

ST AIDAN'S DAY NURSERY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1139082

Details

Other names ST AIDAN'S DAY NURSERY

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2010-11-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 4.1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE; BY RECEIVING AND CARING FOR SUCH CHILDREN IN A DAY NURSERY ('THE DAY NURSERY') AND PROVIDING SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES;4.2 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN ATTENDING RICHARD ROSE ACADEMY, CARLISLE ('THE ACADEMY') INCLUDING, BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION, THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF SUCH CHILDREN, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE STAFF EMPLOYED AT THE DAY NURSERY, IN THE RUNNING AND ORGANISING OF THE DAY NURSERY AND THE CARE OF THE CHILDREN THEREAT;4.3 TO ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN;4.4 TO DO ALL SUCH THINGS AS SHALL FURTHER THE TRUST;4.5 TO CARRY OUT SUCH OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME BY DEED STATED TO BE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THIS DEED WITH THEIR UNANIMOUS CONSENT DECLARE.

Activities: The Trustees operate a day nursery for children from babies up to the compulsory schooling age. We provide care, education and play, both in the nursery premises and by taking the children on outings. We assist in the education of school age children in the community, and the parents of the children, as they come into the nursery and are involved.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CARLISLE
- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£1,118,640	£966,261	£1,477,836	44
2024-08-31	£1,236,212	£1,272,723	£1,325,457	55
2023-08-31	£1,200,259	£1,232,471	£1,361,968	61
2022-08-31	£1,182,126	£1,116,480	£1,394,180	57
2021-08-31	£1,273,928	£966,626	£1,328,534	55
2020-08-31	£1,189,152	£910,306	£1,021,232	52

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARTIN MURPHY	Chair	
CLAIRE INGLIS		2025-09-01
Katherine Dalgliesh		2022-11-15

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Accounts

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**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 August 2025



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St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Charity registration number	1139082
Principal office	Harraby Community Campus Edgehill Road CARLISLE CA1 3SL
Registered office	Harraby Community Campus Edgehill Road CARLISLE CA1 3SL
Trustees	M Murphy W Mitchinson (resigned 31 March 2025) K Dalglish C Inglis (appointed 1 September 2025)
Manager	E Dey
Auditor	Dodd & Co Audit Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, Governance and Management

St Aidan's Day Nursery is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 20 August 2010.

Trustees from September 2024 to August 2025: Martin Murphy, Katherine Dalglish & Claire Inglis.

The trustees and management have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks, detailed in its mitigating action and status explanations in the minutes.

The day to day running of the nursery is delegated to one manager who splits their time between both sites; however the decisions regarding the overall direction of the charity are determined by the trustees.

Trustees' recruitment & training

The trustees have the power to appoint new trustees and in the event of a new appointment, appropriate training and induction procedures are arranged.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are:

To advance the education of children below compulsory school age, by receiving and caring for such children in a day nursery and providing safe and satisfying group play and other activities;

To encourage other activities through which parents may help the children;

To do all such things as shall further the trust;

To carry out such other legal purposes for the advancement of education as the trustees shall from time to time by deed stated to be supplemental to this deed with their unanimous consent declare.

In determining these objectives the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Activities

St Aidan's Day Nursery now operates from the Harraby Community Campus site only.

With insurance premiums being untenable, staff recruitment/retention business critical, and the site losing money, the chair of trustees wrote to Cumberland Council to formally give notice on 12th February 2024, to terminate the lease and operations at the Victoria Place site from 31st August 2024. As well as notifying all affected parents in writing that same day, management took it upon themselves to individually telephone all parents and deliver this sensitive news as tactfully as possible.

Due to staffing issues, nursery attendance was terminated on 2nd August 2024; affected children continued to attend the Harraby site or relocated to alternative settings.

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Achievements and Performance

The Harraby site continues to be recognised as "Outstanding" by Ofsted throughout this audit period.

Debtors continue to be assertively, but sensitively, minimised.

Over 90% of nursery fees are collected prior to the 5th of the following month.

The decision was taken to award a 10% pay rise to all staff in April 2024 to support staff retention, continuity, and morale.

To improve nursery/parental communications, engagement and management, St Aidan's Day Nurseries committed to a monthly software subscription with Blossom, a renowned nursery software specialist in February 2023. After a successful trial period, this has now been introduced as a permanent feature for parents to access live updates on child learning, development, and welfare.

Fundraising standards information

The charity does not hold any agreements with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed which includes the financing of the charity's operations. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

Since announcing the closure of Victoria Place nursery, efforts to buy land/property as a permanent replacement to the Harraby site have led to a potential site being identified. The trustees have entered into an agreement to purchase the site for a cost of £550,000.

Having outgrown the Harraby site, the new site offers increased revenue opportunities, as well as better office/administration, kitchen, staff room, restroom and outdoor facilities.

The current rent/lease arrangements at Harraby are still under review, following a request to increase the rent from £1,500 pcm to £2,000pcm, from September 2023, which was rejected. It is our understanding that the Harraby Community Centre still themselves don't have a proper lease in place from their landlord, Cumberland Council, so can't legally enforce a rent increase on us, as a sublease can't be legally issued to us.

The trustees are keen to be released from the shackles of a landlord and buy a permanent, purpose-built facility to secure the future legacy of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust.

Financial Review

The financial position of the charity remains robust, despite unprecedented operational costs.

A decision to add a 10% increase to nursery fees from September 2024 and a cost reduction review with current/new suppliers assisted effectively. Staff continuity, morale and promoting from within continue to play a major role in fulfilling the charity's objectives; advance children's education & safeguard their welfare.

The total unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2025 were £1,477,836 with free reserves of £1,417,602 due to £60,234 of reserves being held as tangible fixed assets. The total expenditure for the year was £966,261 which, when apportioned over 2 months, is £161,044 and therefore the charity's free reserves exceeds the current reserves policy of holding 2 months of expenditure.

The charity is able, should it wish to do so, to deploy reserves to seek alternative or new premises to own, rather than lease, should a favourable location materialise. This continues to be reviewed by the trustees every 6 months.

There were no funds held on 31 August 2025 that were restricted and unavailable for general purposes.

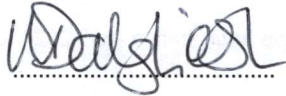
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The principal sources of funding for the charity are Government Education Grants and fees paid by parents of the children in the nursery.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



M Murphy
Trustee



K Dalglish
Trustee



C Inglis
Trustee

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Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods 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; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of
St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025, set out on pages 9 to 20 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Financial Statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the Financial Statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material, if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and charity's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their:
- policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;

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- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed among the audit team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud to be in relation to revenue recognition and management override which, in common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to this risk.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context was the Charities Act.

