

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY

England & Wales · Charity number 1092566

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Company number [05925303](#)

Registered 2002-06-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING OF CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 6 MONTHS AND 5 YEARS BY PROVIDING A SAFE, STIMULATING AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCH CHILDREN.

Activities: TO PROVIDE CHILDRENS DAY CARE FROM 3 MONTH TO 5 YEARS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£630,896	£572,842	£35,199	25
2024-08-31	£531,915	£540,023	£-22,855	25
2023-08-31	£480,584	£518,981	-	-
2022-08-31	£473,311	£510,532	-	-
2021-08-31	£290,891	£319,812	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brigitte Doreen Watkins		2025-10-06
Dr Katherine Lucy Smith		2024-10-08
Emily Snaith		2025-09-11
Fiona Mary Coombe		2024-10-08
Ian Brooks		
Megan Wanstall		2025-08-26

Accounts

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Trustees	M Wanstall (appointed 26 August 2025) Dr K Smith (appointed 8 October 2024) F Coombe (appointed 8 October 2024) E Snaith (appointed 11 September 2025) B Watkins (appointed 6 October 2025) I Brooks S Williamson (resigned 31 December 2024) D Bailey (resigned 5 March 2025) T Higgin (appointed 10 December 2025)
Company registered number	05925303
Charity registered number	1092566
Registered office	Homewood School & Sixthform Ashford Road Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT
Company secretary	T Higgin
Independent auditors	UHY Hacker Young Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors Thames House Roman Square Sittingbourne Kent ME10 4BJ

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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited consists of two early years settings. Home Farm Nursery which offers full day and sessional care to children aged 6 months to 5 years and is located within the grounds of Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre, and St. Michael's pre-school which offers sessional care to children aged 2 to 5 (term time only) and is located within the grounds of St. Michael's Church of England Primary school.

Both Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre and St Michaels Primary School are part of the Tenterden Schools Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The Memorandum and Articles of Association are its primary governing documents. The trustees of Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited are also directors for the purposes of company law. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust (Company Registration No. 07736448) which is the sole Member of the company.

Details of the trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative details on page one.

During the year the trustees became aware of an historic issue concerning the formal status of the Charity dating back to 2006, long before Tenterden Schools Trust acquired Home Farm Childrens Nursery in April 2014. At that time, the original charitable trust (charity number 1092566) created a new corporate entity to take forward its activities. However, the legal transfer of assets, liabilities and operations from the trust to the new company was not completed or reported correctly. As a result, the Charity Commission has continued to treat the original trust as if it remained active, despite all charitable activities having been undertaken by the company since 2006. No final accounts were filed to show the transfer out of the trust, nor corresponding opening accounts for the company showing the transfer in. The trustees are in the process of seeking professional advice to determine the appropriate steps to regularise the position. As a consequence of the above the organisation's name is recorded inconsistently between Companies House and the Charity Commission. For the purposes of these financial statements the trustees are treating the charitable trust number 1092566 and the limited by guarantee company no. 07736448 as if they are the same legal entity.

b. Methods of appointment or election of trustees

Directors who are willing to be appointed may be elected at an Annual General Meeting provided they are proposed by the Member (Tenterden Schools Trust) giving the requisite notice. At every Annual General Meeting one-third of the directors must retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election.

The number of directors is not subject to a maximum but shall be not less than one. The directors have resolved that at least one director shall be a representative of Tenterden Schools Trust, and that additional directors include one or more parents of children attending the nurseries and individuals who support the work of the trust with a background or interest in early years education or the community. The persons responsible for overseeing the management of the Home Farm Children's Nursery settings are committee members, not trustees. They report to the board and attend trustee meetings.

New Trustees are recruited via notices to parents and through community engagement.

New Trustees have an induction process that includes a discussion with a member of the Board and the director who represents Tenterden Schools Trust on the board. The induction programme and resources are made available to new trustees on the Governor Hub portal.

Training needs are identified at the induction stage and through an annual skills audit.

There are close links with Tenterden Schools Trust and the primary schools within the Trust. Many of the children attending the nurseries

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

move into Year R in the Trust primary schools.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

A number of new trustees were appointed during the year, leaving the following in office at the date of approval of the financial statements:

- Dr Katherine Smith - Chair
- Mr. I Brooks
- Ms Fiona Coombe - TST Chair and representative
- Ms Brigitte Watkins - appointed June 2025
- Ms Megan Wanstall - appointed June 2025
- Ms Emily Snaith - Vice Chair appointed June 2025

Ms Traysi-Jane Higgin was appointed as Company Secretary in December 2025.

Regular minuted meetings took place throughout 2024-25. All documentation related to meetings and trustee information is stored on the Governor Hub password protected site.

d. Pay policy for key management personnel

As a subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust (TST), the overall management of personnel, recruitment and HR is carried out at Trust level in communication with each setting and the Home Farm Childrens Nursery (HFCN) Trust board. The CEO of TST is responsible for the overall management of each setting, attends the HFCN Trustee meetings and works with both the TST and HFCN teams to develop and implement improvements. The CFO of TST, who is now also the company secretary of Home Farm Childrens Nursery, is responsible for the finances and the budget.

Increases of pay for HFCN staff is considered by a pay review committee made up of HFCN board Trustees. This committee makes annual pay recommendations to the HFCN board.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and Objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

During 2024/25 year, the following objectives were achieved:

- Recruitment strategy for new trustees implemented with parental representation and early years education specialism now strengthening the board's decision making.
- Strengthening of the board's operations (more effective reporting to the board by managers of curriculum development and provision changes within their settings, all trustees expected training fully completed, increased meetings and communications with the CFO to ensure accurate budget oversight).
- St Michaels pre-school successfully moved into a new pre-school building.
- Increased fundraising activities.
- Continued improvements of outside areas at both Home Farm Nursery and St. Michael's pre-school.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

a. Main achievements

Tenterden Schools Trust was successful in winning a DfE Condition Improvement Fund bid for St. Michael's pre-school, securing £650k investment for a new pre-school building, which opened on the existing site in September 2025. During the demolition and new build St Michael's pre-school continued to operate in a temporary building situated within St. Michael's Primary School playground. Continual risk assessments and modifications ensured that safe access continued and the installation of a ramp maintained accessibility. The pre-school staff managed the successful move across to the new building at the end of the summer holiday before the new term began. A bid has been secured to build a covered transition space between the indoor and outdoor of the building; the development of the outside space continues.

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St. Michael's pre-school continues to maintain its reputation in terms of good quality education and care within the community. There is a high level of retention of staff at all levels and trusted relationships are built with families. The staff continue to work to identify children's special educational needs and work with families to sign-post support needed.

Home Farm Nursery have been focussed on developing their outdoor learning environment and now has a dedicated space for the younger children to plant and grow plants and vegetables. The pre-school area now has dedicated learning spaces that support key learning areas of the EYFS. New fencing has been installed providing higher levels of security and car-parking areas have been improved. Staffing has been reviewed regularly, with more of a strategic approach employed. New apprentices have been employed as a 'home grown' approach to the challenge of finding new staff members.

Both settings are full to capacity and have seen an increased number of younger children (aged 2). Provision has been modified to meet their needs. The managers have been engaged in a peer to peer review process by regularly visiting each other's settings. This has enabled the sharing of best practice and reflective conversations about improvement. The managers have collaborated with the TST Primary Schools to attend regular EYFS team meetings. They have gained further professional support from the Ashford Early Years Federation.

