

BRAMBLES COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1181985

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-02-12

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

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Activities

Objects: THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL 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, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, 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; ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS;INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: Brambles Community Pre-School provide quality early education and care for local children aged 2-5. We provide a stimulating and engaging environment to enable the children to reach their full potential and to be independent, life-long learners.

Classification

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

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£227,900	£190,137	-	-
2024-08-31	£147,849	£125,393	-	-
2023-08-31	£133,445	£150,388	-	-
2022-08-31	£156,907	£105,530	-	-
2021-08-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SHARON WHITWORTH	Chair	2019-06-23
Bethany Simmonds		2022-06-22
Bryani Roppolo		2018-05-03
joanna Drobniak		2024-08-29
victoria hernandez		2024-09-16

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Unaudited Accounts

31 August 2025

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Brambles Community Pre-School Information

Trustees

S Whitworth
B Roppolo
B Simmonds
V Hernandez
J Drobnik

Management committee

S Whitworth (chair)
B J Roppolo
B Simmonds
V Hernandez
J Drobnik

Accountants

Cochrane & Co Accountants Limited
38 Kings Road
Lee-on-the-Solent
Hampshire
PO13 9NU

Bankers

HSBC
390A Bitterne Road
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Southampton
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Thornhill Primary School Site
Byron Road
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SO19 6FH

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Structure, Governance and Management
Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

Governing document

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Management committee

Committee members are elected for a term of one year, and can be re-elected for a total term not to exceed ten consecutive years.

Membership

Membership is divided into two types, family and affiliate. Family membership covers parents and guardians of children attending the pre-school. Affiliate membership is open to individuals, organisations or other bodies interested in supporting the aims of the pre-school.

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The principal funding source continues to be the subsidy provided by Southampton City Council. These funds are topped up by other fund raising activities.

At 31 August 2025 our unrestricted funds totalled £94,653.

Approved by the management committee on

Signed on it's behalf by;

S Whitworth
Chair

Brambles Community Pre-School

Registered charity number 1181985

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brambles Community Pre-School on the accounts for the period ended 31 August 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed applicable Directions given by the charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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J Cochrane, FCA

Cochrane & Co Accountants Limited, 38 Kings Road, Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, PO13 9NU

Dated

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Incoming resources-unrestricted		
Grants	215,265	131,984
Fees	5,328	2,727
Fundraising and uniforms	1,763	23
Bank interest	365	255
	<u>222,721</u>	<u>134,989</u>
Incoming resources-restricted		
Other grants	<u>5,179</u>	<u>12,860</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>227,900</u>	<u>147,849</u>

Resources expended unrestricted

Fee earning activities

Wages and salaries	137,438	84,725
Employer's NI	2,763	925
Employee pension	2,561	1,606
Rent	8,020	8,013
Insurance	2,560	2,433
Uniforms	977	370
Catering	1,204	547
Trips and events	1,511	-
Christmas	446	106
Equipment, including garden	7,149	2,829
	<u>164,629</u>	<u>101,554</u>

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

Governance costs

Bookkeeping	915	865
Accountancy	1,482	1,368
Telephone	726	736
Office costs	2,423	2,355
Staff training	4,025	1,388
Depreciation	3,353	2,164
DBS	530	137
Cleaning	2,704	2,173
Repair and renewals	2,474	693
Summer leavers	453	150
Other	1,079	722
Subscriptions	165	35
	<u>20,329</u>	<u>12,786</u>

Resources expended restricted

Wages and salaries	5,179	11,053
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Total resources expended

<u>190,137</u>	<u>125,393</u>
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources

<u>37,763</u>	<u>22,456</u>
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Reconciliation of fund;

Total funds brought forward	56,890	34,434
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Total funds carried forward

<u>94,653</u>	<u>56,890</u>
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Unrestricted funds

94,653	56,890
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Restricted funds

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**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 August 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Equipment, machinery and motor vehicles	12	10,060	6,488
Current assets			
Cash at bank		90,998	56,861
Cash in hand		20	20
Prepayments		566	511
		<u>91,584</u>	<u>57,392</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals		<u>6,991</u>	<u>6,990</u>
Net current assets		84,593	50,402
Net assets		<u>94,653</u>	<u>56,890</u>
Unrestricted Funds			
Funds		56,890	34,434
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		37,763	22,456
		<u>94,653</u>	<u>56,890</u>

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee on behalf by;

and signed on it's

S Whitworth
Chair

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been compiled on an accruals basis for the information of the pre-school committee and its members. As such, the preparation of these accounts is governed by the SORP (FRS 102).

