

Company Number
7471433

PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL

Financial Statements

31st August 2024

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PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL

Charity / Company Information FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS:

Juliette Hardman - Director
Maddie Dunning - Director
Suzanne Williams - Director
Rym Atkins - Director
Jenny Baker - Director
Fran O'Neill - Director/Manager
Sarah Riley - Director/Manager

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Peapod Pre-School
Milford Road
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COMPANY NUMBER:

7471433

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER:

1161723

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

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26 Chandler Road
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PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 7 to 11

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Reporting Accountant

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').

Having satisfied myself that the charitable company is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to :-

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- b) follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under sections 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by a charitable company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the requirements;
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities.have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Mark Shearing FCA
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Dated

05/05/2025

**PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Peapod Pre-School (the "Company") is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16 December 2010. The Company adopted new articles of association in a form approved by the Pre-School Learning Alliance and the Charity Commission on 30 April 2014 and was registered as a charity on 19 May 2015 under charity number 1161723. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. At 31st August 2024, there were 7 members.

TRUSTEES

The trustees are, for the purposes of the Companies Act, directors of the charitable company. The trustees shown below have held office during the period from 1st September 2023 to the date of this report. Fran O'Neill and Sarah Riley are appointed as trustees in accordance with clause 6.1.1 of the Company's articles of association.

Juliette Hardman - Director
Rowan De Vroomen - Director - Resigned 2 August 2024
Maddie Dunning - Director
Suzanne Williams - Director
Rym Atkins - Director - Appointed 2 February 2024
Jenny Baker - Director - Appointed 2 August 2024
Sarah Riley - Director (Manager)
Fran O'Neill - Director (Manager)

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT

The total number of board members shall not be less than two and not more than nine. The Trustees will from time to time appoint people with specific skills to fulfil specific projects. Those people would be entitled to attend management meetings. The trustees must meet at least three times a year.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Pre-school ("the Objects") are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:-

- a) Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;
- b) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs;
- c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Peapod Pre-school, with a 'Good' rating from Ofsted, remains consistently popular within its local community as well as within the wider area. The setting recognises it is fortunate to have an extensive waiting list and is unable to fulfil demand. As a Communication Hub, the preschool continues to work with its own families and the wider community, providing advice at the local parent and toddler group, events such as stay and play sessions and resources aiming to support speech, language and communication. The preschool's community-led approach culminates in the biggest fundraising event of the year: the summer fete. This is always well attended and supported, despite the weather this time. Fundraising helps towards the summer trip to Pettitts and ensures every child at the setting has the opportunity to attend.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements are set out on pages 7 to 8. The statement of financial activities is set out on page 7.

Total incoming resources amounted to £307,830. Total resources expended amounted to £306,751, resulting in net incoming resources for the year of £1,079. At the 31st August 2024, the charitable company had total funds of £73,357.

The balance sheet is in a healthy position with Free reserves of £23,357 and Contingency reserves of £50,000.

RESERVES POLICY

It is a general policy of the charitable company to hold free funds of 3 months of running costs to enable the orderly closing of the charitable company should the need arise. £50,000 is currently held in the reserves account.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY

Charity law and company law both require the trustees (who also act as directors for the purpose of company law) to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Suzanne Williams, Chair
13th May 2025

 (incoming chair)

PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources for generated funds		
Core Fees	93,082	92,702
Core funding	209,440	177,784
Honorary Communications hub	-	-
Donations	381	94
Fund Raising	4,210	2,642
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Bank Interest	717	283
Total incoming resources	<u>307,830</u>	<u>273,505</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds	2 836	487
Charitable activities	3 305,474	304,907
Governance costs	4 441	407
Total resources expended	<u>306,751</u>	<u>305,801</u>
Net (resources)/Incoming before transfers	<u>1,079</u>	<u>(32,296)</u>
Transfers	-	-
Net (outcoming)/incoming resources after transfers	1,079	(32,296)
Total funds brought forward at 1 September 2023	<u>72,500</u>	<u>104,796</u>
Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2024	73,357	72,500

There are no recognised gains and losses in the statement of financial activities and , consequently, no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

For Companies Act purposes, total income is £307,830 and total expenditure is £306,751 which is total incoming resources and total resource expenses as shown above. All the amounts relate to continuing activities.

**PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
CURRENT ASSEST			
Debtors			
Cash at bank and in hand	(6)	1,254	3,834
		<u>81,205</u>	<u>79,036</u>
		82,459	82,870
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	(7)	(9,102)	(10,592)
		<u>(9,102)</u>	<u>(10,592)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSESTS		73,357	72,278
NET ASSETS		<u>73,357</u>	<u>72,278</u>
FUNDS			
Total Funds	(8)		
Represented by:-			
Contingency Reserves		50,000	50,000
Free Reserves		<u>23,357</u>	<u>22,278</u>
Reserves carried forward		<u>73,357</u>	<u>72,278</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with requirements of Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13th May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Suzanne Williams, Chair

**PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements:

a) Basis or preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice", published in March 2005 (revised May 2008) and applicable accounting standards

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of Peapod Pre-School

There were no restricted funds but £50,000 of designated funds.

c) Incoming resources

All income is accounted for as soon as Peapod Pre-School has entitlement to the income, there is certainty of receipt and the amount is quantifiable

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis

**PEAPOD PRE-SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
2 COST OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising Expenses	<u>836</u>	<u>487</u>
3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Direct Costs: Staff Salaries	249,886	242,521
Training	1,653	185
Early years PP	366	1,614
Activity Equipment	6,685	4,474
Bad debt expense	-	-
Fund Raising purchases	2,387	2,148
Refreshments	3,511	3,391
School Dinners	3,337	3,417
Protective clothing	1,405	1,748
Staff Costs	1,583	1,751
Premises Running Costs	1,285	988
Rent	24,492	24,593
Cleaning	5,591	5,247
Repairs	-	8,800
Postage and Stationery	9	15
Printing and Photocopying	745	1,056
Telephone and internet	1,020	936
IT support and infrastructure	171	649
Subscriptions	941	1,074
Bank Fees	86	119
Travel	-	42
Sundry Expenses	322	140
	<u>305,474</u>	<u>304,907</u>
4 GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS		
Professional fees	<u>441</u>	<u>407</u>
5 TRUSTEE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION		
a) Trustee information		
No remuneration was paid to the Trustees during the year (2024: £nil).		
b) Employee Information		
The average number of staff employed during the year was:	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
6 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Debtors	593	635
Prepayments	661	624
PAYE & NIC Due	-	2,575
	<u>1,254</u>	<u>3,834</u>

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Creditors		
PAYE & NIC Due	1,151	1,735
Pension	1,876	-
Client Deposits	-	-
Income Received in Advance	5,500	6,400
Accruals	276	1,858
	<u>300</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>9,102</u>	<u>10,592</u>

8 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

	Net Current Assets 2024 £	Net Current Assets 2023 £
General Fund		
Designated Fund	23,357	22,278
	50,000	50,000
	<u>73,357</u>	<u>72,278</u>

9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year there were no related party transactions (2023: none)