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COMPANY REGISTRATION: 07163298

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**BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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## **BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the charity's financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2019).

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### **Charity Name**

Blythwood Community Nursery Limited

#### **Charity registration number**

1136138

#### **Company registration number**

07163298

#### **Registered Office and operational address**

Brickworks  
42 Crouch Hill, Islington  
London  
N4 4BY

#### **Trustees/Directors**

Board of Trustees are Directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2011 and Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011. The following served as Directors during the year.

Orville Gayle  
Rosslyn Annan  
Ramona La-Rose  
Emine Robertson  
Bankina Muteba

#### **Secretary**

Rosslyn Annan

#### **Nursery Manager**

Marcia Emmanuel

#### **Independent Examiner**

Zahid Tabbassum, FCMA CGMA  
Accountell Limited  
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Redbridge, Essex, IG5 0JL

#### **Bankers**

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## **BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED**

### **Trustees' Annual Report**

Blythwood Community Nursery Limited (The Nursery) is located on the border of Islington and Haringey in the Crouch Hill area. The Nursery serves many families living on the council's housing estates.

The Nursery continues to operate full-time for 48 weeks a year, from Monday to Friday. The opening hours will remain 8.00 am to 6.00 pm to accommodate parents who are working full time. The Nursery has children from different social classes and multicultural backgrounds.

Hanley Crouch Community Association (HCCA) hold the lease of the building and rent out space to the Nursery.

Other community organisations also operate from the premises on which the Nursery operates.

### **Achievements**

During this report, we provided support to 64 families (56 families in the previous year), of which 37 children were 2 years old, 27 children were 3-4 years old, including 4 children with special needs. During the reporting period, our occupancy increased by 12.5%. As mentioned in last year's report, the high cost of living has affected many families. Although there was a slight increase in the number of children, some families are still concerned about the high cost of living that affects them, and to balance this, some families have reduced childcare hours, and some families continue to provide care at home as they either have flexible working arrangements or are not at work.

**Graduation Ceremony** – The graduation ceremony took place on July 19, 2025, where families and friends of the preschool children were invited to bid a formal farewell to the nursery staff and their children as they began their primary education. Our special guests were the mayor of Islington, Cllr Anjna Khurana, and the local independent MP, Jeremy Corbyn. The mayor handed out awards and certificates to the children, and both the Mayor and Jeremy Corbyn MP gave speeches to the children and families.

**Visit by the local officer** – During the Spring Term, the local police officer will visit the nursery and will meet parents/carers. The police officer also interacts with children and informs them about the local police and their work in the area. The officer also reminded them of the importance of being a good citizen and not to approach a stranger who might cause them a problem.

**Visit to the Dentist** – On June 20, 2024, all children visited the local dentist. They each had a chance to sit in the dentist's chair. The dentist gave a talk on the importance of good oral hygiene. The dentist taught the children about the different techniques to use when brushing their teeth, as well as what type of food to eat to keep their teeth healthy.

**Coffee mornings** are held twice a year. These events are for parents/carers to meet with their child's key worker to discuss their child's development and set targets tailored to their individual needs. Parents are also encouraged to meet and socialise with other parents/carers at this session.

**Christmas dinner** - was held on December 12, 2024. This event is usually held at the nursery's hall. Parents can meet with the board of directors in a social setting to receive updates on various activities taking place at the nursery.

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**Annual Fun Day** – It was held on 18 December 2024. All families, careers and friends of the local community were able to come together and take part in the various activities. Father Christmas exchange gifts with children and staff. All children sang Christmas carols to all those attended on the day. It was joyful and a pleasant event for children and their families.

**Award** - The nursery was pleased to receive a bronze award from the Mayor of London. The award was in respect of the nursery's taking part in the Healthy Early Years London programme on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2024

The nursery continues to support some vulnerable families by signposting them to different activities, and Brightstart supports others.

The Nursery continues to collaborate with other professionals in Islington and Haringey to ensure that children access the free places for 2- and 3- to 4-year-olds and other local community activities.

**Supporting SEN Children** – The nursery works closely with the families and the local authority to support these families in getting their children fully diagnosed and getting the statement. This has helped the families to access financial and physical support within the family environment. The SENCO also gained an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) order, allowing the children to go into reception with a full support package.

### **Staff Training**

**Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) Sessions** – The manager and Orville Gayle, Director, attended a monthly DSL session to update on safeguarding legislation. The session also provided an opportunity to network with other colleagues and to receive and discuss updates on safeguarding issues in the borough.

