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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1147877

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
NURSERY@ASPIRE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objectives and principal activity, as defined by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age (from the age of three months) in the London Borough of Wandsworth and the surrounding area through the provision of day care in a safe and secure environment and by encouraging and supporting parents and carers to become involved in their child's education and development.

nursery@aspire opened in September 2011. The Nursery is registered for 48 children for full time places. Out of these 15 can be under the age of 2. nursery@aspire is open for 50 weeks a year. We close for two weeks over the Christmas period and for Statutory Public Holidays.

There are 52 children both full and part time currently on the register. The nursery has a 12 months waiting list. Nursery Aspire currently have 26 employees, 12 full time staff contracted of which 2 are on maternity leave and 14 bank staff.

Qualifications vary from Masters being the highest and to Level 2 being the lowest.

nursery@aspire works closely with the Educational Advisor from Wandsworth. Employees attend courses provided by the Educational Department in Wandsworth as part of our CPD.

We are privileged to have access to the facilities of Southfield Academy during the half term. Our nursery offers extracurricular activities at no extra cost.

nursery@aspire is registered with various childcare voucher companies and for the Free Nursery Education Places for children over 3 years old.

Public benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit. In particular, the Trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to the overall aims and objectives that they have set.

The Trustees believe that the following paragraphs, specifically on the "Objectives and Activities" for the year, relate in detail the benefit that the charity provides to the public.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

Unrestricted funds are the funds freely available for use in the furtherance of the objectives of the Charity. The net movement on unrestricted funds for the year was a deficit of £43,758 (2022: £4,953 surplus).

Details of movements on the Statement of Financial Activities are set out on page 6 of the financial statements.

Plans for the Future And Reserves Policy

nursery@aspire has constantly strived to improve and develop its service provision to fulfil its charitable objects, and will continue to do so. It strives to be as self-sustaining as possible to avoid over dependency on single funding streams.

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs. Our aim is to achieve a level which will enable the charity to achieve its long term objectives.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Post Balance Sheet Events

Board of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also directors of nursery@aspire for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

Small Company Exemptions

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Appointment of trustees

New Trustees are chosen by the members with the view to ensuring that the Board contains an appropriate balance of experience relevant to the operations of nursery@aspire. Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the decision making processes, the business plan, policies and financial procedures and the recent financial performance of the charity.

Organisation

The activities of the charity are advised and monitored by the Board of Trustees who meet regularly to set the strategic direction of the organisation and for establishing policy. They also ensure that the charity fulfils its objectives and complies with the requirements of the Charities Commission.

The day-to day management of the charity is delegated by the Board of Trustees to Chantel Ariannejad, who attends Trustees' meetings to update the Trustees on developments and issues and to obtain instruction on the management of the charity.

nursery@aspire was inspected by OFSTED in June 2022, receiving a grade of Outstanding in all areas of inspection.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The board of Trustees has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and systems have been established to manage those risks.

Health and Safety at Work

The charity is always concerned to ensure health and safety at work and within its services, to this end it has a full range of policies which are reviewed and updated regularly.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07706739 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1147877

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26/09/2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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J Valin - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NURSERY@ASPIRE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nursery@Aspire ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 accounts 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.

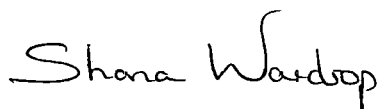
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Dr Shona F Wardrop C.A

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Date: 30/9/24

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Charitable activities	2		
Nursery Provision		599,513	617,419
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	3		
Nursery Provision		641,503	612,466
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(41,990)	4,953
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		284,741	279,788
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		242,751	284,741

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	18,705	12,393
Cash at bank and in hand		330,810	372,296
		<u>349,515</u>	<u>384,689</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(106,764)	(99,948)
		<u>242,751</u>	<u>284,741</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>242,751</u>	<u>284,741</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>242,751</u>	<u>284,741</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>242,751</u>	<u>284,741</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>242,751</u>	<u>284,741</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>242,751</u>	<u>284,741</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

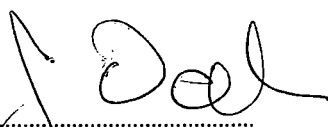
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26/09/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


 J Valin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(41,486)	43,431
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(41,486)	43,431
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(41,486)	43,431
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		372,296	328,865
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		330,810	372,296

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(41,990)	4,953
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,312)	6,462
Increase in creditors	6,816	32,016
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(41,486)</u>	<u>43,431</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/1/23 £	Cash flow £	At 31/12/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	372,296	(41,486)	330,810
	<u>372,296</u>	<u>(41,486)</u>	<u>330,810</u>
Total	<u>372,296</u>	<u>(41,486)</u>	<u>330,810</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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 and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustments to the financial statements in a future period.