The charity is a CIO.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities, when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Fee income is received from the local Education Authority and from parents and guardians. This is included in the accounts on a received basis.

Clothing, brochures and items for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Income from grants and subsidies are accounted for when received.

Outgoing resources

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT, which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the organisation delivering its services to the members. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the organisation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the management committee in furtherance of the aims of the organisation.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at 25% reducing balance

Pension contributions

Contributions are paid via NEST.

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

- 2 Pre-School Learning Alliance**
The pre-school is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, and as such, is exempt from taxation on its activities.
- 3 Management Committee**
No members of the management committee received remuneration during the period.

No committee member or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the organisation during the period.
- 4 Accumulated Fund**
All funds and assets are for the benefit of the pre-school members. Reserves are held to cover the costs of closure if that was required.
- 5 Employee numbers**
There were 15 employees during the period.
- 6 Presentation currency**
The accounts are presented in Sterling.
- 7 Independent examiners fees**
During the period fees of £1,368 were due to the Independent examiner.
- 8 Trustee remuneration**
During the period no trustees were paid remuneration.
- 9 Trustees expenses**
No expenses were paid to trustees in the year.
- 10 Employees**
No individual employee was paid over £60,000.

**Brambles Community Pre-School
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for the year ended 31 August 2025**

12 Plant, machinery and motor vehicles

	Plant and machinery £
At 1 September 2024	14,915
Additions	6,925
At 31 August 2025	<u>21,840</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2024	8,427
Charge for the year	3,353
At 31 August 2025	<u>11,780</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2025	<u>10,060</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>6,488</u>

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Chair

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Incoming resources-unrestricted		
Grants	131,984	127,640
Fees	2,727	-
Fundraising and uniforms	23	489
Bank interest	255	92
	<u>134,989</u>	<u>128,221</u>
Incoming resources-restricted		
Other grants	<u>12,860</u>	<u>5,224</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>147,849</u>	<u>133,445</u>
Resources expended unrestricted		
Fee earning activities		
Wages and salaries	84,725	111,166
Employer's NI	925	2,375
Recruitment costs	-	498
Employee pension	1,606	2,016
Rent	8,013	8,431
Insurance	2,433	2,468
Uniforms	370	225
Catering	547	262
Christmas	106	88
Equipment, including garden	2,829	2,945
	<u>101,554</u>	<u>130,474</u>

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Brambles Community Pre-School

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31 August 2023

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Trustees

R Thomas
S Whitworth
B Roppolo
A Hiscock
B Simmonds

Management committee

S Whitworth (chair)
B J Roppolo
R Thomas
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Approved by the management committee on

Signed on it's behalf by;

S Whitworth
Chair

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Dated

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Incoming resources-unrestricted		
Gift from charity 1055320	-	61,394
Grants	127,640	87,778
Fees	-	659
Fundraising and uniforms	489	301
Bank interest	92	4
	<u>128,221</u>	<u>150,136</u>
Incoming resources-restricted		
Other grants	<u>5,224</u>	<u>6,771</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>133,445</u>	<u>156,907</u>
Resources expended unrestricted		
Fee earning activities		
Wages and salaries	111,166	88,612
Employer's NI	2,375	-
Recruitment costs	498	530
Employee pension	2,016	1,504
Rent	8,431	(10,669)
Insurance	2,468	727
Uniforms	225	-
Catering	262	213
Christmas	88	32
Equipment, including garden	2,945	2,529
	<u>130,474</u>	<u>83,478</u>