**Safeguarding and SENCO** – on 18 September 2024, the deputy manager with all staff completed training and updated their safeguarding certificate and also did SENCO training.

**1-2 September 2024 (two days)** – two nursery practitioners attended the Enabling Environmental workshop training that supports, plans, organises and develops a rich and stimulating environment in the nursery for young children

**Development Plan** – Sarah Tomoum - carried out an Inset Day on the development plan with the manager and deputy on 8 November 2024. This was a valuable session for the nursery to explore future development and plan the way forward.

**25 January 2025** – The deputy manager completed her training on the importance of maintaining British values in the nursery.

**14 March 2025** - The deputy manager completed the designated Level 3 safeguarding lead training.

**Let's Think Big** – two nursery practitioners attended training on "Let's Think Big". This training is designed to support children and provide ideas for exploring the connection between the mind and the body. This helps children to use their bodies as a mathematical resource to create shapes and sizes.

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### **All staff attended the following training:**

- 20 December 2024 - All staff completed an inset day course called 'Loose Part', which was carried out by our support teacher Sarah Tomoum: This is a scheme play that refers to the use of materials that children can manipulate, move, combine, take apart, and put back together in various ways
- **Prevent Duty** – all staff attended this session, which provided them with the basic knowledge around the risk of radicalisation.
- **Environment Training** - by Sarah Tomoum: ensuring the practitioners are providing a rich and continuous for all children – 12 June 2024
- **First Aid refresher and updates** – completed by all staff.

The manager attends information sharing on child protection and safeguarding issues in the local borough once per term with the lead safeguarding officer.

### **New Staff**

**Amanda Williams** - joined as a deputy manager – 1 September 2024.

**Shaddae Emmanuel**- joined the nursery as our new in-house cleaner – 1 September 2024.

### **Staff left**

The following staff left the nursery during the reporting period. The manager, along with the board of directors, thanked each one of them for their commitment and dedicated support throughout their employment. These are:

**Rebecca Onafuye** – Deputy manager

**Shane Emmanuel** – worked as an in-house cleaner with the nursery for four years.

**Rosa Consuelo**- was a nursery practitioner who worked with the nursery for two years

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is paramount to the nursery's operation, and all staff and trustees must keep up with any new information legislation relating to safeguarding. The Board of Trustees have also reviewed its Safeguarding Policy to ensure it is up to date.

The Nursery is also pleased to report that there were no incidents to report during the period of this report.

All Trustees have updated safeguarding and child protection training.

### **Risks Management**

There were no major incidents to report for the period.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Nursery is exposed, particularly those related to the operations and finances of the Nursery. The Trustees also have to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Nursery has procedures in place to ensure it complies with the health and safety of staff, children, volunteers, and visitors to the centre.

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The Trustees confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the Nursery.

### **Future Plan**

- To continue to work to improve the nursery's occupancy by working with the local community.
- To expand the care for younger children, which will help with sustainability and occupancy levels.
- Work closely with other agencies in the adjoining borough.
- To continue to encourage staff to further their professional development.
- Invest in more extra curriculum activities for the children i.e. yoga, swimming, sports, etc
- To maintain the nursery's good and above judgment rating with OFSTED
- To continue to collaborate closely with the Brightstart East Team, Early Years Team, and other departments of the local authority that support early years education.

### **Financial Review and Reserve Policy**

The total combined income for the Nursery was £248,269 (£203,030 in the previous year); this is £45,239 (22%) more than the previous year. The total expenditure was £241,061 (£233,110 in the previous year), thus providing a surplus of £7,208. The Nursery is now gradually regaining its lost income. Total unrestricted general funds at the end of the year are £62,598 (£55,390 in the previous year)

The Nursery also collaborates with other service providers in the building, supporting the increase in the Nursery's occupancy.

Unrestricted funds are needed to cover staff costs and those of administration and support, without which the Charity could not operate.

Income is often lower during the autumn term due to the start of the new school term year, and it rises during the spring and summer term to its highest level.

The nursery now has more special needs children, for which the costs of providing care are greater in providing care. The nursery now has more special needs children, for which the costs are greater in providing care. This impacts the Nursery's finances as staff adult ratio costs higher in supporting children with additional needs, but we are pleased that we can provide care for these children.

