

**Charity number: 1141426**

**JELLY TOTS PRE-SCHOOL  
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102), and update Bulletins.

### **Reference and administrative information**

Registered charity number: 1141426

Location: Southbourne Community Centre  
Southbourne Gardens  
Eastcote  
Middlesex  
HA4 9SQ

Banker: HSBC, 65 High Street, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 8JE

Independent Examiner: Tim Markham, Windmill Hill, Ruislip

### **Registered organisations**

The Pre-school is registered with the following statutory organisations:

Ofsted (Registration number EY430565)

Early Years Alliance (Registration number 107011)

London Borough of Hillingdon Families Information Services Department

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served during the period from 1 September 2022 up to the end of December 2023 were:

Chair	Mrs A L B Lee
Secretary	Mrs T J Holder
Treasurer	Mr S Murray FCA
Joint Managers	Mrs C Williams
	Mrs J McMahon
Trustees	Mr J Crewe
	Ms A McKeever
	Ms S Miller-Snell
	Miss K M Spencer
	Miss H Woodward

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### **Trustees' Report**

As a charity serving the local community, we aim to keep the fees that we charge parents as low as possible. We were able to not increase our fees during the Pre-school year so that parents can plan accordingly, however an increase is expected during 2023/24 to account for increased costs. The pre-school specialises in helping children's individual needs so they thrive and are able to benefit from attending Jelly Tots Pre-school.

An AGM was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and the year's progress was signed by the committee. The trustees have approved the accounts by email.

### **Aims, objectives and activities**

#### **Aims and objectives**

The aims and objectives of the Pre-school are to:

- provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age;
- work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;
- add to the life and well-being of the local community; and
- offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

The Pre-school benefits all members of the public that require Pre-school places for their children in the area.

#### **Principal activities**

The Pre-school sessions are held in Southbourne Community Centre in Eastcote. The Centre charges a fee to the Pre-school which gives it the use of two rooms on the ground floor and the kitchen and toilet facilities. The Centre has a secure entrance with disabled access.

The Community Centre is sited within its own grounds with delightful gardens. The location has plenty of car parking available locally.

The Community Centre is in a residential area incorporating a wide variety of families from different cultures and economic backgrounds. The Pre-school supports children with learning difficulties, disabilities and who speak English as an additional language.

Any parents in the area can send their children to the Pre-school. The Pre-school provides, when requested, a subsidised place each year for a local parent who cannot obtain government funding.

The Pre-school has strong links with six local primary schools and nurseries and has established a reputation as a successful inclusive Pre-school. The staff of the Pre-school have established a good working relationship with the Early Year's Inclusion team of the London Borough of Hillingdon. The Pre-school is a champion setting for the "Attention Hillingdon" project, which is a programme to help children gain concentration skills.

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The Pre-school is unable to provide afternoon sessions because the Centre is used by other organisations at that time. The Pre-school operates a successful lunch club if required by parents.

### **Activities during the year - The Management Team (Carrie and Jill)**

The Pre-school can accommodate a maximum of 29 children, aged between 2 and 5 years old, in each session. As parents and carers determine the number of sessions their child attends, we can have as many as 60 children registered with us during a term.

We believe that play helps young children learn and develop through doing and talking, which research has shown to be the means by which young children learn. We use the Practice Guidance Early Years Foundation Stage 2019 to plan and provide a range of play activities which help children to make progress in each of the areas of learning and development. We assess how young children are learning and developing by observing them continually. We use information that we gain from observations, as well as from photographs of the children, to document their progress and where this may be leading them.

We believe that parents know their children best and at our regular parent meetings we ask parents to contribute to assessment by sharing information about what their children like to do at home and how they as parents are supporting development.

Every child is allocated to a 'key' member of staff who will collect information about each child's needs, activities, interests and achievements. This information will enable the key member of staff to identify each child's stage of progress so that the key member of staff can decide how to help each child to move on to the next stage.