The HFCN Trust board has successfully recruited new trustees to strengthen the board's expertise and governance. Oversight of budgets is more rigorous with more reliable budget data informing the board's decision making.

Key performance indicators explaining outputs achieved by activities

a. Accommodation

The new St. Michael's pre-school building is providing considerably improved provision enabling adaptability and access. Easy access pathways are in place and the outdoor area has been modified. Improvements of the outside area at Home Farm Nursery provides more focus on early literacy and fencing and parking improvements have improved accessibility and safety.

b. Staffing

Staff at St. Michael's pre-school are now more settled and able to plan and enhance their provision. The recruitment of new apprentices at Home Farm Nursery have meant that ratios are able to be fulfilled within the staffing budget. Managers have been engaged in a number of creative fundraising activities with parents, strengthening community engagement and increasing funds. Managers have been able to access staff training at low cost from local authority providers.

c. Factors relevant to achieve objectives

Numbers of children have increased to 73 children on roll at Home Farm (March 2025) while numbers remain static at St Michael's with 37 registered (March 2025). Both units are virtually full in all areas with waiting lists and this is a result of less provision in the area. Many of our new placements have been through recommendations from other families, although some have found us via our websites which we continue to update on a regular basis.

Our parents/carers continue to use the 30-hour Government Funding, but many also top this up with additional hours/days. There are changes in the extension of the 30-hour funding over the next two years which will be very exciting for nursery settings.

Financial Review

a. Review of performance

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 show a 19% increase in income to £631k (2024: £529k) and with costs controlled and rising by just 6%, the overall result was a surplus of £58k (2024: deficit of £11k). The improvement is attributed to better financial practices and fee increases.

The majority of the funding continues to come from government-funded nursery places providing parents with 15 hours of free childcare per week for children aged 9 months to 4 years and 30 hours per week for children aged 3 to 4 in eligible working families. For privately funded top up hours fee increases were put in place and all parents have been charged for consumables in line with government guidance.

Fundraising in the form of grants and community activities are planned for the coming year to pay for improvements to the outside areas of the nursery schools.

b. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of

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the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

With the appointment of a director of Tenterden Schools Trust as a director on the Home Farm Children's Nursery board, the holding company has increased oversight of the financial position and management of the nursery schools. Going forward, management reports and cash flow forecasts will be scrutinised by the Finance and Resources committee of Tenterden Schools Trust at their regular meetings.

c. Going concern

The trustees are determined to return the business to in-year surplus positions and to repay any debt to the holding company.

The trustees have increased fees for 2024-25 and 2025-26 to bring the settings in line with other local providers and costs savings will be planned and managed. Both nurseries have a good local reputation, and strong governance is provided by the relationship with Tenterden Schools Trust.

With both settings oversubscribed and a lack of pre-school provision in the area the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

d. Reserves policy

The Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining an appropriate level of reserves to ensure the ongoing financial stability of the Charity and to enable it to continue delivering its charitable objectives.

The Charity's income is derived primarily from a combination of local authority funding and parental fees. While these income streams are relatively predictable, they remain sensitive to changes in funding rates, occupancy levels and staffing costs. The Trustees therefore consider it prudent to maintain sufficient free reserves to manage short-term fluctuations in income and expenditure, meet unforeseen costs, and allow time to respond to changes in circumstances without immediate disruption to services.

The Charity does not hold any restricted funds and therefore its reserves comprise unrestricted funds only.

The charity reported in-year deficits in 2023 and 2024 which resulted in net liabilities at the year end. The measures implemented to improve financial performance have been successful and as a result the Charity generated an in-year surplus of £58k. This has strengthened the balance sheet position, with net assets and unrestricted reserves increasing to £35k.

In establishing a formal reserves policy for the first time, the Trustees have considered:

- The level of fixed and committed costs, particularly staffing.
- The level of monthly operating expenditure.
- The risks associated with fluctuations in occupancy and funding.
- The absence of significant alternative funding sources.

The Trustees consider that a prudent level of free reserves would be equivalent to approximately three months' operating expenditure, which would amount to around £140k based on 2024/25. This level would provide sufficient working capital to manage short-term income volatility, cover unexpected expenditure, and allow time to take corrective action if required.

At the balance sheet date, free reserves of £35k represent progress towards this objective but remain below the Trustees' long-term target. The Trustees will therefore continue to prioritise the generation of modest operating surpluses in order to strengthen reserves to the desired level, while ensuring that resources are applied primarily to the delivery of high-quality nursery provision.

The Trustees review the reserves position at each board meeting and will formally review the reserves policy annually to ensure it remains appropriate to the Charity's size, activities and risk profile.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Short term plans:

- To develop a more strategic approach to staffing, pay and training in order to further develop quality early years practice;
- To continue to improve the safety and provision of the outside areas on both sites; and
- To support all staff and children through any new transfer of MAT.

Medium term plans:

- To increase fundraising activities; and

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- To work closely with TST and any future MAT to continue to enhance excellent early years provision within HFCN.

Long term plans:

- HFCN's long-term plans will be in response to the future direction of TST and any potential new trust which will become during 2026. Our long-term plan is to work with TST and any future MAT to ensure that early years provision on the St Michaels's Primary School site continues, and that HFN develops its potential to offer day-care provision to meet the child-care needs within the Tenterden and Homewood School community.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

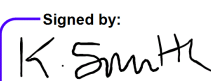
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, UHY Hacker Young, has indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

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Dr K Smith
(Chair of Trustees)

Date: 4 March 2026

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts or the operations of the charity, including the Companies Act 2006;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team and the team remained alert to instances of noncompliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

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To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management and representatives of Trustees as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

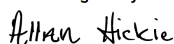
Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Allan Hickie BSc FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

UHY Hacker Young

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

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Date: 05 March 2026

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Income from:				
Charitable activities	4	630,506	630,506	531,911
Other trading activities		382	382	(3,103)
Investments	5	8	8	4
Total income		630,896	630,896	528,812
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	572,842	572,842	540,023
Total expenditure		572,842	572,842	540,023
Net movement in funds		58,054	58,054	(11,211)
Reconciliation of funds:	14			
Total funds brought forward		(22,855)	(22,855)	(11,644)
Net movement in funds		58,054	58,054	(11,211)
Total funds carried forward		35,199	35,199	(22,855)

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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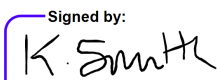
Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,776	1,973
Current assets			
Debtors	12	2,609	1,994
Cash at bank and in hand		52,643	9,545
		<u>55,252</u>	<u>11,539</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(21,829)	(36,367)
		<u>33,423</u>	<u>(24,828)</u>
Net current assets / liabilities			
		<u>35,199</u>	<u>(22,855)</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>35,199</u></u>	<u><u>(22,855)</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	-	-
Unrestricted funds	14	35,199	(22,855)
		<u>35,199</u>	<u>(22,855)</u>
Total funds		<u><u>35,199</u></u>	<u><u>(22,855)</u></u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

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Dr K Smith
 (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 4 March 2026

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	16	43,090	3,521
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		8	4
Net cash provided by investing activities		8	4
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		43,098	3,525
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		9,545	6,020
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	17	52,643	9,545

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. General information

Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The liability of each member in the event of a winding up is limited to £1. The registered office is Homewood School & Sixthform, Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LT.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation of issue of the financial statements.

