

LYNDHURST PRE-SCHOOL
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 04584822 (England & Wales)
CHARITY NUMBER: 1107974 (England & Wales)

Lyndhurst Pre-school
The School
High Street
Lyndhurst
Hampshire
SO43 7BB

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charitable company, who have held office for the whole of the year unless otherwise stated, and to the date of this report, are as follows:

Elaine Willis	Chairperson
Barbara Preddy	Secretary
Alison Bennett	
Juliet Dunning	
Rosemary Lathey	
Janet Malcom	
Sarah Newman	
Sara Shelton	
Mary Willis	<i>resigned 10/11/2022</i>
Simon Young	

Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements for the charity for the year ending August 2023.

The main aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children in their care. At Lyndhurst Pre-School we are committed to developing the 'whole child' emotionally, socially and physically regardless of their culture, ability or race.

We aim to provide a safe, friendly and stimulating environment in which each child is encouraged to explore and discover.

We work to a specially tailored curriculum called the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our staff undertake training to ensure that our provision meets all legislation in Early Years.

It is our philosophy that purposeful play is an essential part of a child's learning process and helps them to acquire the skills necessary for a smooth transition to

school life. We aim to provide our children with the opportunity to engage in rewarding and structured play in a wide range of learning experiences. We therefore build a curriculum based around children's needs and interests, we provide resources to enable them to ponder, create, practice and repeat. We provide a safe place for children to move freely, chooses resources independently, play and be active thinkers and learners.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

Achievements and performance

- qualified proactive team
- Ofsted rating good (JUL 2023)
- dedicated team of staff
- well sited premises
- numerous resources
- good relationship with Infant School addressing good transitions
- Reflecting on Quality stages 1-3 denotes high standards
- large outdoor area and use of outdoors and muddy kitchen area
- infant size toilets encourage independence
- 2 year old provider
- opportunities to offer early intervention
- experienced and committed team of staff and Trustees/Directors
- family involvement in themes and topics, special events and festivals
- parent meetings to forge good partnerships
- fund raising activities to raise funds for resources

Financial review

The Pre-School receives the majority of its income from Hampshire County Council based on the Early Years funding formula. We also charge fees for non-funded children to attend and for snack time/admin to help cover our operating costs. Our fees are currently £5.75 per hour plus a snack/admin fee of 75p per session per child.

Our fundraising team raises monies which are used primarily to purchase resources for current children on roll.

In recent years, the Trustees have repeatedly expressed grave concerns about the sustainability of the current Early Years funding model, as annual increases in local funding rates have consistently fallen well behind increases in the National Living Wage, which is the underlying driver of staff pay levels. The cumulative effect of this repeated, persistent mismatch between our income and costs, exacerbated by inflation across all other costs has meant that the Pre-School is not sustainable

beyond the summer 2024, and it with deep regret that the Trustees consider there is no realistic option but to close the Pre-School at the end of the Summer 2024 term, in an orderly manner. The current funding model has materially restricted our ability to pay our current staff rates which adequately reflect their expertise and qualifications, and their commitment to the delivery of high quality care and education. It has also become increasingly difficult to recruit staff with the requisite qualifications.

Our income for the period was £74,391 (2022: £64,976) and expenditure was £80,044 (2022: £77,844). The operating loss was £5,653 (2022: loss of £12,868) due primarily to ongoing local demographic and recruitment challenges.

This year, 75.8% (2022: 97.6%) of our income was spent on staff costs, and 15.9% (2022: 11.2%) was spent on rent. The operating loss is equivalent to 7.6% (2022: 19.8%) of income.

Reserves Policy

Contingency monies are held in a separate bank account called the Reserve Account. It is administered to hold Reserves to cover redundancies (in line with Government Guidelines), Pre-School permanent closure, hazard closure and insurance issues, legal fees and 6 months' rent pending closure or relocation.



Elaine Willis - *Chairperson*
Director and Trustee

Date: 25 April 2024

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LYNDHURST PRE-SCHOOL



ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

LYNDHURST PRE SCHOOL
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME	3		
<i>Income from:</i>			
Donations and fundraising		3,230	4,871
Charitable income		71,033	60,101
Investment income		128	4
Total Income:		74,391	64,976
EXPENDITURE	4		
<i>Expenditure on:</i>			
Raising funds		(641)	(344)
Charitable Activities		(79,403)	(77,500)
Total Expenditure:		(80,044)	(77,844)
Net expenditure for the year:		(5,653)	(12,868)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:	10,11		
Net movement in funds		(5,653)	(12,868)
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		38,687	51,222
Total funds carried forward		33,034	38,687