At Pre-school we always maintain or exceed the ratio of adults to children in each session that is set through the Welfare Requirements. This helps us to:

- give time and attention to each child;
- talk with the children about their interests and activities;
- help children to experience and benefit from the activities we provide; and
- allow the children to explore and be adventurous in safety.

All areas of learning are equally important, and we understand that many activities will cover most, if not all, areas. We always try to cover each area of learning daily. We train our staff to be good role models for communication and social skills, both to each other and to the children.

We provide interesting and problem-solving resources and activities which all children can enjoy and so develop new skills. We set up the hall each day into specific areas of learning and provide stimulating and motivating resources including puzzles, play-dough, small-world, construction, literacy activities, numeracy activities, a book corner, water-play and role-play. Our staff are always on the lookout for when they need to offer support to children or when only encouragement is required.

We run key worker groups in a separate room each session so we can get to know the children in a smaller and more comfortable environment. This other room is also used for everyone to enjoy a story, singing and movement.



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### **Staff and Volunteers**

There are currently eight members of staff at Jelly Tots, plus one payroll manager. Our staff have a variety of relevant early year's qualifications and many years of experience. All staff have current Paediatric First Aid qualifications. The staff attend regular training courses to keep up to date and learn new skills.

The trustees thank the excellent staff of the Pre-school for all their hard work during the last year, and especially the Pre-school managers who spend many hours outside session hours dealing with the increasing amount of paperwork required and to whom the trustees are extremely grateful.

The charity could not function without the help of several individuals who give freely of their time to assist with the administration required to run a registered charity. The trustees would like to thank all these individuals who help with the running of the charity and who provide continuing support.

### **Fee charging policy**

The Pre-school's fee charging policy reflects the objective of generating resources to cover its activities whilst not endangering the future existence of the charity. The Pre-school relies on fees from some parents to cover that part of its operating costs not covered by funding from local authorities and other organisations. The financial policy of the charity is to maintain a cushion of reserves so that, if unexpected adverse circumstances occur, the Pre-school can continue to provide sessions for children. Once this reserve reaches the level deemed sufficient by the trustees, then the Pre-school's fees are set at a level to approximately break-even each year between its incoming and outgoing resources.

The Pre-school has reviewed the fees to be charged during the coming year, especially for those parents on low incomes. When conducting this review, the Pre-school has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee-charging.

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### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

The charity is governed by its Constitution adopted by the trustees on 18 February 2011. The Constitution is the Pre-school Learning Alliance Model Pre-school Constitution. Jelly Tots Pre-school was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 1 April 2011.

The charity has two classes of membership, comprising Family Membership and Affiliate Membership. The trustees of the charity are drawn from both classes of membership. The committee of trustees can comprise a minimum of five members and a maximum of twelve members, plus a further three members can be co-opted onto the committee.

The charity has three Officers who are members of the committee of trustees. The officers are a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

#### **Appointment of trustees**

The initial trustees of the charity were appointed from Family Members with children attending the Pre-school. New trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting, which is held during the autumn term of each school year. All Family Members are encouraged to nominate themselves as potential trustees.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Charity held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at the Southbourne Community Centre, Eastcote. The Chair gave an initial presentation to the meeting and then the Management Team explained the operation of the Pre-School to the assembled group and answered any questions.

The Annual General Meeting for 2022 was not allowed to take place because of the spread of Covid, although the accounts were printed and distributed to the Trustees to be approved and then sent to the Charity Commission.

#### **Risk Management**

The charity's major risk factor is that there is a reduction in the number of children attending the sessions, and therefore a reduction in fees received, either from fee-paying parents or funding organisations.

Internal risks are minimised by control procedures for the authorisation of external payments and require all cheques to be signed by two out of the three authorised cheque signatories approved by the trustees.