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

Governance costs

Bookkeeping	1,033	890
Accountancy	1,260	2,574
Telephone	719	630
Office costs	2,299	1,421
Bank charges	-	30
Staff training	1,312	1,700
Depreciation	2,684	3,579
DBS	211	152
Cleaning	2,586	2,183
Repair and renewals	1,932	527
Summer leavers	-	122
Other	501	513
Legal fees	-	960
Subscriptions	153	-
	<u>14,690</u>	<u>15,281</u>

Resources expended restricted

Wages and salaries	5,224	6,771
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Total resources expended

<u>150,388</u>	<u>105,530</u>
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources

<u>(16,943)</u>	<u>51,377</u>
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Reconciliation of fund;

Total funds brought forward	51,377	-
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Total funds carried forward

<u>34,434</u>	<u>51,377</u>
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Unrestricted funds

34,434	51,377
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Restricted funds

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<u>34,434</u>	<u>51,377</u>

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 August 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Equipment, machinery and motor vehicles	11	8,053	10,737
Current assets			
Cash at bank		24,729	59,579
Cash in hand		20	120
Prepayments		2,992	372
		<u>27,741</u>	<u>60,071</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals		<u>1,360</u>	<u>19,431</u>
Net current assets		26,381	40,640
Net assets		<u>34,434</u>	<u>51,377</u>
Unrestricted Funds			
Funds		51,377	-
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		(16,943)	51,377
		<u>34,434</u>	<u>51,377</u>

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee on behalf by;

and signed on it's

S Whitworth
Chair

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

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**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

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3 Management Committee

No members of the management committee received remuneration during the period.

No committee member or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the organisation during the period.

4 Accumulated Fund

All funds and assets are for the benefit of the pre-school members. Reserves are held to cover the costs of closure if that was required.

5 Employee numbers

There were 10 employees during the period.

6 Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in Sterling.

7 Independent examiners fees

During the period fees of £1,260 were due to the Independent examiner.

8 Trustee remuneration

During the period two trustees were paid remuneration as follows;

Miss R Thomas £20,203, pension £450

Mrs H Emery £18,544, pension £416

Amounts were paid via their contracts of employment with the pre-school.

9 Trustees expenses

No expenses were paid to trustees in the year.

10 Employees

No individual employee was paid over £60,000.

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

11 Plant, machinery and motor vehicles

	Plant and machinery £
At 1 September 2022	14,316
At 31 August 2023	<u>14,316</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2022	3,579
Charge for the year	<u>2,684</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>6,263</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2023	<u>8,053</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>10,737</u>

BRAMBLES COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1181985

Accounts

Charity number 1181985

Brambles Community Pre-School

Unaudited Accounts

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Brambles Community Pre-School Information

Trustees

R Thomas (manager)
H Emery
S Whitworth
B Roppolo
A Hiscock
B Simmonds

Management committee

S Whitworth (chair)
B J Roppolo
R Thomas (manager)
H Emery
A Hiscock
B Simmonds

Accountants

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38 Kings Road
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Hampshire
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Bankers

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**Brambles Community Pre-School
Structure, Governance and Management
Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

Governing document

The organisation is constituted as a CIO with charitable principles governed by a Standard Pre-School Learning Alliance (PLA) constitution. In the event of the organisation being dissolved, the members have no liabilities. Any assets would be transferred to the PLA. Charity number 1181985.

Management committee

Committee members are elected for a term of one year, and can be re-elected for a total term not to exceed ten consecutive years.

Membership

Membership is divided into two types, family and affiliate. Family membership covers parents and guardians of children attending the pre-school. Affiliate membership is open to individuals, organisations or other bodies interested in supporting the aims of the pre-school.

Objects and activities

The organisation's aims are to enhance the development and education, primarily under the statutory school age. The organisation promotes these aims through offering appropriate play, education and care facilities.

Financial review and funding

Brambles Community Pre-school is a committee run preschool, currently graded Ofsted Good. Our vision is to enrich and enhance the lives of children who attend our setting and help them to raise their aspirations and become confident, independent, enthusiastic, lifelong learners.

