



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	Day 1	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Benenden Pre School
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1183202
Charity's principal address	St. Georges Hall. The Street, Benenden Cranbrook Kent
Postcode	TN17 4DB

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 Janet Beattie	Secretary	Whole year	
2 Sarah Andrew	Treasurer	Whole year	
3 Janet Beattie	Secretary	Whole year	
4 Gill Knox	Chair	Whole year	
5 Harriet Champneys		Whole year	
6 Caroline Iroegbu		28/1/25 – year end	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

Mrs Lucy Oakley, pre school supervisor

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Three trustees appointed by previous committee; trustees now able to appoint new trustees where needed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The pre-school supervisor regularly updates all policies with staff and a policy booklet is sent out annually to parents and carers. Trustees have electronic access to all policies. Covid updates have been shared with parents and trustees when they have been issued either by national government or the local authority.

The charity is currently running well with four trustees and a newly appointed trustee and the pre school supervisor attending all meetings.

One of the trustees remains a governor at the local primary school for which the pre-school is a feeder and three of the trustees are parents whose children have attended the pre-school in recent years. The pre-school rents its premises from the Benenden Village Trust and so enjoys strong community ties.

The major risks we have addressed this year are:

- risk associated with possibility of needed to move premises in the next few years. The trustees are currently in negotiation with the village trust and funding organisations to investigate options for re-siting the pre-school

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- to embed and resource the new Early Years curriculum
- to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups the organisation's approved purposes are:
- the charity works for the public benefit having as its objects the development and education of children and young people.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- (1) promoting their care and safety;
- (2) promoting their education and promoting parental involvement;
- (3) promoting their health and wellbeing;
- (4) providing services to support them and their families and carers;
- (5) providing services to individuals holding membership of the CIO; and
- (6) furthering the aims of the pre-school learning alliance.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our main objective remains the securing of a new venue for the pre-school, either a building or plot of land. We are working with the local primary school who have offered land, and a local secondary independent girl's school who have offered support with research into pre fabricated buildings and available grants.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trustees have spent a significant amount of money re-designing the outdoor space, laying new, hard wearing turf and planting beds with herbs and vegetables which the children tend.

The trustees have also appointed two new trustees, one of whom has already been registered, the other one is in the process of registration.

Numbers of children registered have remained steady, with a slight increase forecast for the new year. The new government funding, promised for all children over 1 year with 2 working parents will be a significant focus for next year as we are likely to have a higher application rate as a result.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves that we hold are ringfenced for the purpose of new premises in the next few years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funding comes almost exclusively from two sources:

- 1 – parent paid fees for their children to attend pre-school
- 2 - funding provided by Kent County Council to fund specific aged children
- 3 – amount raised by parents, this has increased since Covid restrictions have been largely lifted

All funds raised are used to support and improve the work of the pre-school through rent of premises, payment of staff, purchase of equipment, services for children e.g. sporting activities, yoga etc.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *Gill Knox*

Full name(s) Gillian Elizabeth Knox

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 23rd January 2026

BPS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY 1.4.24 - 31.3.25

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	24/25	23/24		24/25	23/24
KCC Payments (3-4 + sen)	£71,115.54	£52,926.69	Wages	£61,015.30	£55,055.94
2 yr old funding	£9,303.50	£4,775.64	Pension	£1,720.22	£1,329.68
Fees	£15,318.34	£28,203.07	Cleaner	£1,668.75	£1,387.50
Milk Claim	£309.75	£210.90	PAYE	£5,230.07	£5,020.19
Uniform	£93.95	£150.00	Business Rates/music license	£669.74	£657.31
Interest 3 accounts	£2,269.23	£991.91	Rent	£3,995.46	£3,769.69
Refunds	£13.35		Statutory Training	£916.00	£323.50
			Additional Training	£0.00	£38.90
			PLA Insurance	£790.02	£754.11
Training Facilitating	£525.50	£513.75	Electricity	£1,932.15	£1,430.93
			Fixtures & Fittings	£740.06	£1,056.21
			Ofsted/ICO	£83.00	£70.00
			Telephone/IT	£871.65	£766.44
			Milk	£317.52	£216.83
			Snacks	£877.01	£697.30
			Setting supplies	£3,314.52	£1,879.66
			CAF bank fees	£60.00	£60.00
			Equipment, toys, books	£1,210.92	£1,177.00
			Advertising	£19.00	£0.00
			Petty Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£98,949.16	£87,771.96	Sub Total	£85,431.39	£75,691.19
Fundraisers	£1,435.02	£1,445.83	Treasurer pay	£2,430.00	£2,246.25
Donations	£699.65	£969.00	Fundraisers	£0.00	£0.00
			Christmas Party Children/staff	£454.00	£268.20
			External teachers	£525.00	£1,063.80
			Coffee Mornings	£0.00	£0.00
			AGM/Committee Meetings	£0.00	£0.00
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OPENING BALANCE 1.4.24

CAF cash account	£22,103.91
CAF Gold Saver	£5,225.63
United Trust Bank 3.75%	£50,720.55
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I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by the Charities Act.
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

Signed:

UBurles

Independent Examiner Mrs Laura Burles

Date:

02/07/25