Having considered the current cash position and their reasonable expectations of the outlook for the year ahead, the Trustees have concluded that there are no material uncertainties over going concern and that the going concern basis remains appropriate for the preparation of the financial statements.

As explained in note 20 a change in controlling party is expected shortly after approval of these financial statements, however since the Charity is expected to continue operating normally then the new ownership is not expected to impact on the Charity's going concern status.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	10%	on reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	-	25%	on reducing balance basis

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.8 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

A historic issue discovered during the year in respect of the charity's structure is explained fully in the constitution section within the trustees' report. With the limited by guarantee company registered with Companies House and the charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission being two separate entities, professional advice is being obtained to regularise the position so that one legal entity is registered with both regulators. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that no corporation tax liability arises on the entities profits due to the intended charitable status.

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Nursery fees	620,696	620,696	522,468
Lunches and teas	9,810	9,810	9,443
	630,506	630,506	531,911

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Bank interest	8	8	4

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Pre-school education	572,842	572,842	540,023

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Pre-school education	521,533	51,309	572,842	540,023
Analysis of 2024	455,593	84,430	540,023	

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8. Auditors' remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	4,800	4,200

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

10. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	447,141	418,258
Social security costs	38,079	28,402
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	7,424	6,758
	492,644	453,418

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Nursery staff	25	25

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Key Management Personnel of the Charity are that of Tenterden Schools Trust, the parent company.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2024	11,769
At 31 August 2025	11,769

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11. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Long-term leasehold property £
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2024	9,796
Charge for the year	197
	9,993
Net book value	
At 31 August 2025	1,776
<i>At 31 August 2024</i>	1,973

12. Debtors

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Trade debtors	2,609	1,994

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Trade creditors	4,385	4,243
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,212	17,929
Other taxation and social security	8,428	6,764
Other creditors	804	2,931
Accruals and deferred income	4,000	4,500
	21,829	36,367

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
Nursery provision	(22,855)	630,896	(572,842)	35,199

The unrestricted funds of the Charity represent income that is not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used, along with the related expenditure.

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2024 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
Nursery provision	(11,644)	528,812	(540,023)	(22,855)

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,776	1,776
Current assets	55,252	55,252
Creditors due within one year	(21,829)	(21,829)
Total	35,199	35,199

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,973	1,973
Current assets	11,539	11,539
Creditors due within one year	(36,367)	(36,367)
Total	(22,855)	(22,855)

16. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	58,054	(11,211)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	197	6,351
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(8)	(4)
Increase in debtors	(661)	(772)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(14,492)	9,157
Net cash provided by operating activities	43,090	3,521

17. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	52,643	9,545

18. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	9,545	43,098	52,643

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19. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. There were no outstanding contributions payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

20. Related party transactions

Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited is a subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust which is a multi-academy trust.

During the year the Nursery invoiced the Trust £3,026 (2024 - £6,168) for the provision of discounted staff nursery fees. In addition the Trust charged the Nursery with the rent and recharges of £43,957 (2024 - £64,883). Included in this balance were fees for payroll maintenance of £1,832 (2024 - £1,367). At the year end a balance of £4,212 (2024 - £17,929) was due from the Nursery to the Trust.

21. Controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the Charity is the Tenterden Schools Trust (company number 7736448). The results of this Charity are not consolidated in the financial statements of the Tenterden Schools Trust due to being immaterial to their financial statements.

At the time of approval of these financial statements all of the academies within Tenterden Schools Trust are in the process of being rebrokered to another trust. Once these transfers have completed Tenterden Schools Trust will close. The ownership of Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited is expected to transfer to the multi-academy trust to which the academies move to, and at that point there will be a change in the controlling party. The day-to-day activities of Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited is expected to be unaffected by this forthcoming change.

Accounts

Registered number: 05925303
Charity number: 1092566

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Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2024

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Reference and administrative details of the Company, its Trustees and advisers
For the year ended 31 August 2024

Trustees	M Seymour, Chair (resigned 23 August 2024) P Dodd, Vice Chair (resigned 23 August 2024) K Douglas, Secretary (resigned 23 August 2024) I H Brooks D Bailey (resigned 5 March 2025) S Williamson F Coombe (appointed 8 October 2024) Dr K Smith, Chair (appointed 8 October 2024) B Turner, Secretary (appointed 8 October 2024)
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Company registered number	05925303
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Charity registered number	1092566
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Registered office	Homewood School & Sixthform Ashford Road Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT
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Company secretary	B Turner
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Independent auditor	Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor Montague Place Quayside Chatham Maritime Chatham Kent ME4 4QU
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Trustees' report
For the year ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

Home Farm Children's nursery is located within the grounds of Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre. This nursery offers full day and sessional care to children aged 6 months to 5 years.

St. Michael's pre-school operates within the grounds of St. Michael's Church of England Primary school and offers sessional care to children aged 2 to 5 (term time only).

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

During 2023/24 year, the following objectives were achieved:

- Improved strategic governance that exemplified ethical standards in line with the Nolan Principles.
- Further improvements to the curriculum and environment at Home Farm nursery and a successful Ofsted inspection at St Michaels with overall effectiveness graded as 'Good' in all respects.
- A successful bid for funding and finalisation of plans to replace the temporary building used by the pre-school at St Michaels.
- This resulted in increased pupil numbers on roll at Home Farm nursery for 2024/25 including 68 (October 2024) to 73 (March 2025).

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements

St. Michael's pre-school had an Ofsted visit in January 2024 and was awarded GOOD status. The unit is well managed and there is a strong and experienced team. It has a lovely ambiance and the children are clearly happy there.

Both settings now enjoy a GOOD Ofsted rating

The two sites share ideas and best practice which is a real positive. The Managers communicate well and this works well for the trust overall.

Tenterden Schools Trust was successful in winning a DfE Condition Improvement Fund bid for St. Michael's, securing £650k investment for a new pre-school building, set to open on the existing site in September 2025.

The new building will provide a clean, secure space for the pre-school and improved access for children and parents. This will enhance the environment for children attending the pre-school and encourage parents in the local community to send their children to the pre-school with a view to those children moving up to Reception in the primary school at age 5.

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Accommodation

The St. Michael's pre-school is based in a refurbished mobile unit (soon to be replaced with £650k investment through a CIF bid) which was considerably improved in summer 2022. Improvements have also been made at Home Farm where there have been changes in the set-up of various rooms and work undertaken in the outside area.

c. Staffing

There are currently 15 members of staff on roll at Home Farm and 9 at St. Michael's. Numbers of staff have fallen from last year at Home Farm and they are not planning to recruit to cover.

Once again, we closed the Home Farm nursery this year for one week over the summer. The St Michael's setting is term time only.

d. Factors relevant to achieve objectives

Numbers of children continued to increase post year end to 73 children on roll at Home Farm (March 2025) while numbers remain static at St Michael's with 37 registered (March 2025). Both units are virtually full in all areas with waiting lists and this is a result of less provision in the area. Many of our new placements have been through recommendations from other families, although some have found us via our websites which we continue to update on a regular basis.