As a result of performing the above, in response to the risks identified, we did not identify any key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations. In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and
in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charity's work.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, in accordance with Part 4 of the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008*. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Dodd & Co Audit Limited
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Dodd & Co Audit Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
3 March 2026

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Dodd & Co Audit Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Other trading activities	2	1,884	1,884	5,822
Investment income	3	29,570	29,570	30,066
Charitable activities	4	1,087,186	1,087,186	1,200,324
Total income		<u>1,118,640</u>	<u>1,118,640</u>	<u>1,236,212</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		-	-	691
Charitable activities		966,261	966,261	1,272,032
Total expenditure		<u>966,261</u>	<u>966,261</u>	<u>1,272,723</u>
Net movements in funds		152,379	152,379	(36,511)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,325,457	1,325,457	1,361,968
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,477,836</u>	<u>1,477,836</u>	<u>1,325,457</u>

All of the income and expenditure in 2024 related to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		60,234		64,832
Current assets					
Debtors	11	24,973		34,485	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,414,937</u>		<u>1,242,649</u>	
		1,439,910		1,277,134	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(22,308)</u>		<u>(16,509)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,417,602</u>		<u>1,260,625</u>
Net assets			<u><u>1,477,836</u></u>		<u><u>1,325,457</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>1,477,836</u>		<u>1,325,457</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>1,477,836</u></u>		<u><u>1,325,457</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 3 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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M Murphy
Trustee

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K Dalglish
Trustee

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C Inglis
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	16	179,134	63,653
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(6,846)</u>	<u>(10,254)</u>
		<u>(6,846)</u>	<u>(10,254)</u>
Increase in cash		<u><u>172,288</u></u>	<u><u>53,399</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 18.

Income and endowments

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of raising funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Furniture and equipment	15% reducing balance basis
Toys and playthings	33% reducing balance basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising			
Fundraising income	1,884	1,884	5,822

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3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Interest on cash deposits	29,570	29,570	30,066

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable activities			
CCC grants	626,498	626,498	622,082
Fees income	460,688	460,688	578,242
	<u>1,087,186</u>	<u>1,087,186</u>	<u>1,200,324</u>

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5 Expenditure

	Charitable activities	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Food	29,202	29,202	35,613
Nappies, toiletries, etc	2,172	2,172	3,010
Toys and equipment	3,707	3,707	4,606
Fundraising purchases	-	-	691
Wages and salaries	744,281	744,281	890,339
Staff NIC (Employers)	54,812	54,812	56,419
Staff pensions	16,895	16,895	17,027
Staff uniform and protective clothing	2,888	2,888	5,484
Staff training	1,445	1,445	-
Books and activity costs	1,566	1,566	1,343
	856,968	856,968	1,014,532
Support costs			
Rent	19,105	19,105	28,935
Rates	2,218	2,218	2,907
Water rates	-	-	1,270
Light, heat and power	8,570	8,570	32,604
Insurance	8,796	8,796	11,839
Repairs and maintenance	9,027	9,027	11,047
Telephone and fax	3,197	3,197	3,783
Printing, postage and stationery	7,928	7,928	9,923
Sundry expenses	5,652	5,652	10,421
Cleaning	7,007	7,007	8,670
Accountancy fees	7,679	7,679	6,348
Bookkeeper fees	1,193	1,193	1,172
Auditors' remuneration	5,950	5,950	5,580
Legal and professional fees	11,203	11,203	6,586
Bank charges	324	324	928
Depreciation	11,444	11,444	11,478
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	-	-	104,700
	109,293	109,293	258,191
	966,261	966,261	1,272,723

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6 Governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fees	7,679	6,348
Auditors remuneration	5,950	5,580
Bookkeeper fees	1,193	1,172
Legal and professional fees	11,203	6,586
	26,025	19,686

7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year. No trustees (2024 - 1) received travel expenses during the year (2024 - £199).

8 Employees' remuneration

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Charitable activities	44	55

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	744,281	890,339
Social security	54,812	56,419
Other pension costs	16,895	17,027
	815,988	963,785

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

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9 Taxation

The registered charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Toys and playthings £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2024	106,764	29,947	136,711
Additions	6,741	105	6,846
As at 31 August 2025	113,505	30,052	143,557
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2024	47,024	24,855	71,879
Charge for the year	9,729	1,715	11,444
As at 31 August 2025	56,753	26,570	83,323
Net book value			
As at 31 August 2025	56,752	3,482	60,234
As at 31 August 2024	59,740	5,092	64,832

11 Debtors

	2025 £		2024 £
Trade debtors	4,393		16,396
Prepayments and accrued income	20,580		18,089
	24,973		34,485

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £		2024 £
Trade creditors	13,581		3,601
Accruals and deferred income	8,727		12,908
	22,308		16,509

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

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13 Non-adjusting post balance sheet events

After the balance sheet date, the charity entered into an agreement to purchase a new site to support the future expansion of its nursery operations. The property has a total purchase price of £550,000 and the purchase has not yet completed. The new site is expected to increase the nursery's capacity and support long-term growth plans once operational.

14 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 August 2025 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Other	
	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	-	200

15 Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £16,895 (2024 - £17,027).

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

16 Reconciliation of net movements in funds to operating cash flows

	2025 £	2024 £
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	152,379	(36,511)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	11,444	11,478
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	104,700
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	9,512	(14,270)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	5,799	(1,744)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	179,134	63,653

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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17 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

18 Analysis of funds

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	<u>1,325,457</u>	<u>1,118,640</u>	<u>(966,261)</u>	<u>1,477,836</u>

Prior period

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	<u>1,361,968</u>	<u>1,236,212</u>	<u>(1,272,723)</u>	<u>1,325,457</u>

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

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19 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	60,234	60,234	64,832
Current assets	1,439,910	1,439,910	1,277,134
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(22,308)</u>	<u>(22,308)</u>	<u>(16,509)</u>
Net assets	<u>1,477,836</u>	<u>1,477,836</u>	<u>1,325,457</u>

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	64,832	64,832	170,756
Current assets	1,277,134	1,277,134	1,209,465
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(16,509)</u>	<u>(16,509)</u>	<u>(18,253)</u>
Net assets	<u>1,325,457</u>	<u>1,325,457</u>	<u>1,361,968</u>

ST AIDAN'S DAY NURSERY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1139082

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CHARITY COMMISSION

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Registration number: 1139082

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 August 2024



St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

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St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Charity registration number	1139082
Principal office	Harraby Community Campus Edgehill Road CARLISLE CA1 3SL
Registered office	Harraby Community Campus Edgehill Road CARLISLE CA1 3SL
Trustees	M Murphy W Mitchinson K Dalglish
Manager	E Dey
Auditor	Dodd & Co Audit Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, Governance and Management

St Aidan's Day Nursery is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 20 August 2010.

Trustees from September 2023 to August 2024: Martin Murphy, Willa Mitchinson and Katherine Dalgleish.

The trustees and management have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks, detailed in its mitigating action and status explanations in the minutes.

The day to day running of the nursery is delegated to one manager who splits their time between both sites; however the decisions regarding the overall direction of the charity are determined by the trustees.

Trustees' recruitment & training

The trustees have the power to appoint new trustees and in the event of a new appointment, appropriate training and induction procedures are arranged.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are:

To advance the education of children below compulsory school age, by receiving and caring for such children in a day nursery and providing safe and satisfying group play and other activities;

To encourage other activities through which parents may help the children;

To do all such things as shall further the trust;

To carry out such other legal purposes for the advancement of education as the trustees shall from time to time by deed stated to be supplemental to this deed with their unanimous consent declare.

In determining these objectives the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Activities

The Victoria Place site 10-year lease expired 30/09/2023. From 1st September 2023, a temporary, interim lease was implemented by Cumberland Council, at a hefty increase of £10,800 per annum from the rate paid up to October 2022. This represents a 90% increase.

Consultations and a business health check were conducted by Joan Bradley, on behalf of Cumberland Council on 4th October 2023. In conclusion, no major efficiencies could be identified or introduced to improve the financial performance of the site.