Incoming resources

Donations and Grants

Income from donations, and grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:

- Donations and grants given to the Charity are to be treated as funding for future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the Charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

Nursery Fees

Fee income for provision of nursery services is included in incoming resources when the service has been provided, or, if amounts invoiced relate to services both before and after the period end, then in proportion to services provided, with the balance being deferred.

Other Income

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Incoming resources

Other income is recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to the receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it, or where the donor has specified that the income is to be treated as the funding of a future period.

Resources expended and basis of allocation of costs

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for such expenditure. Direct costs incurred in connection with a particular project or event, are allocated to that project or event in the year they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2023	2022
	Activity	£	£
Nursery fees	Nursery Provision	532,632	550,419
FNEP	Nursery Provision	65,591	66,560
Registration Fees	Nursery Provision	1,290	240
Grants	Nursery Provision	-	200
		<u>599,513</u>	<u>617,419</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Enjoy Benefits	-	200
	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs
	£
Nursery Provision	<u>641,503</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examination Fee	<u>3,336</u>	<u>3,258</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**6. STAFF COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	453,839	392,443
Social security costs	13,602	16,056
Other pension costs	13,515	8,620
	<u>480,956</u>	<u>417,119</u>

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

2023	2022
<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Key management remuneration which includes gross salary, employers NI and employers pension contributions for the year totalled £70,622 (2023: £52,266).

7. SHARE CAPITAL

As the Charity is limited by guarantee, there is no share capital. At 31 December 2023 each member has undertaken to contribute to the Charity's assets, in the event of the Charity being wound up, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>18,705</u>	<u>12,393</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,363	2,178
Social security and other taxes	6,910	6,521
Other creditors	2,485	1,793
Deposits Held	56,223	46,198
Accruals and deferred income	39,783	43,258
	<u>106,764</u>	<u>99,948</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	284,741	(41,990)	242,751
	<u>284,741</u>	<u>(41,990)</u>	<u>242,751</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>284,741</u>	<u>(41,990)</u>	<u>242,751</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	599,513	(641,503)	(41,990)
	<u>599,513</u>	<u>(641,503)</u>	<u>(41,990)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>599,513</u>	<u>(641,503)</u>	<u>(41,990)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	279,788	4,953	284,741
	<u>279,788</u>	<u>4,953</u>	<u>284,741</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>279,788</u>	<u>4,953</u>	<u>284,741</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	617,419	(612,466)	4,953
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>617,419</u>	<u>(612,466)</u>	<u>4,953</u>

11. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The Charity has entered into a tenancy agreement with Southfield Academy to rent premises at a current annual rent of £120,000. The agreement is until 31 August 2099.

12. RELATED PARTIES

Southfields Academy is a related party by virtue of two of the Trustees of nursery@aspire also being Trustees or Employees of Southfields Academy.

13. CONTROL

The company was controlled throughout the current period by its Trustees by virtue of the fact that each Trustee has a vote at meetings of the Trustees.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Charitable activities		
Nursery fees	532,632	550,419
FNEP	65,591	66,560
Registration Fees	1,290	240
Grants	-	200
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	599,513	617,419
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	599,513	617,419
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	453,839	392,443
Social security	13,602	16,056
Pensions	13,515	8,620
Postage and stationery	923	685
Sundries	262	241
Training	1,307	1,055
Education Equipment	8,016	7,743
Nursery Activities	2,641	1,067
Rent	120,000	120,000
Hygiene and Cleaning	12,779	10,106
Catering	-	27
Software and Subscriptions	2,043	1,263
Legal & Professional	220	220
Payroll costs	1,320	2,134
Bank Charges	688	712
Nursery expense - Water Rental	984	1,238
Team Building	509	1,123
Charge Card	32	32
Advertising	-	988
Books - Children Reading	383	285
Independent Examination Fee	3,336	3,156
Arts and Crafts	4,076	2,153
Clothing Costs	-	191
Aspire recharges	(22)	1,903
DBS Hiring cost	1,050	1,062
Agency Staff	-	37,892
Donations	-	71
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	641,503	612,466
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	641,503	612,466
Net (expenditure)/income	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(41,990)	4,953

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements