

MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1154388

Details

Other names	MONTESSORI NEIGHBOURHOOD NURSEY SCHOOL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08647926
Registered	2013-10-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL IS TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN FROM 3 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS BY USING THE MONTESSORI TEACHING METHODS AND OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES.

Activities: The school provides a public benefit for all families who enroll their baby or child at the school. The school provides affordable childcare and education for all children, whether parents are in receipt of Government benefits or working. Working families benefit from the school remaining open for 50 weeks of the year allowing parents to remain working while their baby or child is being cared for.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Hammersmith And Fulham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£973,965	£747,401	£744,488	18
2024-08-31	£879,476	£723,819	£517,924	17
2023-08-31	£759,116	£680,612	£362,267	16
2022-08-31	£658,843	£592,886	£283,763	16
2021-08-31	£500,634	£497,056	£217,806	16
2020-08-31	£495,632	£439,849	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CLARE PATRICIA MCGACHEN	Chair	2013-09-06
ALEXANDER GEORGE PHILIP BENSTED		2013-09-06

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Trustees	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted, Trustee Mrs Clare McGachen, Trustee
Company registered number	08647926
Charity registered number	1154388
Registered office	183 Townmead Road, Fulham London SW6 2JX
Company secretary	Mrs Winnie Minling Cao Sharples
Chief executive officer	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Independent auditors	Warrener Stewart Chartered Accountants Harwood House 43 Harwood Road London SW6 4QP
Bankers	HSBC 281 Chiswick High Road London W4 4HJ
Solicitors	David Taylor (Hanne & Co Solicitors & Notary Public) St. Johns Chambers, 1c St. Johns Hill London SW11 1TN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Montessori Community School for the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Summary

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity during the year and the position at 31 August 2025 and consider that the Charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year and that the Charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The school provides a public benefit for all families who enrol their children with us. The school provides affordable childcare and education for all children, including those with special educational needs or disabilities. The school does not discriminate against families based on their background or ability to pay. The school fees are considered reasonable by the Trustees to fund the services offered by the school. We offer 15-hours and 30-hours funded places to eligible working families. Working families benefit from the school remaining open for 50 weeks of the year, allowing parents to continue working in the knowledge their child is being cared for. Children, who are enrolled at our school, benefit from a nurturing environment and access to quality care and education throughout the year. Members of staff also receive benefit by way of employment.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

A summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document

To provide full day childcare services to the local community all year round.

To use Montessori Teaching methods to teach children from three months to five years of age.

To support and help single parents and working parent families.

To offer 15-hours and 30-hours funded places to eligible working families.

The charity's aims

We aim to provide a friendly, clean, comfortable and safe environment for learning within which the children will be stimulated and challenged and where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery. The staff are sensitive and responsive to the individual needs of the child.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year

Our objectives for the period September 2024 to August 2025 were to provide consistently high standards of care and education for children, aged three months to five years, who attend our school. We use Montessori Teaching methods to support the development of the children and to ensure they meet their age-appropriate developmental steps, as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework. The school provides the above services to all families, including low-income and working families. We offer 15-hours and 30-hours funded places for eligible working families. The school employs an average of 17 staff, of which 2 are administrative staff. The School provides its service throughout the year, including normal school holidays, and only closes for two weeks over the Summer and Christmas period. The school is managed by trustees and the school employs a manager and deputy manager to manage the day to day operation of the school.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

We have had the pleasure of teaching and assisting in the development of the lives of the children from very diverse backgrounds from many different countries. Each cultural difference is encouraged and its importance endorsed. We believe that we have contributed to the all-round growth of these children within our community.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Through continued receipt of local authority assisted funding and school fees paid by families capable of affording this, we have again provided high-quality childcare and educational services for fifty weeks of the year. The Trustees consider the year to have been successful in the view that the Charity has continued to meet its objectives and has provided a substantial public benefit for the local community.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Principal funding

Montessori Community School is primarily funded through school fees which cover 77% of the total income received. The remaining 23% is received through local authority grants. In summary, the operation of the charitable activity resulted in a total funds surplus of £744,488 at 31 August 2025 (2024: £517,924).

The finance of the school continues to be smoothly managed against the budget with regular revenue and cash forecasts.

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Montessori Community School is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Trust deed. There is therefore no share capital.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Plans for future periods

The school will endeavour to continue on the above path with the involvement of the parents and families of the children. Our teaching staff and management are wholly committed to our policy.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

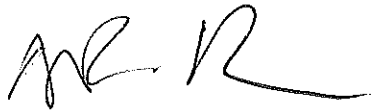
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Auditors

The auditors, Warrener Stewart, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Director and Trustee



Mrs Clare McGachen
Director and Trustee

Date:

18/08/2026

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montessori Community School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the charitable company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focused on laws and regulations, departures from which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities Act 2011.

We designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved:

- Enquiries of management regarding any instance of fraud, non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Addressing the fraud risk over revenue recognition and expenditure as a whole, through both analytical and substantive procedures.
- Reading financial statement disclosures to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by management that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alex Eagle (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
Warrener Stewart, Statutory Auditor

Harwood House
43 Harwood Road
London
SW6 4QP

Date: 20/05/2026

Warrener Stewart are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	942,167	942,167	863,848
Other income	4	31,798	31,798	15,628
Total income		973,965	973,965	879,476
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	747,401	747,401	723,819
Total expenditure		747,401	747,401	723,819
Net movement in funds		226,564	226,564	155,657
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		517,924	517,924	362,267
Net movement in funds		226,564	226,564	155,657
Total funds carried forward		744,488	744,488	517,924

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Tangible assets	10	7,031	7,089
		<u>7,031</u>	<u>7,089</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	12,975	14,784
Cash at bank and in hand		958,774	659,204
		<u>971,749</u>	<u>673,988</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(234,292)	(163,153)
Total net assets		<u>744,488</u>	<u>517,924</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	744,488	517,924
Total funds		<u>744,488</u>	<u>517,924</u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted


Mrs Clare McGachen

Date: 18/05/2026

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. General information

Montessori Community School is a charitable company registered in England and Wales, United Kingdom. The registered office is 183 Townmead Road, Fulham, SW6 2JX.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Montessori Community School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis because they consider the financial and operational situation sufficiently stable to assume going concern. On the basis of a thorough risk analysis and healthy performance, management's view is that the Charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for payment. This undertaking is to remain in force for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signature of these financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities upon the completion of the relevant performance-related conditions. Other grants that are not subject to performance-related conditions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the grant proceeds are received. Grants received prior to the revenue recognition criteria being satisfied are recognised as a liability.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25%
Office equipment	-	25%

2.7 Debtors

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

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.12 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.14 Winding up or dissolution of the Charity

If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Charity, there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objectives to the Charity.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Nursery educational operations	942,167	942,167

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	863,848	863,848

4. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Bank interest	31,798	31,798

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Bank interest	15,628	15,628

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Nursery educational operations	747,401	747,401

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	723,819	723,819

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2025 £	Depreciation 2025 £	Other costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Nursery educational operations	459,264	2,561	285,576	747,401

