

**Brambles Community Pre-School
Structure, Governance and Management
Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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 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 2023 our unrestricted funds totalled £56,890.

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 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 August 2024, 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 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>