

**LITTLE DOVES CHRISTIAN PRE SCHOOL LTD
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Company Information
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

Directors	Mr Lee O'Meara Ms Holly Higgon Rev Julie Hardy Ms Jennifer Martin Mrs Pamela Biddulph Holly Kannor Sandra Spooner Mrs Jenny Walker
Company Number	10551269
Registered Office	100 Longfields Marden Ash Ongar Essex CM5 9DE
Accountants	Westbury Accountancy Ltd Suite 1a, Hunter House, 150 Hutton Road Shenfield Brentwood CM15 8NL

Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Company No. 10551269
Directors' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr Lee O'Meara
Ms Holly Higgon
Rev Julie Hardy
Ms Jennifer Martin
Mrs Pamela Biddulph
Holly Kannor
Sandra Spooner
Mrs Jenny Walker

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Review of the Year

The preschool has provided quality educational opportunities for children primarily under statutory school age in a welcoming, caring, calm, child-orientated environment where the curriculum is based around promoting the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The preschool successfully entered into contract with Essex County Council for a seventh year. Existing staff members were retained and new staff employed, creating an increasing staffing body of 18. All have undergone a programme of CPD to meet statutory requirements.

Early Education opportunities set within an environment that is welcoming and nurturing have been provided for an increasing number of families with children aged between 2 and 4 years old living in Essex. The preschool has been able to support approximately 50 families throughout the year as they start their education journey within a setting that ensures children with special educational needs are fully supported and are at the forefront of our practice.

The preschool continues to work hard to establish community links, being located within a rural setting it aims to create a focal hub for families and embed cohesively with the other groups that use the rented space.

The preschools reputation for providing excellent educational opportunities continues to grow, utilising its network of contacts within local primary schools, community groups and churches provides a referral opportunity for families seeking early education opportunities for their children. It will continue to maximise opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with these groups. It will consolidate and expand the funding base in order to secure the continuing viability of the preschool and ensure that it continues to provide educational opportunity.

Throughout the year 2023 2024 the preschool has operated exceptionally well, enabling the business to thrive and become the priority choice for parents looking for excellent quality early years education. This has been down to excellent staffing and a strong and dynamic leadership team.

Financial Review

The preschool has benefitted from a variety of fundraising activity. It has met all of its financial obligations during this financial year and ends the year with a carry forward balance. Full details of payments and receipts can be found in the financial statement for the year. Moving forward into the next financial year, reserves will be used for increases to minimum/living wage for staff members. To cover the increased running costs which suppliers are having to pass on to the preschool and for the upkeep/replacement of equipment. Additionally, priorities will be ensuring the preschool is as inclusive as possible for children with additional educational needs, the cost implications of this need to be absorbed by the preschool. Trustees have agreed to continue to contribute towards a small fund to assist families who are struggling financially and whose children would therefore not be able to attend the setting without financial support.

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Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Directors' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities - continued

Jenny Walker - Trustee

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Walker', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

Mrs Jenny Walker

Director

30th September 2024

Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

In accordance with the engagement letter dated , and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 31 March 2024 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed



30th September 2024

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Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
TURNOVER		195,106	161,146
GROSS SURPLUS		195,106	161,146
Administrative expenses		(181,001)	(160,913)
OPERATING SURPLUS		14,105	233
Other interest receivable and similar income		742	71
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		14,847	304

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Balance Sheet
As At 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	295		488	
Cash at bank and in hand		65,182		50,140	
		65,477		50,628	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	(1)		1	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			65,476		50,629
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			65,476		50,629
NET ASSETS			65,476		50,629
Income and Expenditure Account			65,476		50,629
MEMBERS' FUNDS			65,476		50,629

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board



Mrs Jenny Walker

Director

30th September 2024

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Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. General Information

Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 10551269. The registered office is 100 Longfields, Marden Ash, Ongar, Essex, CM5 9DE.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 section 1A Small Entities "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

2.2. Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

Sale of goods

Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods has transferred to the buyer. This is usually at the point that the customer has signed for the delivery of the goods.

Rendering of services

Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs. Turnover is only recognised to the extent of recoverable expenses when the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably.

3. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was: 18 (2023: 18)

4. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	295	488

5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1	(1)

6. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

Little Doves Christian Pre School Ltd
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER				
Badges & T-shirt Income		1,183		860
Donations		1,098		965
ECC Funding		126,190		108,857
External Education Income		2,468		2,043
Fundraising		5,932		2,670
Income from Parents		58,235		45,751
		<u>195,106</u>		<u>161,146</u>
GROSS SURPLUS		195,106		161,146
Administrative Expenses				
Wages and salaries	151,455		134,176	
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	2,669		1,910	
Staff training	481		2,056	
Rent	7,956		7,550	
Equipment Expense	1,670		1,587	
Badge & T-Shirt Expense	1,434		774	
Insurance	1,105		1,229	
EYPP Expense	1,220		1,233	
Printing, postage and stationery	782		362	
Food & Hygiene	3,269		2,781	
External Education Expense	1,725		1,445	
Educational Material	1,839		1,878	
Publications	274		8	
Fundraising Expense	691		351	
Telecommunications and data costs	962		579	
Disability access fund	1,401		1,436	
Subscriptions	1,570		666	
Gifts	498		891	
Sundry expenses	-		1	
		<u>(181,001)</u>		<u>(160,913)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS		14,105		233
Other interest receivable and similar income				
Bank interest receivable	742		71	
		<u>742</u>		<u>71</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>14,847</u>		<u>304</u>