

AISKEW UNDER FIVES PRE-SCHOOL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 APRIL 2025

The Committee members present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's 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: offering appropriate play, education and care facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and 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; encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs; instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the pre-school learning alliance. There has been no change in these objectives during the year.

Public benefit

The Committee members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

This year the pre-school are delighted to still remain an Outstanding rating by Ofsted. This recognition of all the hard work and support that the staff in the setting have provided for the children, their families and the extended community. The team continues to adapt and develop the offering within the settings to provide an excellent early years environment for the children to thrive and begin their learning journey.

This year the Pre school have received £1,500 from Neighbourly. The funding has been put to use towards a holiday club for last Summer.

We are always grateful to the support provided by the parents and wider community for our fundraising activities throughout the year from the Easter toddle to the Christmas raffle, all money raised goes back to the Pre-school to enhance the experience of the children. The setting were able to purchase a new water tray, as well as bikes for the children to develop their physical development with.

The children continue to explore the local area, with visits to the local church, bookshop and local parks. We have expanded the programme of activities within the setting as well, alongside the popular singing sessions, we have been able to offer love science and have had animals come into the setting to be petted by the children. We were also pleased that we could open up the Holiday club to a wider group of 2-8 year olds providing extra options for parents to entertain their children for 3 weeks over the long summer break.

Over this year, there have been no staffing changes. Staff have used courses to upskill current qualifications and Helen is now qualified as SENCo. We thank everyone for their support over their time with us and look forward to working with our new members to deliver the charity's objectives over the coming year.

The pre-school continues to be a key resource for the community and continues to expand its offering for the children and their families to ensure the best early years experience for everyone in the setting. There has been no need to build in "mother and toddler" sessions due to numbers in the setting being almost at capacity.

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Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows an overall increase in funds in the period of £19,424 (2024 - £16,762). Total income amounted to £122,606 (2024 - £103,418).

As at 4 April 2025 the charity had unrestricted funds of £102,154 (2024 - £85,127), and restricted funds of £4,918 (2024 - £2,521).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Committee members consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The charity was incorporated on 13 May 2014 and amended special resolutions were issued on 29 May 2015.

The Committee members, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss H Hustwick

Ms E Dunwell

Ms C A Ramsbottom

(Resigned 1 June 2025)

Ms G Selemun

Ms J Brown

Ms H Fawcett

Ms E Hughes

(Appointed 6 June 2024)

Ms L Mildren

(Resigned 13 May 2024)

Miss L Fryer

(Appointed 10 June 2025)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Committee Officers and Committee members are eligible for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for six consecutive years. Committee Officers and Committee members, so elected, shall serve until the end of the next following Annual General Meeting at which they were elected.

Three of the Committee members are employed by the charity and therefore have a beneficial interest in the charity. All of the Committee members are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Committee members report was approved by the Board of Committee Members.

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Ms H Fawcett

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