



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 To 31st August 2023

Charity name: Noah's Ark Nursery School

Charity registration number: 1098007

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage, providing a framework for learning, development, and care for children from two to four plus years old.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Nursery's role is to provide nursery education to children from the age of two. It is run for the benefit of all members of the public and subject to registered capacity (40 on premises at any given time), it is inclusive, that is, as far as the facilities and expertise allows it, takes all children.</p> <p>The focus of the academic year was to maintain excellence by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensuring staff are well trained and that they know about child development and understand the Foundation Stage Curriculum.• Planning for each child's progress building on their existing interests, abilities and knowledge.• Improving our links with local schools, families and the appropriate local authority organisations and agencies.• Maintaining our facilities to a high standard.• Providing a social hub for both children and their parents or guardians.• Supporting and focusing on children's emotional health and well-being.
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	Noah's Ark Nursery is a committee

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		run, constitution-based charity registered with the Charity Commission. The Trustees have the responsibility for running the charity, for its assets, finances and the employment of any staff and volunteers and to ensure compliance against the Charities Act 2011.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><u>The Business</u> The number of children has remained static.</p> <p><u>Our Provision</u> We have continued to offer weekly Yoga, Magical Music and Dance and Music with Simon which we really feel has a huge benefit for the children's self-confidence and attention and listening skills. We have introduced Hugsy and Hoppy home bags, these go home each week with a different child and parents can share what the toy has done with the child. This has been received well and the children enjoy sharing this with their friends. We have celebrated Chinese New Year with a feast of noodles and rice from a parent, Burns Nights with a visit from a bagpipe player,</p>

		<p>Remembrance Day with a special assembly at Wansdyke, Children in need where we dressed up and made cakes, World book day.</p> <p>We have had lots of special days nursery this year Clare from circus skills, Kris with his amazing creatures, Dave the Magician, The Fire Brigade, Sports Day, Hillworth park Picnic and hot chocolate visits, Drews pond walks.</p> <p><u>Our Staff</u> As in previous years our staff turnover has remained low. We continue to have two qualified teachers. Training remains a priority with all staff having undergone some additional extracurricular training as well as core or mandatory skills in the year. With highlights being Safeguarding training in September and First Aid in February. Staff have then been independently training with Dingleys Promise & Five to Thrive training.</p> <p><u>Our Premises</u> This year the nursery replaced the outside surface with a new wet pour play surface.</p> <p><u>Our Equipment</u> Unserviceable equipment has been replaced as a matter of course. The nursery has purchased new resources which benefit the children, these include, weighing scales, water tables, sand timers and waterproofs.</p> <p><u>Our Parents and Carers</u> We have found our families to be very supportive throughout this year. We have welcomed parents onto our committee, and they have been influential in fundraising for the setting, carrying out events such as wreath making, sponsored walk, Pamper and prosecco evening, photos, mother's day flowers, inflatable park, plant sale, raffle. We continue to use online emails and Facebook communication, this has proved particularly popular with our families. We have been using 'survey monkey' to gain feedback from our families, we have used this in our planning at the setting.</p> <p>We have introduced a termly stay and</p>
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		<p>play so that parents and carers can share and join in with what the children are doing at nursery.</p> <p><u>The Community</u> The nursery introduced a community library which was funded mostly by a Tesco community grant and has been a huge success with the nursery families and local residents, there is a constant book exchange happening which is lovely to facilitate. The trustees would like to thank members of our community who have visited the setting providing informative and entertaining talks and advice given to the children. We would also like to thank various individuals and commercial organisations whose donations of consumables and raffle prizes for nursery fundraising, they have been greatly appreciated.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The nursery closed the year with total cash funds of £64,592 resulting in a loss of £7,198 which was due to the purchase of the wet pour play surface.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The committee have decided that the charity needs to hold reserves to cover emergency situations such as urgent property repairs and redundancies. Money is now being ringfenced due to the council's notification that Nursery building is to be replaced within the next 10 years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£21,000 Property repairs and redundancies £20,000 New building
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Nil
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our source of funds this year has been from Local Entitlement Grant Funding £127,524 and Fees from our non-funded children £33,494 Further amounts were received through fundraising £5885
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 2008
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association consisting of 40 plus members
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by member annually

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Current policies are in place and updated annually. DBS checks are carried out on staff and committee members prior to employment or commencement of trusteeship. Committee meetings have resumed to face-to-face.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Noah's Ark Nursery is a member of the Early Years Alliance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	All trustees and other committee members give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Noah's Ark Nursery School
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1098007
Charity's principal address	Downlands Road, Devizes Wiltshire SN10 5EF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Carrie Dolan	Chairperson		
2	Nick Paget	Vice Chairperson		
3	Zoe Stevenson	Treasurer		
4	Helen Pougher	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Z.Stevenson

H.Pougher

Full name(s)

Zoe Stevenson

Helen Pougher

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

22/02/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Noah' Ark Nursery School	No (if any) 1098007
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1-Sep-22	To	Period end date 31-Aug-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANTS	127,524	-	-	127,524	85,323
NON GRANT FUNDED CHILD FEES	33,494	-	-	33,494	41,474
FUNDRAISING	5,885	-	-	5,885	5,188
OTHER	4,150	-	-	4,150	10,664
INTEREST/CREDITS ON BANK A/CS GRANTS	328	-	-	328	7
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	171,381	-	-	171,381	142,656
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	171,381	-	-	171,381	142,656
A3 Payments					
STAFF SALARIES	118,436	-	-	118,436	79,580
TAX & NAT. INSURANCE	13,289	-	-	13,289	199
ACTIVITIES & MATERIALS	18,521	-	-	18,521	14,190
PREMISES	14,679	-	-	14,679	10,612
ADMINISTRATION	1,665	-	-	1,665	1,774
BANK CHARGES	60	-	-	60	75
PENSION	4,414	-	-	4,414	2,627
BOOKKEEPING & ACCOUNTS	2,021	-	-	2,021	824
TRAINING	1,133	-	-	1,133	1,037
UNIFORM	674	-	-	674	1,126
OTHER	3,687	-	-	3,687	2,217
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	178,579	-	-	178,579	114,261
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	178,579	-	-	178,579	114,261
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,198	-	-	- 7,198	28,395
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	71,790	-	-	71,790	43,396
Cash funds this year end	64,592	-	-	64,592	71,790

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Community a/c	23,019	-	-
	Business a/c	41,526	-	-
	Cash book	47		
	Expenses a/c		-	-
	Total cash funds	64,592	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Canopy, fixtures & fitting depreciating @10% pa	Unrestricted	-	17,730
	Playground structures depreciating @10% pa	Unrestricted	-	1,802
	IT depreciating @25%	Unrestricted	-	473
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ZOE STEVENSON	10/3/2023
	HELEN POUCHER	10/3/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY SCHOOL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1098007

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers or additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

R. Proto

Date:

02/11/2023

Name:

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

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	Devizes
	Wiltshire, SN10 1DU

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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