

Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group

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For the year to 31st August 2024

Charity number 1161122

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**Ramsden Robins Pre-Nursery Group
Legal and administrative information
For the year to 31st August 2024**

Committee members	Clare Johnson Nicola Brewerton- resigned June 2024 Margaret Dart- resigned July 2024 Lynne Hill- resigned July 2024 Karen Gregory- appointed July 2024
Chairperson	Karen Gregory (acting chair)
Secretary	Clare Johnson
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 2024

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st August 2024.

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, Ellie Lewis-Parkes, Valerie Maliqi senior supervisor and baby room leader Olivia Pattinson. Other staff comprise of keyworkers, one to one staff, dinner staff and a cleaner. L Mackay is employed to do the accounts. Our deputy manager Ellie left in December to pursue another career, a staff member has stepped in to cover her and we have recruited a new cleaner.

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 completed, in September, a project called "I see You" which promoted physical literacy and worked with primed for life. The project was fantastic and it had a profound effect on the children and staff and we have implemented this throughout the year. We are still involved with our local church and participated in Harvest held at the church, unfortunately due to staffing we were unable to put on Christmas show. 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 as we do annually. We have been allowing our local rainbows and brownies to use our facilities. We have supported the family hubs in their new job roles to have some early years experience at the request of the local authority. The children and families enjoyed our very first bubble run in July and it was a great turn out.

The number of children are buoyant. The number of children in nursery with the Government 30 hours funding is good and we have a good number of funded two and 3 year olds. New funding is due to come in from September 2024 for babies from 9 months old.

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. Our manager is completing her SENCO Level 3 due to re-start in October 2024. 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 less changeable each day, and some are full some have places. We are advertising for places in there. We are still involved 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 our visits to our community gardens, and we have made links for family support with a local children's centre. They are continuing to provide 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 on a one to one basis. Currently we have applied for 2 EHCP's to support the children further. 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 have moved to an online journal called Famly which has been running from September. 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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Recruitment of trustees

We recruit trustees through appealing to parents and carers and other professionals, currently we have two members following changes to the trustees in June/July 2024. New members are invited to attend a meeting and then adopted onto the trustees, pending ey2 forms from Ofsted and a clean dbs. We still have a parent undergoing appointment procedures, this has been a very slow process held up by Ofsted. This will bring the number of trustees to three. We are pro-actively looking to recruit a further two trustees to the board of trustees.

Within the charity:

- 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 be fully informed about any decisions needed to be made
- Steps are taken to manage conflicts of interest if they arise. Where necessary due to the number of current trustees, and the dual role of the Manager, an independent person is consulted.

Financial review of the year

During the years the charity received income of £186,204 (2023 - £173,457), £184,404 (2023 - £170,933) of this income was from nursery fees.

The charity incurred costs of £183,462 (2023- £186,098) which related to the running of the nursery.

This has resulted in an excess of receipts over payments for the year of £2,742 (2023 – surplus payments over receipts £12,641).

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. £20,000. We are in no deficit of funds.

We have put up our fees in April with a small increase, whilst we remain very competitive locally we have had to put the fees up to help with growing running costs. We have been liaising with Cumbria County Council regarding a new lease agreement and changes to the building.

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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 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.

We are looking at next academic year to extend our baby room to provide a sleep area to further promote our babies well-being. Plans are being drawn up by an architect.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

..... Clare Johnson
Name and signature

..... 27/6/25
Date

**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 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 5.

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

27 June 2025

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Receipts and payments account For the year ended 31st August 2024

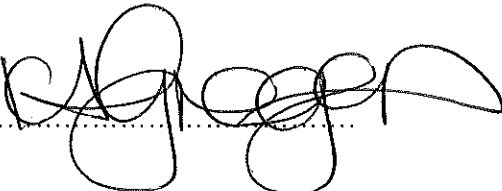
	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts				
Income from pre-nursery:				
Pre-nursery fees	184404	-	184404	170933
SEN funding	1425	-	1425	2474
Grants received	375	-	375	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	50
	186204	-	186204	173457
Payments				
Pre-nursery running costs:				
Wages and salaries	149393	-	149393	149938
Pension	7775	-	7775	5826
Staff training	285	-	285	225
DBS checks	-	-	-	154
Resources	4554	-	4554	4079
Trips, visits and sessions	1155	-	1155	970
Food, drink and snacks	8390	-	8390	9681
Repairs and maintenance	2590	-	2590	7438
Cleaning	784	-	784	1299
Rates	683	-	683	642
Insurance	1758	-	1758	1519
Printing, postage and stationery	766	-	766	1011
Ofsted registration	220	-	220	220
Subscriptions and licences	446	-	446	334
Accountancy fees	-	-	-	576
Payroll fees	756	-	756	672
Legal and professional fees	35	-	35	35
Bank charges	341	-	341	403
Transport costs	15	-	15	-
Internet fees	1111	-	1111	701
IT costs- App	1589	-	1589	-
Sundries	509	-	509	257
Uniforms	307	-	307	118
	183462			
	183462			
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) of receipts over payments	2742		2742	(12641)
Brought forward at 1 st September 2022	183265	-	183265	195906
Carried forward at 31 st August 2023	186007	-	186007	183265

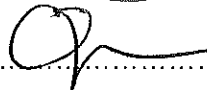
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Statement of assets and liabilities As at 31st August 2024

	2024 Total £	2023 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	185683	182941
Cash held in float	<u>324</u>	<u>324</u>
	<u>186007</u>	<u>183265</u>
Debtors:		
SEN funding	<u>2173</u>	<u>-</u>
Liabilities:		
Accruals	1380	660
PAYE	9	-
Pension	<u>3385</u>	<u>3129</u>
	<u>4774</u>	<u>3789</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Karen Gregory 
Name and signature

Clare Johnson 
Name and signature

27/06/25
Date