

Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group
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For the year to 31st August 2020

Charity number 1161122

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Legal and administrative information
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Committee members	<p>Clare Johnson Nicola Brewerton Margaret Dart Lynn Mackay (resigned 01/11/2019) Claire Burton (appointed 31/10/2019) Lynne Hill (appointed 01/01/2020)</p>
Chairperson	<p>Nicola Brewerton (appointed acting chair 23/09/19) Margaret Dart</p>
Secretary	<p>Claire Burton (appointed 01/11/2019)</p>
Treasurer	<p>1161122</p>
Registered charity	
Registered office	<p>Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group Thwaites Street Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 1AN</p>
Bankers	<p>NatWest 113 Dalton Road Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 1WY</p>
Independents examiners	<p>JL Winder & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Ramsden Square Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 1XA</p>

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Trustees report For the year to 31st August 2020

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st August 2020.

Objectives and legal details

Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group is an unincorporated registered charity established by a constitution adopted 10th June 2014.

The objective is to enhance the development and education of children.

Summary of the main aims and purposes

The object of our pre-nursery is to provide children in the local area with an opportunity to access quality care and learn and develop. We seek to provide a stimulating, nurturing, exciting learning environment that promotes, supports and extends children's learning. We are situated in the most deprived ward of Barrow in Furness and offer education services for children from 3 months – 4 years. We charge minimal fees compared to other settings around us, enabling parents to work and afford quality childcare. We also offer funded places for vulnerable 2 year olds and 3 year funding from the government allowing children to learn, thrive and develop.

Our ethos is to provide a stimulating learning environment for children from the local community to access. We do this through, staff led and child initiated learning, trips in the local environment, visits and integration from and into the community, members and free flow supported play and learning. We visit our local care home frequently have good links with our local church and have planters at our local community gardens. We invite parents into our setting regularly, plan fun days, teddy bears picnics and children and family yoga sessions. We are committed to allowing the children access to learning opportunities they would otherwise not get.

Structure, governance and management

Our pre-nursery employed 12 people during the year, the Management team is comprised of a Manager Clare Johnson, Tracey Snow (Deputy Manager) who left in December 2019. A new Deputy Manager, Lucy Belbin, was appointed in January 2020. Lucy handed in her notice in June due to family reasons and Robins have now advertised out the Deputy Manager's job with a view to appointing them for September. Other staff comprise of keyworkers, one to one staff, dinner staff and a cleaner. One staff member was employed on supply in addition to the staff members. We currently have a level 3 Early Years Apprentice on the Early Years Educator course. We have employed Lynn Mackay after her resignation from the committee to do the accounts.

Our main activities are to provide the children with opportunities to learn in an inclusive environment and enable them to experience a range of activities that they may not normally be able to access.

Main activities and achievements

This year we again have been unable to access any trips with the start of Covid 19 in March 2020, we are still promoting our physical activity initiative named Smart Start, this is also helping to promote physical literacy – providing physical activity for little ones. We have been involved with our local church and participated in harvest and Christmas and activities.

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Unfortunately, even though last year's community festival was a great success, we have been unable to repeat it this year due to social distancing and lock down rules demanded by Covid 19.

We are pleased to say although there has been a global pandemic Ramsden Robins has stayed open and was turned into an Early Years Hub for 3 months. Whilst almost every other setting in Barrow closed, we offered provision for children of keyworkers and vulnerable children who have Special Educational Needs or are involved with Children's Services. Children who's nurseries had closed attended us and we were supported by a local charity to provide them with a free hot meal each day. Staff were put on a part time timetable due to decreased numbers and 1 member of staff was furloughed. The Nursery and staff worked hard to keep things as normal as possible for the children in our care and stayed open right through until the Children's Summer Holidays. The success of the Early Years Hub was down to the hard work and dedication of the staff and Management Team. During this time, we applied for some Covid 19 grants through local charity providers to help support us as we were not charging any of the children fees who did not attend. We also made up bags and delivered them to the children staying safe at home containing educational resources and ideas for activities to do at home. Staff kept in regular touch with our families who were not attending via telephone.

Before the Pandemic the number of children were buoyant. The number of children in nursery with the Government 30 hours funding is steady and we have a good number of funded 2 and 3 year olds.

Our manager continues to have strong links with one nursery manager in a similar setting. She continues to attend manager's meetings via Microsoft teams.

We have submitted planning permission for a new extension to the nursery for 6 babies from 3 months to 2 years, we feel this is a provision that will be well received. Funding streams have been sought and granted towards the cost of this and we are able to match funds from our reserves. We are still involved in Yokids, a local yoga group who come to our setting when it is safe to do so, and we continue to support the foodbank and made collections in Robins. We have provided lots of opportunities for our parents to be involved including Christmas craft days, made links for family support with the local children's centre, we have provided food parcels to parents during the pandemic and also supported struggling families with a surplus food collection. We collect from a food high street shop for free and distribute weekly to those in need including elderly members of our local community. Children with additional needs are supported by staff taking them to the sensory room at the children's centre and playmax soft play area. We currently have 1 child that has attended before the pandemic. We have been working closely with health visitors and speech and language therapists, particularly with our universal speech and language therapist. Our staff have continued to use Makaton and now British sign language to give children the basics of signing. We have also undertaken a wide variety of training opportunities to strengthen our delivery and understanding of early years' education. We are using Tapestry confidently now, the online learning journal, which has been successful with both staff and parents. We have implemented staff professional development plans.

