

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024

The trustees of Fordham Preschool ("the Preschool") present their report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

The Preschool is an unincorporated association, governed by a constitution adopted on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1979 as amended on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Administrative details, including office address, can be found in the financial statements.

The Trustees in office on the date of approval of this Report were:

Jade James	<i>Continued appointment 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</i>
Catherine Stafford	<i>Continued appointment 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</i>
Leoni Alderton	<i>Continued appointment 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</i>
Elizabeth Goodyear	<i>Continued appointment 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</i>
Orla Young	<i>Appointed 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</i>
Holly Dacosta	<i>Appointed 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</i>
Tulu Bozkapan	<i>Appointed 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024</i>

The members of the Managing Committee during the year were:

Chairperson:	Leoni Alderton
Secretary:	Orla Young
Treasurer:	Elizabeth Goodyear
Other members:	Daniel James Holly Dacosta

Managing Committee members are elected or appointed on an annual basis with the officers being elected from the membership of the Managing Committee. The AGM is held in September.

In planning our activities, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The charity was established in 1984 and is registered with the Charity Commission number 1196994. The Preschool is a member of the Early Years Alliance and registered with Ofsted under number 2715994. The Preschool received funding from the Community Fund during 1999 enabling the construction of a new building into which the Preschool moved at the beginning of January 2002.

The object of the charity is to provide a high standard of Preschool education and wraparound care for the children of Fordham and surrounding areas, whilst keeping fees as low as possible. The Preschool is run by a committee of parent volunteers. It is exceedingly lucky to have a wonderful teaching staff.

As the village continues to grow due to numerous new developments, the Preschool has continued to be very popular, with morning and afternoon sessions being almost completely at the beginning of the academic year.

The out of school clubs also continue to be popular with an average of around 27 attending each session.

The Preschool's financial position was very strong. Income from charitable activities amounted to £200,937 (2023: £157,759), which included the continued government funding for early years education, whilst invoiced fees suffered a reduction.

The Trustees maintain Restricted Reserves of £163,850 (2023: £163,850) which is the cost of constructing the building, from which to provide its charitable activities, and represents the grant awarded by the Community Fund in 1999. Unrestricted reserves amounted to £181,473 (2023: £160,938), of which cash reserves in accounts with notice of less than one year totalled £176,368 (2020: £180,223).

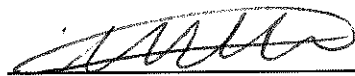
The service that the charity provides as its core charitable activity is an infrastructure that is in high demand. Additionally, the Preschool holds enough reserves to financially support the Charity through periods of hardship. The Trustees therefore consider there to be no significant uncertainty as to the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Preschool has a Reserve Policy in place and holds sufficient financial reserves to sustain the Preschool if its income falls below expected levels. The intention would be to continue functioning as a preschool, if at all possible, and to cover the payment of staff redundancies in the unlikely event that the Preschool had to close.

The level of reserve takes into account 6 months running costs, any potential major repairs to the building or any proposed improvement projects. The reserve funds are held in a separate savings account and the amount currently being held is available on request. The amount held in reserve is regularly monitored and reviewed at committee level.

The attached financial statements have been approved by the Trustees.

Leoni Alderton:  
Trustee



Date: 10-07-2025

**Fordham Preschool CIO**  
**Trustees' Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024**

## ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

## Trustees

Elizabeth Goodyear  
Jade James  
Catherine Stafford  
Orla Young (appointed 26 September 2023)  
Holly Dacosta (appointed 26 September 2023)  
Tulu Bozkaplan (appointed 1 October 2024)  
Leoni Alderton

**Treasurer** Elizabeth Goodyear

**Chair** Leoni Alderton

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registered office** 1a Isleham Road  
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**Accountant** Coles Accounting (Cambridge) Limited  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	1,532	-	1,532	870
Charitable activities	3	196,085	-	196,085	154,983
Other trading activities	4	1,792	-	1,792	1,709
Investment income	5	58	-	58	100
Other	6	1,469	-	1,469	98
<b>Total income</b>		<b>200,937</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,937</b>	<b>157,759</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	357	-	357	1,051
Charitable activities	8	131,615	-	131,615	111,384
Other	9	48,430	-	48,430	47,847
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>180,402</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,402</b>	<b>160,282</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>	10	<b>20,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,535</b>	<b>- 2,523</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>20,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,535</b>	<b>- 2,523</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		160,938	163,850	324,788	327,311
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>181,473</b>	<b>163,850</b>	<b>345,323</b>	<b>324,788</b>

All amounts relate to continuing activities of the CIO.

