

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd

Charity No. 1144455

Company No. 07359750

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 August 2024

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. 07359750

Charity No. 1144455

Principal Office

Cadlands Children's Centre

Whitefield Road

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Registered Office

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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

K. Cooper

L. Eaton

A. Mill

J. Pearce

E. Pearson

Accountants

Roger Smallman & Co Ltd

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document is to ensure the advancement and development of education and equal opportunity for all children aged under 5 years.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes is providing childcare and early years education for the under 5's.

In all our work we (the trustees) have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Our main activity is to deliver, within our fully inclusive setting for 2-5 year olds, the Early Years Foundation Stage. We employ childcare managers and practitioners who jointly plan rich and fulfilling activities to meet the needs and interests of the children.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Last year was a very positive one for us in the setting. After a disappointing Ofsted in the previous inspection when we were revisited in March to receive a Good rating just consolidated the hard work that the Directors and Management team have put in over the last 12 months.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

To aid us in achieving the Good rating we have invested in the infrastructure and equipment within the setting. We have really focused on equipment that will benefit the children and aid in the continued development of each age range.

This Good rating has only further cemented our position and the direction for growth that Saplings is aiming for over the next 5 years.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Saplings Children's Day Nursery is an incorporated charity and its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 27th August 2010

New trustees are recruited from parents of children at the preschool and are elected at the AGM.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

E. Pearson
Trustee
18 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Carole Gunning ICAEW

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18 March 2025

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	4	16	16	3
Charitable activities	5	178,233	178,233	216,534
Total		178,249	178,249	216,537
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	6,447	6,447	10,579
Other	7	210,309	210,309	212,812
Total		216,756	216,756	223,391
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net expenditure		(38,507)	(38,507)	(6,854)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)		(38,507)	(38,507)	(6,854)
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		(38,507)	(38,507)	(6,854)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		53,860	53,860	60,714
Total funds carried forward		15,353	15,353	53,860

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income	178,249	216,537
Gross income for the year	<u>178,249</u>	<u>216,537</u>
Expenditure	216,754	223,388
Interest payable	2	3
Total expenditure for the year	<u>216,756</u>	<u>223,391</u>
Net expenditure before tax for the year	(38,507)	(6,854)
Net expenditure for the year	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(6,854)</u>

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd

Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2024

Company No. 07359750	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,626	369
Cash at bank and in hand		15,333	56,035
		<u>16,959</u>	<u>56,404</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	10	(1,606)	(2,544)
Net current assets		15,353	53,860
Total assets less current liabilities		15,353	53,860
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		15,353	53,860
Total net assets		<u>15,353</u>	<u>53,860</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	11		
Unrestricted funds	11		
General funds		15,353	53,860
		<u>15,353</u>	<u>53,860</u>
Reserves	11		
Total funds		<u>15,353</u>	<u>53,860</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 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.

Approved by the board on 18 March 2025

And signed on its behalf by:

E. Pearson

Trustee

18 March 2025

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Statement of Cash flows
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net expenditure per Statement of Financial Activities	(38,507)	(6,854)
Adjustments for:		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(1,257)	(369)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(901)	(1,666)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(40,665)</u>	<u>(8,889)</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(40,665)	(8,889)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	55,506	65,845
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>14,841</u>	<u>56,956</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	15,333	56,035
Bank overdrafts	(492)	(529)
	<u>14,841</u>	<u>55,506</u>

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
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Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
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Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.
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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	3	3
Charitable activities	216,534	216,534
Total	<u>216,537</u>	<u>216,537</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	10,579	10,579
Other	212,812	212,812
Total	<u>223,391</u>	<u>223,391</u>
Net income	<u>(6,854)</u>	<u>(6,854)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(6,854)	(6,854)
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>(6,854)</u>	<u>(6,854)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	60,714	60,714
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>53,860</u></u>	<u><u>53,860</u></u>

4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Donations	16	16	3
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Nursery fees	55,647	55,647	80,874
Early Years funding	122,347	122,347	134,673
Other fees	239	239	987
	<u>178,233</u>	<u>178,233</u>	<u>216,534</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Nursery fees	6,413	6,413	10,579
Early Years funding	34	34	-
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	<u>6,447</u>	<u>6,447</u>	<u>10,579</u>

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	2	2	3
Employee costs	177,692	177,692	176,883
Premises costs	22,968	22,968	27,366
General administrative costs	4,512	4,512	7,349
Legal and professional costs	5,135	5,135	1,211
	<u>210,309</u>	<u>210,309</u>	<u>212,812</u>

8 Staff costs

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	169,330	171,209
Pension costs	2,109	1,541
	<u>171,439</u>	<u>172,750</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Nursery	10	10
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	1,626	369
	<u>1,626</u>	<u>369</u>

10 Creditors:
amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	492	529
Other taxes and social security	(100)	803
Accruals	1,214	1,212
	<u>1,606</u>	<u>2,544</u>

11 Movement in funds

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	53,860	178,249	(216,756)	15,353
	<u>53,860</u>	<u>178,249</u>	<u>(216,756)</u>	<u>15,353</u>
Total funds	<u>53,860</u>	<u>178,249</u>	<u>(216,756)</u>	<u>15,353</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets	15,353	15,353
	<u>15,353</u>	<u>15,353</u>

13 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash and cash equivalents	56,035	(40,702)	15,333
	<u>56,035</u>	<u>(40,702)</u>	<u>15,333</u>
Net debt	<u>56,035</u>	<u>(40,702)</u>	<u>15,333</u>

14 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Land and	Other	Land and	Other
	buildings		buildings	
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases with expiry date:				

Pension commitments

	2024	2023
	£	£
The pension cost charge to the company amounted to:	<u>2,109</u>	<u>1,541</u>

15 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Donations	16	16	3
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>
Charitable activities			
Nursery fees	55,647	55,647	80,874
Early Years funding	122,347	122,347	134,673
Other fees	239	239	987
	<u>178,233</u>	<u>178,233</u>	<u>216,534</u>
Total income and endowments	178,249	178,249	216,537
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities			
Nursery fees	6,413	6,413	10,579
Early Years funding	34	34	-
	<u>6,447</u>	<u>6,447</u>	<u>10,579</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	6,447	6,447	10,579
Other expenditure			
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	2	2	3
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Employee costs			
Salaries/wages	169,330	169,330	171,209
Pension costs	2,109	2,109	1,541
Staff training	5,559	5,559	2,173
Staff welfare	694	694	1,960
	<u>177,692</u>	<u>177,692</u>	<u>176,883</u>
Premises costs			
Rent	12,335	12,335	8,230
Light, heat and power	8,066	8,066	8,268
Premises cleaning	1,424	1,424	979
Premises repairs and maintenance	1,143	1,143	9,889
	<u>22,968</u>	<u>22,968</u>	<u>27,366</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Bank charges	470	470	355
Equipment expensed	-	-	2,463
General insurances	954	954	689

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Information and publications	72	72	-
Software, IT support and related costs	1,455	1,455	1,130
Stationery and printing	618	618	1,801
Subscriptions	910	910	703
Sundry expenses	13	13	208
Telephone, fax and broadband	20	20	-
	<u>4,512</u>	<u>4,512</u>	<u>7,349</u>
Legal and professional costs			
Accountancy and bookkeeping	2,735	2,735	1,211
Consultancy fees	2,400	2,400	-
	<u>5,135</u>	<u>5,135</u>	<u>1,211</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>210,309</u>	<u>210,309</u>	<u>212,812</u>
Total expenditure	216,756	216,756	223,391
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(6,854)</u>
Net expenditure			
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(6,854)</u>
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(6,854)</u>
Net movement in funds			
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	53,860	53,860	60,714
Total funds carried forward	<u>15,353</u>	<u>15,353</u>	<u>53,860</u>