With insurance premiums being untenable, staff recruitment/retention business critical, and the site losing money, the chair of trustees wrote to Cumberland Council to formally give notice on 12th February 2024, to terminate the lease and operations at the Victoria Place site from 31st August 2024. As well as notifying all affected parents in writing that same day, management took it upon themselves to individually telephone all parents and deliver this sensitive news as tactfully as possible.

Due to staffing issues, nursery attendance was terminated on 2nd August 2024; affected children continues attendance at the Harraby site or relocated to alternative settings. From 1st September 2024, St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust conducts operations from the Harraby site only.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Achievements and Performance

Both sites continue to be recognised as "Outstanding" by Ofsted throughout this audit period.

Debtors continue to be assertively, but sensitively, minimised.

Over 90% of nursery fees are collected prior to the 5th of the following month.

Fees charged to parents were increased by between 10-11% for the period Sep 2023 – Aug 2024.

Blossom continues as service feature for parents to access live updates on child learning, development and welfare until at least March 2024, review pending.

Fundraising standards information

The charity does not hold any agreements with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed which includes the financing of the charity's operations. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

Since announcing the closure of Victoria Place nursery, efforts to buy land/property as a permanent replacement to the Harraby site have led to a potential site being identified. An architect and commercial surveyor are currently advising the trustees with a view to making an offer to buy.

Having outgrown the Harraby site, the new site offers increased revenue opportunities, as well as better office/administration, kitchen, staff room, restroom and outdoor facilities.

The trustees are keen to be released from the shackles of a landlord and buy a permanent, purpose-built facility to secure the future legacy of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust.

Financial Review

The financial position of the charity remains robust, despite unprecedented operational costs.

A 10-11% increase to nursery fees from September 2023, plus ongoing cost reduction reviews with current/new suppliers continue to aid financial performance. Staff continuity, morale and promoting from within continue to play a major role in fulfilling the charity's objectives; advance children's education & safeguard their welfare.

The total unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2024 were £1,325,457 with free reserves of £1,260,625 due to £64,832 of reserves being held as tangible fixed assets. The total expenditure for the year was £1,272,723 which, when apportioned over 2 months, is £212,121 and therefore the charity's free reserves exceeds the current reserves policy of holding 2 months of expenditure.

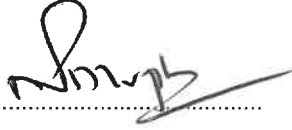
The charity is able, should it wish to do so, to deploy reserves to seek alternative or new premises to own, rather than lease, should a favourable location materialise. This continues to be reviewed by the trustees every 6 months.

There were no funds held on 31 August 2024 that were restricted and unavailable for general purposes.

The principal sources of funding for the charity are Government Education Grants and fees paid by parents of the children in the nursery.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Approved by the Trustees on 2 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



M Murphy
Trustee



W Mitchinson
Trustee



K Dalgliesh
Trustee

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods 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; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024, set out on pages 9 to 20 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of
St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust**

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Financial Statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the Financial Statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material, if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and charity's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their:
- policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;

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- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed among the audit team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud to be in relation to revenue recognition and management override which, in common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to this risk.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context was the Charities Act.

As a result of performing the above, in response to the risks identified, we did not identify any key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations. In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charity's work.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, in accordance with Part 4 of the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008*. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

..... *Dodd + Co Audit Limited*

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2 April 2025

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St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Other trading activities	2	5,822	5,822	8,902
Investment income	3	30,066	30,066	13,953
Charitable activities	4	1,200,324	1,200,324	1,177,404
Total income		<u>1,236,212</u>	<u>1,236,212</u>	<u>1,200,259</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		691	691	378
Charitable activities		1,272,032	1,272,032	1,232,093
Total expenditure		<u>1,272,723</u>	<u>1,272,723</u>	<u>1,232,471</u>
Net movements in funds		(36,511)	(36,511)	(32,212)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,361,968	1,361,968	1,394,180
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,325,457</u>	<u>1,325,457</u>	<u>1,361,968</u>

All of the income and expenditure in 2023 related to unrestricted funds.

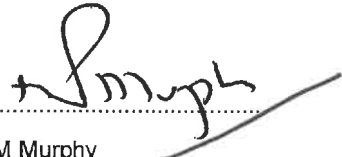
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St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

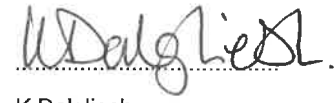
	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		64,832		170,756
Current assets					
Debtors	11	34,485		20,215	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,242,649</u>		<u>1,189,250</u>	
		1,277,134		1,209,465	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	12	<u>(16,509)</u>		<u>(18,253)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,260,625</u>		<u>1,191,212</u>
Net assets			<u>1,325,457</u>		<u>1,361,968</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>1,325,457</u>		<u>1,361,968</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1,325,457</u>		<u>1,361,968</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 2 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


 M Murphy
 Trustee


 W Mitchinson
 Trustee


 K Dalglish
 Trustee

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	15	63,653	(32,670)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(10,254)	(21,190)
		<u>(10,254)</u>	<u>(21,190)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash		<u>53,399</u>	<u>(53,860)</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

Income and endowments

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of raising funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Furniture and equipment	15% reducing balance basis
Toys and playthings	33% reducing balance basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising			
Fundraising income	5,822	5,822	8,902

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest on cash deposits	30,066	30,066	13,953

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable activities			
CCC grants	622,082	622,082	529,774
Fees income	578,242	578,242	647,630
	1,200,324	1,200,324	1,177,404

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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5 Expenditure

	Fundraising	Charitable activities	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Food	-	35,613	35,613	35,901
Nappies, toiletries, etc	-	3,010	3,010	3,157
Toys and equipment	-	4,606	4,606	11,306
Fundraising purchases	691	-	691	378
Wages and salaries	-	890,339	890,339	914,309
Staff NIC (Employers)	-	56,419	56,419	54,130
Staff pensions	-	17,027	17,027	16,163
Staff uniform and protective clothing	-	5,484	5,484	7,601
Staff training	-	-	-	3,427
Books and activity costs	-	1,343	1,343	1,652
	<u>691</u>	<u>1,013,841</u>	<u>1,014,532</u>	<u>1,048,024</u>
Support costs				
Rent	-	28,935	28,935	34,551
Rates	-	2,907	2,907	4,618
Water rates	-	1,270	1,270	1,200
Light, heat and power	-	32,604	32,604	37,108
Insurance	-	11,839	11,839	10,783
Repairs and maintenance	-	11,047	11,047	16,179
Telephone and fax	-	3,783	3,783	3,256
Printing, postage and stationery	-	9,923	9,923	15,629
Sundry expenses	-	10,421	10,421	7,744
Cleaning	-	8,670	8,670	8,914
Accountancy fees	-	6,348	6,348	4,446
Bookkeeper fees	-	1,172	1,172	1,393
Auditors' remuneration	-	5,580	5,580	3,840
Legal and professional fees	-	6,586	6,586	3,705
Bank charges	-	928	928	927
Depreciation	-	11,478	11,478	29,198
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	-	104,700	104,700	956
	<u>-</u>	<u>258,191</u>	<u>258,191</u>	<u>184,447</u>
	<u>691</u>	<u>1,272,032</u>	<u>1,272,723</u>	<u>1,232,471</u>

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6 Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	6,348	4,446
Auditors remuneration	5,580	3,840
Bookkeeper fees	1,172	1,393
Legal and professional fees	6,586	3,705
	19,686	13,384

7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year. 1 trustee (2023 - 1) received travel expenses during the year totalling £199 (2023 - £190).