	<i>Staff costs 2024 £</i>	<i>Depreciation 2024 £</i>	<i>Other costs 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	430,141	1,687	291,991	723,819

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Nursery educational operations	747,401	747,401

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	723,819	723,819

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	459,264	430,141
Depreciation	2,561	1,687
Training, recruitment and welfare	5,593	12,495
Motor, travel and subsistence	9,232	5,964
Entertaining	862	584
Educational and school supplies	80,155	70,740
Rent and rates	93,005	92,518
Light and heat	14,108	10,593
Cleaning	2,816	5,556
Repairs and renewals	16,102	17,066
Premises expenses	24,973	28,485
Telephone and fax	1,839	1,925
Printing postage and stationery	1,243	1,495
Subscriptions	834	735
Software and equipment	2,687	2,619
Legal and professional	17,580	29,443
First aid and clothing	2,331	2,596
Bank charges	322	66
Accountancy fees	1,976	1,762
Bad debt	1,518	149
Governance costs (see note 7)	8,400	7,200
	747,401	723,819

7. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £5,900 (2024 - £5,100), and accounts preparation services of £2,500 (2024 - £2,100).

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8. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	428,303	402,701
Social security costs	24,008	20,914
Other pension costs	6,953	6,526
	459,264	430,141

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Engaged on charitable activities	16	15
Engaged on management and administration	2	2
	18	17

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

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Key management personnel		
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1

One member of key management personnel received total benefits of over £60,000 including salary and sacrifice pension contributions.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2024	5,694	3,885	9,579
Additions	1,544	959	2,503
At 31 August 2025	7,238	4,844	12,082
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2024	972	1,518	2,490
Charge for the year	1,652	909	2,561
At 31 August 2025	2,624	2,427	5,051
Net book value			
At 31 August 2025	4,614	2,417	7,031
At 31 August 2024	4,722	2,367	7,089

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees in arrears	2,244	914
Other debtors	2,586	4,537
Prepayments and accrued income	8,145	9,333
	12,975	14,784

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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	27,132	-
Other taxation and social security	8,773	7,761
Other creditors	65,211	73,258
Accruals and deferred income	133,176	82,134
	<u>234,292</u>	<u>163,153</u>

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	517,924	973,965	(747,401)	744,488
	<u>517,924</u>	<u>973,965</u>	<u>(747,401)</u>	<u>744,488</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	362,267	879,476	(723,819)	517,924
	<u>362,267</u>	<u>879,476</u>	<u>(723,819)</u>	<u>517,924</u>

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,031	7,031
Current assets	971,749	971,749
Creditors due within one year	(234,292)	(234,292)
Total	744,488	744,488

15. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £6,953 (2024 - £6,526). Contributions totaling £2,550 (2024 - £2,515) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

16. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2025 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	76,274	-

As of 31 August 2024 the lease for the school site was under negotiation, resulting in there being no lease commitment at the year end.

17. Members' liability

The Charity is incorporated under the Companies Act and is limited by Guarantee. Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member. As such the company has no share capital.

Accounts

Registered number: 08647926
Charity number: 1154388

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Trustees	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted, Trustee Mrs Clare McGachen, Trustee
Company registered number	08647926
Charity registered number	1154388
Registered office	183 Townmead Road, Fulham London SW6 2JX
Company secretary	Mrs Winnie Minling Cao Sharples
Chief executive officer	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Independent auditors	Warrener Stewart Chartered Accountants Harwood House 43 Harwood Road London SW6 4QP
Bankers	HSBC 281 Chiswick High Road London W4 4HJ
Solicitors	David Taylor (Hanne & Co Solicitors & Notary Public) St. Johns Chambers, 1c St. Johns Hill London SW11 1TN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Montessori Community School for the 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Summary

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity during the year and the position at 31 August 2024 and consider that the Charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year and that the Charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The school provides a public benefit for all families who enrol their children with us. The school provides affordable childcare and education for all children, including those with special educational needs or disabilities. The school does not discriminate against families based on their background or ability to pay. The school fees are considered reasonable by the Trustees to fund the services offered by the school. Working families benefit from the school remaining open for 50 weeks of the year, allowing parents to continue working in the knowledge their child is being cared for. Children, who are enrolled at our school, benefit from a nurturing environment and access to quality care and education throughout the year. Members of staff also receive benefit by way of employment.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

A summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document

To provide full day childcare services to the local community all year round.

To use Montessori Teaching methods to teach children from three months to five years of age.

To support and help single parents and working parent families.

The charity's aims

We aim to provide a friendly, clean, comfortable and safe environment for learning within which the children will be stimulated and challenged and where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery. The staff are sensitive and responsive to the individual needs of the child.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year

Our objectives for the period September 2023 to August 2024 were to provide consistently high standards of care and education for children, aged three months to five years, who attend our school. We use Montessori Teaching methods to support the development of the children and to ensure they meet their age-appropriate developmental steps, as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework. The school provides the above services to all families, including low-income and working families. We offer 15-hours and 30-hours free childcare for eligible working families. The school employs an average of 17 staff, of which 2 are administrative staff. The School provides its service throughout the year, including normal school holidays, and only closes for two weeks over the Summer and Christmas period. The school is managed by trustees and the school employs a manager and deputy manager to manage the day to day operation of the school.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

We have had the pleasure of teaching and assisting in the development of the lives of the children from very diverse backgrounds from many different countries. Each cultural difference is encouraged and its importance endorsed. We believe that we have contributed to the all-round growth of these children within our community.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Through continued receipt of local authority assisted funding and school fees paid by families capable of affording this, we have again provided high-quality childcare and educational services for fifty weeks of the year. The Trustees consider the year to have been successful in the view that the Charity has continued to meet its objectives and has provided a substantial public benefit for the local community.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Principal funding

Montessori Community School is primarily funded through school fees which cover 85% of the total income received. The remaining 15% is received through local authority grants. In summary, the operation of the charitable activity resulted in a total funds surplus of £517,924 at 31 August 2024 (2023: £362,267).

The finance of the school continues to be smoothly managed against the budget with regular revenue and cash forecasts.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Montessori Community School is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Trust deed. There is therefore no share capital.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Plans for future periods

The school will endeavour to continue on the above path with the involvement of the parents and families of the children. Our teaching staff and management are wholly committed to our policy.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

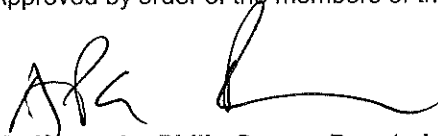
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Auditors

The auditors, Warrener Stewart, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Director and Trustee


Mrs Clare McGachen
Director and Trustee

Date: 14 May 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montessori Community School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the charitable company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focused on laws and regulations, departures from which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities Act 2011.

We designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved:

- Enquiries of management regarding any instance of fraud, non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Addressing the fraud risk over revenue recognition and expenditure as a whole, through both analytical and substantive procedures.
- Reading financial statement disclosures to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by management that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

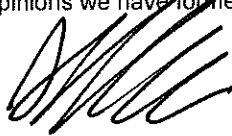
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alex Eagle (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
Warrener Stewart, Statutory Auditor

Harwood House
43 Harwood Road
London
SW6 4QP

14 May 2025

Warrener Stewart are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	863,848	863,848	755,177
Other income	4	15,628	15,628	3,939
Total income		879,476	879,476	759,116
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	723,819	723,819	680,612
Total expenditure		723,819	723,819	680,612
Net movement in funds		155,657	155,657	78,504
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		362,267	362,267	283,763
Net movement in funds		155,657	155,657	78,504
Total funds carried forward		517,924	517,924	362,267

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible assets	10	7,089	5,476
		<u>7,089</u>	<u>5,476</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	14,784	39,246
Cash at bank and in hand		659,204	386,285
		<u>673,988</u>	<u>425,531</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(163,153)	(68,740)
Total net assets		<u>517,924</u>	<u>362,267</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	517,924	362,267
Total funds		<u>517,924</u>	<u>362,267</u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

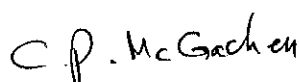
However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted


Mrs Clare McGachen

Date: 14 May 2025

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. General information

Montessori Community School is a charitable company registered in England and Wales, United Kingdom. The registered office is 183 Townmead Road, Fulham, SW6 2JX.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Montessori Community School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis because they consider the financial and operational situation sufficiently stable to assume going concern. On the basis of a thorough risk analysis and healthy performance, management's view is that the Charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for payment. This undertaking is to remain in force for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signature of these financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25%
Office equipment	-	25%

2.7 Debtors

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

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.12 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.14 Winding up or dissolution of the Charity

If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Charity, there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objectives to the Charity.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Nursery educational operations	<u>863,848</u>	<u>863,848</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	<u>755,177</u>	<u>755,177</u>

4. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Bank interest	<u>15,628</u>	<u>15,628</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Bank interest	<u>3,939</u>	<u>3,939</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Nursery educational operations	<u>723,819</u>	<u>723,819</u>

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	680,612	680,612

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2024 £	Depreciation 2024 £	Other costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Nursery educational operations	430,141	1,687	291,991	723,819

	<i>Staff costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Depreciation 2023 £</i>	<i>Other costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	413,849	694	266,069	680,612

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Nursery educational operations	723,819	723,819

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	680,612	680,612

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	430,141	413,849
Depreciation	1,687	694
Training, recruitment and welfare	12,495	4,549
Motor, travel and subsistence	5,964	6,326
Entertaining	584	699
Educational and school supplies	70,740	82,199
Rent and rates	92,518	71,543
Light and heat	10,593	8,427
Cleaning	5,556	4,250
Repairs and renewals	17,066	23,238
Premises expenses	28,485	22,198
Telephone and fax	1,925	2,751
Printing postage and stationery	1,495	1,117
Subscriptions	735	886
Software and equipment	2,619	1,948
Legal and professional	29,443	24,647
First aid and clothing	2,596	2,630
Bank charges	66	107
Accountancy fees	1,762	1,620
Bad debt	149	34
Governance costs (see note 7)	7,200	6,900
	723,819	680,612

7. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £5,100 (2023 - £4,500), and accounts preparation services of £2,100 (2023 - £2,100).

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8. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	402,701	387,718
Social security costs	20,914	19,945
Other pension costs	6,526	6,186
	430,141	413,849

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Engaged on charitable activities	15	14
Engaged on management and administration	2	2
	17	16

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Key management personnel		
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1

One member of key management personnel received total benefits of over £60,000 including salary and sacrifice pension contributions.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2023	2,394	3,885	6,279
Additions	3,300	-	3,300
At 31 August 2024	5,694	3,885	9,579
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2023	150	653	803
Charge for the year	822	865	1,687
At 31 August 2024	972	1,518	2,490
Net book value			
At 31 August 2024	4,722	2,367	7,089
At 31 August 2023	2,244	3,232	5,476

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees in arrears	914	2,916
Other debtors	4,537	26,751
Prepayments and accrued income	9,333	9,580
	14,784	39,246

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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	7,761	8,347
Other creditors	73,258	40,137
Accruals and deferred income	82,134	20,256
	<u>163,153</u>	<u>68,740</u>

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	362,267	879,476	(729,393)	512,350
Unallocated amounts	-	-	5,574	5,574
	<u>362,267</u>	<u>879,476</u>	<u>(723,819)</u>	<u>517,924</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	283,763	759,116	(680,612)	362,267

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,089	7,089
Current assets	673,988	673,988
Creditors due within one year	(163,153)	(163,153)
Total	<u>517,924</u>	<u>517,924</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,476	5,476
Current assets	425,531	425,531
Creditors due within one year	(68,740)	(68,740)
Total	<u>362,267</u>	<u>362,267</u>

15. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £6,526 (2023 - £6,186). Contributions totaling £2,515 (2023 - £2,589) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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16. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2024 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	-	60,462

As of 31 August 2024 the lease for the school site was under negotiation, resulting in there being no lease commitment at the year end. Post year end, this has been secured for a maximum of five years from February 2025.

17. Members' liability

The Charity is incorporated under the Companies Act and is limited by Guarantee. Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member. As such the company has no share capital.

Accounts

Registered number: 08647926
Charity number: 1154388

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted, Trustee Mrs Clare McGachen, Trustee
Company registered number	08647926
Charity registered number	1154388
Registered office	183 Townmead Road, Fulham London SW6 2JX
Company secretary	Mrs Winnie Minling Cao Sharples
Chief executive officer	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Independent auditors	Warrener Stewart Chartered Accountants Harwood House 43 Harwood Road London SW6 4QP
Bankers	HSBC 281 Chiswick High Road London W4 4HJ
Solicitors	David Taylor (Hanne & Co Solicitors & Notary Public) St. Johns Chambers, 1c St. Johns Hill London SW11 1TN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Montessori Community School for the 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Summary

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity during the year and the position at 31 August 2023 and consider that the Charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year and that the Charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The school provides a public benefit for all families who enrol their baby or child at the school. The school provides affordable childcare and education for all children, whether parents are in receipt of Government benefits or working. The school does not discriminate on the grounds of ability to pay and the amounts charged are considered reasonable by the Trustees to fund the services offered by the school. Working families benefit from the school remaining open for 50 weeks of the year allowing parents to remain working while their baby or child is being cared for. Babies and children who are enrolled at the school receive a benefit in care, nurture and schooling throughout the year. Members of teaching staff also receive benefit by way of employment.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

A summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document

To provide full day childcare services to the local community all year round.

To use Montessori Teaching methods to teach children from three months to five years of age.

To support and help single parents and working parent families.