Our parents/carers continue to use the 30-hour Government Funding, but many also top this up with additional hours/days. There are changes in the extension of the 30-hour funding over the next two years which will be very exciting for nursery settings.

e. Fundraising activities and income generation

All fundraising activities are undertaken by nurseries and individual schools as well as centrally by the parent company Tenterden Schools Trust

Financial review

a. Review of performance

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 show a much smaller in year deficit position of £11,211 (2023: £38,397). Improved financial practices and fee increases have reduced the size of the deficit this year.

The majority of the funding comes from government-funded nursery places providing parents with 15 hours of free childcare per week for children aged 9 months to 4 years and 30 hours per week for children aged 3 to 4 in eligible working families. For privately funded top up hours fee increases were put in place and all parents have been charged for consumables in line with government guidance.

Fundraising in the form of grants and community activities are planned for the coming year to pay for improvements to the outside areas of the nursery schools.

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b. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

With the appointment of a director of Tenterden Schools Trust as a director on the Home Farm Childrens Nursery board, the holding company has increased oversight of the financial position and management of the nursery schools. Going forward, management reports and cash flow forecasts will be scrutinised by the Finance and Resources committee of Tenterden Schools Trust at their regular meetings.

c. Going Concern

The trustees are determined to return the business to in-year surplus positions and to repay any debt to the holding company.

The trustees have increased fees for 2024-25 and 2025-26 to bring the settings in line with other local providers and costs savings will be planned and managed. Both nurseries have a good local reputation, and strong governance is provided by the relationship with Tenterden Schools Trust.

With both settings oversubscribed and a lack of pre-school provision in the area the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

d. Reserves policy

The trust does not have a reserves policy in place but with the increases in fees mentioned above there is an expectation that the deficit will be reduced. The trust will set aside income for reserves at the point where a surplus is realised.

The parent company Tenterden Schools Trust has a reserves policy and is building reserves to 5% of the General Annual Grant (GAG) income over the next 4 years

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Memorandum and Articles of Association are its primary governing documents. The trustees of Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited are also directors for the purposes of company law. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust (Company Registration No. 07736448) which is the sole Member of the company.

Details of the trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative details on page one.

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Directors who are willing to be appointed may be elected at an Annual General Meeting provided they are proposed by the Member (Tenterden Schools Trust) giving the requisite notice. At every Annual General Meeting one-third of the directors must retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election.

The number of directors is not subject to a maximum but shall be not less than one. The directors have resolved that at least one director shall be a representative of Tenterden Schools Trust, and that additional directors shall include the person for the time being who has the responsibility for overseeing the management of the nursery schools within the trust; one or more parents of children attending the nurseries; and individuals who support the work of the trust with a background or interest in early years education or the community.

New Trustees are recruited via notices to parents and through community engagement.

New Trustees have an induction process that includes a discussion with a member of the Board and the director who represents Tenterden Schools Trust on the board and a tour of the nursery schools. The induction programme and resources are made available to new trustees on the Governor Hub portal.

Training needs are identified at the induction stage and through an annual skills audit.

There are close links with Tenterden Schools Trust and the primary schools within the Trust. Many of the children attending the nurseries move into Year R in the Trust primary schools.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The trustees are:

- . Mr. M Seymour – Chair resigned 23 August 2024
- . Miss P Dodd – Vice Chair resigned 23 August 2024
- . Mrs. K Douglas – Secretary resigned 23 August 2024
- . Mr. I Brooks
- . Mrs. D Bailey
- . Mrs. S Williamson – Resigned 31 December 2024

New appointments

Ms F Coombe – appointed 8 October 2024
Dr K Smith – Chair appointed 8 October 2024
Mrs Berna Turner – Secretary appointed 8 October 2024

Regular meetings took place throughout 2023-24.

d. Pay policy for key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity are that of the parent Tenterden Schools Trust. The CEO was responsible for the overall management of the nursery schools and worked with the team for improvements. The CFO was responsible for the finances and the budget and the overall operations were driven by the decisions made by the Trust.

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Plans for future periods

Short Term Plans

- To replace the building at the St. Michael's pre-school..
- To update some of our resources at both sites.
- To improve the outside area at St. Michael's.

Medium Term Plans

- Replace the current kitchen at Home Farm.

Long Term Plans

- To further develop our links with the local primary schools in the Tenterden Schools Trust.
- Increase the amount of provision to meet future demand with bids for school-based nurseries at two of the primary schools within the Trust.
- To consider expansion of the business by adding further sites to strengthen the 0 – 5 provision. One such setting is Rolvenden pre-school which has applied to Ofsted to remove its separate registration in order to come within the Home Farm Childrens Nursery Limited Umbrella.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

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Auditor

The auditor, Kreston Reeves LLP, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katherine Smith', written in a cursive style.

Dr K Smith
Chairperson

Date: 12/05/2025

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charity and the sector as a whole, and through discussion with the Trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to health and safety and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Second Edition (released October 2019), the Companies Act 2006, taxation and pension legislation. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries and management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Review of expenditure to confirm no evidence of personal benefit; and
- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls that management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions and evaluation of the underlying financial rationale supporting the transactions; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in my Auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Kelly Goodwin BA(hons) ACA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Kreston Reeves LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Chatham Maritime

Date:

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	531,911	531,911	473,601
Other trading activities		(3,103)	(3,103)	6,979
Investments	4	4	4	4
Total income		528,812	528,812	480,584
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		540,023	540,023	518,981
Total expenditure		540,023	540,023	518,981
Net movement in funds		(11,211)	(11,211)	(38,397)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		(11,644)	(11,644)	26,753
Net movement in funds		(11,211)	(11,211)	(38,397)
Total funds carried forward		(22,855)	(22,855)	(11,644)

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Registered number: 05925303

Balance sheet
As at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	1,973	8,324
		<u>1,973</u>	<u>8,324</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,994	1,222
Cash at bank and in hand		9,545	6,020
		<u>11,539</u>	<u>7,242</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(36,367)	(27,210)
Net current liabilities		<u>(24,828)</u>	<u>(19,968)</u>
Total net assets		<u>(22,855)</u>	<u>(11,644)</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	(22,855)	(11,644)
Total funds		<u>(22,855)</u>	<u>(11,644)</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Dr K Smith
Chairperson

Date: 12/05/2025

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2024

1. General information

Home Farm Children's Nursery Ltd is a charitable private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The liability of each member in the event of a winding up is limited to £1. The registered office is Home Farm Childrens Nursery Ltd, Homewood School & Sixth Form, Ashford Road, tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LT.

The principal activity of the Charity is to provide nursery school services to its attendees.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

For more information see Trustee report page 4.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Taxation

The Company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	10% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	25% on reducing balance

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Nursery Fees	522,468	522,468	464,092
Lunches and Teas	9,443	9,443	9,509
	<u>531,911</u>	<u>531,911</u>	<u>473,601</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Deposit account interest	4	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

5. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £4,200 (2023 - £3,750).

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6. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	418,258	407,279
Social security costs	28,402	24,875
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	6,758	6,068
	<u>453,418</u>	<u>438,222</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Nursery staff	25	26
	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was: 17.

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Key Management Personnel of the charity are that of Tenterden Schools Trust, the parent company.