8 Employees' remuneration

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	55	61

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	890,339	914,309
Social security	56,419	54,130
Other pension costs	17,027	16,163
	963,785	984,602

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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9 Taxation

The registered charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Toys and playthings £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2023	394,083	53,625	447,708
Additions	7,609	2,645	10,254
Disposals	(294,928)	(26,323)	(321,251)
As at 31 August 2024	<u>106,764</u>	<u>29,947</u>	<u>136,711</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2023	230,238	46,714	276,952
Eliminated on disposals	(192,779)	(23,772)	(216,551)
Charge for the year	9,565	1,913	11,478
As at 31 August 2024	<u>47,024</u>	<u>24,855</u>	<u>71,879</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 August 2024	<u>59,740</u>	<u>5,092</u>	<u>64,832</u>
As at 31 August 2023	<u>163,845</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>170,756</u>

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	16,396	12,949
Prepayments and accrued income	18,089	7,266
	<u>34,485</u>	<u>20,215</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	3,601	874
Accruals and deferred income	12,908	17,379
	<u>16,509</u>	<u>18,253</u>

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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13 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 August 2024 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Other	
	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	200	2,395
Within two and five years	-	200
	200	2,595

14 Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £17,027 (2023 - £16,163).

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

15 Reconciliation of net movements in funds to operating cash flows

	2024 £	2023 £
Net outgoing resources	(36,511)	(32,212)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	11,478	29,198
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	104,700	956
Increase in debtors	(14,270)	(2,124)
Decrease in creditors	(1,744)	(28,488)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	63,653	(32,670)

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16 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

17 Analysis of funds

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	1,361,968	1,236,212	(1,272,723)	1,325,457

Prior period

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	1,394,180	1,200,259	(1,232,471)	1,361,968

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18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	64,832	64,832	170,756
Current assets	1,277,134	1,277,134	1,209,465
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(16,509)</u>	<u>(16,509)</u>	<u>(18,253)</u>
Net assets	<u>1,325,457</u>	<u>1,325,457</u>	<u>1,361,968</u>

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	170,756	170,756	179,720
Current assets	1,209,465	1,209,465	1,261,201
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(18,253)</u>	<u>(18,253)</u>	<u>(46,741)</u>
Net assets	<u>1,361,968</u>	<u>1,361,968</u>	<u>1,394,180</u>

ST AIDAN'S DAY NURSERY TRUST

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CHARITY COMMISSION

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Registration number: 1139082

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 August 2023



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St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Charity registration number	1139082
Principal office	Victoria Place CARLISLE CA1 1LT
Registered office	Victoria Place CARLISLE CA1 1LT
Trustees	M Murphy W Mitchinson K Dalglish (Appointed 15 November 2022)
Manager	E Dey
Auditor	Dodd & Co Audit Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, Governance and Management

St Aidan's Day Nursery is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 20 August 2010.

Trustees from September 2022 to August 2023: Martin Murphy and Willa Mitchinson. Katherine Dagleish was appointed as a Trustee on 15 November 2022.

The trustees and management have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks, detailed in its mitigating action and status explanations in the minutes.

The day to day running of the nursery is delegated to one manager who splits their time between both sites; however the decisions regarding the overall direction of the charity are determined by the trustees.

Trustees' recruitment & training

The trustees have the power to appoint new trustees and in the event of a new appointment, appropriate training and induction procedures are arranged.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are:

To advance the education of children below compulsory school age, by receiving and caring for such children in a day nursery and providing safe and satisfying group play and other activities;

To encourage other activities through which parents may help the children;

To do all such things as shall further the trust;

To carry out such other legal purposes for the advancement of education as the trustees shall from time to time by deed stated to be supplemental to this deed with their unanimous consent declare.

In determining these objectives the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Activities

During Easter 2023, various completions/raffles were held across both nurseries concluding with the Easter Fayres held at both nurseries on 25/03/2023. A combined total of £2,638 was raised.

Additionally, after a meeting with Peter Tyson's in April, explaining the many challenging operational and staffing issues, they agreed to support the nurseries by donating £500 per month, for 6 months.

The purpose of the fund-raising activities is to raise money to purchase educational resources, books and toys without adding a 2nd annual increase to nursery fees.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Achievements and Performance

Both sites continue to be recognised as "Outstanding" by Ofsted throughout this audit period.

Debtors continue to be assertively, but sensitively, minimised.

Over 90% of nursery fees are collected prior to the 5th of the following month.

The unforeseen Bank Holidays of 19th September 2022, the Queen's funeral, and the King's Coronation on 8th May 2023, impacted incomes. Policy for nursery closure days/Bank Holidays is that no charge is made. As fees were already calculated and issued to all parents in August 2022, prior to the announcement of these events, credits were issued to all parents whose children would have otherwise attended. This unavoidably increased outgoings with refunds issued to those parents whose children left in the Summer 2022 period. Those who still attend thereafter have been advised that the credit will be deducted from future fees, impacting net income.

With staffing at a critical point, the decision was taken to award a 10% pay rise to all staff in April 2023 to support staff retention, continuity, and morale.

To improve nursery/parental communications, engagement and management, St Aidan's Day Nurseries committed to a monthly software subscription with Blossom, a renowned nursery software specialist in February 2023. After a successful trial period, this has now been introduced as a permanent feature for parents to access live updates on child learning, development and welfare.

Fundraising standards information

The charity does not hold any agreements with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed which includes the financing of the charity's operations. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

The 10-year lease expiry at Victoria Place, and lease review request at Harraby are undergoing simultaneous discussions and negotiations. On that basis, future commitments are on hold until such time that agreeable lease terms at both sites are concluded.

Financial Review

The financial position of the charity remains robust, despite unprecedented operational costs. One of them being an unannounced retrospective demand on 6 October 2022 by the then Cumbria County Council; a 33% rent increase for Victoria Place. In addition, the sum of £8,157 was demanded for back payment for those retrospective rent rises, which according to the lease, should have been implemented in Sept 2016 and Sept 2019.

A 9% increase to nursery fees from September 2022 and a cost reduction review with current/new suppliers assisted effectively. Staff continuity, morale and promoting from within continue to play a major role in fulfilling the charity's objectives; advancing children's education and safeguard their welfare.

The total unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2023 were £1,361,968 with free reserves of £1,191,212 due to £170,756 of reserves being held as tangible fixed assets. The total expenditure for the year was £1,232,471 which, when apportioned over 2 months, is £205,412 and therefore the charity's free reserves exceeds the current reserves policy of holding 2 months of expenditure.

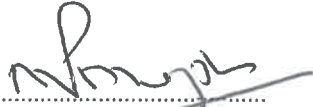
The charity is able, should it wish to do so, to deploy reserves to seek alternative or new premises to own, rather than lease, should a favourable location materialise. This continues to be reviewed by the trustees every 6 months.

There were no funds held on 31 August 2023 that were restricted and unavailable for general purposes.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The principal sources of funding for the charity are Government Education Grants and fees paid by parents of the children in the nursery.

Approved by the Trustees on 2 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



M Murphy
Trustee



W Mitchinson
Trustee



K Dalglish
Trustee

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods 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; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023, set out on pages 9 to 20 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Financial Statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the Financial Statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material, if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and charity's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their:
- policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;

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- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed among the audit team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud to be in relation to revenue recognition and management override which, in common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to this risk.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context was the Charities Act.