#### **Organisation**

The trustees, who meet formally when required, control the governance and finances of the charity and advise the managers of the Pre-school. The managers of the Pre-school make the

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day-to-day decisions about the organisation of the daily Pre-school sessions. The managers of the Pre-school are in daily contact with those trustees who are often Family Members of the charity. The Chair of the charity, who is in regular contact with both the trustees and the managers of the Pre-school, exercises an oversight on the Pre-school managers, especially on financial matters.

### **Related parties**

Both managers of the Pre-school are trustees of the charity. During the 2022/22 year the Secretary of the charity provided administrative financial services to the Pre-school. All three trustees receive a salary for their work for the Pre-school but do not receive any remuneration for being a trustee of the charity. No fee was paid to the Treasurer for the current or prior years, and he has confirmed that no fees will be requested in this or future years.

### **Financial Review – Sean Murray**

The funding for the Pre-school comes from parental fees, local government funding and donations. In addition, the Pre-school in previous years took funding from the HM Treasury Job Retention Scheme during the lockdown imposed by the government due to COVID-19. The Pre-school had an operating surplus of £9,821 for the year ended 31 August 2023, compared to an operating deficit of £1,323 for the previous year. This is consistent with the break-even approach to fee charging.

The Pre-school continues to benefit from the Government scheme to relieve small organisations of the cost of Employers National Insurance contributions.

The fees charged to parents have increased from September 2023 to reflect inflationary pressures on the charity's cost base.

The Pre-school had reserves of £31,944 on 31 August 2023. These reserves are retained by the charity to cover unexpected events. The trustees consider that the charity should have reserves in the region of £15,000 (reflecting costs for half a term) as part of its risk-averse reserves policy.

The Pre-school staff occasionally organise small fundraising activities such as book club sales, which contribute towards the cost of end of term parties for the children.

### **Investment policy**

Surplus bank funds are held in a bank deposit account paying a commercial rate of interest.

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### **Reserves policy**

The reserves policy of the charity is to maintain free reserves so that the Pre-school can continue to provide the contracted service to parents if buffeted by unexpected events. The charity considers that reserves of £15,000 should be sufficient to maintain the Pre-school sessions in these circumstances.

The charity operates a prudent policy for income recognition and fees are only included in incoming resources when they have been received.

### **Plans for future periods**

The charity will continue to hold sessions in the Community Centre premises. These premises provide a pleasant environment for the children and excellent Pre-school facilities so admired and needed by the local community.

Anne Lee has announced her intention to step down as Chair of Trustees at the end of the 2023/23 year. Jelly Tots Pre-School has been a part of Anne's life for the last 24 years which she has enjoyed immensely. Initially she played with and taught the children each morning as part of the team. She later became Chair of the charity, which is a voluntary position. Her brother Alastair took over management of the finances they all contributed to a successful operation. When Alastair sadly died, Sean kindly took over the position of treasurer which was most reassuring.

The board of trustees has also decided to explore setting up a website for the pre-school, which will increase awareness of the services locally.

The trustees and the management team continue to seek additional funding, such as donations, for the Pre-school to strengthen the financial resources of the charity.

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### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 as at the balance sheet date and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any 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 on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Tracey Holder  
Secretary



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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jelly Tots Pre-school**

I report on the accounts of Jelly Tots Pre-school for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 statement**

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 the 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:

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or

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



T Markham  
Windmill Hill, Ruislip

19 June 2024

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £	Total year to 31 August 2022 £
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Income from charitable activities	2	63,215	63,215	56,609
Investment income	3	52	52	2
<b>Total income</b>		<b>63,267</b>	<b>63,267</b>	<b>56,611</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	53,305	53,305	57,750
Expenditure on governance	5	141	141	184
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>53,446</b>	<b>53,446</b>	<b>57,934</b>
<b>Net income (expenditure)</b>		<b>9,821</b>	<b>9,821</b>	<b>(1,323)</b>
<b>Total funds at start of period</b>		<b>22,123</b>	<b>22,123</b>	<b>23,446</b>
<b>Total funds at period end</b>		<b>31,944</b>	<b>31,944</b>	<b>22,123</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		31 August 2023	31 August 2022
		£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		31,948	22,153
Debtors	10		46
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	4	76
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>31,944</b>	<b>22,123</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>31,944</b>	<b>22,123</b>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	12	31,944	22,123
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<b>31,944</b>	<b>22,123</b>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 19 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

*T. Holden*

Mrs Tracey Holder  
Secretary

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements.