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2023	11,769	7,883	19,652
Disposals	-	(7,883)	(7,883)
At 31 August 2024	<u>11,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,769</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2023	8,476	2,852	11,328
Charge for the year	1,320	5,031	6,351
On disposals	-	(7,883)	(7,883)
At 31 August 2024	<u>9,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,796</u>

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8. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Long-term leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Net book value			
At 31 August 2024	1,973	-	1,973
At 31 August 2023	3,293	5,031	8,324

9. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	1,994	1,222
	1,994	1,222

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	4,243	3,563
Amounts owed to group undertakings	17,929	10,115
Other creditors	9,695	8,612
Accruals and deferred income	4,500	4,920
	36,367	27,210

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11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Nursery Fees	(11,644)	528,812	(540,023)	(22,855)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Nursery Fees	26,753	480,584	(518,981)	(11,644)

12. Related party transactions

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited is a subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust which is a multi academy trust.

During the year the Nursery invoiced the Trust £6,168 (2023: £5,877) for the provision of discounted staff nursery fees.

In addition the Trust charged the Nursery with rent and recharges of £64,883 (2023 - £38,797). Included in this balance, fees for payroll maintenance of £1,367 (2023: £1,250). At the year end a balance of £17,929 (2023: £3,630) was due from the Nursery to the Trust.

13. Controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the charity is the Tenterden Schools Trust (company number: 7736448). The results of this charity are not consolidated in the financial statements of the Tenterden Schools Trust due to being immaterial to their financial statements.

Accounts

Registered number: 05925303
Charity number: 1092566

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Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2023

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Reference and administrative details of the Company, its Trustees and advisers
For the year ended 31 August 2023

Trustees	M Seymour, Chair P Dodd, Vice Chair K Douglas, Secretary I H Brooks C Piper (resigned 24 July 2023) D Bailey S Williamson
Company registered number	05925303
Charity registered number	1092566
Registered office	Homewood School & Sixthform Ashford Road Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT
Company secretary	K Douglas
Independent auditor	Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor Montague Place Quayside Chatham Maritime Chatham Kent ME4 4QU

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Trustees' report
For the year ended 31 August 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

Home Farm Children's nursery is located within the grounds of Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre. This nursery offers full day and sessional care to children aged 6 months to 5 years.

St. Michael's pre-school operates within the grounds of St. Michael's Church of England Primary school and offers sessional care to children aged 2 to 5 (term time only).

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements

St. Michael's pre-school has been further integrated into the Home Farm business in 2022/23 as both sites are now working closely together. The pre-school is due an Ofsted visit in due course and a recent report by the Education People, Early Years and Childcare, Service Improvement and Standards team, was very positive in terms of the setting, staffing and quality of education offered. This augurs well for the Ofsted visit, which is likely to be later on in the 2023/24 academic year. The unit is well managed and there is a strong and experienced team. It has a lovely ambiance and the children are clearly happy there.

During 2022/23 the Home Farm Nursery site has gone from strength to strength under the strong management of Kika Andreou and close executive leadership of Sara Williamson. This resulted in a very pleasing Ofsted, in which the nursery was rated as good in all areas and good overall, in January 2023. This result was the result of a considerable amount of hard work since the previous inspection in February 2022. There were many positives to take away from the visit and one key area to work on was the outside learning environment which has been enhanced considerably since then.

The two sites share ideas and best practice which is a real positive. The Managers communicate well and this works well for the trust overall.

b. Accommodation

The St. Michael's pre-school is based in a refurbished mobile unit which was considerably improved in summer 2022. Improvements have also been made at Home Farm where there have been changes in the set-up of various rooms and work undertaken in the outside area

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Staffing

There are currently 15 members of staff on roll at Home Farm and 9 at St. Michael's. Numbers of staff have fallen from last year at Home Farm and they are not planning to recruit to cover. As noted above, in 2022/23 both sites had long term sickness with a long serving member of staff and this has added significant staffing costs.

Once again, we closed the Home Farm nursery this year for one week over the summer. The St Michael's setting is term time only.

d. Factors relevant to achieve objectives

There are 59 children on roll at Home Farm and 41 at St Michael's registered at the moment. Both units are virtually full in all areas with waiting lists and this is a result of less provision in the area. Many of our new placements have been through recommendations from other families, although some have found us via our websites which we continue to update on a regular basis.

Our parents/carers continue to use the 30-hour Government Funding, but many also top this up with additional hours/days. There are changes in the extension of the 30-hour funding over the next two years which will be very exciting for nursery settings.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Review of performance

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 showing a most disappointing deficit position of £38k. The change to accruals and prepayments accounting methodology this year exacerbates the loss but it is a truly difficult position which reflects the challenges of pre-school establishments in the UK at the present time. Over the past three years the business has recorded deficit positions and this started with the Covid 19 situation and has followed on. The large increases in the minimum wage, the Covid affect, the high inflation rates, the less than inflation adjustments to funding rates and long-term sickness costs have all had an impact. This sector is underfunded and yet will be subject to large changes in funding provision in the next two years. It is hoped that those changes will also include a significant increase in funding rates.

Although this is a sector wide problem, with several thousand pre-school settings closing post Covid, the trustees nonetheless acknowledge that the current position is not sustainable and losses must be recovered. The trustees are working on forecasts for the next three years with the aim of recovering the deficit carried forward in year one (£11.6k) and moving into surplus in years two and three. Both settings are oversubscribed and a lack of pre-school provision in the area mean the demand for places remains high which can only strengthen the position going forward.

Structure, governance and management

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

a. Constitution

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

All trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Mr. M Seymour was appointed chair on March 21st 2022.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

Regular meetings took place throughout 2022-23. The trustees are:

M Seymour - Chair
P Dodd – Vice Chair
K Douglas - Secretary
I Brooks
C Piper (resigned 31 August 2023)
D Bailey
S Williamson

Plans for future periods

Short Term Plans

- To obtain a good Ofsted report at the St. Michael's pre-school.
- To update some of our resources at both sites.
- To improve and extend the outside area at St. Michael's.

Medium Term Plans

- Replace the current kitchen at Home Farm.
- Further develop the grassed area at Home Farm
- New building – CIF funded through the trust or a new mobile for St Michael's.

Long Term Plans

- To further develop our links with the local primary schools in the Tenterden Schools Trust.
- Increase the amount of provision to meet future demand.
- To consider expansion of the business by adding further sites to strengthen the 0 – 5 provision.

