

The education & Community Partnership



*Together Everybody
Achieves More*

Annual Report

2023/24

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Welcome

Welcome to The education & Community Partnership (The eCP) Annual Report.

The purpose of this annual report is to share the highlights of the partnership this year and how we have ensured that our pupils, staff and schools continue to survive and thrive.

With so many highlights to celebrate and share we started the year with a focus on our most vulnerable children and an amazing partnership INSET Day in November which took place in Congleton Town Hall.

This annual report shares the journey to date and outlines the steps that are to follow next. We continue to work together in collaboration to ensure that as a TEAM, '**Together Everybody Achieves More**'.

Alex Thompson

Partnership Business Manager

The CeCP's aim is to ensure that our children and young people:

- Are healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic wellbeing

The Partnership's charitable objectives are:

1. Advancement of Education

To advance the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school.

2. Advice and Counselling

To relieve the mental and physical sickness of persons' resident in Congleton suffering from bereavement or loss by the provision of counselling and support for such persons.

3. Community Capacity Building

To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Congleton in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

4. Equality and Diversity

The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by:

- (a) the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
- (b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
- (c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds;
- (d) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.

5. Promotion of Social Inclusion

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

6. Young People

To Advance in Life and Help Young People through:

- (a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

For Congleton education Community Partnership (CeCP)

Registered as a company in England. Company Number: 7956695

Charity Number: 1150460

Registered Office:

The education & Community Partnership
c/o Black Firs Primary School
Longdown Road
Congleton
CW12 4QJ

Appointment of Bankers

The Directors agreed the appointment of Lloyds Bank on formation of the Company.

Financial Review

The Partnership's income this year was obtained from school contributions and external funding sources, some of which is restricted to specific services or projects. All income and expenditure is monitored and agreed by the Trustees & Directors on a regular basis.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees and Directors review the level of reserves annually. Prior to year-end financial contributions for the next 12 months are agreed along with a commitment from all schools for the following year. This commitment will ensure the sustainability and continuity of the Partnership whilst we continue to work together for the benefit of the Congleton community.

Trustees Responsibility

The Trustees and Directors are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts. Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements each financial year which give a true and fair view of the of the charitable company and of the incoming resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose within reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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. The charitable company has continued to commission the services of EPG Accountants.

Annual Accounts

EPG Accountants Ltd was commissioned by the CeCP five years ago and continues to work closely with the Partnership. EPG Accountants prepare the annual accounts for the Partnership, the documentation of which will be shared with this report.

Commissioned Services



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Cheshire Play Therapy have continued to prioritise the mental health needs of children and young people by continuing to provide a wide range of much needed services. Play & Creative Arts therapies still remain as our core practices we have been proud to be able to offer a range of other services too, such as:

- Trauma focussed CBT
- Attachment focussed family services (PCAP) (Filial)
- Sensory integration support
- Group therapy with specific focuses
- Drawing & Talking
- Clinical Supervision – enabling us to offer more effective support to staff and fellow therapists.

We have noticed an increase in referrals for anxiety, school refusal and OCD traits, all of which the parents and carers feel have been evoked in the first instance by the pandemic. The team has continued to offer a bespoke and flexible approach in order to meet the individual needs of each child referred. For several families strategies were shared with parents/carers which meant that some children didn't need to access Play Therapy sessions, and therefore other children could be seen instead. Similarly, because the Play Therapy team has good communication with teaching staff, therapists often make suggestions for strategies/activities/resources which indirectly supports children without them ever needing a formal referral to the service e.g. therapists have shared activities and resources with ELSAs and SENDCOs.

Data and Analysis for 2022-2023:

School:	Number of sessions:
Astbury St Mary's	44
Black Firs	80
Bosley St Mary's	60
Castle	44
Daven	60
Mossley	96
Smallwood	44

An overview of the referrals received is detailed in the table below showing the differences in number of referrals for boys and girls. This year has seen an increase of children referred to the service.

SCHOOL:	NUMBER OF REFERRALS:	GENDER:	
		MALE:	FEMALE:
Astbury St Mary's	5	4	1
Black Firs	6	2	4
Bosley St Mary's	6	4	2
Castle	3	1	2
Daven	5	3	2
Mossley	15	11	4
Smallwood	5	3	2

Monitoring Children's Progress: Goal Based Outcomes (GBO)

When a child is referred for Play Therapy parents/carers and children set an individual goal based outcome (GBO) which they score out of 10; this GBO is revisited at the end of therapy and a new score is set. The difference between the start and end scores indicates whether the child has made positive, negative or no change. This score is assessed alongside qualitative feedback offered by school staff and parents/carers to ensure the GBO offers an accurate reflection of the changes that have been observed. Goal Based Outcomes are recommended by CAMHS Outcome Research Consortium (CORC) and have adaptability which enables them to be used:

- Across a broad range of interventions
- In a variety of settings
- With a diverse range of service users
- Flexibly to acknowledge different types of 'change'

This year 80 children have completed their processes with 79 children demonstrating positive change and 1 child having experienced no change; for this individual child referrals were made to Early Help and CAMHS for further assessment, however the parent reported feeling more confident in managing symptoms having discussed coping strategies with the therapist. There are 7 children continuing their therapy in September 2022, as such their final GBOs are not yet known.

Positive Change:	Negative Change:	No Change:	Children continuing in September
79	0	1	7

Group Case Study:

Cheshire Play Therapy has delivered a number of groups this academic year, this can be a cost-effective way of meeting the needs of larger groups of children if deemed appropriate. Groups delivered this year have included self-esteem, emotional regulation, social skills and transition to high school.

