



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 To 31st August 2025

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 continue to offer a well-balanced and exciting curriculum for all of our children including enhancement visits such as the library to watch a play, bagpipe player, zoo lab, the museum, canal boat trip magician music sessions yoga, self-defence tasters, dental visits police as well as Jean, Simon and Max each week. We encourage parent partnerships and have been lucky to have parents come in and visit for our stay and play. The grotto was a highlight and the farm trip in the summer. Creating opportunities for the staff and parents to meet and chat strengthens our</p>

		<p>practice and provides more consistency for the children.</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, Autism training in March and attending inclusion conference.</p> <p><u>Our Premises</u> We continue to maintain the premises, completing repairs when needed.</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, PE equipment and gardening tools.</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, photos, Christmas grotto, cake sales and 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. We have introduced a termly stay and 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's community library continues to be popular 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</p>
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		individuals and commercial organisations whose donations of consumables and raffle prizes for nursery fundraising, they have been greatly appreciated.
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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 £126,560 resulting in a surplus of £46,050 which the nursery is continuing to save for a new building.
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 7 years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£21,000 Property repairs and redundancies £61,000 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 £197,150 and Fees from our non-funded children £40,995 Further amounts were received through fundraising £5577
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	Zoe Stevenson	Treasurer		
3	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

[illegible]

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

26/03/2026



Receipts and pay

For the period from

Period start date

1-Sep-24

Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANTS	197,150	-
NON GRANT FUNDED CHILD FEES	40,995	-
FUNDRAISING	5,577	-
OTHER	57	-
INTEREST/CREDITS ON BANK A/CS	1,268	-
GRANTS	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	245,047	-

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Total receipts

245,047

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A3 Payments

STAFF SALARIES	148,081	-
TAX & NAT. INSURANCE	11,379	-
ACTIVITIES & MATERIALS	15,427	-
PREMISES	12,269	-
ADMINISTRATION	2,406	-
BANK CHARGES	56	-
PENSION	5,338	-
PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS	1,658	-
TRAINING	1,391	-
UNIFORM	-	-
OTHER	992	-
	-	-
Sub total	198,997	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total payments	198,997	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	46,050	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	80,510	-
Cash funds this year end	126,560	-

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

Categories	Details
B1 Cash funds	Community a/c
	Business a/c
	Cash book
	Expenses a/c
	Total cash funds
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))
B2 Other monetary assets	
B3 Investment assets	Canopy, fixtures & fitting depreciating @10% pa
	Playground structures depreciating @10% pa
	IT depreciating @25%

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

B5 Liabilities

Details

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

Signature

	No (if any) 1098007	CC16a
ments accounts		
To	Period end date 31-Aug-25	

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Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
-	197,150	137,804
-	40,995	26,084
-	5,577	4,474
-	57	1,002
-	1,268	810
-	-	-
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-	-	-
-	245,047	170,174

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-	148,081	114,057
-	11,379	782
-	15,427	12,415
-	12,269	13,232
-	2,406	4,555
-	56	60
-	5,338	4,207
-	1,658	1,706
-	1,391	1,906
-	-	-
-	992	1,336
-	-	-
-	198,997	154,256

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-	198,997	154,256
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-	46,050	15,918
-	-	-
-	80,510	64,592
-	126,560	80,510

period

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
41,797	-	-
84,604	-	-
159		
	-	-
126,560	-	-

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Unrestricted funds

OK

Restricted funds

OK

Endowment funds

to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

Fund to which asset belongs
Unrestricted
Unrestricted
Unrestricted

Cost (optional)
-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)
14,362
1,460
1,342
-
-

Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
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Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	-	
	-	
	-	
	-	
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Print Name	Date of approval
ZOE STEVENSON	10/1/2025
HELEN POUCHER	10/1/2025



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 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1098007

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2025.

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

The charity's gross income is less than £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

2-3-26

Name:

SELENA BAKER

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

ACCA

Address:

7-7C SNUFF STREET

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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.