

Charity registration number 1156149

BENTLEY FEDERATION CHILDCARE SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Ms W Tamar
Ms K Lister
Ms K E Magner
Mrs J Deeley-Brewer
Ms K Jameson (Appointed 16 November 2022)
Ms D Vaughan (Appointed 16 November 2022)

Charity number

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The principal object of the Charity is for the public benefit by providing childcare for the development and education of children in the Walsall area by:

- 1) Promoting children's care and safety
- 2) Promoting children's education and and promoting parental involvement
- 3) Promoting children's health and wellbeing
- 4) Providing services to support children and their families and carers
- 5) Providing child care services to enable parents and carers to take up or continue employment.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The Charity operates all childcare and extended schools services on behalf of the Bentley Federation. These services are primarily for children and families who attend either Bentley West Primary School and King Charles Primary School, but other service users from the community are welcome.

Our purpose built facilities are Ofsted registered and allow us to care for up to 249 children over two sites, up to the age of eleven. The centre is open from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays and staff training days.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

During the year ended 31 March 2023 the Charity continued with the running of the Child Care Centre and directly employs a number of staff in management, child care and administrative roles.

The Charity continues to generate income by the collection of fees from parents of children who attend the Centre.

Financial review

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial performance of the Charity throughout the year and expects this level to continue.

Despite the increasing utility bills, running costs and the living wage, the nursery has remained sustainable, with higher than expected occupancy rates.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level sufficient to operate at its normal operating scale for a period of three months to allow beneficiaries to access alternative provision should there be a shortfall in income. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Charity will hold sufficient reserves to allow the winding up of its services, including all statutory payments including staff redundancies.

Excluded for the Reserves Policy is income associated with Endowment Funds and Donor Restricted Funds (Earmarked Income). Therefore, in order to demonstrate transparency, accountability and sound financial management, the Charity's Reserves Policy clearly justifies the amount of reserves kept back each year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees have considered the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and, where appropriate, restricted income, and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year under consideration.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report

Structure, governance and management

The charity is registered and constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Charity was set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a Foundation model constitution on 1 December 2013 and was registered with the Charities Commission on 12 March 2014 with number 1156149.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Lee

Ms W Tamar

Ms K Lister

Ms K E Magner

Mrs J Deeley-Brewer

Ms K Jameson

(Appointed 16 November 2022)

Ms D Vaughan

(Appointed 16 November 2022)


The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Charity's constitution.

There should be at least three Charity Trustees. If the number falls below the minimum, the remaining Trustees may act only to call a meeting of the Charity Trustees, or appoint a new Charity Trustee.

Apart from the first Charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years. In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, The Charity Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

The Charity Trustees manage the affairs of the Charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mrs J Deeley-Brewer
Trustee

27 November 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BENTLEY FEDERATION CHILDCARE SERVICES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bentley Federation Childcare Services (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Dated: 27/11/23 .

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	12,305	10,071	8,704	18,775
Charitable activities	4	542,524	459,986	-	459,986
Total income		554,829	470,057	8,704	478,761
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	650,978	425,418	8,704	434,122
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(96,149)	44,639	-	44,639
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		237,354	192,715	-	192,715
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		141,205	237,354	-	237,354

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,516		1,590
Current assets					
Debtors	10	24,708		17,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		237,247		253,246	
		261,955		270,246	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(122,266)		(34,482)	
Net current assets			139,689		235,764
Total assets less current liabilities			141,205		237,354
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			141,205		237,354
			141,205		237,354

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 November 2023

J. Deeley - Brewer

Mrs J Deeley-Brewer
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Bentley Federation Childcare Services is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations, legacies and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	1	100	-	100
Grants received	12,304	9,971	8,704	18,675
	<u>12,305</u>	<u>10,071</u>	<u>8,704</u>	<u>18,775</u>

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4 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Childcare fees	542,524	459,986

5 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	390,098	333,413
Depreciation and impairment	423	530
Resources and consumables	26,104	19,501
Stationery, printing and postage	-	47
Computer software and running costs	3,882	2,261
Repairs and maintenance	1,007	865
Staff training	1,943	1,814
Sundry expenses	5,058	2,436
	428,515	360,867
Support costs (see note)	212,239	57,131
Governance costs	10,224	16,124
	650,978	434,122
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	650,978	425,418
Restricted funds	-	8,704

Support Costs

Included in support costs is £208,340 (2022 - £53,515) incurred from Walsall Council in respect of provision of staff and heat and light.

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	21	20
	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	371,564	324,011
Social security costs	13,009	4,068
Other pension costs	5,525	5,334
	<u>390,098</u>	<u>333,413</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	4,451
Additions	349
	<u>4,800</u>
At 31 March 2023	4,800
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2022	2,861
Depreciation charged in the year	423
	<u>3,284</u>
At 31 March 2023	3,284
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	1,516
	<u>1,516</u>
At 31 March 2022	1,590
	<u>1,590</u>

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10 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	24,708	17,000
	<u>24,708</u>	<u>17,000</u>
11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	4,822	4,158
Other creditors	113,340	26,562
Accruals and deferred income	4,104	3,762
	<u>122,266</u>	<u>34,482</u>

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).