

AYCLIFFE DRIVE PRESCHOOL CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1175128

Details

Other names AYCLIFFE DRIVE PRE-SCHOOL CIO

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE DEVLEOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YONG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BY:PROMOTING THEIR CARE AND SAFETY;PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT;PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING;PROVIDING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS;PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO; ANDFURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: Sessional Preschool

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£128,514	£104,021	-	-
2024-02-29	£89,767	£88,753	-	-
2023-02-28	£83,254	£81,679	-	-
2022-02-28	£71,138	£73,218	-	-
2021-02-28	£60,811	£72,559	-	-

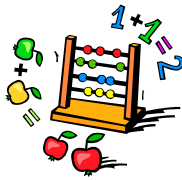
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TRUDI HEARD	Chair	2017-05-10
David Rintoul		2019-05-08
Gemma Long		2019-05-08
JOANNE PECK		2017-05-10
TRACEY WARTNABY		2017-05-10

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Business Manager's Report

16 December '25

It has been a successful year for many reasons, the children have made good progress, leadership has worked hard and we are full for the numbers of staff employed.

Since joining the 2 year old expansion scheme, we have seen numbers increase and I have managed to obtain a small amount of funding towards this but my worry is that when parents are eligible to obtain up to 30 free hours for their child from 9 months old, we will lose our main income of 2 year olds, because most parents will not need/want to move their child, once they are settled in a setting.

However, since signing our new lease, we are now paying business rates, (with a reduction for being a registered charity) but this sufficient additional cost together with the cost of living rises, national insurance and minimum wage rises, finances are always a worry to try to remain sustainable. It is worth mentioning that the pressure to offer highly qualified staff, training staff must attend. High quality resources, required to be able to gain a 'Good' Ofsted inspection to continue to receive funding, is becoming harder, but this year has been a much more successful year because our numbers have been high and we have been full to capacity.

Enquiries from parents wanting a place for 2 yr olds are ongoing, so this looks very promising. We have a good waiting list for September and new children joining us after the Easter break.

We remain hopeful that child funding rates will increase to a proportion that helps towards the above rising expenditure we now face.

Continuation of investigating the possibility of Grants will be ongoing and looking for ways to promote our setting to attract new families will remain a priority.

I always finish my report by saying all we can do is continue to keep any expenditure within our control to a minimum and hope with the number of enquiries interested in places, we look forward to a prosperous new financial year. If we can attract the same numbers of children on our register next year, we will be in a good position to continue to offer a high standard pre-school for the community.

Tracey Wartnaby
Business Manager

INCOME & EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDING 28th FEBRUARY 2025

INCOME	2023/24	2024/25
	£	£
Fees	7,060	7,272
Photos/ Fundraising	398	650
Herts CC Grants & Support	82,309	120,592
Interest Receivable		
Total	89,767	128,513 4-

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	70,136	78,290
Pensions	2,947	3,596
HMRC	9,521	9,803
Staff training	-	556
Wages Admin	1,115	1,462
Insurance & Membership	849	1,286
Building/Cleaning	1,128	1,422
Phone	72	72
Activities	36	81
Toys	71	182
Office Supplies	412	609
Sundries (2)	53	117
HCC Supplies (2)	908	900
Snacks (3)	316	313
Stamps/Postage	-	11
Miscellaneous	1,190	5,321
Total	88,754	104,012 21
Operating Surplus/Deficit (-) for year	1,013	24,494 3

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CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 2025

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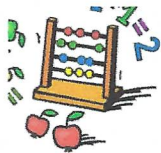
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Chairpersons report for year ending 29th February 2024

I'm very pleased to report that it has been another successful year for Aycliffe Drive Preschool. The number of children on roll has increased again, and we are offering more children 30-hour funded spaces. We have a good balance of fee-paying and funded children, and have found that some of those fee-paying parents are sending their children for more than the recommended minimum 2 sessions per week. We have new starters confirmed for the summer term, and have already lined-up children for the Autumn term in September, including the sibling of 1 child who is currently with us. I'd like to thank Mrs Hobbs, Ms Hodgson and Mrs Wartnaby for the time they spend communicating with prospective parents, sorting the waiting list, preparing registers, ensuring that we have all funding codes and making sure that we fit children in where we can.

The new management team are continuing to do an amazing job, fully supporting each other and staff, plus planning, implementing and constantly reviewing an enriching, educational and fun curriculum.

We had our Ofsted during our inspection in March 2023, and I'm pleased to announce that we received a rating of 'Good' so congratulations to all staff for this. Your hard-work and dedication is always on show, but to have it recognised by Ofsted just confirms what an amazing job you are all doing.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their continued commitment to their roles and the dedication shown to the children and their families. Early years education is an essential provision, but sometimes feels significantly underpaid and underappreciated for the amount of work, training, and knowledge involved. I know that staff are keen to ensure that each child in our setting will leave us with the skills, curiosity and enthusiasm to continue to learn in their education journey.

I would like to finish my report by thanking the trustees for their continued support, and the staff for their continued hard-work in making Aycliffe Drive Preschool a continued success. Well done ladies.