We offer sessions to funded children from 2 years to school age. We work closely with families to make their experience here a settled and positive one. We celebrate the diversity of cultures and understand that children are individuals who can sometimes have complex needs that require additional support. We regularly hold sessions where the parents/carers and grandparents can come in and join the activities with their children.

At Brambles we want all our children to be making good progress and close the gaps the in their learning. We are achieving this by providing a nurturing environment that follows the interests of the children and listens to the voice of the child. If the child has additional needs the SENCO's liaise with outside agencies and work supporting key workers to plan for these children. We liaise with schools to help children's transition go as smoothly as possible. Staff understand that children with English as an additional language will be slower to develop spoken language. Staff make sure that all activities are accessible to all children, no matter what age or ability, so that every child has the same opportunity to reach their full potential.

The principal funding source continues to be the subsidy provided by Southampton City Council. These funds are topped up by other fund raising activities.

At 31 August 2022 our unrestricted funds totalled £51,377.

Approved by the management committee on

Signed on it's behalf by;

S Whitworth
Chair

Brambles Community Pre-School
Registered charity number 1181985

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brambles Community Pre-School
on the accounts for the period ended 31 August 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed applicable Directions given by the charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J Cochrane, FCA

Cochrane & Co Accountants Limited, 38 Kings Road, Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, PO13 9NU

Dated

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

	2022
	£
Incoming resources-unrestricted	
Gift from charity 1055320	61,394
Grants	87,778
Fees	659
Fundraising and uniforms	301
Bank interest	4
	<u>150,136</u>
Incoming resources-restricted	
Other grants	<u>6,771</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>156,907</u>

Resources expended unrestricted

Fee earning activities

Wages and salaries	88,612
Recruitment costs	530
Employee pension	1,504
Rent	(10,669)
Insurance	727
Catering	213
Christmas	32
Equipment, including garden	2,529
	<u>83,478</u>

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

Governance costs

Bookkeeping	890
Accountancy	2,574
Telephone	630
Office costs	1,421
Bank charges	30
Staff training	1,700
Depreciation	3,579
DBS	152
Cleaning	2,183
Repair and renewals	527
Summer leavers	122
Other	513
Legal fees	960

15,281

Resources expended restricted

Wages and salaries	6,771
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Total resources expended

105,530

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources

51,377

Reconciliation of fund;

Total funds brought forward	-
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Total funds carried forward

51,377

Unrestricted funds

51,377

Restricted funds

-

51,377

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 August 2022**

	Notes	2022 £
Fixed assets		
Equipment, machinery and motor vehicles	12	10,737
Current assets		
Cash at bank		59,579
Cash in hand		120
Prepayments		372
		<u>60,071</u>
Current liabilities		
Accruals		<u>19,431</u>
Net current assets		40,640
Net assets		<u>51,377</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		51,377
		<u>51,377</u>

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee on and signed on it's behalf by;

S Whitworth
Chair

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been compiled on an accruals basis for the information of the pre-school committee and its members. As such, the preparation of these accounts is governed by the SORP (FRS 102).

The charity is a CIO.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities, when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Fee income is received from the local Education Authority and from parents and guardians. This is included in the accounts on a received basis.

Clothing, brochures and items for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Income from grants and subsidies are accounted for when received.

Outgoing resources

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT, which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the organisation delivering its services to the members. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the organisation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the management committee in furtherance of the aims of the organisation.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at 25% reducing balance

Pension contributions

Contributions are paid via NEST.

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

2 Pre-School Learning Alliance

The pre-school is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, and as such, is exempt from taxation on its activities.

3 Management Committee

No members of the management committee received remuneration during the period.

No committee member or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the organisation during the period.

4 Accumulated Fund

All funds and assets are for the benefit of the pre-school members. Reserves are held to cover the costs of closure if that was required.

5 Employee numbers

There were 9 employees during the period.

6 Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in Sterling.

7 Independent examiners fees

During the period fees of £1,164 were due to the Independent examiner.

8 Trustee remuneration

During the period two trustees were paid remuneration as follows;

Miss R Thomas £18,763, pension £407

Mrs H Emery £18,465, pension £398

Amounts were paid via their contracts of employment with the pre-school.

