

Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group

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For the year to 31st August 2023

Charity number 1161122

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Legal and administrative information
For the year to 31st August 2023

Committee members	Clare Johnson Nicola Brewerton Margaret Dart Claire Burton- resigned 31/8/22 Lynne Hill
Chairperson	Nicola Brewerton (acting chair)
Secretary	Margaret Dart
Treasurer	Claire Johnson
Registered charity	1161122
Registered office	Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group Thwaites Street Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 1AN
Bankers	NatWest 113 Dalton Road Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 1WY
Independents examiners	JL Winder & Co Chartered Accountants Suite 6 Furness Gate Peter Green Way Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 2PE

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Trustees report For the year to 31st August 2023

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st August 2023.

Objectives and legal details

Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group is an unincorporated registered charity established by a constitution adopted 10th June 2014 and last reviewed in August 2022.

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 currently employs 8 people, the Management team is comprised of a Manager Clare Johnson acting deputy Valerie Maliqi and baby room leader Olivla Pattinson. Other staff comprise of keyworkers, one to one staff, dinner staff and a cleaner. Two staff members are employed on supply. We have employed L Mackay 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.

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Main Activities and Achievements

We have had stay and plays where parents come in to play with their children, we have had our annual family Teddy Bears Picnic that was really well attended and enjoyed by the Parents and Carers. We have signed up to work with our L.A in a project in September called "I see You" promoting physical literacy and well being run in conjunction with primed for life. We are still involved with our local church and participated in Harvest and had a Christmas show again held at the church. Staff have bought the children Christmas presents we had Christmas lunch and a party for the children and raised money for Down syndrome Cumbria by rocking our socks. Highlights have been visits to our community planter at the Community Gardens and allowing our local rainbows and brownies to use our facilities.

We now have an amazing outdoor Hub, which was built in May 2022, this has enabled small groups of children to learn in there, Children with SEN to have a quiet place, and it is a staff room and meeting place. It has been fantastic and a great use of space.

The number of children are buoyant and continue to increase. The number of children in nursery with the Government 30 hours funding is good and we have a large number of funded two 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, designated safeguarding lead meetings and SENCO Clusters. She is enrolled to start a SENCO Level 3 award in October. Staff have completed termly CPD in line with management suggestions and their own interests. Staff turnover has been higher than it was, this seems to be the case for all Early Years settings locally and there is a recruitment crisis countrywide

Our baby room for children from 3 months has continued to grow, numbers are changeable each day, and some are full some have places. We are advertising for places in there. We are still involved in yokids a local yoga group who come to our setting weekly/fortnightly and continuing with Moving Monkeez sessions which we pay for, these have been outdoors recently in the nice weather. We continue to support the foodbank and made collections in Robins. We have provided many opportunities for our parents to be involved including Easter Activity Day, we have made links for family support with local children's centre, they have provided some of our families on lower incomes with balance bikes to lend for 6 months for the children to encourage healthy exercise, and the children have loved these.

Children with additional needs are supported by staff taking them to the sensory room at the children's Centre and maxability soft play area at our local leisure Centre, we currently have one child accessing this. 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 use basic signs from the baby room 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, which are done at appraisal and supervision cycles enabling staff to feed back about their cpd needs..

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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 ey2 forms from Ofsted and a clean db. We still have a parent recruiting now this has been a very slow process held up by Ofsted.

- 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 £173,457 (2022 - £190,087), £170,933 (2022 - £186,469) of this income was from nursery fees.

The charity incurred costs of £186,098 (2022- £180,128) which related to the running of the nursery.

This has resulted in an excess of payments over receipts for the year of £12,641 (2022 – surplus receipts over payments £9,959).

Financial review

We currently use the money we take to put back into the pre – nursery and pay staff wages. The rise in the cost of living and utilities, national minimum wages increases and food has had an effect on our financial status.

Our reserves although we have no policy include money for redundancies if needed for qualifying staff. This would be a figure of approx. £18,000. We are in no deficit of funds.

We have put up our fees in April this has been the biggest increase in 5 years, whilst we remain very competitive locally we have had to put the fees up to help with growing running costs. We have chased up C.CC regarding the ground rent lease agreement for our building.

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.

JL Winder & Co

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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 2023 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.

JL Winder & Co

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

27th June 2024

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Trustees report (continued) For the year to 31st August 2023

Risk assessments are implemented by the Deputy Manager 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.

Our pre -nursery has benefitted 62 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.

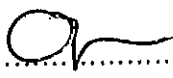
Our future plans

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.

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

CLARE JOHNSON 
Name and signature

27/06/2024
Date

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Receipts and payments account For the year ended 31st August 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Receipts				
Income from pre-nursery:				
Pre-nursery fees	170933	-	170933	186469
SEN funding	2474	-	2474	2459
Grants received	-	-	-	1125
Donations	-	-	-	34
Other income	<u>50</u>	-	<u>50</u>	-
	173457	-	173457	190087
Payments				
Pre-nursery running costs:				
Wages and salaries	149938	-	149938	136515
Pension	5826	-	5826	4782
Staff training	225	-	225	265
DBS checks	154	-	154	249
Resources	4079	-	4079	3396
Trips, visits and sessions	970	-	970	728
Food, drink and snacks	9681	-	9681	5683
New outdoor hub classroom	-	-	-	19485
Repairs and maintenance	7438	-	7438	1020
Cleaning	1299	-	1299	1466
Rates	642	-	642	474
Insurance	1519	-	1519	1331
Printing, postage and stationery	1011	-	1011	1218
Ofsted registration	220	-	220	220
Subscriptions and licences	334	-	334	495
Accountancy fees	576	-	576	540
Payroll fees	672	-	672	516
Legal and professional fees	35	-	35	35
Bank charges	403	-	403	176
Transport costs	-	-	-	24
Internet fees	701	-	701	1092
Sundries	257	-	257	156
Uniforms	<u>118</u>	-	<u>118</u>	<u>262</u>
	186098	-	186098	180128
Transfer between funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of receipts over payments	(12641)		(12641)	9959
Brought forward at 1 st September 2022	<u>195906</u>	-	<u>195906</u>	<u>185947</u>
Carried forward at 31 st August 2023	<u>183265</u>	-	<u>183265</u>	<u>195906</u>


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Statement of assets and liabilities As at 31st August 2023

	2023 Total £	2022 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	918
Furniture for classroom	4207	4207
New outdoor hub classroom	19485	19485
New baby room – building extension	<u>75505</u>	<u>75505</u>
	<u>105952</u>	<u>105952</u>
Bank & Cash:		
Cash funds current account	182941	195545
Cash held in float	<u>324</u>	<u>361</u>
	<u>183265</u>	<u>195906</u>
Liabilities:		
Accruals	660	624
Pension	<u>3129</u>	<u>1958</u>
	<u>3789</u>	<u>2582</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

CLARE JOHNSON 
Name and signature

D. M. DART 
Name and signature

28 June 2024
Date