The Board of Trustees considers it prudent that unrestricted funds should be sufficient to cover three to six months' administration and support costs. This level will ensure the Nursery has adequate resources to cover its outgoings while income is at its lowest level during the autumn term.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:**



Emine Robertson  
Director/Trustee

Date: 23 September 2025

## BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages eight to twelve.

#### **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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of the 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 statements 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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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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23 September 2025



## **BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED**

### **STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



Emine Robertson  
Trustee/Director

23 September 2025

**BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	3	150,473	-	<b>150,473</b>	127,707
Activities for generating funds	3	97,796	-	<b>97,796</b>	75,323
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>248,269</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>248,269</b>	203,030
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Support costs	4	53,995	-	<b>53,995</b>	57,114
Staff costs		180,425	-	<b>180,425</b>	170,251
Governance costs		6,641	-	<b>6,641</b>	5,745
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>241,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>241,061</b>	233,110
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>7,208</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,208</b>	<b>( 30,080)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	7	55,390	-	<b>55,390</b>	85,470
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>62,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,598</b>	55,390

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025		2024
		£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors		-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>66,612</u>		<u>58,692</u>
		<b>66,612</b>		<b>58,692</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>4,014</u>		<u>3,302</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u><b>62,598</b></u>	<u><b>55,390</b></u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u><b>62,598</b></u>	<u><b>55,390</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u><u><b>62,598</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>55,390</b></u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7			
Unrestricted funds				
General funds		<b>62,598</b>		<b>55,390</b>
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u><b>62,598</b></u></u>		<u><u><b>55,390</b></u></u>

For the year ending 31/03/2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 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 Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/09/2025 and signed on their behalf by**



**Emine Robertson**  
Trustee/Director

# **BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019) and applicable UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from income taxes on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>3. INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
LBI Grant Aid Payment	4,397	-	4,397	4,955
LBI NEG	30,780	-	30,780	75,516
LBI 2 Year Old NEG	31,648	-	31,648	44,665
LBI Training	83,648	-	83,648	2,571
Other under £500	-	-	-	-
	<b>150,473</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,473</b>	<b>127,707</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Fee Income	97,104	-	97,104	74,657
Income from Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	692	-	692	666
	<b>97,796</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,796</b>	<b>75,323</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>248,269</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>248,269</b>	<b>203,030</b>
<b>4. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Support costs</b>				
Advertising	504	-	504	504
Agency staff & casual wages	4,528	-	4,528	3,088
Canteen & refreshment	9,055	-	9,055	9,465
Children events costs	-	-	-	299
Cleaning	69	-	69	1,294
Consultancy fee	400	-	400	1,150
Learning materials & nursery resources	1,848	-	1,848	2,765
Postage, printing, stationery & supplies	5,747	-	5,747	4,754
Rent	21,810	-	21,810	24,936
Premises expenses	3,622	-	3,622	944
Repairs & maintenance	23	-	23	850
Subscription	3,899	-	3,899	2,858
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	130
Telephone	1,889	-	1,889	1,939
Training costs	534	-	534	1,345
Bank charges	68	-	68	77
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	<b>53,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,995</b>	<b>57,114</b>
<b>Staff costs</b>				
Salaries and wages	168,244	-	168,244	159,385
Social security costs	7,384	-	7,384	6,469
Employer's contribution to pension	4,797	-	4,797	4,397
	<b>180,425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,425</b>	<b>170,251</b>
<i>Average number of staff employed</i>			10	10
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Accountancy and Independent examiner fee	924	-	924	1,030
Book-keeping & payroll	5,717	-	5,717	4,716
	<b>6,641</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,641</b>	<b>5,745</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>241,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>241,062</b>	<b>233,110</b>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Office Equipment	Total £
<b>5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>		
<b>Costs</b>		
As at start of the year	360	360
Additions	-	-
As at end of the year	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>		
As at start of the year	360	360
Charge for the year	-	-
As at end of the year	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At the start of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	924	924
Taxation and social security	3,090	2,378
NEST Pension	-	-
Net wages	-	-
	<u>4,014</u>	<u>3,302</u>

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General fund	55,390	248,269	( 241,061)	-	62,598
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>55,390</u>	<u>248,269</u>	<u>( 241,061)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,598</u>
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
LBI Training	-	-	-	-	-
Income from HMRC JRS Grant	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>55,390</u>	<u>248,269</u>	<u>( 241,061)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,598</u>