

**NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER : 1101482
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

**JC Accounting & Taxation Services
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Jennifer Collins FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

13th May 2025

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**NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Fees & Grants	76,565.53	61,782.38
Fundraising	52.70	702.09
Uniform Sales	97.75	201.83
Interest on Savings	999.87	428.26
TOTAL RECEIPTS	77,715.85	63,114.56
LESS PAYMENTS		
Wages	58,335.75	66,438.64
Staff Pension	1,198.16	921.45
Refreshments, consumables and cleaning	1,253.30	2,570.09
Advertising	-	302.40
Rent	3,920.00	3,760.00
Rates	1,297.40	2,688.00
Insurance	1,542.25	1,464.41
Subscriptions & Registration Fees	200.91	418.59
Staff training	781.12	350.80
Trips (net cost)	139.72	(310.40)
Accountancy	175.00	175.00
Stationery, Telephone and Postage	752.04	805.17
Uniform Purchased	238.30	838.96
Computer Software	261.99	-
Repairs and Renewals	126.07	102.00
Sundries	-	-
Bank Charges	60.00	60.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	70,282.01	80,585.11
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	7,433.84	(17,470.55)

NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
CAF Current Account	18,169.43		11,709.09	
CAF Savings Account	40,298.22		39,326.45	
Cash in Hand	1.73		-	
	<u>58,469.38</u>		<u>51,035.54</u>	
 Less: Fees in advance	 -		 -	
	<u>58,469.38</u>		<u>51,035.54</u>	
 Represented by:				
General Fund Balance brought Forward	51,035.54		68,506.09	
Surplus for the Year	7,433.84		(17,470.55)	
	<u>58,469.38</u>		<u>51,035.54</u>	

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We hereby approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2024 and are authorised to sign on behalf of the Trustees.





Date: 18/06/25

Supervisor report AGM 18th June 2025

Year September 2023 to August 2024 – present day (June 2025)

Children on role

September 2023 started with 15 children increasing quickly to 18 children and ending in July 2024 with 20 children on role. We had 13 leavers, 7 remaining and 2 more children started in September 2024.

COVID

We are still seeing some of the effects of COVID and the impact of the changing pressures of life, technology and the raising costs of living. We are pleased that more children are able to access the 30 hour funding and we can really get to know them. Immune systems continue to be at a low and illnesses seem to linger.

Supporting the children with personal, social and emotional needs, remains high on staff agendas. They attend training and work closely with Isend and Speech and language therapists to develop strategies to give support as needed. Providing safe, quiet spaces and resources, to aid the children to self-regulate has become part of our everyday practice.

As a team, the staff work well together and are very Intune with both each other and the children. This makes for a very supportive and relaxed environment, where we can share the ups and downs of the day.

With COVID we still continue to ask that anyone with symptoms stays away until a test shows negative. We also ask that children are not given any paracetamol based medicines or the like, such as calpol, that will mask temperatures linked to illness including COVID.

We consider that if a child needs these types of medication, then they are ill and are better to be resting at home to aid a speedy recovery.

Activities in the Setting

We like to encourage families to join us in the setting to play or share a skill.

Last year, one of our parents came in a couple of times and showed the children how to tie dye t-shirts. This was both fun for the children and the staff.

We also invited parents/ families for a stay and play at Christmas. Several people joined us and we felt it was a very, relaxed and successful time, especially for the children.

We are aware that parents are busy and it is difficult to juggle work and time to join us. We try to offer different days to help with this where possible.

We are in the process of arranging our end of term activities and will send out notices ASAP.

If you have a skill that you would like to share with us, then please speak to one of the staff and we can discuss it with you.

Trips and Outings

On the last day of the academic year we took our usual trip to knockhatch. We invited some of our prospective parents to join us and many of our existing families came along. Some made arrangements for their children to go with other family members. We are happy for others to come, we just need to know who for numbers.

We met at the entrance and as last year, we were able to set off quickly. For those that want to, we like to meet at lunchtime and chat, before going off to explore again.

The new waterplay area looked amazing and the weather was perfect for this.

Staff had fun playing with the children, especially in the dragon's castle hiding from each other. This year we were lucky enough to actually see some of the birds of prey flying.

Hopefully everyone agrees that it was an enjoyable day as we said good bye to our Rising 5 children. We are now looking forward to this year's trip, which you should have received the letter for.

Staff training and qualifications

Sophie has been working very hard throughout the year and has just completed her Level 3 in Child care, Learning and Development. We would like to congratulate her and look forward to her continued support at the pre-school.

Staff keep updated with the many changes in Early years and complete online webinars or courses that are suggested or mandatory. This included Yve attending the Annual Safeguarding Conference at the Amex Brighton. Yve continues to attend inclusion support group meetings, Manager's meetings and various online courses.