9 Trustees expenses

No expenses were paid to trustees in the year.

10 Employees

No individual employee was paid over £60,000.

11 Related party transactions.

On 1 November 2021 the assets, liabilities and funds of charity 105532 Brambles Community Pre-School, were transferred to this charity 1181985.

The net book value of the fixed assets transferred was £13,498.

The total unrestricted funds transferred were £61,394.

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

12 Plant, machinery and motor vehicles

	Plant and machinery £
Additions	14,316
At 31 August 2022	<u>14,316</u>
Depreciation	
Charge for the year	<u>3,579</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>3,579</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2022	<u>10,737</u>

BRAMBLES COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/09/2020** Period start date To **31/08/2021**
Period end date

Charity name: **Brambles Community Preschool**

Charity registration number: **1181985**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The aims of the charity are to enhance the development and education of children under 5.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We offer play, education and care facilities. We provide sessional education and care for children 2-5 years. We follow the EYFS Statutory Framework and provide activities to promote child development.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I can confirm the trustees have regard to this.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We were still awaiting the completion of the re-registration process with Ofsted during this period, so were no trading under this charity number yet.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We were not trading as this charity until 01/11/2021 as awaiting re-registration with Ofsted.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We will hold reserves once in operation as they will transfer from our old charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our principle source of funds will be from the governments nursery funding grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Ofsted re-registration process is taking more than 2 years to complete.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of charity trustees. They should have regard to skills, knowledge and experience.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Brambles Community Preschool
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1181985

Charity's principal address	Byron Road Thornhill Southampton SO19 6FH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sharon Whitworth	Chairperson		
2	Bryani Roppolo	Secretary		
3	Natasha Venn	Treasurer		
4	Hayley Emery			
5	Ruth Thomas			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Cochrane & Co Ltd	38 Kings Road, Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire, PO13 9NU

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Ruth Thomas - Manager, Hayley Emery - Manager

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

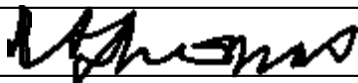
During this financial period we were still awaiting completion of the re-registration process with Ofsted. This was completed on 01/11/2021.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Ruth Thomas	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	
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Date

24/05/2022

Brambles Community Pre-School
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**Brambles Community Pre-School
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Trustee's annual report
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Membership

Membership is divided into two types, family and affiliate. Family membership covers parents and guardians of children attending the pre-school. Affiliate membership is open to individuals, organisations or other bodies interested in supporting the aims of the pre-school.

Objects and activities

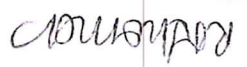
The organisation's aims are to provide quality early education and care for local children aged 2-5. To provide a stimulating and engaging environment to enable the children to reach their full potential and be independent, life long learners.

Financial review and funding

Brambles Community Pre-school had not started to trade at 31 August 2021. It started to operate on 1 November 2021.

Approved by the management committee on 22.3.22

Signed on its behalf by:



R Thomas
Trustee

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

	2021	2020
Incoming resources-unrestricted	-	-
Incoming resources-restricted	-	-
Total incoming resources	-	-
Resources expended unrestricted	-	-
Governance costs	-	-
Resources expended restricted	-	-
Total resources expended	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	-	-
Reconciliation of fund; Total funds brought forward	-	-
Total funds carried forward	-	-
Unrestricted funds	-	-
Restricted funds	-	-

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 August 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
Net assets		-	-
Funds		-	-

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 22.3.21 and signed on its behalf by:

R. Thomas
R Thomas
Trustee

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

1	Accounting policies
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	The charity is a CIO. The charity is a public benefit entity.
2	Pre-School Learning Alliance The pre-school is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, and as such, is exempt from taxation on its activities.
3	Management Committee No members of the management committee received remuneration during the year. No committee member or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the organisation during the year.
4	Accumulated Fund There are no accumulated funds.
5	Employee numbers There were 0 employees during the year.
6	Presentation currency The accounts are presented in Sterling.
7	Accountancy fees During the year fees of £250 were paid to the accountant (2020 £250).
8	Trustees expenses No expenses were paid to trustees in the year.