We recruit trustees through appealing to parents and carers and other professionals. Currently we have a treasurer, secretary, chair and another member. New members are invited to attend a meeting and then adopted onto the trustees, pending eys2 forms from Ofsted and a clean DBS check. Recently we have recruited some new members.

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However, Covid 19 has proved difficult for trustees to commit to meeting even online, this we hope will improve after the hopeful easing of lockdown restrictions.

- Decisions are made by all the trustees who would have to be quorum and are put to them by the management team and staff of the Pre-Nursery.
- All of our Trustees will act within their powers, in good faith and in the charities interest and fully informed about any decisions needed to be made
- Steps are taken to manage conflicts of interest if they arise

Financial review of the year

During the years the charity received income of £153,885 (2019 - £127,093), £129,169 (2019 - £108,367) of this income was from nursery fees.

The charity incurred costs of £115,927 (2019 - £99,929) which related to the running of the nursery.

This has resulted in an excess of receipts over payments for the year of £37,958 (2019 - £27,164).

Financial review

We currently use the money we take to put back into the pre-nursery and pay staff wages. Covid 19 has affected us financially as children who would pay are not attending due to lockdown. We made the decision not to charge any retention fees so for months have lost this income.

Our reserves, although we have no policy, include money for redundancies if needed for qualifying staff. This would be a figure of approx. £10,000. We are in no deficit of funds and are in a position to move forward with our baby room extension.

Public Benefit Statement

Our pre-nursery benefits the public of our local community by offering affordable childcare for parents to access to enable them to work or get back into work.

Our prices remain low as we are a non-profit organisation.

Our trustees ensure they make decisions to ensure we benefit the public. This can include cost of fees and fee paying policies, interactions with the local community, staffing and numbers of children we can take. Our service users and children are the ones who benefit from the outcomes of our trustee meetings.

Risk assessments are implemented by the staff of the pre-nursery and trustees are made aware of this; we have full public liability insurance for our building.

With regards to the commissions public benefit guidance, and in accordance with the general framework for trustee decision making, all trustee members are made aware of this whilst in the outcome of decision making processes.

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Our pre-nursery has benefited 54 families of children who access our setting. We have close links with the local community including community gardens, local place of worship, children's Centre and have had emergency services visit our setting.

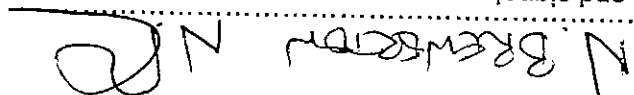
Our future plans

We plan to carry on providing a high quality stimulating learning environment for all the children who attend our setting. Offering support and advice to the children's families. We will do this financially through our reserves, nursery grants and collection of fees.

We look forward to opening this year our new baby room extension which will offer children from 3 months a quality provision and parents a choice of a small home from home environment for their babies – this is something we think is unique to our area.

Our trustees ensure a balance to maintain an unbiased financial and holistic future for our pre-nursery. This ensures our current children and future users benefit from any investment made. We will continue to promote and extend our links with the local community and ensure the upkeep of our building.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Name and signature


Date
28/06/2021

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Sarah Roberts BSc FCA
For and on behalf of JL Winder & Co
Chartered Accountants

28 June 2021

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Receipts and payments account
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	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
£	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Income from pre-nursery:				
Pre-nursery fees	129169	-	129169	108367
SEN funding	-	-	-	-
Grants received	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
CJRS grants received	40	24500	24540	18726
	176	176	176	-
	129385	24500	153885	127093
Payments				
Pre-nursery running costs:				
Wages and salaries	73848	-	73848	85656
Pension	2305	-	2305	3068
Staff training	155	-	155	295
Resources	25	-	25	116
Trips, visits and sessions	3230	-	3230	3332
Food, drink and snacks	180	-	180	497
Equipment – assets	3351	-	3351	971
New baby room building extension – assets	918	-	918	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	24450	24450	-
Cleaning	1760	-	1760	482
Rates	601	500	1101	421
Insurance	357	-	357	608
Printing, postage and stationery	781	-	781	771
Ofsted registration	252	-	252	465
Subscriptions and licences	35	-	35	35
Accountancy fees	383	-	383	269
Payroll fees	492	-	492	492
Legal and professional fees	360	-	360	360
Transport costs	1164	-	1164	1194
Internet fees	271	-	271	101
Sundries	119	-	119	-
Uniforms	225	-	225	596
	165	-	165	200
Transfer between funds	90977	24950	115927	99929
Surplus of receipts over payments	(450)	450	-	-
Brought forward at 1 st September 2019	158234	-	158234	131070
Carried forward at 31 st August 2020	196192	-	196192	158234

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Statement of assets and liabilities As at 31st August 2020

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fixed Assets:		
Computer and laptop	733	733
Chairs	1181	1181
Water cascade	1788	1788
Four Drawer Cabinet	300	300
Large Willow Hut	360	360
Folding Table	515	515
Mud Kitchen	960	960
iPad	918	-
New baby room – building extension	<u>24450</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>31205</u>	<u>5837</u>
 Bank & Cash:		
Cash funds current account	196144	158234
Cash held in float	<u>224</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>196368</u>	<u>158234</u>
 Liabilities:		
Accruals	1308	1146
PAYE	80	176
Pension	<u>619</u>	<u>254</u>
	<u>2007</u>	<u>1576</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

N. BREWERTON N.B.
Name and signature

Ch
Name and signature

28/06/2021
Date