The charity's aims

We aim to provide a friendly, clean, comfortable and safe environment for learning within which the children will be stimulated and challenged and where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery. The staff are sensitive and responsive to the individual needs of the child.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year

Our objectives for the period September 2022 to August 2023 were to provide consistently high standards of care and education for the children we serve. We provide childcare and educational services using Montessori techniques for children from three months to five years of age to promote the development and education of the child. The school provides the above services to all families, including poorer and working families, using grant assisted local authority funding. The school employs an average of 16 staff, of which 13 are administrative staff. The school provides its service throughout the year, including during normal school holidays, and only closes for two weeks over the Christmas period. The school is managed by trustees and the school employs a manager and deputy manager to manage the day to day operation of the school.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

We have had the pleasure of teaching and assisting in the development of the lives of the children from very diverse backgrounds from many different countries. Each cultural difference is encouraged and its importance endorsed. We believe that we have contributed to the all-round growth of these children within our community.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Through continued receipt of local authority assisted funding and school fees paid by families capable of affording this, we have again provided high-quality childcare and educational services for fifty weeks of the year. The Trustees consider the year to have been successful in the view that the Charity has continued to meet its objectives and has provided a substantial public benefit for the local community.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Principal funding

Montessori Community School is primarily funded through school fees which cover 85% of the total income received. The remaining 15% is received through local authority grants. In summary, the operation of the charitable activity resulted in a total funds surplus of £363,667 at 31 August 2023 (2022: £287,556).

The finance of the school continues to be smoothly managed against the budget with regular revenue and cash forecasts.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Montessori Community School is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Trust deed. There is therefore no share capital.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Plans for future periods

The school will endeavour to continue on the above path with the involvement of the parents and families of the children. Our teaching staff and management are wholly committed to our policy.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

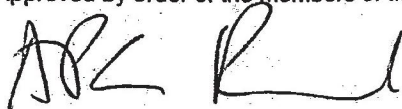
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Auditors

The auditors, Warrener Stewart, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Director and Trustee



Mrs Clare McGachen
Director and Trustee

Date: 22 May 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montessori Community School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the charitable company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focussed on laws and regulations, departures from which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities Act 2011.

We designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved:

- Enquiries of management regarding any instance of fraud, non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Addressing the fraud risk over revenue recognition and expenditure as a whole, through both analytical and substantive procedures.
- Reading financial statement disclosures to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by management that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alex Eagle (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
Warrener Stewart, Statutory Auditor

Harwood House
43 Harwood Road
London
SW6 4QP

22 May 2024

Warrener Stewart are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	755,177	755,177	658,430
Other income	4	3,939	3,939	413
Total income		759,116	759,116	658,843
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	680,612	680,612	592,886
Total expenditure		680,612	680,612	592,886
Net movement in funds		78,504	78,504	65,957
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		283,763	283,763	217,806
Net movement in funds		78,504	78,504	65,957
Total funds carried forward		362,267	362,267	283,763

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
Tangible assets	Note 10	5,476	1,468
		<u>5,476</u>	<u>1,468</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	39,246	9,360
Cash at bank and in hand		386,285	373,637
		<u>425,531</u>	<u>382,997</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(68,740)	(100,702)
Total net assets		<u><u>362,267</u></u>	<u><u>283,763</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	362,267	283,763
Total funds		<u><u>362,267</u></u>	<u><u>283,763</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

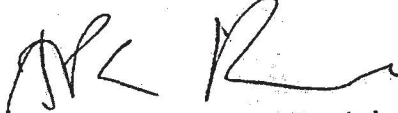
The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted


Mrs Clare McGachen

Date: 22 May 2024

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Montessori Community School is a charitable company registered in England and Wales, United Kingdom. The registered office is 183 Townmead Road, Fulham, SW6 2JX.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Montessori Community School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis because they consider the financial and operational situation sufficiently stable to assume going concern. On the basis of a thorough risk analysis and healthy performance, management's view is that the Charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for payment. This undertaking is to remain in force for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signature of these financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25%
Office equipment	-	25%

2.7 Debtors

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

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.12 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.14 Winding up or dissolution of the Charity

If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Charity, there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objectives to the Charity.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Nursery educational operations	<u>755,177</u>	<u>755,177</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	<u>658,430</u>	<u>658,430</u>

4. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank interest	<u>3,939</u>	<u>3,939</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Bank interest	<u>413</u>	<u>413</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Nursery educational operations	<u>680,612</u>	<u>680,612</u>

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	592,886	592,886

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2023 £	Depreciation 2023 £	Other costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Nursery educational operations	413,849	694	266,069	680,612

	<i>Staff costs 2022 £</i>	<i>Depreciation 2022 £</i>	<i>Other costs 2022 £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	342,634	108	250,144	592,886

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Nursery educational operations	680,612	680,612

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	592,886	592,886

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	413,849	342,634
Depreciation	694	108
Training, recruitment and welfare	4,549	4,662
Motor, travel and subsistence	6,326	5,364
Entertaining	699	424
Educational and school supplies	82,199	72,579
Rent and rates	71,543	67,879
Light and heat	8,427	8,065
Cleaning	4,250	3,486
Repairs and renewals	23,238	21,197
Premises expenses	22,198	19,881
Telephone and fax	2,751	2,439
Printing postage and stationery	1,117	484
Subscriptions	886	652
Software and equipment	1,948	2,109
Legal and professional	24,647	24,617
First aid and clothing	2,630	4,068
Bank charges	107	77
Accountancy fees	1,620	1,549
Bad debt	34	4,012
Governance costs (see note 7)	6,900	6,600
	680,612	592,886

7. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £4,500 (2022 - £4,500), and accounts preparation services of £2,100 (2022 - £2,100).

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8. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	387,718	321,723
Social security costs	19,945	15,953
Other pension costs	6,186	4,958
	413,849	342,634

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Engaged on charitable activities	14	13
Engaged on management and administration	2	3
	16	16

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Key management personnel		
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1

One member of key management personnel received total benefits of over £60,000 including salary and sacrifice pension contributions.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2022	-	1,576	1,576
Additions	2,394	2,309	4,703
At 31 August 2023	2,394	3,885	6,279
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2022	-	108	108
Charge for the year	150	545	695
At 31 August 2023	150	653	803
Net book value			
At 31 August 2023	2,244	3,232	5,476
At 31 August 2022	-	1,468	1,468

11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees in arrears	2,916	1,284
Other debtors	26,751	-
Prepayments and accrued income	9,580	8,076
	39,246	9,360

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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	8,347	10,124
Other creditors	40,137	43,855
Accruals and deferred income	20,256	46,723
	68,740	100,702

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	283,763	759,116	(680,612)	362,267

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2021</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2022</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	217,806	658,267	(588,517)	287,556
Unallocated amounts	-	576	(4,369)	(3,793)
	217,806	658,843	(592,886)	283,763

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,476	5,476
Current assets	425,531	425,531
Creditors due within one year	(68,740)	(68,740)
Total	<u>362,267</u>	<u>362,267</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,468	1,468
Current assets	382,997	382,997
Creditors due within one year	(100,702)	(100,702)
Total	<u>283,763</u>	<u>283,763</u>

15. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £6,186 (2022 - £4,958). Contributions totaling £2,589 (2022 - £3,230) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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16. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	60,462	60,715
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	60,462
	<u>60,462</u>	<u>121,177</u>

17. Members' liability

The Charity is incorporated under the Companies Act and is limited by Guarantee. Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member. As such the company has no share capital.