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

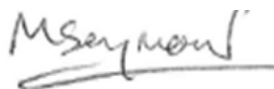
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Kreston Reeves LLP, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Seymour
Chair

Date: 13 December 2023

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charity and the sector as a whole, and through discussion with the Trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to health and safety and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Second Edition (released October 2019), the Companies Act 2006, taxation and pension legislation. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries and management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Review of expenditure to confirm no evidence of personal benefit; and
- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls that management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions and evaluation of the underlying financial rationale supporting the transactions; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in my Auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Susan Robinson (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Kreston Reeves LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Chatham Maritime

18 December 2023

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 August 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	As restated Total funds 2022 £
	Note			
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	473,601	473,601	503,398
Other trading activities		6,979	6,979	3,402
Investments	4	4	4	38
Total income		480,584	480,584	506,838
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		518,981	518,981	510,532
Total expenditure		518,981	518,981	510,532
Net movement in funds		(38,397)	(38,397)	(3,694)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		26,753	26,753	30,447
Net movement in funds		(38,397)	(38,397)	(3,694)
Total funds carried forward		(11,644)	(11,644)	26,753

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited
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Registered number: 05925303

Balance sheet
As at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	As restated 2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	8,324	10,367
		8,324	10,367
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,222	45,426
Cash at bank and in hand		6,020	7,535
		7,242	52,961
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(27,210)	(36,575)
Net current liabilities / assets		(19,968)	16,386
Total net assets		(11,644)	26,753
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	(11,644)	26,753
Total funds		(11,644)	26,753

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

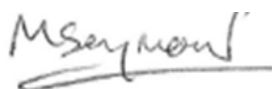
The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Seymour
Chair

Date: 13 December 2023

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2023

1. General information

Home Farm Children's Nursery Ltd is a charitable private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The liability of each member in the event of a winding up is limited to £1. The registered office is Home Farm Childrens Nursery Ltd, Homewood School & Sixth Form, Ashford Road, tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LT.

The principal activity of the Charity is to provide nursery school services to its attendees.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.4 Taxation

The Company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Notes to the financial statements
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	10% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	25% on reducing balance

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	As restated Total funds 2022 £
Nursery Fees	464,092	464,092	490,116
Lunches and Teas	9,509	9,509	12,607
Grants	-	-	675
	<u>473,601</u>	<u>473,601</u>	<u>503,398</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Deposit account interest	4	4	38
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>38</u>

5. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £3,750 (2022 - £2,760).

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6. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	407,279	392,444
Social security costs	24,875	22,869
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	6,068	5,578
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The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Nursery staff	26	28
	=====	=====

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was: 18.

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Key Management Personnel of the charity are that of Tenterden Schools Trust, the parent company.

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2022	11,769	7,883	19,652
At 31 August 2023	11,769	7,883	19,652
	=====	=====	=====
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2022	8,110	1,175	9,285
Charge for the year	366	1,677	2,043
At 31 August 2023	8,476	2,852	11,328
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8. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Long-term leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Net book value			
At 31 August 2023	3,293	5,031	8,324
At 31 August 2022	3,659	6,708	10,367

9. Debtors

	2023 £	As restated 2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	1,222	11,899
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	33,527
	1,222	45,426

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	3,563	29,793
Amounts owed to group undertakings	10,115	-
Other creditors	8,612	6,782
Accruals and deferred income	4,920	-
	27,210	36,575

11. Prior year adjustments

A prior year adjustment was made to Income for the amount of £33,527 which represent Tenterden Schools Trust contributions to the Nursery for the provision of discounted nursery fees for the Trust's employees.

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12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Nursery Fees	26,753	480,584	(518,981)	(11,644)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,447	506,838	(510,532)	26,753

13. Related party transactions

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited is a subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust which is a multi academy trust.

During the year the Nursery invoiced the Trust £5,877 (2022: £5,830) for the provision of discounted staff nursery fees.

In addition the Trust charged the Nursery with rent and recharges of £38,797 (2022 - £24,471). Included in this balance, fees for payroll maintenance of £1,250 (2022: £1,200). At the year end a balance of £3,630 was due from the Nursery to the Trust.

14. Controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the charity is the Tenterden Schools Trust (company number: 7736448). The results of this charity are not consolidated in the financial statements of the Tenterden Schools Trust due to being immaterial to their financial statements.

Accounts

Registered number: 05925303
Charity number: 1092566

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Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2022

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Reference and administrative details of the Company, its Trustees and advisers
For the year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees	M Seymour, Chair Miss P Dodd, Vice Chair Mrs K Douglas, Secretary I H Brooks Mrs C Piper Mrs D Bailey Mrs S Williamson H K Jones (resigned 17 March 2022)
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Company registered number	05925303
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Charity registered number	1092566
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Registered office	Homewood School & Sixthform Ashford Road Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT
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Company secretary	Karen Douglas
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Independent auditor	Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor Montague Place Quayside Chatham Maritime Chatham Kent ME4 4QU
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Trustees' report
For the year ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

Home Farm Children's nursery is located within the grounds of Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre. This nursery offers full day and sessional care to children aged 6 months to 5 years.

St. Michael's pre-school operates within the grounds of St. Michael's Church of England Primary school and offers sessional care to children aged 2 to 5 (term time only).

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements

In August 2021 the purchase of St. Michael's pre-school was completed in readiness for the academic year ahead, The pre-school business was purchased by the Tenterden Schools Trust to be a part of the Home Farm Children's Nursery subsidiary company.

During 2021/22 the Home Farm Nursery saw a change of management and there was a period of unsettling change. The deputy manager returned from maternity leave in January but the manager who had worked for the nursery for many years left in January and this brought some challenges. Ofsted visited during this period and the ensuing result on 25 February 2022 was one of "Requires Improvement". The Chair of Trustees was taking on additional responsibilities at the trust and thus resigned in March 2022.

The new manager for Home Farm was appointed in April. Progress has been significant and the nursery stands well prepared for a further Ofsted visit. The areas in the RI Ofsted rating have been fully addressed. The new manager is very experienced and with the team has brought about many changes which will improve the outcomes of teaching and learning. Furthermore, the nursery is overseen by an Executive Head in the trust (Sara Williamson) who also has line management responsibility for the pre-school setting. This has strengthened the management lines for the whole nursery business.

The St. Michael's pre-school had a strong year in 2021/22 and it was good to have them in the trust. They are due an Ofsted in 2022/23 and stand well prepared for this with good feedback from the KCC early years support teams. The Manager is a very experienced practitioner and has managed the unit very well for the trust. The two sites share ideas and best practice which is a real positive.

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Accommodation

The St. Michael's pre-school is based in a refurbished mobile unit which was improved considerably in the summer. Improvements have also been made at Home Farm where there have been changes in the set-up of various rooms. The cabin for staff and storage has been removed to save cost and is no longer required.

c. Staffing

There are currently 19 members of staff on roll at Home Farm and 9 at St. Michael's. There is a full-time member of staff leaving at Home Farm in November and they will not be replaced given the current challenges. However, we need to be careful with staff numbers as pupil to staff ratios need to be maintained at all times.

Once again, we closed the Home Farm nursery this year for one week over the summer. The St Michael's setting is term time only.

d. Factors relevant to achieve objectives

There are 74 children on roll at Home Farm and 34 at St Michael's registered at the moment. Both units are virtually full in all areas with waiting lists and this is a result of less provision in the area with the High Halden establishment closing last year. Many of our new placements have been through recommendations from other families, although some have found us via our websites which we continue to update on a regular basis.

Our parents/carers continue to use the 30-hour Government Funding, but many also top this up with additional hours/days.

e. COVID-19

As with the majority of Early Years providers, both settings had their struggles at times during 2021/22 and this resulted in the closure of the units for a period across the year. Most of the Covid procedures are no longer in place.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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Trustees' report (continued)
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b. Review of performance

The accounts show a deficit position of £37k (previous year deficit £28k). This is a result of a number of factors. These include another year of Covid 19 impact plus much uncertainty and added costs in the management of Home Farm nursery and also salary costs after the large minimum wage increase in April. However, both sites had losses - £30k at Home Farm and £7k at St. Michael's. It should also be noted that many nurseries went out of business nationally in 2021/22 as the income for 2 and 3-year-old children has not increased in line with the added costs of educating them. Reserves are in deficit of £6k these must be recovered and improved in 2022/23. The managers are aware of this and several steps have been taken to reduce costs and fees will increase from November at Home Farm and January 2023 at St. Michael's.

