

Charity number: 286158

THE CENTRE PRE-SCHOOL

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRE PRE-SCHOOL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Centre Pre-School ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Date:1/5/25

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as updated by bulletin 1 and 2.

Reference and Administrative Information

The Centre Pre-School, whose registered address is at The Lifelong Learning Centre, Churchill Avenue, Basildon, Essex SS14 2EQ registered with the Charity Commissioners No. 286158 and is constituted by a constitution which is based upon the Pre School Learning Alliance Standards Constitution.

The Charity is administered by a committee comprising:

Chairperson – Rebecca Coldham

Secretary – Danielle Lucas

Treasurer – Rebecca Palmer

Other Members – Katie Long (resigned 24 November 2023)

Vicki Hemingway (resigned 24 November 2023)

Lauren Battram (resigned 24 November 2023)

Shereen Robinson (appointed 24 November 2023)

Lilly Rogers (appointed 24 November 2023)

Maria Suciu (appointed 24 November 2023)

Tamanna Mukith (appointed 24 November 2023)

Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of their duty under S.17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission. As such, the Trustees ensure that the grants and activities of the Charity are for public benefit. The pre-school is for the benefit of pre-school age children from the local area.

Objectives of the Charity

At The Centre Pre-School we enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in a parent-involving, community-based group. We provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment. We work within a framework which ensures equality of opportunity for all children and families.

Activities and Achievements of the Charity

- Children's grant funding was received from Essex County Council Early Years for 2-, 3- and 4-year old children.
- Early Years Pupil Premium for disadvantaged 3- and 4-year-old children was received from Essex County Council which enabled us to purchase equipment and provide support to benefit the children's education.
- The committee endeavour to administer the charity to a high standard and are pleased with the results for

the year under review.

- The pre-school did fundraising and over the year we raised a total £574. This was obtained through donations to our Christmas raffle and a sponsored find and keep healthy.

Financial position

Year ended 2024 saw a decrease in income £99,413 (2023: £118,984) due to pupil numbers decreasing.

Expenditure increased during 2024 £131,050 (2023: £114,176) this was primarily due to the impact of increased staffing and payroll costs.

Reserves increased to £102,175 (2023: £133,812) and this level of reserves is reasonable to ensure the financial stability of the trust in the event that pupil numbers reduce in the coming years



On behalf of the trustees

Dated: 29-4-2025

Charity number: 286158

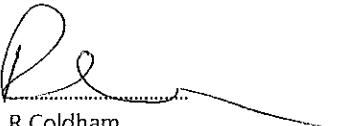
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Account	78,268	110,030
Cash Account	1,484	580
Nest	917	1,998
Contingency Account	21,506	21,204
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Net assets	102,175	133,812
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These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29/4/25 and signed on their behalf by:


R Coldham
Trustee

THE CENTRE PRE-SCHOOL**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****AS AT 31 JULY 2024**

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Early Years Funding	94,724	107,811
Fees	2,155	7,405
Fundraising	574	1,074
Interest received	1,676	875
Welfare (Milk Reimbursement)	284	319
Nisa Grant	-	1,500
Total	99,413	118,984

Payments

Accountancy/ professional fees	4,476	1,500
Education costs	1,179	3,798
Equipment & maintenance	5,218	1,198
Fundraising expenses	-	63
Insurance	1,019	973
Miscellaneous	1,145	1,180
Rent & telephone	8,450	8,672
Training expenses	824	861
Wages & payroll costs	107,495	94,625
Welfare (milk) expenses	1,244	1,306
Total	131,050	114,176

Net (payment)/receipt for the year	(31,637)	4,808
Correction to opening position		-

Cash and bank balances b/fwd	133,812	129,004
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Cash and bank balances c/fwd	102,175	133,812
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