

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Claire Perry	
Full name(s)	Claire Perry	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Director	
Date	22.2.2025	

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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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	Claire Perry	Director		
2	Angela Green	Director		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	London Road Playgroup & Pre-school
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1109819
Charity's principal address	St Martins Parish Centre Victoria Avenue Worcester WR5 1ED

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income has risen from £160,682 to £162,116. Expenditure has risen from £153,601 to £153,903 therefore we have generated £8,213 surplus to commence Autumn Term 2024
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Directors and Management Committee have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. It was concluded that the level of unrestricted funds at the year-end is sufficient to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and enable it to continue its current activities should income decline or costs rise significantly. The group holds a Charity Reserves Policy. Reserves are also required to meet the Restricted Funds for redundancy payments. This period the Restricted Funds have increased by £5,483
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£187,703
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
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	The group's principal source of funding continues to be Nursery Education Funding from the Local Authority, Worcestershire County Council.
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		

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>The group has experienced a very busy year and we have been able to provide high quality childcare and education for all our children and their families.</p> <p>This year we have continued to enhance both our outdoor and indoor environment to ensure our children are able to benefit from quality experiences.</p>

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		

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 aim of the group is to provide high quality childcare and education in an environment that encourages the development of all children. Our daily practice draws upon common philosophies of Early Years provision, which promotes learning through play and partnership with parents and carers.</p> <p>The group provides a variety of activities and experiences to enable children to develop skills through free play and exploration in a safe, caring and stimulating environment. Children enjoy a specially tailored curriculum leading to approved learning goals. Individual care and attention is achieved by a high ratio of adults to children, whilst fun and friendship is developed with other children and adults. Opportunities are available for parents, guardians and other members of the family to be directly involved both in the activities of the group and in the child's education.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In reviewing their activities, the trustees have referred to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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		



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st September 2023 **To:** 31st August 2024

Charity name: London Road Playgroup & Pre-school

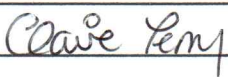
Charity registration number: 1109819

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the London Road Playgroup & Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children, primarily under statutory school age, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, which help parents to take responsibility for the activities of the group and become involved in them wherever possible. Also, to ensure that opportunities are made available and offered to all children, whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.ii) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs.

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	CAF Bank	33,942	-	-
	Redwood	78,342	-	-
	Triodos	22,518	52,901	-
	Total cash funds	134,802	52,901	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Garage Shelving	Fixtures and Fittings	464	69
	Photocopier	Fixtures and Fittings	170	119
	Cloakroom Trolley	Fixtures and Fittings	362	270
	Laptop	Fixtures and Fittings	400	307
	Lawnmower	Fixtures and Fittings	120	92
	Notice Board	Fixtures and Fittings	128	97
	Tilted Tray	Fixtures and Fittings	395	309
	Outdoor Board	Fixtures and Fittings	135	106
	Mats X 13	Fixtures and Fittings	1,950	1,571
	Unit price £150			
	Mud Kitchen	Fixtures and Fittings	230	219
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		CLAIRE PERRY	22.2.2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01.09.23

To

Period end date
31.08.24

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					
Autumn Fees	2,850	-	-	2,850	3,375
Autumn NEF	34,140	-	-	34,140	50,116
Fundraising	419	-	-	419	554
Individual Donations	50	-	-	50	350
Interest	3,209	-	-	3,209	1,329
Membership Fees	1,320	-	-	1,320	620
Spring Fees	5,580	-	-	5,580	2,665
Spring NEF	40,854	-	-	40,854	44,994
Summer Fees	3,990	-	-	3,990	5,565
Summer NEF	69,319	-	-	69,319	50,839
Uniform Income	385	-	-	385	275
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	162,116	-	-	162,116	160,682
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	162,116	-	-	162,116	160,682
A3 Payments					
Bank Service Charge	60	-	-	60	60
Consumables Curriculum	799	-	-	799	2,539
Consumables Domestic	302	-	-	302	722
Consumables Stationary	340	-	-	340	519
Equipment	824	-	-	824	6,613
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	50
Homeworking Allowance	864	-	-	864	816
Insurance Contents	1,867	-	-	1,867	1,867
Payroll	133,216	-	-	133,216	122,438
Petty Cash	150	-	-	150	200
Photography	118	-	-	118	211
Postage and Delivery	-	-	-	-	8
Professional Services	1,311	-	-	1,311	1,589
Rent Expense	13,286	-	-	13,286	12,126
Telephone	106	-	-	106	94
Training	156	-	-	156	852
Uniform Expense	364	-	-	364	1,012
Utilities	140	-	-	140	1,885
Sub total	153,903	-	-	153,903	153,601
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	153,903	-	-	153,903	153,601
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,213	-	-	8,213	7,081
A5 Transfers between funds	- 5,483	5,483	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	132,072	47,418	-	179,490	172,409
Cash funds this year end	134,802	52,901	-	187,703	179,490

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Road Playgroup and Pre-School ('the Charity')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Teresa Fennell, ACMA CGMA
It Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth Ltd
47 St Dunstons Close, Worcester, WR5 2AJ

Date: 27/2/2025.



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In Confidence

Informal Observations Noted for London Road Playgroup and Pre School Independent Examination (Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024)

Observation 1:

It is observed that two of the three trustee meetings held during the year were not quorate with only 1 of the 2 trustees present. It was confirmed that the other trustee had been fully included electronically in the meeting undertakings, with the ability to comment on all of the reports presented, and this explanation was considered acceptable for the purposes of the examination.

The risk of meetings not being quorate is exacerbated by there only being 2 trustees in post for LRPG. While this number is in line with the constitution of 2-4 trustees, the Charity may wish to consider increasing the trusteeship in order to be able to fully meet its constitutional obligations.

Observation 2:

The treatment of the Redundancy fund as restricted was considered during the examination. The redundancy fund has been consistently treated as restricted for many years, however upon review against clear Sayer Vincent guidance (see below), it has been agreed that treating this fund as designated would be more appropriate, as these funds are set aside for this particular purpose by the trustees rather than having been restricted by any funder. The funds will be re-allocated as unrestricted, designated funds for the 2024/25 financial year.

Sayer Vincent notes on funds:

"Restricted funds are funds subject to special trusts specified by the donor. This might be because it was a public appeal for a specific purpose, grants or donations. The trustees will be in breach of trust if they use restricted income other than for the specified purpose. Significant restricted funds have to be separately disclosed in the notes to the accounts

Unrestricted funds are funds available for the purposes of the charity, to be spent as the trustees see fit. These are split into:

- **Designated funds** are unrestricted funds that have been earmarked for a particular purpose by the trustees. The notes to the accounts should explain the purpose of designated funds
- **General funds** are unrestricted funds which have not been earmarked and may be used generally to further the charity's objects"

Observations prepared by:

Teresa Fennell ACMA CGMA, 25th February 2025