Accounts

Registered number: 08647926
Charity number: 1154388

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Trustees Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted, Trustee
Mrs Clare McGachen, Trustee

Company registered number 08647926

Charity registered number 1154388

Registered office 183 Townmead Road, Fulham
London
SW6 2JX

Company secretary Mrs Winnie Minling Cao Sharples

Chief executive officer Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted

Independent auditors Warrener Stewart
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Montessori Community School for the 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Summary

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity during the year and the position at 31 August 2022 and consider that the Charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year and that the Charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The school provides a public benefit for all families who enrol their baby or child at the school. The school provides affordable childcare and education for all children, whether parents are in receipt of Government benefits or working. The school does not discriminate on the grounds of ability to pay and the amounts charged are considered reasonable by the Trustees to fund the services offered by the school. Working families benefit from the school remaining open for 50 weeks of the year allowing parents to remain working while their baby or child is being cared for. Babies and children who are enrolled at the school receive a benefit in care, nurture and schooling throughout the year. Members of teaching staff also receive benefit by way of employment.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

A summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document

To provide full day childcare services to the local community all year round.

To use Montessori Teaching methods to teach children from three months to five years of age.

To support and help single parents and working parent families.

The charity's aims

We aim to provide a friendly, clean, comfortable and safe environment for learning within which the children will be stimulated and challenged and where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery. The staff are sensitive and responsive to the individual needs of the child.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year

Our objectives for the period September 2021 to August 2022 were to provide consistently high standards of care and education for the children we serve. We provide childcare and educational services using Montessori techniques for children from three months to five years of age to promote the development and education of the child. The school provides the above services to all families, including poorer and working families, using grant assisted local authority funding. The school employs an average of 16 staff, of which 3 are administrative staff. The school provides its service throughout the year, including during normal school holidays, and only closes for two weeks over the Christmas period. The school is managed by trustees and the school employs a manager and deputy manager to manage the day to day operation of the school.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

We have had the pleasure of teaching and assisting in the development of the lives of the children from very diverse backgrounds from many different countries. Each cultural difference is encouraged and its importance endorsed. We believe that we have contributed to the all-round growth of these children within our community.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Through continued receipt of local authority assisted funding and school fees paid by families capable of affording this, we have again provided high-quality childcare and educational services for fifty weeks of the year. The Trustees consider the year to have been successful in the view that the Charity has continued to meet its objectives and has provided a substantial public benefit for the local community.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Principal funding

Montessori Community School is primarily funded through school fees which cover 85% of the total income received. The remaining 15% is received through local authority grants. In summary, the operation of the charitable activity resulted in a total funds surplus of £287,556 at 31 August 2022 (2021: £217,806).

The finance of the school continues to be smoothly managed against the budget with regular revenue and cash forecasts.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Montessori Community School is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Trust deed. There is therefore no share capital.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Plans for future periods

The school will endeavour to continue on the above path with the involvement of the parents and families of the children. Our teaching staff and management are wholly committed to our policy.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

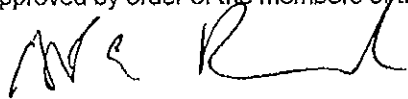
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Auditors

The auditors, Warrener Stewart, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Director and Trustee



Mrs Clare McGachen
Director and Trustee

Date: 19/05/23

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montessori Community School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the charitable company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focussed on laws and regulations, departures from which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities Act 2011.

We designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved:

- Enquiries of management regarding any instance of fraud, non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Addressing the fraud risk over revenue recognition and expenditure as a whole, through both analytical and substantive procedures.
- Reading financial statement disclosures to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by management that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

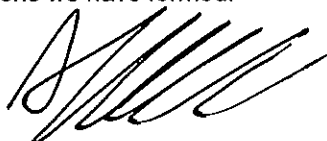
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alex Eagle (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
Warrener Stewart, Statutory Auditor

Harwood House
43 Harwood Road
London
SW6 4QP

Date: 24 May 2023

Warrener Stewart are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	658,430	658,430	500,634
Other income	4	413	413	-
Total income		658,843	658,843	500,634
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	592,886	592,886	497,056
Total expenditure		592,886	592,886	497,056
Net movement in funds		65,957	65,957	3,578
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		217,806	217,806	214,228
Net movement in funds		65,957	65,957	3,578
Total funds carried forward		283,763	283,763	217,806

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible assets	10	1,468	-
		<u>1,468</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	11	-	1,592
Debtors	12	9,360	8,772
Cash at bank and in hand		373,637	300,622
		<u>382,997</u>	<u>310,986</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(100,702)	(93,180)
Total net assets		<u><u>283,763</u></u>	<u><u>217,806</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	-	-
Unrestricted funds	14	283,763	217,806
Total funds		<u><u>283,763</u></u>	<u><u>217,806</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

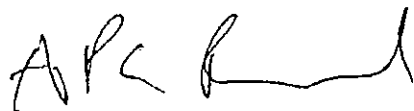
The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Alexander Phillip George Bensted



Mrs Clare McGachen

Date: 19/05/23

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. General information

Montessori Community School is a charitable company registered in England and Wales, United Kingdom. The registered office is 183 Townmead Road, Fulham, SW6 2JX.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Montessori Community School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis because they consider the financial and operational situation sufficiently stable to assume going concern. On the basis of a thorough risk analysis and healthy performance, management's view is that the Charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for payment. This undertaking is to remain in force for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signature of these financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Office equipment	-	25%
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2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.13 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.15 Winding up or dissolution of the Charity

If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Charity, there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objectives to the Charity.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Nursery educational operations	658,430	658,430
Other income - CJRS grants	-	-
	<u>658,430</u>	<u>658,430</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	466,477	466,477
Other income - CJRS grants	34,157	34,157
	<u>500,634</u>	<u>500,634</u>

4. Other Incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Bank interest	413	413	-
	<u>413</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Nursery educational operations	592,886	592,886
	<u>592,886</u>	<u>592,886</u>

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	497,056	497,056

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2022 £	Depreciation 2022 £	Other costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Nursery educational operations	342,634	108	250,144	592,886

	<i>Staff costs 2021 £</i>	<i>Other costs 2021 £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	290,040	207,016	497,056

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Nursery educational operations	592,886	592,886

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	497,056	497,056

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	342,634	290,040
Depreciation	108	-
Training, recruitment and welfare	4,662	4,926
Motor, travel and subsistence	5,364	4,785
Entertaining	424	773
Educational and school supplies	72,579	57,038
Rent and rates	67,879	60,397
Light and heat	8,065	9,748
Cleaning	3,486	3,341
Repairs and renewals	21,197	13,693
Premises expenses	19,881	21,924
Telephone and fax	2,439	1,995
Printing postage and stationery	484	1,154
Subscriptions	652	590
Software and equipment	2,109	2,071
Legal and professional	24,617	12,355
First aid and clothing	4,068	4,601
Bank charges	77	126
Accountancy fees	1,549	2,099
Bad debt	4,012	-
Governance costs (see note 6)	6,600	5,400
	592,886	497,056

7. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £4,500 (2021 - £3,600), and accounts preparation services of £2,100 (2021 - £1,800).

