

RISING FIVES PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**OLD SCHOOL CANTEEN,
FAIRCLOSE,
WHITCHURCH,
HAMPSHIRE RG28 7FG**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Legal and Administrative details

Status

Rising Fives Pre-school Group is a registered charity, charity number 270065.

The principal address of the charity is The Old School Canteen, Wells Lane, Whitchurch, Hampshire RG28 7FG.

Objectives of the Charity

The objectives of the charity are to advance the education of children below compulsory school age. To this end, charges are levied on the users of the facilities on a 'session' basis, enabling staff and other facilities to be maintained. The trustees aim to build a small surplus in order to finance any unexpected repair costs in respect of the building occupied.

Property/Holding/Custodial Trustees

The property occupied by Rising Fives was acquired in 1995 by exercise of squatters' rights. It is held in deed of trust by the following people who are named on the land registry:

- Doreen Lambden
- Sheila Kelland
- Eric Dunlop
- Yvette Watts
- Linda Jones

Management Committee/Trustees

Day to day running of the charity is handled by the management committee (trustees). They are:

Wesley McAslin (Chair)	(From September 2023)
Claire Llewellyn Manning (Secretary)	(From July 2020)
Sarah Cripps	(From February 2021 to July 2024)
Chrissie Ferngrove	(From November 2022 - EY2 pending)
Louise Hayes	(From November 2022 to July 2024)
Louise Fyffe	(From September 2023)
Olivia Reeves	(From September 2024 – EY2 pending)
Joan Johnston	(from September 2024 – EY2 pending)
Georgia Maisey	(from September 2024 – EY2 pending)

The Committee (management trustees) is voted in at the Annual General Meeting held at the beginning of each academic year.

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Trustee's responsibilities

The management trustees are required under the Charity Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year, unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis. In preparing those financial statements, the management trustees should follow best practice and: -

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The management trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are maintained which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Charity at any given time and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations. 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.

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Report of work undertaken by Rising Fives' Management Committee/Trustees

Overview of the year

Aim: To provide a high standard of education and care for pre-school children aged from 2 years to 5 years, and for the committee to work closely with the staff to continue to maintain the facilities, premises and quality of care at the pre-school.

A full OFSTED inspection was undertaken on the 28th February 2023 which had a good outcome, the pre-school being praised for their excellent quality of education.

Activities: The committee year

Term 1 – September to December

- Assign jobs / responsibilities
- Asbestos re inspection survey
- New gate
- Portable Appliance Testing
- Christmas party
- Santa's Grotto

Term 2 – January to March

- Bingo Night and Quiz
- Health and safety check
- Gate construction
- Pay review

Term 3 – April to August

- Rotations Charity Shop
- Pest Control
- Fence construction
- Heater servicing
- Fire Extinguisher service
- Leavers Ceremony
- Parish Fete
- Clearance of items

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Continuous Activities

- Day to day running of the pre-school
- Recruitment of staff
- Advertising for new Committee members
- Advertising and promotion of the pre-school
- Half termly committee meetings
- Maintenance of building
- Ongoing updating and renewing of policies
- Fundraising

Building maintenance/enhancement/equipment, including:

- Electrical items check
- Annual fire equipment check
- Asbestos survey
- Bin Emptying
- Gates and fence in outdoor area
- Bin emptying
- Small gate between kitchen and entrance hall
- Pest control

Total £ 4040.51

Fundraising, events and other income

- Santa Grotto
- Match Funding
- Bingo Night and Raffle
- Easy Fundraising
- Recycling scheme
- Rotations Charity Shop
- Stall at Parish Fete
- Bank /Building Society interest

Fundraising events/Match Funding	£4250.23
Bank/Building Soc Interest	£ 761.75

TOTAL	£5011.98
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Staff wages and fees

- Wages: The Committee increased staff wages this year in line with the increase in the minimum wage.
- Additional session preparation and supervising key working time continues to be paid. Staff will also be paid to attend training days.

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- In September 2023 the Preschool employed 7 permanent staff and 2 on rolling contracts
- The payroll continues to be run through accountant, Alan Wooden, for a nominal fee of £62.00 per month to ensure accurate assessment of tax/national insurance requirements and end of year paperwork. Payment is made (online) directly to staff bank accounts by Rachel Abbott.
- Fees:
In September 2023 we had children 39 on role compared to 32 in September 2022.