Trudi Heard
Chairperson
Aycliffe Drive Pre-school

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDING 28th FEBRUARY 2024			
INCOME		2022/23	2023/24
		£	£
Fees		18,633	7,060
Photos/ Fundraising		262	398
Herts CC Grants & Support		54,359	82,309
Interest Receivable		10,000	
Total		83,254	89,767
EXPENDITURE			
Salaries		63,466	70,136
Pensions		2,774	2,947
HMRC		8,497	9,521
Staff training		432	-
Wages Admin		1,331	1,115
Insurance & Membership		793	849
Building/Cleaning		1,743	1,128
Phone		72	72
Activities		46	36
Toys		-	71
Office Supplies		269	412
Sundries (2)		141	53
HCC Supplies (2)		864	908
Snacks (3)		394	316
Stamps/Postage		-	-
Miscellaneous		857	1,190
Total		81,679	88,753
Operating Surplus/Deficit (-) for year		1,575	1,014

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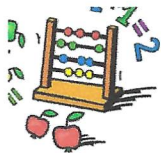
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5th March 2023

Welcome everyone and thank you for joining us today.

I'm very pleased to report that it has been another successful year for Aycliffe Drive Preschool. The number of children on roll from this time last year has increased, and we are offering more children 30-hour funded spaces than ever before. We have a good balance of fee-paying and funded children, and have found that some of those fee-paying parents are sending their children for more than the recommended minimum 2 sessions per week. We have new starters confirmed for the summer term, and have already lined-up children for the Autumn term in September, including 5 of our current children, 4 of whom are funded. I'd like to thank Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Wartnaby for the time they spend communicating with prospective parents, sorting the waiting list, preparing registers, ensuring that we have all funding codes and making sure that we fit children in where we can.

I'd also like to congratulate Cheryl Hobbs on gaining her Level 3 NVQ, and for her promotion to position of Deputy Preschool Leader. The new management team are doing an amazing job, fully supporting each other and staff, plus planning, implementing and constantly reviewing an enriching, educational and fun curriculum. Any Early Years inspections we have had this year have all been positive, and it's always mentioned how well staff know the children. We are currently awaiting an Ofsted inspection, which is due any time now, and I have every faith that we will be rated 'Good' or above.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their continued commitment to their roles and the dedication shown to the children and their families. Early years education is an essential provision, but sometimes feels significantly underpaid and underappreciated for the amount of work, training, and knowledge involved. I know that staff are keen to ensure that each child in our setting will leave us with the skills, curiosity and enthusiasm to continue to learn in their education journey.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDING 28th FEBRUARY 2023			
INCOME		2021/22	2022/23
		£	£
Fees		11,132	18,633
Photos/ Fundraising		199	262
Herts CC Grants & Support		59,807	54,359
Interest Receivable			10,000
Total		71,138	83,253
EXPENDITURE			
Salaries		55,470	63,466
Pensions		1,783	2,774
HMRC		6,157	8,497
Staff training		575	432
Wages Admin		1,135	1,331
Insurance & Membership		1,195	793
Building/Cleaning		4,107	1,743
Phone		232	72
Activities		15	46
Toys		-	-
Office Supplies		601	269
Sundries (2)		31	141
HCC Supplies (2)		612	864
Snacks (3)		134	394
Stamps/Postage		-	-
Miscellaneous		1,171	857
Total		73,218	81,680
Operating Surplus/Deficit (-) for year		2,080-	1,573

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24th March 2022

Welcome everyone and thank you for joining us today.

So we started this financial year back in lockdown again, with numbers of attendees still well below average for the time of year. Despite this, we have had a successful year, with increasing numbers of children requiring spaces, a healthy waiting list and new-starters already confirmed for both the summer term and the up-coming Autumn term in September. We have a good combination of fee paying children, as well as those receiving 15 and 30 funded hours.

At the end of the Autumn term we were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Cartwright our Preschool leader, who left us for pastures new. I'd like to thank her for all of her hard work, passion and dedication to the children, staff and Preschool overall during her time with us. It was her focus, diligence and experience that helped us to obtain our Herts Early Years Quality standard awards in both silver and gold, and continue to be a 'good' setting with OfSted. The new setting are very lucky to have her, and we wish her every success in the new venture. Unfortunately, employing a new Preschool Leader has proved difficult – something which is happening industry wide - so in the meantime I'd like to thank Tracey Wartnaby and Emma Hodgson for jointly taking on the role. Between them they have a wealth of knowledge and experience, and I know that Preschool is in very capable hands. We also welcome a new member of staff - Klodjana Mullaj joined us as bank staff in February and has already settled in well to the team.

I would also like to thank all of our staff for the commitment to their roles and dedication shown to the children and their families. Early years education is an essential provision, but feels significantly underpaid and underappreciated for the amount of work, training, and knowledge involved. The department of Education introduced a new Early Years Framework in September, which the staff have got to grips with. Through getting to know each child as an individual, as well as planning and reviewing our curriculum, the staff are keen to ensure that each child in our setting will leave us with the skills, curiosity and enthusiasm to continue to learn in their education journey.

I would like to finish my report by thanking the trustees for their continued support, and the staff for their continued hard-work in making Aycliffe Drive Preschool a continued success. Well done ladies.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDING 28th FEBRUARY 2022

INCOME	2020/21	2021/22
Fees	2,390.00	11,132.00
Fundraising	-	199.00
Herts CC Grants & Funding	58,421.00	59,807.00
Interest receivable	-	-
Total	60,811.00	71,138.00

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	56552	55470
Pensions	1800	1783
HMRC	4386	6157
Staff Training	308	575
Wages Admin	1131	1135
Insurance & Membership	996	1195
Building/Cleaning	3926	4107
Phone	190	232
Activities	82	15
Toys	83	0
Office Supplies	510	601
Sundries	367	31
HCC Supplies	924	612
Snacks	356	134
Stamps/postage	109	0
Miscellaneous	839	1171
Total	72559	73218
Operating Surplus/Deficit (-) for year	-11,748.00	- 2,080.00

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