



**Aycliffe Drive Pre-School CIO**  
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Chairpersons report for year ending 29<sup>th</sup> 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

Registered Charity No. 1175128

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDING 28th FEBRUARY 2024</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>2022/23</b>		<b>2023/24</b>
		£		£
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
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
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
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit (-) for year</b>		<b>1,575</b>		<b>1,014</b>

AYCLIFFE DRIVE PRESCHOOL

CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

I certify that the attached Income and Expenditure account is in accordance with the records, information and explanations provided to me.

L. Odell

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Independent verifier