

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1124403

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 FOR CHARLTON WITH CROPTHORNE PRE-SCHOOL**

CHARLTON WITH CROPTHORNE PRE-SCHOOL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From		Period start date			Period end date	
		1 st	Sept	2023	31 st	August
		To				

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	CHARLTON WITH CROPTHORNE PRE-SCHOOL
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1124403
Charity's principal address	THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM
	RYDEN LANE, CHARLTON
	PERSHORE
Postcode	WR10 3LQ

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	Kieran Bradley Hayfield	Chair		
2	Jennifer Richards	Treasurer		
3	Claire Greenstead	Secretary		
4	Rebecca Williams	Trustee		
5	Amy Freeman	Trustee	1 st Sept 2023 – 21 st Feb 2024	
6	Rebecca Sutton	Trustee		
7	Vicky Morris	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 10 DECEMBER 2002 AS AMENDED 12 MAY 2008 AND 7 OCTOBER 2010
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Charity with Trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed at Annual AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aims of the 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.

- offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.
- encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas.
- instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-School learning alliance.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Pre-School has provided term time education and care facilities for children aged 2-4

We always publicise events such as the Christmas Fayre and Easter Duck Race to the local villages and always prove popular with the local community. We also support local events such as the Cropthorne Walkabout and Charlton Fayre by running stalls to entertain children and promote Pre-School to a wider audience. Pre-School have historically run the duck race at Charlton Fayre which is a very popular event!

We have continued to work with Cropthorne First School, developing the Forest School and have the Reception and Year 1 classes attend our Christmas Production and Easter Fayre.

At the Old Schoolroom, we have worked closely with representatives from the Church to improve the garden area. We encourage the children to learn how to plant and raise vegetables and plants which adds colour and interest to the community garden around the church.

We have also continued the model to have a fundraising committee separate from the main trustees to encourage more parental support and ideas/events.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and recognising the needs of children and adults in the local area during the year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Pre-School has continued to provide term time education and care for 2 to 4-year-old children.

We continue to see good attendance with all sessions well-utilised and a short waiting list for new starters. Cropthorne with Charlton C of E school has confirmed its intent to expand its early years provision (beyond Reception) and we will continue to work with them to understand any implications for Pre-School.

Vicky Morris continues to manage the setting, alongside working full time within the preschool, and has helped staff continue to deliver the high quality childcare that our children are lucky enough to experience. It has been fantastic to watch the existing staff team develop with some recent new faces, all bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to compliment the strong staff team.

The fundraising and generosity of our pre school and village community has been outstanding, and we have seen amazing contributions. Fingers crossed for more brilliant fundraising ideas in the coming year!

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Committee aim to hold at least £20000 in reserve. The reserve is to be used to meet fluctuations in receipts and payments to cover unexpected events or situations together with any ultimate winding-up costs should the charity close at any point in the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The impact of the cost of living crisis and the resulting increases in wages within the childcare sector have been challenging, however the Pre-school is well-resourced to absorb increased staffing costs in the short-term and will continue to monitor wage levels to ensure they remain competitive to recruit and retain its staff team.

Preschool has again been successful in securing grant funding in the last year. In particular these have been used to firstly support children's healthy eating by subsidising cooked meals by 50% during the year and secondly support cultural capital for the children with trips, parties and sports events.

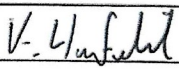
Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kieran Hayfield	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30/9/2024	



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHARLTON WITH CROPTHORNE PRE-SCHOOL

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on page 8.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 examiners 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 charity 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.

Rachael Miles BSc(hons) MAAT

Date: 23 September 2024

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed The Chair / Secretary on Behalf of All the Trustees	<i>[Signature]</i>	KIELAN HAYFIELD	30/9/2024