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8. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	321,723	275,293
Social security costs	15,953	10,932
Other pension costs	4,958	3,815
	<u>342,634</u>	<u>290,040</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Engaged on charitable activities	13	13
Engaged on management and administration	3	3
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2021	-
Additions	1,576
At 31 August 2022	<u>1,576</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2021	-
Charge for the year	108
At 31 August 2022	<u>108</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2022	<u><u>1,468</u></u>
At 31 August 2021	<u><u>-</u></u>

11. Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>-</u>	<u>1,592</u>

12. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees in arrears	1,284	2,065
Prepayments and accrued income	8,076	6,707
	<u><u>9,360</u></u>	<u><u>8,772</u></u>

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13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	10,124	5,089
Other creditors	43,855	29,559
Accruals and deferred income	46,723	58,532
	<u>100,702</u>	<u>93,180</u>

14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	217,806	658,267	(588,517)	287,556
Unallocated amounts	-	576	(4,369)	(3,793)
	<u>217,806</u>	<u>658,843</u>	<u>(592,886)</u>	<u>283,763</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	214,228	500,634	(497,056)	217,806

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,468	1,468
Current assets	382,997	382,997
Creditors due within one year	(100,702)	(100,702)
Total	283,763	283,763

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	310,986	310,986
Creditors due within one year	(93,180)	(93,180)
Total	217,806	217,806

16. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £4,958 (2021 - £3,815). Contributions totaling £3,230 (2021 - £1,659) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

17. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2022 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	60,715	57,921
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	60,462	1,178
	121,177	59,099

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18. Members' liability

The charity is incorporated under the Companies Act and is limited by Guarantee. Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member. As such the company has no share capital.

Accounts

Registered number: 08647926
Charity number: 1154388

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

Trustees	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted, Trustee Mrs Clare McGachen, Trustee
Company registered number	08647926
Charity registered number	1154388
Registered office	183 Townmead Road, Fulham London SW6 2JX
Company secretary	Mrs Winnie Minling Cao Sharples
Chief executive officer	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Independent auditors	Warrener Stewart Chartered Accountants Harwood House 43 Harwood Road London SW6 4QP
Bankers	HSBC 281 Chiswick High Road London W4 4HJ
Solicitors	David Taylor (Hanne & Co Solicitors & Notary Public) St. Johns Chambers, 1c St. Johns Hill London SW11 1TN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Montessori Community School for the 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Summary

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity during the year and the position at 31 August 2021 and consider that the Charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year and that the Charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The school provides a public benefit for all families who enrol their baby or child at the school. The school provides affordable childcare and education for all children, whether parents are in receipt of Government benefits or working. The school does not discriminate on the grounds of ability to pay and the amounts charged are considered reasonable by the Trustees to fund the services offered by the school. Working families benefit from the school remaining open for 50 weeks of the year allowing parents to remain working while their baby or child is being cared for. Babies and children who are enrolled at the school receive a benefit in care, nurture and schooling throughout the year. Members of teaching staff also receive benefit by way of employment.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

A summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document

To provide full day childcare services to the local community all year round.

To use Montessori Teaching methods to teach children from three months to five years of age.

To support and help single parents and working parent families.

The charity's aims

We aim to provide a friendly, clean, comfortable and safe environment for learning within which the children will be stimulated and challenged and where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery. The staff are sensitive and responsive to the individual needs of the child.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Objectives and activities (continued)

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year

Our objectives for the period September 2020 to August 2021 were to provide consistently high standards of care and education for the children we serve. We provide childcare and educational services using Montessori techniques for children from three months to five years of age to promote the development and education of the child. The school provides the above services to all families, including poorer and working families, using grant assisted local authority funding. The school employs an average of 20 staff, of which 5 are administrative staff. The school provides its service throughout the year, including during normal school holidays, and only closes for two weeks over the Christmas period. The school is managed by trustees and the school employs a manager and deputy manager to manage the day to day operation of the school.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

We have had the pleasure of teaching and assisting in the development of the lives of the children from very diverse backgrounds from many different countries. Each cultural difference is encouraged and its importance endorsed. We believe that we have contributed to the all-round growth of these children within our community.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Through continued receipt of local authority assisted funding and school fees paid by families capable of affording this, we have again provided high-quality childcare and educational services for fifty weeks of the year. The Trustees consider the year to have been successful in the view that the Charity has continued to meet its objectives and has provided a substantial public benefit for the local community.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Impact of COVID-19

The year to 31 August 2021 has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The school had a lengthy closure during the enforced national lockdown and therefore this has had an impact on these financial statements. At the time of signing this report, the country is following a "roadmap" set by the government in order to bring the country fully out of lockdown. At present, the school is open and operating as normally as possible, although with the introduction of various safety methods in order to best prevent any spread of the virus. The Trustees are satisfied that, at the date of signing this report, there is no consequent uncertainty as to the going concern of the Charity, although they will closely monitor all situations going forward. The Charity expects that, after the lockdown ends, business will return to normal as childcare and education will remain necessary services.

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c. Principal funding

Montessori Community School is primarily funded through school fees which cover 85% of the total income received. The remaining 15% is received through local authority grants. In summary, the operation of the charitable activity resulted in a total funds surplus of £217,806 at 31 August 2021.

The finance of the school continues to be smoothly managed against the budget with regular revenue and cash forecasts.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Montessori Community School is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Trust deed. There is therefore no share capital.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Plans for future periods

The school will endeavour to continue on the above path with the involvement of the parents and families of the children. Our teaching staff and management are wholly committed to our policy.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Disclosure of Information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

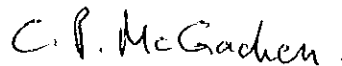
Auditors

The auditors, Warrener Stewart, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Director and Trustee



Mrs Clare McGachen
Director and Trustee

Date: 25 May 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montessori Community School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the charitable company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focussed on laws and regulations, departures from which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities Act 2011.

We designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved:

- Enquiries of management regarding any instance of fraud, non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Addressing the fraud risk over revenue recognition and expenditure as a whole, through both analytical and substantive procedures.
- Reading financial statement disclosures to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by management that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

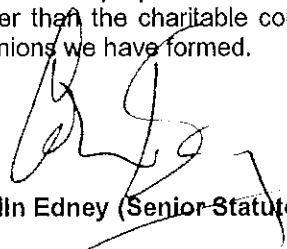
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Collin Edney (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
Warrener Stewart, Statutory Auditor

Harwood House
43 Harwood Road
London
SW6 4QP

25 May 2022

Warrener Stewart are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	500,634	500,634	495,632
Total Income		500,634	500,634	495,632
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	497,056	497,056	439,849
Total expenditure		497,056	497,056	439,849
Net movement in funds		3,578	3,578	55,783
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		214,228	214,228	158,445
Net movement in funds		3,578	3,578	55,783
Total funds carried forward		217,806	217,806	214,228

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
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	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Stocks	9	1,592	5,092
Debtors	10	8,772	15,404
Cash at bank and in hand		300,622	252,086
		<u>310,986</u>	<u>272,582</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(93,180)	(58,354)
		<u>217,806</u>	<u>214,228</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>217,806</u></u>	<u><u>214,228</u></u>
 Charity funds			
Restricted funds	12	-	-
Unrestricted funds	12	217,806	214,228
		<u>217,806</u>	<u>214,228</u>
Total funds		<u><u>217,806</u></u>	<u><u>214,228</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted

Date: 25 May 2022



Mrs Clare McGachen

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1. General information

Montessori Community School is a charitable company registered in England and Wales, United Kingdom. The registered office is 183 Townmead Road, Fulham, SW6 2JX.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Montessori Community School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis because they consider the financial and operational situation sufficiently stable to assume going concern. On the basis of a thorough risk analysis and healthy performance, management's view is that the Charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for payment. This undertaking is to remain in force for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signature of these financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.7 Debtors

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

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.12 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.14 Winding up or dissolution of the Charity

If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Charity, there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objectives to the Charity.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Nursery educational operations	466,477	466,477
Other income - CJRS grants	34,157	34,157
Total 2021	500,634	500,634

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	398,446	398,446
Other income - CJRS grants	97,186	97,186
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>495,632</i>	<i>495,632</i>

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Nursery educational operations	497,056	497,056

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	439,849	439,849

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2021 £	Other costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Nursery educational operations	290,040	207,016	497,056

	<i>Staff costs</i> <i>2020</i> £	<i>Depreciation</i> <i>2020</i> £	<i>Other costs</i> <i>2020</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>funds</i> <i>2020</i> £
Nursery educational operations	247,660	2,182	190,007	439,849

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Nursery educational operations	497,056	497,056

	<i>Activities</i> <i>undertaken</i> <i>directly</i> <i>2020</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>funds</i> <i>2020</i> £
Nursery educational operations	439,849	439,849

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	290,040	247,660
Depreciation	-	2,182
Training, recruitment and welfare	4,926	7,734
Motor, travel and subsistence	4,785	3,917
Entertaining	773	-
Educational and school supplies	57,038	44,355
Rent and rates	60,397	59,091
Light and heat	9,748	10,814
Cleaning	3,341	2,965
Repairs and renewals	13,693	11,863
Premises expenses	21,924	13,807
Telephone and fax	1,995	1,228
Printing postage and stationery	1,154	899
Subscriptions	590	603
Software and equipment	2,071	1,251
Legal and professional	12,355	22,550
First aid and clothing	4,601	2,946
Bank charges	126	187
Accountancy fees	2,099	1,845
Bad debt	-	1,354
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	(1,902)
Governance costs (see note 6)	5,400	4,500
	497,056	439,849

6. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £3,600 (2020 - £3,000), and accounts preparation services of £1,800 (2020 - £1,500).

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7. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	275,293	232,687
Social security costs	10,932	10,947
Other pension costs	3,815	4,026
	<u>290,040</u>	<u>247,660</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Engaged on charitable activities	13	13
Engaged on management and administration	3	5
	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

9. Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>1,592</u>	<u>5,092</u>

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10. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees in arrears	2,065	773
Other debtors	-	13,758
Prepayments and accrued income	6,707	873
	<u>8,772</u>	<u>15,404</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	5,089	6,446
Other creditors	29,559	29,898
Accruals and deferred income	58,532	22,010
	<u>93,180</u>	<u>58,354</u>

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	214,228	500,634	(497,056)	217,806
	<u>214,228</u>	<u>500,634</u>	<u>(497,056)</u>	<u>217,806</u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	310,986	310,986
Creditors due within one year	(93,180)	(93,180)
Total	<u>217,806</u>	<u>217,806</u>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	272,582	272,582
Creditors due within one year	(58,354)	(58,354)
Total	214,228	214,228

14. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £3,815 (2020 - £4,026). Contributions totaling £1,659 (2020 - £1,474) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

15. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2021 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Not later than 1 year	57,921	60,715
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,178	62,608
	59,099	123,323

16. Members' liability

The charity is incorporated under the Companies Act and is limited by Guarantee. Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member. As such the company has no share capital.

Accounts

Registered number: 08647926
Charity number: 1154388

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Trustees	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted, Trustee Mrs Clare McGachen, Trustee
Company registered number	08647926
Charity registered number	1154388
Registered office	183 Townmead Road, Fulham London SW6 2JX
Company secretary	Mrs Winnie Minling Cao Sharples
Chief executive officer	Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Independent auditors	Warrener Stewart Chartered Accountants Harwood House 43 Harwood Road London SW6 4QP
Bankers	HSBC 281 Chiswick High Road London W4 4HJ
Solicitors	David Taylor (Hanne & Co Solicitors & Notary Public) St. Johns Chambers, 1c St. Johns Hill London SW11 1TN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Montessori Community School for the 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Summary

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity during the year and the position at 31 August 2020 and consider that the Charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year and that the Charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The school provides a public benefit for all families who enrol their baby or child at the school. The school provides affordable childcare and education for all children, whether parents are in receipt of Government benefits or working. The school does not discriminate on the grounds of ability to pay and the amounts charged are considered reasonable by the Trustees to fund the services offered by the school. Working families benefit from the school remaining open for 50 weeks of the year allowing parents to remain working while their baby or child is being cared for. Babies and children who are enrolled at the school receive a benefit in care, nurture and schooling throughout the year. Members of teaching staff also receive benefit by way of employment.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

A summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document

To provide full day childcare services to the local community all year round.

To use Montessori Teaching methods to teach children from three months to five years of age.

To support and help single parents and working parent families.

The charity's aims

We aim to provide a friendly, clean, comfortable and safe environment for learning within which the children will be stimulated and challenged and where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery. The staff are sensitive and responsive to the individual needs of the child.

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year

Our objectives for the period September 2019 to August 2020 were to provide consistently high standards of care and education for the children we serve. We provide childcare and educational services using Montessori techniques for children from three months to five years of age to promote the development and education of the child. The school provides the above services to all families, including poorer and working families, using grant assisted local authority funding. The school employs an average of 17 staff, of which 4 are administrative staff.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

The school provides its service throughout the year, including during normal school holidays, and only closes for two weeks over the Christmas period. The school is managed by trustees and the school employs a manager and deputy manager to manage the day to day operation of the school.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

We have had the pleasure of teaching and assisting in the development of the lives of the children from very diverse backgrounds from many different countries. Each cultural difference is encouraged and its importance endorsed. We believe that we have contributed to the all-round growth of these children within our community.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Through continued receipt of local authority assisted funding and school fees paid by families capable of affording this, we have again provided high-quality childcare and educational services for fifty weeks of the year. The Trustees consider the year to have been successful in the view that the Charity has continued to meet its objectives and has provided a substantial public benefit for the local community.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Impact of COVID-19

The year to 31 August 2020 has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The school had a lengthy closure during the enforced national lockdown and therefore this has had an impact on these financial statements. At the time of signing this report, the country is following a "roadmap" set by the government in order to bring the country fully out of lockdown. At present, the school is open and operating as normally as possible, although with the introduction of various safety methods in order to best prevent any spread of the virus. The Trustees are satisfied that, at the date of signing this report, there is no consequent uncertainty as to the going concern of the Charity, although they will closely monitor all situations going forward. The Charity expects that, after the lockdown ends, business will return to normal as childcare and education will remain necessary services.

c. Principal funding

Montessori Community School is primarily funded through school fees which cover 90% of the total income received. The remaining 10% is received through local authority grants. In summary, the operation of the charitable activity resulted in a total funds surplus of £200,470 at 31 August 2020.