A group of year 6 students attended a series of sessions with a focus on transition to high school. The group initially presented as being very shy but as sessions progressed increased in confidence and engaged with enthusiasm. Using metaphoric play and open-ended discussions the group explored many topics including:

- Identifying negative and positive self-talk
- Challenging their own negative self-talk
- Understanding how hormones impact on their brains as they grow
- Understanding the areas of the brain that are very active during puberty (impacting their behaviour) and that some areas are not developed until later life
- Identifying personal coping strategies for strong emotions including anger, sadness and anxiety
- Identifying people they can talk to when struggling emotionally

Following the ending of sessions all participants reported feeling more comfortable and confident with regards to moving on to high school.

Collaborative Working



The Partnership's prides itself on strong collaborative working with schools and colleagues to improve learning outcomes for the pupils. We embrace challenge to ensure the children and young people in our community have access to resources and opportunities to support them in reaching their potential. The Partnership ensures its success continues, by championing our mission statement that, as a TEAM, '**Together Everybody Achieves More**'.

Collaboration across the schools

This year has demonstrated that working together and supporting each other is vital, not just in terms of teaching and learning and continued professional development but also for the mental health and wellbeing of colleagues and the children & young people in our schools and community.

The past 12 months have included the following benefits for our colleagues:

- **Network (both face-to-face and remotely) for both professional and personal support:** Headteachers continued to meet regularly to share information and to offer guidance and support to each other. The feedback received was that these meetings were invaluable and provided a platform for headteachers to have an informal discussion with colleagues in a similar situation.
- **Partnership Meetings:** Trustees/Directors' Meetings, SENDCO Meetings, EYFS Group Meetings, Sports Partnership, School Direct Student Network Meetings and some Subject & Year Group Meetings met to discuss shared practice and moderation sessions.

Continued professional development and collaborative working as identified by the partnership schools including:

- ❖ **Literacy Co-ordinators** continued writing network/project meetings and attended a session with the poet, Harry Baker.
- ❖ **Y2 staff** attended Writing Moderation Meetings
- ❖ **Y6 staff** attended Writing Moderation Meetings
- ❖ **31 staff** attended a twilight session delivered by the ADHD Foundation
- ❖ **32 staff** attended a twilight session on 'behaviour' delivered by Springfield Special School.
- ❖ **10 staff** were trained in Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)

Broader and richer curriculum activities this year included:

A continued annual calendar of Sporting Competitions across the primary schools. These events continue to bring partner schools together, to share positive experiences - foster a sense of pride and community, as well as support the health & wellbeing of the children & young people in our schools.

FINANCE

Details of the Profit & Loss Account are contained within the Annual Accounts (provided by EPG Accountants).

External Funding

Our appreciation to those external funders who have recognised the fabulous work of The eCP and have helped us financially to provide much needed support to the children & young people in our community.

**THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LTD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LTD
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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Miss J Mason
Mrs H Harrison
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Ms J Gosling

Secretary

Miss Alexandra Thompson

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THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LTD
(COMPANY NO: 07956695 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Miss P Blythe
Miss J Mason
Mrs H Harrison
Mr I Lewis

Ms J Gosling was appointed on 1 December 2023.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Mrs H Harrison
Director

Approved by the board on: 20 May 2025

**CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS OF
THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LTD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of The Education & Community Partnership Ltd for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a CIMA Registered Member in Practice and Practising Certificate holder, I am subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.cimaglobal.com/Members/Your-Membership-Information/Members-handbook/Licensing-and-monitoring/Members-in-practice/>

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants as detailed at <http://www.cimaglobal.com>.

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20 May 2025

THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LTD
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	114,046	98,018
Administrative expenses	(117,584)	(140,708)
Operating loss	(3,538)	(42,690)
Interest receivable and similar income	9	10
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(3,529)	(42,680)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	-	-
Loss for the financial year	(3,529)	(42,680)

THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	5	260	-
Cash at bank and in hand		80,189	83,449
		80,449	83,449
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(800)	(271)
		79,649	83,178
Net current assets			
		79,649	83,178
Net assets			
		79,649	83,178
Reserves	7		
Profit and loss account		79,649	83,178
		79,649	83,178
Members' funds		79,649	83,178

For the year ending 31 August 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit 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 Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 20 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by

Mrs H Harrison
Director

Company Registration No. 07956695

THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Statutory information

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2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Income

Income represents the value of contributions received from participating organisations

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Computer equipment 25% on cost

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	At cost
At 1 September 2023	583
At 31 August 2024	583
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2023	583
At 31 August 2024	583
Net book value	
At 31 August 2024	-

5 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Other debtors	260	-

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6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2024

2023

£

£

Accruals

800

271

7 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

8 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 1 (2023: 1).

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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
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	2024	2023
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Income		
Grants	68,482	66,878
Contribution	23,260	10,500
eCAPH	21,054	20,640
School Direct	1,250	0
Other	0	0
	<u>114,046</u>	<u>98,018</u>
Services provided		
CE Holiday Activity Fund	26,025	49,054
Play Therapy	21,099	23,184
Family Support	8,588	5,922
S&L Therapy Assistants	5,689	0
Parliament	3,082	0
Inset Day	989	578
Other Support Services	858	6,995
CPD Training	448	0
School Direct	425	1,200
SWaNS	0	2,210
Sports Partnership	0	267
	<u>67,203</u>	<u>89,410</u>
Administrative Expenses		
Wages and salaries	39,414	39,414
Bonuses	6,166	5,477
Pensions	1,022	1,048
Employers NI	95	1,186
Operational expenses	2,365	2,558
Accountancy fees	890	890
Telephone	399	420
Meetings	30	294
Staff training	0	11
Other	0	0
	<u>50,381</u>	<u>51,298</u>
Interest receivable	9	10
Net movement of funds	-3,529	-42,680
Funds brought forward	83,178	125,858
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>79,649</u>	<u>83,178</u>

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