As a result of performing the above, in response to the risks identified, we did not identify any key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations. In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charity's work.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, in accordance with Part 4 of the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008*. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


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Dodd & Co Audit Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

2 April 2024

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Dodd & Co Audit Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Other trading activities	2	8,902	8,902
Investment income	3	13,953	13,953
Charitable activities	4	1,177,404	1,176,189
Total income		<u>1,200,259</u>	<u>1,200,259</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		378	378
Charitable activities		1,232,093	1,113,877
Total expenditure		<u>1,232,471</u>	<u>1,116,480</u>
Net movements in funds		(32,212)	65,646
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,394,180</u>	<u>1,328,534</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,361,968</u>	<u>1,394,180</u>

All of the income and expenditure in 2022 related to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		170,756		179,720
Current assets					
Debtors	11	20,215		18,091	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,189,250</u>		<u>1,243,110</u>	
		1,209,465		1,261,201	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	12	<u>(18,253)</u>		<u>(46,741)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,191,212</u>		<u>1,214,460</u>
Net assets			<u>1,361,968</u>		<u>1,394,180</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>1,361,968</u>		<u>1,394,180</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1,361,968</u>		<u>1,394,180</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 2 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



M Murphy
Trustee



W Mitchinson
Trustee



K Dalglish
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	16	(32,670)	130,178
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(21,190)</u>	<u>(25,072)</u>
		<u>(21,190)</u>	<u>(25,072)</u>
(Decrease)/increase in cash		<u><u>(53,860)</u></u>	<u><u>106,349</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 18.

Income and endowments

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of raising funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Furniture and equipment	15% reducing balance basis
Toys and playthings	33% reducing balance basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising			
Fundraising income	8,902	8,902	4,015

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Interest on cash deposits	13,953	13,953	1,922

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable activities			
CCC grants	529,774	529,774	516,452
Fees income	647,630	647,630	657,457
Government grants receivable	-	-	2,280
	1,177,404	1,177,404	1,176,189

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5 Expenditure

	Fundraising	Charitable activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Food	-	35,901	35,901	33,755
Nappies, toiletries, etc	-	3,157	3,157	2,677
Toys and equipment	-	11,306	11,306	11,421
Fundraising purchases	378	-	378	2,603
Wages and salaries	-	914,309	914,309	837,845
Staff NIC (Employers)	-	54,130	54,130	45,860
Staff pensions	-	16,163	16,163	13,560
Staff uniform and protective clothing	-	7,601	7,601	7,767
Staff training	-	3,427	3,427	5,081
Books and activity costs	-	1,652	1,652	2,412
	<u>378</u>	<u>1,047,646</u>	<u>1,048,024</u>	<u>962,981</u>
Support costs				
Rent	-	34,551	34,551	37,782
Rates	-	4,618	4,618	3,224
Water rates	-	1,200	1,200	1,529
Light, heat and power	-	37,108	37,108	13,092
Insurance	-	10,783	10,783	9,626
Repairs and maintenance	-	16,179	16,179	14,600
Telephone and fax	-	3,256	3,256	2,441
Printing, postage and stationery	-	15,629	15,629	7,382
Sundry expenses	-	7,744	7,744	3,271
Cleaning	-	8,914	8,914	6,782
Accountancy fees	-	4,446	4,446	7,494
Bookkeeper fees	-	1,393	1,393	2,679
Auditors' remuneration	-	3,840	3,840	3,840
Legal and professional fees	-	3,705	3,705	3,435
Bank charges	-	927	927	678
Depreciation	-	29,198	29,198	34,401
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	-	956	956	1,243
	<u>-</u>	<u>184,447</u>	<u>184,447</u>	<u>153,499</u>
	<u>378</u>	<u>1,232,093</u>	<u>1,232,471</u>	<u>1,116,480</u>

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
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6 Governance costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	4,446	7,494
Auditors remuneration	3,840	3,840
Bookkeeper fees	1,393	2,679
Legal and professional fees	3,705	3,435
	<u>13,384</u>	<u>17,448</u>

7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year. 1 trustee (2022 - 1) received travel expenses during the year totalling £190 (2022 - £247).

8 Employees' remuneration

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	<u>61</u>	<u>57</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	914,309	837,845
Social security	54,130	45,860
Other pension costs	16,163	13,560
	<u>984,602</u>	<u>897,265</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust

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9 Taxation

The registered charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Toys and playthings £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2022	372,893	56,493	429,386
Additions	21,190	-	21,190
Disposals	-	(2,868)	(2,868)
As at 31 August 2023	<u>394,083</u>	<u>53,625</u>	<u>447,708</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2022	204,495	45,171	249,666
Eliminated on disposals	-	(1,912)	(1,912)
Charge for the year	25,743	3,455	29,198
As at 31 August 2023	<u>230,238</u>	<u>46,714</u>	<u>276,952</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 August 2023	<u>163,845</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>170,756</u>
As at 31 August 2022	<u>168,398</u>	<u>11,322</u>	<u>179,720</u>

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	12,949	15,804
Prepayments and accrued income	7,266	2,287
	<u>20,215</u>	<u>18,091</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	874	633
Taxation and social security	-	21,328
Accruals and deferred income	17,379	24,780
	<u>18,253</u>	<u>46,741</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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13 Non-adjusting post balance sheet events

A decision has been made by the Trustees to close the nursery at the Victoria Place site. The last day of this site being open will be 31 August 2024. All children and staff affected have been offered a place at the nursery at the Harraby Community Centre site.

14 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 August 2023 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	-	12,000	2,395	2,395
Within two and five years	-	-	200	2,595
	-	12,000	2,595	4,990

15 Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £16,163 (2022 - £13,560).

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

16 Reconciliation of net movements in funds to operating cash flows

	2023 £	2022 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(32,212)	65,646
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	29,198	34,401
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	956	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,124)	319
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(28,488)	29,812
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(32,670)	130,178

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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17 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

18 Analysis of funds

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	1,394,180	1,200,259	(1,232,471)	1,361,968

Prior period

	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	1,328,534	1,182,126	(1,116,480)	1,394,180

St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust
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19 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	170,756	170,756	179,720
Current assets	1,209,465	1,209,465	1,261,201
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(18,253)	(18,253)	(46,741)
Net assets	<u>1,361,968</u>	<u>1,361,968</u>	<u>1,394,180</u>

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	179,720	179,720	190,292
Current assets	1,261,201	1,261,201	1,155,171
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(46,741)	(46,741)	(16,929)
Net assets	<u>1,394,180</u>	<u>1,394,180</u>	<u>1,328,534</u>

ST AIDAN'S DAY NURSERY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1139082

Accounts

St Aidan's Day Nursery
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31 August 2022



St Aidan's Day Nursery

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St Aidan's Day Nursery
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	St Aidan's Day Nursery
Charity registration number	1139082
Principal office	Victoria Place CARLISLE CA1 1LT
Registered office	Victoria Place CARLISLE CA1 1LT
Trustees	M Murphy W Mitchinson D Watson (Resigned 16 May 2022) K Dalgliesh (Appointed 15 November 2022)
Manager	E Dey
Auditor	Dodd & Co Audit Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

St Aidan's Day Nursery
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, Governance and Management

St Aidan's Day Nursery is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 20 August 2010.

Trustees from September 2021 to August 2022: Martin Murphy, Willa Mitchinson and Donald Watson. Sadly the passing of Donald Watson on 16th May 2022 has led to the requirement to seek to appoint a new trustee.

