



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2024

To 31/08/2025

Charity name: Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Nursery

Charity registration number: 1160639

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The development and education of children by: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. promoting their care and safety2. promoting their education & promoting parental involvement3. promoting their health & wellbeing4. providing services to support them & their families & carers.5. providing services to individuals holding membership of the CIO6. furthering the aims of the Early Years Alliance
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The nursery provides childcare for pre-school age children (from aged 2) every day during term time.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the charity commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteer	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Nursery continues to deliver a quality service where children thrive and are prepared for their transition into their school life.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has made a deficit of £6,038 compared to a surplus of £11,168 last year, mainly a result of a reduction in amounts received from government funding (27% reduction) and parental contributions (55% reduction). The current reduced staff team and the high cost of using agency supply staff led to reduced capacity. In addition, in some terms, lower numbers attending the local school had an impact on the number of children attending nursery.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The nursery holds surplus reserves of £97,053 in a savings account to allow for future exceptional events and potential closure costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves, including savings, total £119,645.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity has the financial resources to continue for at the least the next 12 months, however discussions are being held with the adjacent school about the long-term future provision of early years childcare.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funding is mainly from local government & parental contributions for childcare.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The charity faces the ongoing issue of recruiting trustees. Additionally, it has the difficulty of maintaining the current opening hours with reduced staff numbers.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by the members at AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge Nursery
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1160639
Charity's principal address	Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge School Dale Road Telford Shropshire TF8 7DS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lynda Smallman	Chair		Committee/Trustee
2	Emma Bailey	Secretary		Committee/Trustee
3	Paula Lovewell			Committee/Trustee
4	Sophie Allen			Committee/Trustee

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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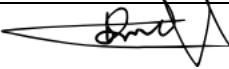
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LYNDA SMALLMAN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	30/03/2026	

Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge Nursery
Receipts & Payments Account
For the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Bank Interest	672		745	
Donations	50		129	
Fees	10,451		23,471	
NEG Funding	60,882		83,354	
Fundraising	169		546	
Nusery Milk Scheme	81		115	
		72,305		108,360
Payments				
Staff costs	62,953		80,011	
Rent & Insurance	3,580		3,565	
Legal fees	750		-	
Phone & Utilities	1,562		1,634	
Consumables	2,261		3,301	
Activities	1,026		1,376	
Subscriptions	1,234		1,875	
Accountancy	3,125		3,260	
Equipment expensed	537		199	
Repairs & maintenance	240		901	
Printing, postage & stationery	545		370	
Fundraising expenditure	143		212	
Training	179		67	
Bank charges	107		90	
Sundry	102		331	
		78,343		97,192
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(6,038)		11,168
Bank and Cash Accounts at 1 September		125,682		114,514
Bank and Cash Accounts at 31 August		119,645		125,682
Petty Cash		143		9
Current Account		22,448		59,291
Savings Account		97,053		66,382
		119,645		125,682



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge Nursey

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1160639

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/ 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Hilary Payne

Date:

16/03/2026

Name:

Hilary Payne

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

AAT L4

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Section B

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.