



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Sep	2023		31	Aug	2024

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Ardleigh Pre-School

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1139129

Charity's principal address c/o 146 Colchester Road

Lawford

Essex

Postcode

CO11 2BP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Shanice Edwards	Chair	Nov 24 to Jun 25	
2	Shanice Edwards		From June 25	
3	Jessica Hampson		Nov 24 to Jun 25	
4	Jessica Hampson	Chair	From June 2025	
5	Sabre Hearn	Secretary		
6	Amanda Scott	Treasurer		
7	Keely Grothier	Fundraising		
8	Hannah Ayre			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Jenny Scofield – Business Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Memorandum & Articles of Association

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Incorporated Company

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by pre-school members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

Memorandum & Articles of Association adopted in-line with the Early Years Alliance.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:

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

- offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;
- encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;
- instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Early Years Alliance.
- To endeavoring to statutory relevant legislative requirements such as the Early Years Statutory Framework.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Ardleigh Pre-School is grateful for its volunteers who offer their time to help with fundraising events such as our Summer fete and Christmas fair.

We have close links with the local primary schools and local church and are supported by local businesses.

We have established good relationships with our Parish Council, local Horticultural Society, and local PACE (Ardleigh Practical Actions for the Climate and Environment), and the Debbie Millar School of Dance.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

To increase opening hours to meet the needs of our families adding wraparound care to our standard session hours.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ardleigh Pre-School holds a separate reserve account which aims to hold monies to cover redundancies and 3 months running costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Main source of income from government funded children, followed by fee paying children.

Fundraising is important and we aim to raise between £3k-£4k per year through Summer Fete, Xmas Fair and commission from selling show programmes at the local agricultural show.

All profits are fed back into the pre-school to benefit the children; this could include investment in staff, premises, training and equipment.

Section F

Other optional information

We received the following grants under the Disability Access Fund to support children in our setting with identified additional support needs. £867.32, £574.08 & £910.00.

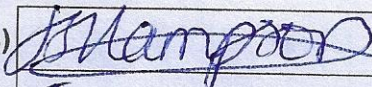
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

JESSICA HAMPSON

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

13th June 2025

Registered Number 07327724

ARDLEIGH PRE-SCHOOL

Micro-entity Accounts

31 August 2024

Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
		£	£
Fixed Assets		403	537
Current Assets		22,162	26,857
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(4,905)	(4,671)
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>17,257</u>	<u>22,186</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>17,660</u>	<u>22,723</u>
Total net assets (liabilities)		<u>17,660</u>	<u>22,723</u>
Reserves		<u>17,660</u>	<u>22,723</u>

- For the year ending 31 August 2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 30 May 2025

And signed on their behalf by:

J Scofield, Director

Notes to the Micro-entity Accounts for the period ended 31 August 2024**1 Employees**

	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
Average number of employees during the period	10	9

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARDLEIGH PRE-SCHOOL

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000 and I am an independent person who is reasonably believed by the charity trustees to have the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination of the accounts.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice:

Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 27/5/2025