All Staff are trained to Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) level and Paediatric First Aid.

Transition and links to school

During the Summer term last year, Yve met with the new reception teacher, Mrs Harris. Together they discussed the children's profiles and assessments, highlighting any additional support to help with a smooth transition.

The children made their weekly Rising 5's visits to the reception class to familiarise them with their new teacher and the school environment. In the Pre-School we started our Rising 5's activities to help prepare them for their transition to school.

For children not attending the school next door we arranged for the reception teachers to visit the setting and play with the child. We also encouraged parents to take their child to any fetes or events held by their new school.

Not all schools come to visit the children in the setting, they will have their own transition system in place. This may include a taster day for the children. We are available to discuss any concerns and as always, a private meeting can be arranged.

Website/ Facebook

We continue to use our website/ Facebook page to advertise events and available spaces. We occasionally post interesting links, related to early years and children, to keep the page active.

Pre-School Home links

Staff are always available at pick up and drop off time for face to face conversations and booking appointments for more sensitive conversations.

Wix and particularly Whats App remain the preferred and most efficient way to successfully keep communication going. They are an easy way to send a quick message to ask a question in the day, or to reassure a parent that their child has settled. It gives us the means to contact parents with non-urgent things and they can respond when

available.

As always, Tapestry is only successful if accessed regularly. Therefore, we encourage you all to log in to avoid your accounts becoming inactive. Tapestry is where we share photographs and videos of your child for you to see what they have done during their time with us.

Our emphasis is to be 'present' with the children as much as possible. With this in mind, we try to reduce the amount of writing we do in their presence. When a child is settling in, we take lots of photographs regularly to share with them and their family. As they progress, we reduce this to, as needed for our observations. However, we try to ensure we take additional pictures of each child termly to share with parents. We also ask you to add your own photographs so that the children can share them with us. Thank you to those of you that already do this, it is much appreciated, especially when supporting the children to settle.

Looking forwards

As always, we would like to thank all the parents, past and present, for their continued support in raising funds and helping out in the setting.

We would also like to thank the Trustees for volunteering to oversee the running of the setting, offering advice and counsel when necessary.

and finally,

Sam Phyll, Chair of Trustees (Resigning)

It has been a long journey to replace Sam as Chair of Trustees. He has been very patient with all the setting things up and making the changes.

Again, we would like to thank him and wish him well for the future.

We now have the pleasure of greeting Trevor Murray as our new Chair of Trustees. Trevor has been a parent at our pre-school for a few years and has experience in Management and business. He is well qualified to support us and offer any support we may need.

We would also like to thank Kayleigh Hatch, who has agreed to join us as a Trustee too.

Thank you to you both. We are very grateful for your support and hope that you enjoy the role.

Many thanks and best wishes Yve Playfoot

Manager/Early Years Teacher

Chair of Trustees Report AGM 2025

Introduction

Welcome to my final AGM as Chair. It has been an honour to work with the pre-school for the last six years. When I took over the chair duties in 2019 I certainly wasn't expecting anything as dramatic to happen as COVID! It did show me how resilient, hard working, and innovative the team here are, and continue to be. I want to say a massive thank you to them for welcoming me in, supporting me, and ultimately providing such a great little pre-school that has been a pleasure to be a part of. I leave knowing that it is in good hands both with the new trustees coming on board and Yve and the team.

The children who are moving up at the end of the year are in are well prepared and ready to take the next step, I wish them well in their school life, and thank Yve and the team for such dedication to ensuring the children are ready to move up.

Staff

We have a good set up of staff with our numbers and look forward to the same stability going into the new school year in September.

Accounts

After our bit of a hit to the accounts reported at the last AGM I am pleased to say that Yve has got them back on track and is starting to build a surplus in the funding account again, which is great news and means that the pre-school is in a strong position to handle unexpected costs.

Trustees

I would like to welcome Trevor and Kayleigh and I am sure they will help and support the pre-school to continue moving from strength to strength.

Communications

If anyone would like to talk about any day to day running then I would like to direct them to Yve, however if someone has any questions/comments about other aspects including fundraising, then please contact the trustees on netherfieldtrustees@hotmail.com.

And Finally

I would like to thank Yve and the team for all their hard work and I look forward to another successful year at the pre school.

Netherfield Pre-School AGM Minutes 18th June 2025

Present:

Trustees: Sam Phyll, Yve Puxty, Trevor, Kayleigh

Parents/Others: 4

Start: 09.05

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Item 2: Approve last AGM minutes - Approved

Item 3: Chairs Report – Attached as a separate document

Item 4: Setting Managers Report – Attached as a separate document

Item 5: Accounts – Attached as a separate document

Item 6: AOB:

The following details in response to questions are recorded:

- Question on children on roll – 13 currently, 7 coming in September (at present)
- Comment thanking the staff for their hard work

End: 09.20