The notes to the accounts are shown on pages 10 and 19.

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

		2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
	<b>Note</b>				
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		201,348		180,250
			<b>201,348</b>		<b>180,250</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	13	75		958	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	176,368		180,223	
		<b>176,443</b>		<b>181,182</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(32,469)		(36,643)	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>143,975</b>		<b>144,539</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>			<b>345,323</b>		<b>324,788</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted income funds	15	163,850		163,850	
Unrestricted income funds	16	181,473		160,938	
<b>Total Funds</b>	16		<b>345,323</b>		<b>324,788</b>

Approved by the trustees on [ ] and signed and authorised for issue on their behalf by:



Leoni Alderton  
Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD TO 31ST AUGUST 2024****1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

**(b) Legal basis of the Charity**

The charity is a CIO.

**(c) Incoming resources**

All income is accounted for as soon as the Charity has entitlement to the income and there is a certainty of the receipt. Income is received from donations, grants and gifts.

**(d) Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been listed under headings that aggregate all costs related to that activity.

Costs of raising funds comprises fundraising costs incurred in seeking donations, grants and legacies; costs of fundrasing activities including the costs of goods solds and their associated support costs.

Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance costs, finance and office costs.

**(e) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds of the charity restricted for specific services being provided by the charity. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

**(f) Fixed Assets**

All assets costing more than £150 are capitalised at their historic cost when purchased, except for computer equipment where all items with a value of £100 or more are capitalised. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or revalued amount, less an estimated residual value, of all fixed assets evenly over their expected economic useful lives as follows:

Buildings	carried at cost
Building improvements	10% on straight line
Equipment	33.33% straight line

The need for any impairment of a fixed asset write-down is considered if there is concern over the carrying value of an asset and is assessed by comparing that carrying value against the value in use or realisable value of the asset where appropriate.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Resource donations	1,332	-	1,332	670
Charitable trusts	-	-	-	-
Local Authority grants	200	-	200	200
Scotsdales	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,532</u>	<u>870</u>

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Early Years Education	150,816	-	150,816	106,512
Out of School Clubs	45,269	-	45,269	48,471
	<u>196,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,085</u>	<u>154,983</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Fundraising	1,194	-	1,194	1,166
Party hire and field trips	-	-	-	40
Sale of school uniform	598	-	598	503
	<u>1,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,792</u>	<u>1,709</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Bank interest receivable	58	-	58	100
	<u>58</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>100</u>

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## 6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Apprenticeship incentive levy	-	-	-	-
School trip	-	-	-	-
Other revenue	1,469	-	1,469	98
	<u>1,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,469</u>	<u>98</u>

## 7. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Costs of fundraising	- 58	- -	58	65
Cost of school uniform	415	-	415	986
	<u>357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>1,051</u>

## 8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Early Years Education	103,790	-	103,790	81,101
Out of School clubs	27,825	-	27,825	30,283
	<u>131,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,615</u>	<u>111,384</u>

## 9. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Employee costs	8,838	-	8,838	4,144
Premises costs	19,019	-	19,019	24,397
Depreciation of fixed assets	8,277	-	8,277	3,526
General administration costs	8,632	-	8,632	11,829
Legal and professional costs	3,664	-	3,664	3,951
	<u>48,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,430</u>	<u>47,847</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**10. Net income before transfers**

This is stated after charging:	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	8,277	3,526
Independent Examination	400	400

**11. Staff costs**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Wages and salaries	125,499	-	125,499	107,423
Social security costs	1,863	-	1,863	503
Pension costs	3,307	-	3,307	2,696
	<u>130,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,669</u>	<u>110,622</u>

No employees received in emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was 10 (2023: 10).

