

DEVON CLOSE PRE-SCHOOL

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Legal and administrative information

Charity Number

274031

Financial Year

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Trustees at 31 March 2025

Carol Beckford (Chair)

Joanne Springer-Shaw (Vice-Chair)

Catherine Tisdall (Secretary)

Paula Barrett (Treasurer)

Louise Shaw

Andrea Ohara (Fundraiser)

The trustees are reappointed annually.

Legal Status

Unincorporated Charity

Governing

The Devon Close Pre School is governed by a Constitution..

Objectives

To provide a preschool for children in the locality of Devon Close, Tottenham London by way of affordable childcare.

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Correspondence Address

Devon Close Preschool
Devon Close
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Independent Examiner

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Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
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The Trustee Report

The Committee has pleasure in presenting their report, together with financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

As a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, the Pre-School follows its publication guidelines.

The principal activity of the trust is the provision of Pre-School activities.

Devon Close Pre-School was registered in 1998 and is located in the south of the London Borough of Haringey. We are situated in a very low-income area which is listed as a high deprivation neighborhood. The preschool is managed by a voluntary parent committee and is a registered charity.

We supply affordable childcare to families that are in low-income jobs, on benefits or training to better themselves either at college or within an apprenticeship. We offer vital, affordable childcare to a wide range of families within our community.

We provide funded places for all funding offered by local authorities and government extended hours for working parents. Universal 15 hours can be taken in a range of ways to suit individual parental needs. We offer funded places on the Haringey free 2-year-old funded scheme and hours can be taken to suit individual parental needs. We can also provide sessions for children that are not funded or above their allocated funded hours where parents can pay for a session providing them with extra or some respite time.

We have a large outside area giving children a new safe environment to explore and develop in, while attending the setting. We are immensely proud of this area as 79% of our attending children and families do not have access to an outside area at home.

We work closely with the local food bank and Felix project to ensure all our families have access to healthy food.

We have 5 fully qualified childcare staff to care for the children at our setting and support personal development of all our staff. Our staff receive training in supporting mental health and SEND needs for early identification in communication and language. We are governed by Ofsted and have an outstanding rating from our last inspection.

All staff have pediatric first aid, safeguarding and health and safety training. All staff have unique and trained skills, as well as experience, that make our setting an amazing place for children to learn and develop and families feel safe and confident to leave, their childcare in our care.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

At Devon Close Preschool we will continue to ensure a safe, supportive environment for all families for children to develop and learn new skills. As a Pre-School team we are determined to continue to develop our skills in mental health and well-being for everyone involved, including staff, Committee and setting users.

We are in communication with CONEL college to support practical training and experience for practitioners developing their skills in early years childcare and development.

Organisation and Management

The charity is managed by a Management Committee which would normally meet regularly, to ensure that the Pre-School complies with its aims and is properly managed. The Committee Members are normally elected at the Annual General Meeting and are able to stand for re-election for an unlimited period.

Trustee Responsibilities

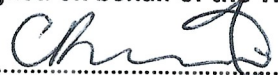
The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements each year in accordance with the current regulations. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the year. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Therefore, the deficit shown on the Income and Expenditure Account of £1,906 does not take account of any liabilities that may be owed by the Pre-School or amounts due to the Pre-School at the period end. The deficit is in line with the expectations of the Trustees.

The Pre-School continues to be run on a not-for-profit basis, with any surplus to be ploughed back to pay for running costs and resources.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


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Date

06-09-2025
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Devon Close Preschool

I report on the accounts of Devon Close Preschool for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Relevant professional qualification or body: ACCA

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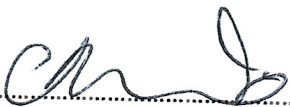
Date: 10 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS		
Office Furniture and Equipment	1,284	1,284
Less: Depreciation	<u>1,284</u>	<u>1,284</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank current account	216,299	217,948
Bank deposits account	-	307
Cash in Hand	90	40
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>216,389</u>	<u>218,295</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>216,389</u>	<u>218,295</u>
CHARITY FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	<u>216,389</u>	<u>218,295</u>

The financial statements were approved by The Trustees and signed on their behalf:


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Trustee

06-09-2025
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Date approved

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS		
INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Grants	129,562	133,001
Fees	13,482	24,293
Uniform sales	980	845
Sundry income	650	265
	<u>144,674</u>	<u>158,404</u>
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	144,674	158,404
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Rent and refuse collection	7,427	5,516
Rates	226	-
Light and heat	1,064	1,313
Repairs and renewals	1,317	2,613
Salary costs	115,089	102,563
Employers National insurance	3,089	2,335
Staff pension contributions	2,398	2,136
Food and drink	909	908
Uniforms	1,009	1,558
Advertising	619	-
Computer costs	929	453
Insurance	1,110	1,035
Cleaning	846	1,014
Printing and stationery	1,217	566
Telephone	502	749
Supplies and equipment	3,135	5,312
Outings	1,535	-
Subscriptions and fees	-	43
Motor expenses	358	392
Bank charges	215	229
Sundries	629	752
	<u>143,623</u>	<u>129,487</u>
GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Accountancy and payroll fees fee	2,580	2,520
Ofsted/DBS	347	60
Legal and professional fees	30	490
	<u>2,957</u>	<u>3,070</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	146,580	132,557
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(1,906)	25,847
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	218,295	192,448
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>216,389</u>	<u>218,295</u>