Years Funding, we continue to be financially stable. With a new Government initiative being announced for Early Years childcare for working families being extended (effective from 1st April 2024), an increase in hours being requested is anticipated. We already have 31 children enrolled for September 2023 start.

A review of our rates for non-funded hours is being carried out to ensure competitiveness and financial stability. This will be in line with new funding rates being announced by the Local Authority.

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.

A staff pay review is being established to be effective from 1st April 2024.

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.

Fundraising

We received a kind donation from the local Allotment Association which was used for additional learning resources to support the children's needs and development.

Thank you

We continue to thank the previous committee, new 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)

1083648

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

21/08/2022

To

20/08/2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Funding	62,104	-	-	62,104	48,130
Parent Payment	16,012	-	-	16,012	18,912
Donations	500	-	-	500	-
Interest on savings account	92	-	-	92	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	78,708	-	-	78,708	67,042
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,708	-	-	78,708	67,042
A3 Payments					
Advertising - Recruitment	-	-	-	-	16
Expenses	644	-	-	644	400
HMRC	6,869	-	-	6,869	4,619
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Memberships	1,333	-	-	1,333	1,035
Pension	4,125	-	-	4,125	3,050
Rent	4,774	-	-	4,774	7,325
Resources	3,534	-	-	3,534	4,307
Supply Staff	3,549	-	-	3,549	3,030
Training	429	-	-	429	370
Utilities	6,676	-	-	6,676	-
Wages - Staff	52,770	-	-	52,770	43,344
Website	-	-	-	-	1,597
Sub total	84,701	-	-	84,701	69,094
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84,701	-	-	84,701	69,094
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,992	-	-	- 5,992	- 2,052
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,665	-	-	35,665	-
Cash funds this year end	29,673	-	-	29,673	- 2,052

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurer's Account	11,809	-	-
	Reserve Account	17,863	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,673	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
C Butler Harris	C. BUTLER HARRIS	07/6/24
powell	S. POWELL	17/6/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

EARLYBIRDS PRESCHOOL (NEWTOWN)

On accounts for the year
ended

20th AUGUST 2023

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 20/08/2023

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:

14/6/2024

Name:

JoAnne PRZYBYCIN

Relevant professional
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(if any):

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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.