The trustees and management have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks, detailed in its mitigating action and status explanations in the minutes.

The day to day running of the nursery is delegated to one manager who splits their time between both sites; however the decisions regarding the overall direction of the charity are determined by the trustees.

Trustees' recruitment & training

The trustees have the power to appoint new trustees and in the event of a new appointment, appropriate training and induction procedures are arranged.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are:

To advance the education of children below compulsory school age, by receiving and caring for such children in a day nursery and providing safe and satisfying group play and other activities;

To encourage other activities through which parents may help the children;

To do all such things as shall further the trust;

To carry out such other legal purposes for the advancement of education as the trustees shall from time to time by deed stated to be supplemental to this deed with their unanimous consent declare.

In determining these objectives the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

On 1st June, St Aidan's Day Nursery Trust deposited £798 to Bauer Radio, total funds raised across both nurseries for the CFM Cash4kids appeal via several activities to raise awareness and funds.

A Business Support Manager was appointed in October 2021, who is charged with nursery administration, issuing and collection of nursery fees & invoicing, supplier procurement and negotiations.

The outdoor area at Harraby has vastly improved with the installation of artificial grass in October 2021. Poor drainage of the old grass impeded some of the area available for children's outdoor play.

Achievements and Performance

Both sites continue to be recognised as "Outstanding" by Ofsted throughout this audit period.

Debtors are dealt with far more assertively than previously with the appointment of the Business Support Manager. Over 90% of nursery fees are collected prior to the 5th of the following month.

Performance afforded the manager the ability to award an 11% pay rise to staff in February 2022, to support staff retention, continuity and morale.

Fundraising standards information

The charity does not hold any agreements with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

St Aidan's Day Nursery
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed which includes the financing of the charity's operations. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

Space is at a premium at both sites. As OFSTED require some documentation held to be securely stored for up to a 25-year period, significant storage space is taken up by the need to store paper files securely in lockable steel filing cabinets at both sites. The decision to invest in a digital scanning solution for nursery space to be used more productively, is currently under review.

Plans to extensively upgrade office IT, furniture, play areas and equipment are in place across both sites.

Enhancing communication, policy and procedural operations are under discussion with nursery software providers.

Expansion at Harraby site and or/new premises are also under review, as a way to use the large reserves that have been built up.

Financial Review

The financial position of the charity remains robust. An 8% increase to nursery fees from September 2021 and a cost reduction review with current/new suppliers and services assisted this position. Staff continuity, morale and promoting from within play a major role in fulfilling the charity's objectives to advance children's education and safeguard their welfare.

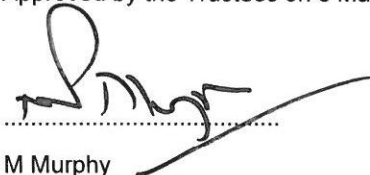
The total unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2022 were £1,394,180 with free reserves of £1,214,460 due to £179,720 of reserves being held as tangible fixed assets. The total expenditure for the year was £1,116,480 which, when apportioned over 2 months, is £186,080 and therefore the charity's free reserves exceeds the current reserves policy of holding 2 months of expenditure.

The charity is able, should it wish to do so, to deploy reserves to seek alternative or new premises to own, rather than lease, should a favourable location materialise. This is reviewed by the trustees every 6 months. If alternative premises are found, this would reduce reserves and bring them into line with the current reserves policy.


There were no funds held on 31 August 2022 that were restricted and unavailable for general purposes.

The principal sources of funding for the charity are Government Education Grants and fees paid by parents of the children in the nursery.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



M Murphy
Trustee



W Mitchinson
Trustee

St Aidan's Day Nursery

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods 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; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of St Aidan's Day Nursery

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Aidan's Day Nursery (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022, set out on pages 8 to 19 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of
St Aidan's Day Nursery**

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Financial Statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the Financial Statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material, if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and charity's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their:
- policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;

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- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed among the audit team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud to be in relation to revenue recognition and management override which, in common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to this risk.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context was the Charities Act.

As a result of performing the above, in response to the risks identified, we did not identify any key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations. In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charity's work.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, in accordance with Part 4 of the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008*. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

3 May 2023

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Dodd & Co Audit Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

St Aidan's Day Nursery
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Other trading activities	2	4,015	4,015
Investment income	3	1,922	1,922
Charitable activities	4	1,176,189	1,176,189
Total income		<u>1,182,126</u>	<u>1,182,126</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		2,603	2,603
Charitable activities		1,113,877	1,113,877
Total expenditure		<u>1,116,480</u>	<u>1,116,480</u>
Net movements in funds		65,646	65,646
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		1,328,534	1,328,534
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,394,180</u>	<u>1,021,232</u>

All of the income and expenditure in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

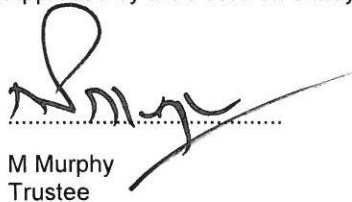
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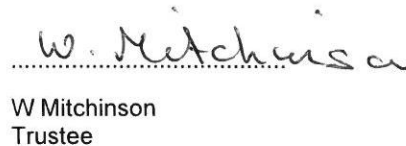
St Aidan's Day Nursery
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		179,720		190,292
Current assets					
Debtors	11	18,091		18,410	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,243,110</u>		<u>1,136,761</u>	
		1,261,201		1,155,171	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	12	<u>(46,741)</u>		<u>(16,929)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,214,460</u>		<u>1,138,242</u>
Net assets			<u><u>1,394,180</u></u>		<u><u>1,328,534</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>1,394,180</u>		<u>1,328,534</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>1,394,180</u></u>		<u><u>1,328,534</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 3 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


 M Murphy
 Trustee


 W Mitchinson
 Trustee

St Aidan's Day Nursery
Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	15	130,178	343,620
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(25,072)	(16,689)
		<u>(25,072)</u>	<u>(16,689)</u>
Increase in cash		<u>106,349</u>	<u>326,931</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

St Aidan's Day Nursery

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

Income and endowments

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions.

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of raising funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Furniture and equipment	15% reducing balance basis
Toys and playthings	33% reducing balance basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fundraising			
Fundraising income	4,015	4,015	3,102

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3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Interest on cash deposits	1,922	1,922	681

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charitable activities			
CCC grants	516,452	516,452	634,099
Fees income	657,457	657,457	619,072
Government grants receivable	2,280	2,280	16,974
	1,176,189	1,176,189	1,270,145

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5 Expenditure

	Fundraising	Charitable activities	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Food	-	33,755	33,755	27,501
Nappies, toiletries, etc	-	2,677	2,677	2,446
Toys and equipment	-	11,421	11,421	13,466
Fundraising purchases	2,603	-	2,603	2,172
Wages and salaries	-	837,845	837,845	720,928
Staff NIC (Employers)	-	45,860	45,860	30,057
Staff pensions	-	13,560	13,560	12,676
Staff uniform and protective clothing	-	7,767	7,767	10,738
Staff training	-	5,081	5,081	4,234
Books and activity costs	-	2,412	2,412	300
	<u>2,603</u>	<u>960,378</u>	<u>962,981</u>	<u>824,518</u>
Support costs				
Rent	-	37,782	37,782	30,000
Rates	-	3,224	3,224	160
Water rates	-	1,529	1,529	1,632
Light, heat and power	-	13,092	13,092	8,806
Insurance	-	9,626	9,626	10,684
Repairs and maintenance	-	14,600	14,600	12,449
Telephone and fax	-	2,441	2,441	3,857
Printing, postage and stationery	-	7,382	7,382	6,129
Sundry expenses	-	3,271	3,271	3,917
Cleaning	-	6,782	6,782	7,178
Accountancy fees	-	7,494	7,494	8,094
Bookkeeper fees	-	2,679	2,679	6,943
Auditors' remuneration	-	3,840	3,840	3,540
Legal and professional fees	-	3,435	3,435	1,781
Bank charges	-	678	678	556
Depreciation	-	34,401	34,401	36,382
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	-	1,243	1,243	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>153,499</u>	<u>153,499</u>	<u>142,108</u>
	<u>2,603</u>	<u>1,113,877</u>	<u>1,116,480</u>	<u>966,626</u>