**12. Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost or revaluation:			
At 1st September 2023	194,913	6,610	201,523
Additions	-	29,376	29,376
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st August 2024	<u>194,913</u>	<u>35,986</u>	<u>230,899</u>
Depreciation and impairment:			
At 1st September 2023	15,595	5,676	21,271
Depreciation charge for the year	1,888	6,393	8,280
Depreciation written back on disposals	-	-	-
At 31st August 2024	<u>17,483</u>	<u>12,069</u>	<u>29,551</u>
Net Book Values:			
At 31st August 2024	<u>177,430</u>	<u>23,917</u>	<u>201,348</u>
As at 31st August 2023	<u>179,318</u>	<u>934</u>	<u>180,252</u>

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## 13. Debtors

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Due within one year:</i>		
Trade debtors	75	958
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>75</u>	<u>958</u>

## 14. Creditors falling due within one year

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trade creditors	2,216	4,640
Other taxes and social security	1,372	1,132
Other creditors	1,460	1,435
Accruals and deferred income	27,421	29,437
	<u>32,469</u>	<u>36,643</u>

Deferred income represents local authority funding received in advance of the educational and childcare services being provided.

## Movement of the deferred income:

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
At 1st September 2023	28,317	20,951
Deferred	25,181	28,317
Released	- 28,317	- 20,951
At 31st August 2024	<u>25,181</u>	<u>28,317</u>

## 15. Movement in funds

	At 1st September 2023 £	Incoming resources, including other gains and losses £	Resources expensed £	At 31st August 2024 £
Restricted funds: Community Fund grant	163,850	-	-	163,850
Unrestricted funds: General	160,938	200,937	(180,402)	181,473
Total Funds	<u>324,788</u>	<u>200,937</u>	<u>(180,402)</u>	<u>345,323</u>

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**16. Movement in funds, continued**

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Community Fund grant: to construct a new building from which to deliver the charity's objectives and the provide Early Years childcare and wrap-around childcare for school-age children.

**17. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	37,498	163,850	201,348
Net current assets	143,975	-	143,975
	<u>181,473</u>	<u>163,850</u>	<u>345,323</u>

**18. Reconciliation of changes in net debt**

	At 1st September 2023 £	Cash flows £	Non-cash changes £	At 31st August 2024 £
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>				
Cash	180,223	- 3,855	-	176,368
Total Funds	<u>180,223</u>	<u>(3,855)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,368</u>

**19. Commitments**

*Operating lease commitments*

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Equipment hire 2024 £	Equipment hire 2023 £
Operating leases with expiry date in the second to fifth years inclusive	624	624
	<u>624</u>	<u>624</u>
<i>Pension commitments</i>		
	2024 £	2023 £
The pension cost charge to the charity amounted to	<u>3,307</u>	<u>2,696</u>
Unpaid contributions due to the fund are included in other creditors	<u>1,333</u>	<u>655</u>

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20. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the charity invoiced the following amounts to its trustees for the services rendered in transactions at arm's length:

Jade James: £nil (2023: £11); Cathering Stafford £201 (2023: £43). Total of £nil remained due from any of the trustees at the year end (2023: £nil).

21. Payments to trustees

During the year two of the trustees received remuneration for services that they provided to the charity.

The remunerated trustees are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Remuneration</u>	<u>Pension</u>
Catherine Stafford	Administrator	£ 13,852.98	£ 415.59
Jade James	Manager	£ 33,779.31	£ 1,013.38

No other benefits were paid to the trustees.

Under the CIO's governing document a paid employee of the CIO may be appointed a trustee, where his or her employment occurs prior to his or her trusteeship.





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Fordham PreSchool

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1196994

Set out on pages

Trustees' Annual report and Unaudited Financial Statements

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

10 July 2025

Name:

Alison Price

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

FCA

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**