With both the nursery and the pre-school full and with waiting lists in certain age groups, we are confident of a surplus position in 2022/23 to recover some of the loss from last year. Nursery provision is heavily oversubscribed locally with the closure of the High Halden nursery so we are in a strong position moving forward.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

All trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Plans for future periods

Short Term Plans

- To obtain good Ofsted reports at both sites.
- To update some of our resources at both sites.

Medium Term Plans

- Replace the current kitchen at Home Farm.
- Develop the grassed area at Home Farm
- New building – CIF funded through the trust or a new mobile for St Michael's.
- Improve access to St Michael's and outside area.

Long Term Plans

- To further develop our links with the local primary schools in the Tenterden Schools Trust.
- Increase the amount of provision to meet future demand.

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Trustees' report (continued)
For the year ended 31 August 2022

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

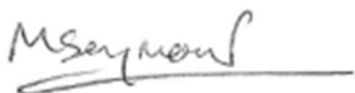
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Kreston Reeves LLP, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Seymour
Chair

Date: 13 December 2022

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited
(A company limited by guarantee)

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited
(A company limited by guarantee)

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charity and the sector as a whole, and through discussion with the Trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to health and safety and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Second Edition (released October 2019), the Companies Act 2006, taxation and pension legislation. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries and management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Review of expenditure to confirm no evidence of personal benefit; and
- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls that management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions and evaluation of the underlying financial rationale supporting the transactions; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in my Auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Susan Robinson (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Kreston Reeves LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Chatham Maritime

16 December 2022

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	469,871	469,871	290,727
Other trading activities	4	3,402	3,402	163
Investments	5	38	38	1
Total income		473,311	473,311	290,891
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		510,532	510,532	319,812
Total expenditure		510,532	510,532	319,812
Net movement in funds		(37,221)	(37,221)	(28,921)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		30,447	30,447	59,368
Net movement in funds		(37,221)	(37,221)	(28,921)
Total funds carried forward		(6,774)	(6,774)	30,447

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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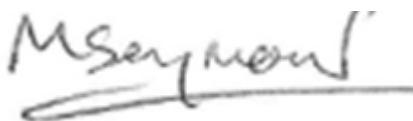
Balance sheet
As at 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	10,367	4,127
		10,367	4,127
Current assets			
Debtors	10	11,899	4,146
Cash at bank and in hand		7,535	45,110
		19,434	49,256
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(36,575)	(22,936)
Net current liabilities / assets		(17,141)	26,320
Total net assets		(6,774)	30,447
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	(6,774)	30,447
Total funds		(6,774)	30,447

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Seymour
Chair

Date: 13 December 2022

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited
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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2022

1. General information

Home Farm Children's Nursery Ltd is a charitable private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The liability of each member in the event of a winding up is limited to £1. The registered office is Home Farm Childrens Nursery Ltd, Homewood School & Sixth Form, Ashford Road, tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LT.

The principal activity of the Charity is to provide nursery school services to its attendees.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.4 Taxation

The Company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	10% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	25% on reducing balance

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2022

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Nursery Fees	456,589	456,589	280,546
Lunches and Teas	12,607	12,607	5,634
Grants	675	675	4,547
	<u>469,871</u>	<u>469,871</u>	<u>290,727</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising events	3,402	3,402	160
Commission	-	-	3
	<u>3,402</u>	<u>3,402</u>	<u>163</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Deposit account interest	38	38	1
	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>1</u>

6. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £3,750 (2021 - £2,760).

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For the year ended 31 August 2022

7. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	420,891	261,660

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Nursery staff	28	15

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Key Management Personnel of the charity are that of Tenterden Schools Trust, the parent company.

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2021	11,769	18,048	1,175	30,992
Additions	-	-	6,708	6,708
Disposals	-	(18,048)	-	(18,048)
At 31 August 2022	11,769	-	7,883	19,652
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2021	7,703	18,048	1,114	26,865
Charge for the year	407	-	61	468
On disposals	-	(18,048)	-	(18,048)
At 31 August 2022	8,110	-	1,175	9,285

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2022

9. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Net book value				
At 31 August 2022	3,659	-	6,708	10,367
At 31 August 2021	4,066	-	61	4,127

10. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	11,899	4,146
	11,899	4,146

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	29,793	22,936
Other creditors	6,782	-
	36,575	22,936

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2022

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,447	473,311	(510,532)	(6,774)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	59,368	290,891	(319,812)	30,447

13. Related party transactions

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited is a subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust which is a multi academy trust which includes Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre. During the year the School charged the Nursery rent of £24,471 (2021 - £12,144) and fees for payroll maintenance of £1,200 (2021 - £1,200). At the year end the sum of £19,044 (2021 - £1,252) was due to the school.

During the year, £95 (2021: £665) was paid to the wife of Mr M Seymour, one of the Trustees, for bookkeeping services provided to the charity.

14. Controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the charity is the Tenterden Schools Trust (company number: 7736448). The results of this charity are not consolidated in the financial statements of the Tenterden Schools Trust due to being immaterial to their financial statements.

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05925303 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1092566

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021
FOR
HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD**

McCabe Ford Williams
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants
Invicta Business Centre
Monument Way
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HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

TRUSTEES	Mrs H K Jones I H Brooks M Seymour Mrs K Douglas Mrs C Piper Miss P Dodd Mrs D Bailey Mrs S Williamson
COMPANY SECRETARY	Mrs K Douglas
REGISTERED OFFICE	Home Farm Childrens Nursery Ltd Homewood School & Sixth Form Ashford Road Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05925303 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1092566
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	McCabe Ford Williams Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants Invicta Business Centre Monument Way Orbital Park Ashford Kent TN24 0HB

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Home Farm Children's Nursery is located within the grounds of Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre. The Nursery offers full day and sessional care to children aged 6 months to 5 years.

Public benefit

In planning our activities the trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

COVID-19

As with the majority of Early Years providers, Home Farm Children's Nursery was required to close for periods of 2020. This was a requirement of the Government lockdown procedures alongside there being a number of COVID cases in the Nursery. Some of the revised COVID procedures are still in place. The lockdown has resulted in some of our goals not being met this year. It is envisaged that some of these will be taken forward next year.

Accommodation

We have retained the cabin on site which is still used by the staff. It has not been possible to replace the kitchen as planned although it is intended that this can be pursued next year.

Staffing

We currently have 15 members of staff on roll, with 1 taking maternity leave. We are looking to employ two additional members of staff this year, which will help us support an increased number of children with additional needs.

Once again, we closed the nursery this year for one week over the summer holidays.

Children attending the Nursery

We have 70 children registered at the moment. 23 children left for Primary School this year. Our Pre-school room is currently full and all other rooms remain busy. There is also a waiting list for morning placements and only a few spaces remaining for afternoon sessions. Parents/carers continue to thank us for the service we provide and our working relationship with them is good. We continue to receive continual requests for placements in all rooms which in most cases we are able to accommodate. Many of our new placements have been through recommendations from other families, although some have found us via our Nursery website / Facebook page which we continue to update on a regular basis. We have been praised by parents and carers for the amount of information we regularly provide and ensure a monthly newsletter is included with all the latest information and advice.