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6 Governance costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees	7,494	8,094
Auditors remuneration	3,840	3,540
Bookkeeper fees	2,679	6,943
Legal and professional fees	3,435	1,781
	17,448	20,358

7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year. 1 trustee (2021 - 0) received travel expenses during the year totalling £247 (2021 - £nil).

8 Employees' remuneration

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Charitable activities	57	55

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	837,845	720,928
Social security	45,860	30,057
Other pension costs	13,560	12,676
	897,265	763,661

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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9 Taxation

The registered charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Toys and playthings £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2021	350,948	56,493	407,441
Additions	25,072	-	25,072
Disposals	(3,127)	-	(3,127)
As at 31 August 2022	372,893	56,493	429,386
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2021	177,639	39,510	217,149
Eliminated on disposals	(1,884)	-	(1,884)
Charge for the year	28,740	5,661	34,401
As at 31 August 2022	204,495	45,171	249,666
Net book value			
As at 31 August 2022	168,398	11,322	179,720
As at 31 August 2021	173,309	16,983	190,292

11 Debtors

	2022 £		2021 £
Trade debtors	15,804		16,596
Prepayments and accrued income	2,287		1,814
	18,091		18,410

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £		2021 £
Trade creditors	633		848
Taxation and social security	21,328		-
Accruals and deferred income	24,780		16,081
	46,741		16,929

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13 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 August 2022 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	12,000	12,000	-	-
Within two and five years	-	-	4,990	7,385
	12,000	12,000	4,990	7,385

14 Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £13,560 (2021 - £12,676).

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

15 Reconciliation of net movements in funds to operating cash flows

	2022 £	2021 £
Net incoming resources	65,646	307,302
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	34,401	36,382
Decrease in debtors	319	662
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	29,812	(726)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	130,178	343,620

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16 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

17 Analysis of funds

	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	1,328,534	1,182,126	(1,116,480)	1,394,180

Prior period

	At 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	1,021,232	1,273,928	(966,626)	1,328,534

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18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	179,720	179,720	190,292
Current assets	1,261,201	1,261,201	1,155,171
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(46,741)</u>	<u>(46,741)</u>	<u>(16,929)</u>
Net assets	<u>1,394,180</u>	<u>1,394,180</u>	<u>1,328,534</u>

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	190,292	190,292	209,985
Current assets	1,155,171	1,155,171	828,902
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(16,929)</u>	<u>(16,929)</u>	<u>(17,655)</u>
Net assets	<u>1,328,534</u>	<u>1,328,534</u>	<u>1,021,232</u>

ST AIDAN'S DAY NURSERY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1139082

Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION

St Aidan's Day Nursery

Registration number: 1139082

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 August 2021

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St Aidan's Day Nursery

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St Aidan's Day Nursery
Reference and Administrative Details

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Charity registration number 1139082

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St Aidan's Day Nursery
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, Governance and Management

St Aidan's Day Nursery is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 20 August 2010.

The trustees and management have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks, detailed in its mitigating action and status explanations in the minutes.

The day to day running of the nursery is delegated to one manager who splits their time between both sites; however the decisions regarding the overall direction of the charity are determined by the trustees.

Trustees' recruitment & training

The trustees have the power to appoint new trustees and in the event of a new appointment, appropriate training and induction procedures are arranged.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are:

To advance the education of children below compulsory school age, by receiving and caring for such children in a day nursery and providing safe and satisfying group play and other activities;

To encourage other activities through which parents may help the children;

To do all such things as shall further the trust;

To carry out such other legal purposes for the advancement of education as the trustees shall from time to time by deed stated to be supplemental to this deed with their unanimous consent declare.

In determining these objectives the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

This year, the nursery has provided education for children under school age by providing them with a programme of educational activities and experiences, including those with special needs.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the charity continued to provide education for children below compulsory school age. The Harraby & Victoria Place nursery registers were both full, with extensive waiting lists for spaces.

Given the unrelenting financial impact of Covid, children's fees were increased in September 2020:

Under 2s: £56.00 for full day. £28.50 for am & £27.50 for pm sessions

2-3's: £53.00 for full day. £27.50 for am & £25.50 for pm sessions

3-5's: £50.00 for full day. £26.50 for am a& £24.50 for pm sessions

Salaries were increased by 0.50p per hour to all staff in both nurseries in September 2020.

Fundraising standards information

The charity does not hold any agreements with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Effect of Covid-19

Both nurseries have been severely impacted by the impact of COVID-19 transmissions.

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Over 50% of staff across both nurseries have children in a nursery or primary school setting. Consequently, staff absences were unpredictable and frequent, with their child/children not attending nursery/school, requiring them to care for the child at home and/or self-isolate.

On some occasions, these staff absences led to room closures across both nurseries, as OFSTED guidance on ratios require a minimum number of staff per group of children, depending on the age. The room closures resulted in loss of income from those parents whose child couldn't attend through room closure, as the nursery cannot charge fees when closed to parents. However, costs to both nurseries during these periods were minimal, achieved only through reduction in consumption

The stress, unpredictability and risks associated with COVID-19 have undeniably negatively impacted the attractiveness of a career in early years settings. There have been a handful of staff departures, citing career change, and immense difficulty in recruiting experienced, qualified nursery staff to replace them. Consequently, staff across both nurseries have been frequently asked to work over and above their contracted hours, only adding to the pressure and stress they have already experienced.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed which includes the financing of the charity's operations. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

Recruitment of a manager/deputy at Victoria Place is imminent.

The likelihood of a repeat of Storm Desmond remains a constant threat. It is our view that at some point in the future, a flood disaster will re-occur, which would most likely place Victoria Place nursery in an inoperable position for an unknown period. We would like to try to mitigate the impact this may cause. Flood insurance is available through a company called FloodFlash, but is not fit for our purpose. With an annual premium of over £14,000, cover only triggered when water damage exceeds 50cm, and a maximum payout of £750,000, it's not a viable solution.

Due to ever-growing demand for current and future nursery places, and the flood risk possibility at Victoria Place, moving the portakabin to an alternative, flood safe site, or leasing/purchasing alternative premises remains high on the agenda for the Trustees.

Financial Review

The reserves policy of the charity is to hold a sufficient amount of reserves to cover 2 months expenditure.

The total unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2021 were £1,328,534 with free reserves of £1,138,242 due to £190,292 of reserves being held as tangible fixed assets. The total expenditure for the year was £966,626 which, when apportioned over 2 months, is £161,104 and therefore the charity's free reserves exceeds the current reserves policy.