2023/24 (per year)

Over 3 per hour	£6.00
Under 3 per hour	£6.50

EYE Funding

EYE continues to cover fees for the claim term after the child's 3rd birthday. Some 2 year olds are also able to claim 15 hours if they meet the appropriate eligibility. Payment is up to 38 weeks per year. Children are funded for 15 hours free pre school education per week, and a number of children now qualify for an additional 15 hours funding which they take at Rising Fives or use shared with other settings.


Within the EYE Funding we received £2936.78 Early Years Pupil Premium Funding this year. The Early Years Pupil Premium provides Hampshire Early education approved settings with extra funding to support children in achieving the best early years outcomes and start they can. The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53p per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits and who are formally in local authority care.

Funds retained

At the end of the financial year, the pre-school held £72031.85 in its HSBC bank account and £28802.25 in its building society account. Rising Fives has a Reserves Policy (please see attached) for money kept in reserve in line with guidance issued by the Charities Commission and the Preschool Learning Alliance.

No value is placed on the property occupied by the charity, which was acquired in 1995 by the exercise of squatters' rights.

September 2024


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Olivia Reeves, Treasurer,
Management Trustees of Rising Fives Pre-school Group
The Old School Canteen
Wells Lane
Whitchurch

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Hants

Rising Fives Pre-School Reserves Policy

Policy Statement

The financial security of our pre-school is important, and so money will be kept in reserve in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission and the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

The reserve funds amount is available on request from the committee and is held in a separate pre-school savings account. The amount is monitored by the committee. In calculating the minimum amount (target level) held the pre-school assumes the following:

- 3 months running costs with salaries and roles as at September 2023¹.
- No redundancy payments for staff members with less than 2 years of service.

The reserves fund may be called upon to fund:

- Major repairs to the building (roof, flooring, heating & plumbing, boiler etc)
- Upcoming agreed renovation projects
- Potential loss of income due to any fluctuation in numbers of children attending pre-school.
- The need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, e.g. money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received.
- Potential staff redundancy payments.
- Replacing equipment as it wears out.
- Potential payments to debtors should the pre-school close.
- Relocation to another site.

This policy should be reviewed annually to make sure the reserves account holds enough to cover future eventualities.

The reserves policy must be reported in the trustees' annual report to the charity commission.

¹ *'All groups are recommended to have at least three month's expenditure in reserve and a sum which covers the calculated redundancy liability' (managing a charitably constituted setting, PSLA).

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Receipts and Expenditure account for the year 1st September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Receipts	To August 2024	To August 2023
Fees	33856.53	21290.05
Grants and Donations	123553.3	93645.31
Fundraising	4250.23	4316.39
Other Income	636.65	383.4
Bank/Building Society Interest	761.75	148.9
Expenses		
Staff Wages	-104536.13	-84329.3
Utilities	-7263.99	-6404.32
Fundraising Costs	-608.11	-704.43
General Supplies	-1823.2	-1478.64
Stationery and Postage	-709.79	-789.35
Maintenance and Refurbishment	-4040.51	-5319
Insurance	-2241.63	-3027.27
Milk	0	0
Miscellaneous	-4183.48	-3009.08
Grant Expenditure	-10972.31	-14235.65
Resources	-1594.77	-1707.22
Bank Charges	-120	-120.8
	-138093.92	-121125.06
Net receipts	<u>24964.54</u>	<u>-1341.01</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Current Assets		
Building Society Account	28802.25	28040.5
Bank Current Account	72031.85	44130.78
	100834.1	72171.28
Represented by:		
Revenue reserve b/fwd	72171.28	70733.36
Profit/Loss for the year	24964.54	-1341.01
SEN funding 22/23 to be received	153	-153
Pupil Premium Funding for allocation	1936.17	664.93
Prepayment of Fees 23/24	-1240.9	1240.9
DAF fund for allocation	1166.32	1772.06
Prepayment of EYE funding 22/23		-273
Invoice from 22/23 paid 23/24	-121	121
Prepayment of funding 22/23		-493.96
Discretionary grant allocated 22/23		-100
Co Op Grant for allocation	948.25	
Prepayment of Fees 24/25	856.44	
	100834.1	72171.28

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Accounting policies

The receipts and payments account has been drawn up as a summary of the receipts and payments made during the year by the charity. Amounts are included as received by the charity or as cheques are drawn.

The receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared following the guidance for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

Independent Examiner

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Approved by the board of trustees on



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Olivia Reeves, Treasurer, Management Trustees of Rising Fives Pre-school Group