Our parents/carers continue to use the 30 hour Government Funding, but many also top this up with additional hours/days.

Maintenance

- Decking needs some maintenance .
- Fence in the grassed area needs new posts but could be looked at with the re-development of the area.
- Air conditioning/ heating unit replaced in the preschool room.
- Boiler replaced December 2020.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a deficit position of £28,921 (previous year deficit £10,661). This is a result of another year of Covid 19 impact which was greater this year than last. The reasons for the greater impact are the fact that the nursery had to close for several weeks owing to Covid cases among the staff and also the very much reduced furlough scheme. In addition, there were no support grants available this year. Reserves have fallen to £30k but these are still adequate at present.

On 1 September 2021 the nursery acquired the St. Michael's Pre-school business which is situated at the primary school locally. With both the nursery and the pre-school being absolutely full and with waiting lists in certain age groups, we are confident of a surplus position in 2021/22 to recover some of the loss from last year. Nursery provision is heavily oversubscribed locally with the closure of the High Halden nursery so we are in a strong position moving forward.

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

FUTURE PLANS

Short Term Plans

- To further improve the garden for all age groups.
- To update some of our resources.
- To re start our visits to the Library at Homewood School

Medium Term Plans

- Replace the current kitchen
- Storage for the older building.
- New carpet area in the Toddler Room.
- Covered outside area.
- Develop grassed area.

Long Term Plans

- To further develop our links with the local primary schools in the Tenterden Schools Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

All trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Mrs H Jones had been the Chair of Trustees for eight years.

Organisational structure

Regular meetings took place throughout 2020-21. The trustees are:

Mrs H Jones - Chair
Miss P Dodd - Vice Chair
Mr M Seymour - Treasurer
Mrs K Douglas - Secretary
Mr I Brooks
Miss C Piper
Mrs D Bailey
Mrs S Williamson

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Home Farm Children's Nursery Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

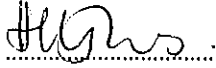
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 09.12.21 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs H K Jones - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home Farm Children's Nursery Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Since the company is individually small and requires an audit only because of the size of its parent, the engagement partner restricted the audit team to one manager alone with the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The manager remained alert to possible instances of non compliance throughout the audit.

We gained an understanding of the laws and regulations applicable to the company and the sector in which it operates, through discussions with the trustees and management and our knowledge of the sector. We considered the risks of acts by the company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Companies Act 2006. Our tests included agreeing the financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation. We made enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud. We considered internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations. To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the management that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

J D Sheather FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of McCabe Ford Williams
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants
Invicta Business Centre
Monument Way
Orbital Park
Ashford
Kent
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Date: 16 DECEMBER 2021

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities	4		
Provision of Nursery Education		290,727	312,130
Other trading activities	2	163	451
Investment income	3	1	14
Total		<u>290,891</u>	<u>312,595</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Provision of Nursery Education		319,812	323,256
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(28,921)</u>	<u>(10,661)</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		59,368	70,029
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>30,447</u></u>	<u><u>59,368</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 05925303)

**BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	4,127	4,600
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	4,146	12,610
Cash at bank and in hand		45,110	53,527
		<u>49,256</u>	<u>66,137</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(22,936)	(11,369)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>26,320</u>	<u>54,768</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>30,447</u>	<u>59,368</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>30,447</u>	<u>59,368</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>30,447</u>	<u>59,368</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>30,447</u>	<u>59,368</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 09.12.21 and were signed on its behalf by:


H K Jones - Trustee

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	160	384
Commission	3	67
	<u>163</u>	<u>451</u>

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Nursery Fees	280,546	239,502
Lunches and Teas	5,634	9,460
Grants	4,547	63,168
	<u>290,727</u>	<u>312,130</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Job Retention Scheme	3,044	53,168
Ashford Borough Council Grant	-	10,000
KCC grant	1,503	-
	<u>4,547</u>	<u>63,168</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	2,760	4,425
Depreciation - owned assets	473	529
Other operating leases	15,010	12,144
	<u></u>	<u></u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Nursery Staff	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Charitable activities	
Provision of Nursery Education	312,130
Other trading activities	451
Investment income	14
Total	312,595
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Provision of Nursery Education	323,256
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(10,661)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	70,029
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	59,368

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021	11,769	18,048	1,175	30,992
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2020	7,251	18,048	1,093	26,392
Charge for year	452	-	21	473
At 31 August 2021	7,703	18,048	1,114	26,865
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2021	4,066	-	61	4,127
At 31 August 2020	4,518	-	82	4,600

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	4,146	5,503
Other debtors	-	7,107
	4,146	12,610

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	2,894	6,017
Accrued expenses	20,042	5,352
	<u>22,936</u>	<u>11,369</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,368	(28,921)	30,447
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,368</u>	<u>(28,921)</u>	<u>30,447</u>

Net movement in funds, Included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	290,891	(319,812)	(28,921)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>290,891</u>	<u>(319,812)</u>	<u>(28,921)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	70,029	(10,661)	59,368
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>70,029</u>	<u>(10,661)</u>	<u>59,368</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	312,595	(323,256)	(10,661)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>312,595</u>	<u>(323,256)</u>	<u>(10,661)</u>

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited (the Nursery) is a subsidiary of Tenterden Schools Trust which is a multi academy trust which includes Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre (the School). During the year the School charged the Nursery rent of £12,144 (2020 - £12,144) and fees for payroll maintenance of £1,200 (2020 - £1,200). At the year end the sum of £1,252 (2020 - £1,552) was due to the School.

During the year, £665 (2020 - £688) was paid to the wife of Mr M Seymour, one of the trustees, for bookkeeping services provided to the charity.

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 23 August 2021, Home Farm Children's Nursery Limited entered into an agreement to buy the goodwill of St Michael's Pre School for £17,000. Effective control passed only on 1 September 2021 and, as a result, this transaction will be accounted for in the financial year to 31 August 2022.

HOME FARM CHILDREN'S NURSERY LTD
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	160	384
Commission	3	67
	<u>163</u>	<u>451</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1	14
Charitable activities		
Nursery Fees	280,546	239,502
Lunches and Teas	5,634	9,460
Grants	4,547	63,168
	<u>290,727</u>	<u>312,130</u>
Total Incoming resources	290,891	312,595
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	261,660	270,498
Rent	15,010	12,144
Licences & Insurance	2,034	1,971
Printing, Postage, Stationery & Advertising	3,124	3,083
Bad debts	-	1,757
Household, Cleaning & Sundry expenses	13,362	8,875
Clothing	371	376
Equipment Purchases	5,174	1,799
Waste Disposal & Hygiene	4,049	3,995
Meals	6,974	9,354
Subscriptions	58	58
Repairs & Renewals	1,288	787
Training	453	690
Depreciation - Property improvements	452	502
Depreciation - Computer equipment	21	27
Bank Charges	409	410
	<u>314,439</u>	<u>316,326</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	2,760	4,425
Professional fees	2,613	2,505
	<u>5,373</u>	<u>6,930</u>
Total resources expended	319,812	323,256
Net expenditure	<u>(28,921)</u>	<u>(10,661)</u>

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