Significant investments were made into the continued progressive development of staff and management across both nurseries, through relevant training courses and accreditations.

St Aidan's Trustees believe the charity to be in a stable, financial position to weather the storm of unpredictability the settings continue to endure.

There were no funds held on 31 August 2021 that were restricted and unavailable for general purposes.

The principal sources of funding for the charity are Government Education Grants and fees paid by parents of the children in the nursery.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

Approved by the Trustees on 22 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



M Murphy
Trustee



W Mitchinson
Trustee



D Watson
Trustee

St Aidan's Day Nursery

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods 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; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of
St Aidan's Day Nursery**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Aidan's Day Nursery (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021, set out on pages 9 to 20 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Financial Statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the Financial Statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material, if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and charity's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their:
- policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;

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- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed among the audit team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud to be in relation to revenue recognition and management override which, in common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to this risk.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context was the Charities Act.


As a result of performing the above, in response to the risks identified, we did not identify any key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations. In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charity's work.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, in accordance with Part 4 of the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008*. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


Dodd & Co Limited
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22 March 2022

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St Aidan's Day Nursery
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Other trading activities	2	3,102	3,102
Investment income	3	681	681
Charitable activities	4	1,270,145	1,270,145
Total income		<u>1,273,928</u>	<u>1,189,152</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		2,172	2,172
Charitable activities		964,454	964,454
Total expenditure		<u>966,626</u>	<u>910,306</u>
Net movements in funds		307,302	278,846
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,021,232</u>	<u>742,386</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,328,534</u>	<u>1,021,232</u>

All of the income and expenditure in 2020 related to unrestricted funds.


The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

St Aidan's Day Nursery
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021


		2021		2020	
Note	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		190,292		209,985
Current assets					
Debtors	11	18,410		19,072	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,136,761		809,830	
		1,155,171		828,902	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	12	(16,929)		(17,655)	
Net current assets			1,138,242		811,247
Net assets			1,328,534		1,021,232
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			1,328,534		1,021,232
Total charity funds			1,328,534		1,021,232

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 22 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



 M Murphy
 Trustee



 W Mitchinson
 Trustee



 D Watson
 Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

		2021	2020
	Note	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	15	343,620	302,430
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(16,689)</u>	<u>(6,249)</u>
		<u>(16,689)</u>	<u>(6,249)</u>
Increase in cash		<u><u>326,931</u></u>	<u><u>296,181</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees and management are confident that the charity holds a sufficient level of reserves to cover a minimum of two months of forecasted expenditure.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

Income and endowments

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions.

Grants that do not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient are recognised in the statement of financial activities when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Grants that impose future performance related conditions on the recipient are only recognised in the statement of financial activities when the performance-related conditions are met.

Grants relating to revenue are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the periods in which the related costs are recognised for which the grant is intended to compensate.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Furniture and equipment	15% reducing balance basis
Toys and playthings	33% reducing balance basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fundraising			
Fundraising income	3,102	3,102	6,483

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3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Interest on cash deposits	681	681	2,350
	681	681	2,350

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charitable activities			
CCC grants	634,099	634,099	604,685
Fees income	619,072	619,072	500,151
Government grants receivable	16,974	16,974	75,483
	1,270,145	1,270,145	1,180,319

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5 Expenditure

	Fundraising	Charitable activities	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Food	-	27,501	27,501	23,600
Nappies, toiletries, etc	-	2,446	2,446	2,338
Toys and equipment	-	13,466	13,466	7,090
Fundraising purchases	2,172	-	2,172	3,139
Wages and salaries	-	720,928	720,928	666,414
Staff NIC (Employers)	-	30,057	30,057	33,996
Staff pensions	-	12,676	12,676	12,037
Staff uniform and protective clothing	-	10,738	10,738	6,074
Staff training	-	4,234	4,234	4,258
Books and activity costs	-	300	300	771
Educational visits	-	-	-	11
Swimming pool hire	-	-	-	455
	<u>2,172</u>	<u>822,346</u>	<u>824,518</u>	<u>760,183</u>
Support costs				
Rent	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Rates	-	160	160	2,205
Water rates	-	1,632	1,632	1,687
Light, heat and power	-	8,806	8,806	7,254
Insurance	-	10,684	10,684	10,280
Repairs and maintenance	-	12,449	12,449	17,188
Telephone and fax	-	3,857	3,857	6,772
Printing, postage and stationery	-	6,129	6,129	6,061
Sundry expenses	-	3,917	3,917	5,364
Cleaning	-	7,178	7,178	5,306
Advertising	-	-	-	50
Accountancy fees	-	8,094	8,094	8,578
Bookkeeper fees	-	6,943	6,943	1,549
Auditors' remuneration	-	3,540	3,540	3,540
Legal and professional fees	-	1,781	1,781	1,115
Bank charges	-	556	556	517
Depreciation	-	36,382	36,382	42,657
	<u>-</u>	<u>142,108</u>	<u>142,108</u>	<u>150,123</u>
	<u>2,172</u>	<u>964,454</u>	<u>966,626</u>	<u>910,306</u>

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6 Governance costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	8,094	8,578
Auditors remuneration	3,540	3,540
Bookkeeper fees	6,943	1,549
Legal and professional fees	1,781	1,115
	20,358	14,782

7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

8 Employees' remuneration

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Charitable activities	55	52

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	720,928	666,414
Social security	30,057	33,996
Other pension costs	12,676	12,037
	763,661	712,447

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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9 Taxation

The registered charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Toys and playthings £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2020	337,473	53,279	390,752
Additions	13,475	3,214	16,689
As at 31 August 2021	350,948	56,493	407,441
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2020	148,636	32,131	180,767
Charge for the year	29,003	7,379	36,382
As at 31 August 2021	177,639	39,510	217,149
Net book value			
As at 31 August 2021	173,309	16,983	190,292
As at 31 August 2020	188,837	21,148	209,985

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	16,596	15,345
Other debtors	-	1,612
Prepayments and accrued income	1,814	2,115
	18,410	19,072

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	848	1,969
Accruals and deferred income	16,081	15,686
	16,929	17,655

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13 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 August 2021 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	12,000	-	-	-
Within two and five years	-	24,000	7,385	9,780
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>7,385</u>	<u>9,780</u>

14 Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £12,676 (2020 - £12,037).

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

15 Reconciliation of net movements in funds to operating cash flows

	2021 £	2020 £
Net incoming resources	307,302	278,846
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	36,382	42,657
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	662	(5,428)
Decrease in creditors	(726)	(13,645)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>343,620</u>	<u>302,430</u>

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16 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

17 Analysis of funds

	At 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	<u>1,021,232</u>	<u>1,273,928</u>	<u>(966,626)</u>	<u>1,328,534</u>

Prior period

	At 1 September 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	<u>742,386</u>	<u>1,189,152</u>	<u>(910,306)</u>	<u>1,021,232</u>

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18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	190,292	190,292	209,985
Current assets	1,155,171	1,155,171	828,902
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(16,929)</u>	<u>(16,929)</u>	<u>(17,655)</u>
Net assets	<u><u>1,328,534</u></u>	<u><u>1,328,534</u></u>	<u><u>1,021,232</u></u>

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	209,985	209,985	246,393
Current assets	828,902	828,902	527,293
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(17,655)</u>	<u>(17,655)</u>	<u>(31,300)</u>
Net assets	<u><u>1,021,232</u></u>	<u><u>1,021,232</u></u>	<u><u>742,386</u></u>