The finance of the school continues to be smoothly managed against the budget with regular revenue and cash forecasts.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Montessori Community School is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Trust deed. There is therefore no share capital.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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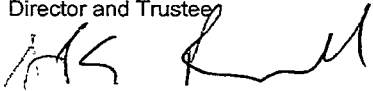
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Auditors

The auditors, Warrener Stewart, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 27 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Director and Trustee



Mrs Clare McGachen
Director and Trustee



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montessori Community School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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(CONTINUED)

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

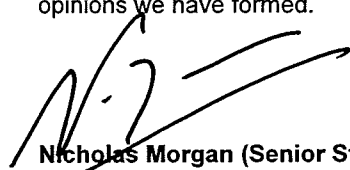
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Nicholas Morgan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
Warrener Stewart, Statutory Auditor

Harwood House
43 Harwood Road
London
SW6 4QP

27 May 2021

Warrener Stewart are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	495,632	495,632	503,629
Total income		495,632	495,632	503,629
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	439,849	439,849	486,772
Total expenditure		439,849	439,849	486,772
Net movement in funds		55,783	55,783	16,857
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		158,445	158,445	141,588
Net movement in funds		55,783	55,783	16,857
Total funds carried forward		214,228	214,228	158,445

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	-	5,280
		-	5,280
Current assets			
Stocks	10	5,092	-
Debtors	11	15,404	22,585
Cash at bank and in hand		252,086	220,169
		272,582	242,754
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(58,354)	(89,589)
Net current assets		214,228	153,165
Total net assets		214,228	158,445
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	214,228	158,445
Total funds		214,228	158,445

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

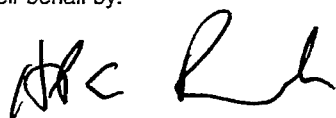
The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 27 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Alexander Philip George Bensted
Director and trustee



Mrs Clare McGachen
Director and trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Montessori Community School is a charitable company registered in England and Wales, United Kingdom. The registered office is 183 Townmead Road, Fulham, SW6 2JX.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Montessori Community School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis because they consider the financial and operational situation sufficiently stable to assume going concern. On the basis of a thorough risk analysis and healthy performance, management's view is that the Charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for payment. This undertaking is to remain in force for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signature of these financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Motor vehicles	-	25%
Fixtures and fittings	-	25%
Office equipment	-	25%

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.13 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.15 Winding up or dissolution of the Charity

If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Charity, there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objectives to the Charity.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Nursery educational operations	398,446	398,446
Other income - CJRS grants	97,186	97,186
Total 2020	495,632	495,632
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	503,629	503,629

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Nursery educational operations	439,849	439,849
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Nursery educational operations	486,772	486,772

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2020 £	Depreciation 2020 £	Other costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Nursery educational operations	247,660	2,182	190,007	439,849

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by expenditure type (continued)

	<i>Staff costs</i>	<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>Other costs</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
	2019	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£
Nursery educational operations	255,303	15,333	216,136	486,772

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2020	Total funds 2020
	£	£
Nursery educational operations	439,849	439,849

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2019</i>	<i>Total funds 2019</i>
	£	£
Nursery educational operations	486,772	486,772

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Staff costs	247,660	255,303
Depreciation	2,182	15,333
Training, recruitment and welfare	7,734	4,035
Motor, travel and subsistence	3,917	5,112
Entertaining	-	237
Educational and school supplies	44,355	55,269
Rent and rates	59,091	65,322
Light and heat	10,814	7,115
Cleaning	2,965	1,756
Repairs and renewals	11,863	6,669
Premises expenses	13,807	16,268
Telephone and fax	1,228	1,066
Printing postage and stationery	899	1,431
Subscriptions	603	465
Software and equipment	1,251	1,520
Advertising and promotion	-	2,621
Legal and professional	22,550	28,800
First aid and clothing	2,946	2,163
Bank charges	187	120
Accountancy fees	1,845	1,832
Bad debt	1,354	8,935
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(1,902)	-
Governance costs (see note 6)	4,500	5,400
	439,849	486,772

6. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £3,000 (2019 - £3,000), and accounts preparation services of £1,500 (2019 - £1,500).

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7. Staff costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	232,687	239,008
Social security costs	10,947	12,777
Other pension costs	4,026	3,518
	247,660	255,303

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
	No.	No.
Engaged on charitable activities	13	12
Engaged on management and administration	5	4
	18	16

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2019 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2020, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2019 - £NIL).

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9. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2019	59,951	1,146	1,136	62,233
Disposals	(37,175)	-	-	(37,175)
At 31 August 2020	<u>22,776</u>	<u>1,146</u>	<u>1,136</u>	<u>25,058</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2019	54,671	1,146	1,136	56,953
Charge for the year	2,182	-	-	2,182
On disposals	(34,077)	-	-	(34,077)
At 31 August 2020	<u>22,776</u>	<u>1,146</u>	<u>1,136</u>	<u>25,058</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 August 2019	<u>5,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,280</u>

10. Stocks

	2020 £	2019 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>5,092</u>	<u>-</u>

11. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees in arrears / (received in advanced)	773	-
Other debtors	13,758	-
Prepayments and accrued income	873	22,585
	<u>15,404</u>	<u>22,585</u>

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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	6,446	3,922
Other creditors	29,898	28,703
Accruals and deferred income	22,010	56,964
	<u>58,354</u>	<u>89,589</u>

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2019	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	<u>158,445</u>	<u>495,632</u>	<u>(439,849)</u>	<u>214,228</u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2020	Total funds 2020
	£	£
Current assets	272,582	272,582
Creditors due within one year	(58,354)	(58,354)
Total	<u>214,228</u>	<u>214,228</u>

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,280	5,280
Current assets	242,754	242,754
Creditors due within one year	(89,589)	(89,589)
Total	158,445	158,445

15. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to 4,026 (2019 - £3,518). Contributions totaling £1,474 (2019 - £778) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

16. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2020 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Not later than 1 year	60,715	50,436
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	62,608	3,325
	123,323	53,761

17. Members' liability

The charity is incorporated under the Companies Act and is limited by Guarantee. Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member. As such the company has no share capital.