Balance Sheet
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets:			
Cash at bank and in hand		33,522	39,108
Total Assets:		33,522	39,108
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:	9	(488)	(421)
Total net assets:		33,034	38,687
Represented by:			
Share capital	10	100	100
Unrestricted reserves	11	32,934	38,587
Total funds:		33,034	38,687

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Alison Mary Bennett
Director and Trustee

Date: 25th April 2024

Notes to the Accounts
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The financial sustainability of the Charity has been a key focus of the trustees. It is expected that all charitable funds will have been fully utilised by August 2024 and that operations will therefore cease at that time in an orderly manner. The trustees consider that there is no realistic alternative.

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted in note 2.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

All income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to the income, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount receivable can be measured with sufficient reliability. There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Income represents amounts receivable in respect of pre-school funding from Hampshire County Council and fees from parents, and from fundraising.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty. No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts. The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

2.3 Assets

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement. Subsequently, they are measured at the amount expected to be received.

The charity has cash on deposit with a maturity of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short-term cash commitments as they fall due.

2.4 Lease rentals

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease.

Notes to the Accounts
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

3 Income

Income for the year is analysed as follows:

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £
<i>Donations and fundraising:</i>		
Donations	1,700	382
Grants	-	1,000
Other fundraising	1,530	3,489
Total from donations and fundraising:	3,230	4,871
<i>Charitable activities:</i>		
Hampshire County Council EYE funding	56,431	46,026
Parental fees	14,602	14,075
Total from charitable activities:	71,033	60,101
<i>Income from investments:</i>		
Interest receivable	128	4
Total from investments:	128	4
TOTAL INCOME	74,391	64,976

4 Expenditure

Expenditure for the year is analysed as follows:

	Note	Unrestricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £
<i>Expenditure on raising funds:</i>			
Fundraising events		641	344
Total expenditure on raising funds:		641	344
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>			
Staff costs	5	59,428	63,454
Premises costs		11,850	7,275
Support costs		3,286	3,066
Other operational costs		4,839	3,705
Total expenditure on charitable activities:		79,403	77,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		80,044	77,844

Support costs include fees paid to the independent examiner of the accounts of £nil (2022: £nil).

Notes to the Accounts
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

5 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	58,577	62,515
Social security costs	-	-
Other pension costs (note 6)	851	939
	59,428	63,454

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000. The total of key management personnel compensation was £41,145 (2022: £38,610).

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	4

6 Pension scheme

Pension contributions are paid into the NEST auto-enrolment, defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of this scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in independently administered funds.

All pension contribution costs are recognised in the statement of financial activities as they become payable. The pension charge for the year is the contributions payable to NEST of £851 (2022: £939) and at the year end, the amount due to the scheme was £nil (2021: £nil).

7 Taxation

The Pre-School is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax or income or gains derived from its charitable activities, as they fall within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

8 Dividends

There were no dividends paid or proposed during the period.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security costs	488	421
	488	421

Notes to the Accounts
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10 Share capital

Authorised

100 Ordinary Shares of £1 each

Allotted, called up and fully paid

100 Ordinary Shares of £1 each

£100

11 Charity funds

Charity funds are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
<i>Accumulated surplus:</i>				
Fund balance as at 1 September	38,587	38,587	51,455	51,455
Income	74,391	74,391	64,976	64,976
Expenditure	(80,044)	(80,044)	(77,844)	(77,844)
Fund balance as at 31 August	32,934	32,934	38,587	38,587

12 Transactions with Trustees and related parties

12.1 Remuneration of trustees

No Trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services as Trustees during the year (2022: £nil). No Trustee received any reimbursement of expenses in respect of their services as Trustees during the year (2022: £nil).

Two Trustees are employees and key management personnel of the Pre-School, and receive remuneration under contracts of employment. The remuneration of the Nursery Manager, Janet Malcom, (excluding pension contributions) was £24,280 (2022: £22,430) and the remuneration of the Deputy Nursery Manager, Juliet Dunning, (excluding pension contributions) was £16,031 (2022: £15,419) and these amounts are included in staff costs. In addition, the Pre-School has made employer contributions to the NEST defined contribution pension scheme (note 6) for the benefit of Janet Malcom £541 (2022: £486) and for the benefit of Juliet Dunning £294 (2022: £275).

12.2 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions.

13 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

LYNDHURST PRE-SCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1107974

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of
the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2022**.

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 exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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.

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

Signed:

Date:

18.04.24

Name:

Brian Barker

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

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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.