

## **Early Explorers Community Preschools**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2024**

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

**The legal charity name:** - Early Explorers Community Pre-Schools

The trustees are all individuals: -

Carrie Richardson

Kate Lumb

Daniel Maurice Teesdale

Megan Milner

Jessica Faye Durkin

The charity is registered in England & Wales with charity number 1200076

**The principal operating address, telephone number and email and web addresses of the charity are:-**

Early Explorers Community Pre-Schools

The Church Hall

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Howden

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**The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were: -**

Carrie Richardson

Kate Lumb

Daniel Maurice Teesdale

Megan Milner

Jessica Faye Durkin

**The Trustees in office during the year were: -**

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period and, if applicable, their dates of appointment or resignation during the year: -

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Resigned/Retired</b>
Carrie Richardson	16 August 2022	
Kate Lumb	16 August 2022	
Daniel Maurice Teesdale	16 August 2022	

Megan Milner  
Jessica Faye Durkin

16 August 2022  
16 August 2022

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

### **Objects and activities of the charity**

*The purposes of the charity are as set out in its governing document.*

The objects of the charity are:

To advance the education of children below compulsory school age. To provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for young children to support their overall development, encourage independence, and prepare children for their transition to primary education.

The organisation continually seeks to explore all appropriate funding opportunities and income streams which help achieve the charity's stated objectives.

### **The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.**

The charity offers affordable sessions from Monday to Friday, 50 weeks of the year. These sessions feature a range of activities such as arts and crafts, role-playing and story time. Activities are tailored to reflect the children's interests and are planned in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework established by the government.

### **The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.**

The charity continues to apply for grants and to fundraise throughout the year.

The charity seeks to support all staff, including newly appointed members, by strengthening their knowledge and skills via internal and external training programs.

The charity continues to develop the Pre-School's record keeping systems in line with EYFS which will overall improve efficiency with the finances.

### **The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.**

The charity has this year combined 2 separate sites into one combined charity whilst also opening a third location; Bishop's Manor. This has increased the childcare spaces available to the local community and also provided additional job opportunities.

The combining of the separate sites has increased efficiency and provided a consistent management team for all three pre-schools.

Bishop's Manor has been renovated within this financial year and opened to children in January 2024. The funds used on the renovation were either raised via fundraising activities (e.g. a parent skydive) or have been obtained from local council grants.

## **Plans for the Future**

The charity plans to:

To find a long term solution to protect the future of the Pre-Schools and their financial stability when the local primary school opens their nursery.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing Document Early Explorers Community Pre-Schools is a registered charity governed by its Constitution adopted on 25 February 1976 and amended on 15 February 2012. Early Explorers Community Pre-Schools registered as a charity on 16 August 2022.

## **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

The trustees form the Management Committee of the charity. The members of the Management Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting by the members of the Charity, and usually serve for a one-year term retiring at the following AGM. Retiring Trustees are eligible for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years. All members are circulated with invitations to nominate trustees in advance of the AGM. There is a provision for the co-option of 3 additional trustees if required.

## **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006/ Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

In particular charity law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**This report was approved by the board of trustees on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

***Carrie Richardson***  
Trustee

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***Kate Lumb***  
Trustee

*Kate Lumb*

***Daniel Maurice Teesdale***  
Trustee

*Daniel Teesdale*

***Megan Milner***  
Trustee

*Megan Milner*

***Jessica Faye Durkin***  
Trustee

*Jessica Durkin*

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust’s accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

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

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

Signed: .....

Date:       10<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
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### **Details of The Independent Examiner**

Thomas Walsh  
Abacus Accountancy  
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Registered charity number : 1200076

Early Explorers Community Preschool

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Accounts

31 August 2024

**Early Explorers Community Preschool**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	
ERYC Funded Childcare	281,191
Education & Skills Council Funding	5,131
Other Childcare Fees	139,913
Donations and Fundraising	3,989
	<u>430,224</u>
<b>Other income</b>	
Bank Interest Received	37
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u><b>430,261</b></u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>	
<b>Cost of raw materials and consumables</b>	
Purchases	10,122
Resources	12,997
	<u>23,119</u>
<b>Staff costs</b>	
Wages and salaries	326,772
Pensions	2,670
Employer's NI	6,175
Staff training and welfare	3,130
	<u>338,747</u>
<b>Depreciation and other amounts written off assets</b>	
Depreciation	<u>1,574</u>
<b>Premises costs:</b>	
Rent	21,978
General rates	549
Water rates	1,163
Light and heat	11,521
Cleaning	3,451
	<u>38,662</u>
<b>Office costs:</b>	
Telephone and fax	2,330
Stationery and printing	12
Subscriptions	920
Bank charges	45
Insurance	2,830
Repairs and maintenance	6,001
Software	2,174
Other legal and professional	8,062
	<u>22,374</u>



**Early Explorers Community Preschool**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
Legal and professional costs:	
Accountancy fees	3,108
	<u>3,108</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u><b>427,584</b></u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u><b>2,677</b></u>

**Early Explorers Community Preschool**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 August 2024**

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>	
Plant and machinery etc	4,843
Furniture & Fixtures	7,027
	<u>11,870</u>
<b>Current assets</b>	
Trade debtors	7,104
Other debtors	2,400
Cash at bank	31,106
	<u>40,610</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	
Trade creditors	2,750
Employee, Other taxes and social security costs	1,540
Other creditors	2,963
	<u>7,253</u>
<b>Funds of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation</b>	
Unrestricted reserves	45,227
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<b>Unrestricted Reserves</b>	
Brought forward	-
Transfer to restricted reserves	-
Net movement in funds	2,677
Transferred from Howden Preschool	42,550
	<u>45,227</u>
<b>Restricted Reserves</b>	
Brought forward	-
Transfer from unrestricted reserves	-
Net movement in funds	-
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Signed By

**CARRIE RICHARDSON**

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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Early Explorers Community Pre-Schools

### On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2024

Charity no  
(if any) 1200076

### Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of *Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)*.

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:

24/06/2025

Name:

Thomas Walsh

<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	MAAT
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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.**