## **JELLY TOTS PRE-SCHOOL NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **1. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the historic cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated, in accordance with:

- Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102), and Update Bulletins;
- And with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- And with the Charities Act 2011;
- And with Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Practice) as applied from 1 January 2015.

The 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 and preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### **Income**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income from donations is included when receivable.

Income from charitable activities is included when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised in the year in which it is incurred and includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered. Expenditure includes those costs that can be allocated directly to each activity.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities.

Expenditure on governance includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at three years. Items of equipment are only capitalised when the purchase price exceeds £1,000. No fixed assets have been capitalised in the past two years.

#### **Fund accounting**

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

#### **Cash flow statement**

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption not to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small reporting entity.

#### **Current assets and liabilities**

Current assets and liabilities are accounted for on the following basis;

- Current assets at the lower of cost and net realisable value
- Current liabilities at their settlement value

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Cash at bank and in hand

The charity's bank balances include short notice deposit accounts.

### VAT

The charity is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT). In these financial statements, where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

### Basic Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

### Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### 2. Income from charitable activities

	General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £	Total year to 31 August 2022 £
Fees	63,215	63,215	56,609

### 3. Investment income

	General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £	Total year to 31 August 2022 £
Bank interest	52	52	2

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**4. Expenditure on charitable activities**

		<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Total year to 31 August 2023 £</b>	<b>Total year to 31 August 2022 £</b>
Salaries	8	42,820	42,820	46,141
Employer pension contributions	8	433	433	659
Staff training		35	35	560
Insurance		1,525	1,525	76
Hire of hall		6,330	6,330	8,565
Consumables		1,782	1,782	1,365
Computers and internet		380	380	384
		<u>53,305</u>	<u>53,305</u>	<u>57,750</u>

**5. Expenditure on governance**

		<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Total year to 31 August 2023 £</b>	<b>Total year to 31 August 2022 £</b>
Subscriptions		75	75	110
Bank Charges		66	66	74
		<u>141</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>184</u>

**6. Staff costs**

		<b>Total year to 31 August 2023 £</b>	<b>Total year to 31 August 2022 £</b>
Salaries		42,820	46,141
Employer pension contributions		433	659
		<u>46,800</u>	<u>46,800</u>

The average number of employees during the year were as follows:

	<b>Year to 31 August 2023 Number</b>	<b>Year to 31 August 2022 Number</b>
Manager	1	1
Deputy Manager	1	1
Assistant Manager	1	1
Pre-school Assistants	6	6
Payroll Manager	1	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 7. Key management personnel, trustee remuneration and related party transactions

The key management personnel of the charity are the trustees.

No other members of the committee received any remuneration for their work as trustees during the year (2022: £NIL).

The following Pre-school salaries were paid to trustees whilst serving on the committee:

Mrs C Williams (Manager) – £1,425 (2022: £1,708)

Mrs T J Holder (Financial Assistant) – £2,600 (2022: £2,400)

The treasurer (S Murray) received no fee for preparing the accounts (2022: Nil)

### 8. Net income

Net income for the year is stated after charging depreciation of nil (2022: nil).

### 9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable activities.

### 10. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Payroll and other taxes	-	46
	-	46

### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Payroll and other taxes	1	-
Payments due to pension provider	3	76
	4	76

### 12. Movement in funds

	£	£	£	£
	1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds:	22,123	63,267	(53,446)	31,944
General Fund	22,123	63,267	(53,446)	31,944