



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01-09-2022.** Period end date **31-08-2023**

Charity name: **Little Ashes Preschool**

Charity registration number: **1020026**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide Early years education to children aged 2-4 years old.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provision of a safe environment childcare and early years educations for children aged 2-4 years.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees ensure the best education is available for the children with a focus on outdoor learning and fun.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>THE PRESCHOOL HAS OFFERED EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING TO GET THE CHILDREN READY FOR THE NEXT STEP IN LIFE.</p> <p>I BELIEVE WE HAVE MADE THE TRANSITION OF COMING BACK INTO PRESCHOOL SMOOTH AND PREPARED THEM FOR SCHOOL.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	This year has represented the largest financial loss due to lower numbers and staff turnover, however our financial planning is targeting a profit in next AY
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	LITTLE ASHES RESERVES POLICY IS £40,000 TO COVER REDUNDANCY, RELOCATION IN THE EVENT THE CURRENT BUILDING IS UNUSABLE FOR ANY REASON
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	20,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	DESPITE THE UNCERTAIN OPERATING ENVIRONMENT, WE BELIEVE WE ARE NOW IN A STRONG POSITION TO CONTINUE OUR EXCELLENT EY EDUCATION

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	WE ARE FUNDED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT 15 HOURS CHILD CARE SCHEME AND ALSO A 30 HOUR EXTENDED FUNDING SCHEME. WE ALSO HOLD FUN RAISING EVENT.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CONSTITUTION
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	ELECTION

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	LITTLE ASHES
Other name the charity uses	LITTLE ASHES PRESCHOOL
Registered charity number	1020026

Charity's principal address	GREAT BRICKHILL PARISH HALL HORSEPOND ROTTEN ROW GREAT BRICKHILL MILTON KEYNES MK17 9BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	GRAHAM WHITEHOUSE	CHAIR		
2	Katie Smith	TREASURER		
3	Catherine Moore	SECRETARY		
4	Pelham Warren			
5	Rebecca Bullimore			
6	Neil Gowan			
7	David Jellis			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

G Whitehouse

Full name(s)

Graham Whitehouse

**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair person

Date

05-11-2024

Profit and Loss

Little Ashes Pre School For the year ended 31 August 2023

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Turnover

200 - Sales	237.00
210 - Session Fees - Payable	22,251.54
220 - Session Fees - Funded Hours	62,228.52
225 - Tiny Ashes Session Fees	74.63
226 - Little Ashes Forest School	1,709.80
230 - Uniform Sales	155.50
240 - Lunch Club Fees	2,201.00
242 - Snack	28.00
247 - Registration Fees	846.50
250 - Fundraising	917.00
255 - Other Donation	3,564.13
262 - Government grants	40,516.72
270 - Interest Income	73.64
Total Turnover	134,803.98

Cost of Sales

315 - Uniform Orders	1,538.50
325 - Direct Expenses	130.80
Total Cost of Sales	1,669.30

Gross Profit

133,134.68

Administrative Costs

311 - Snack Purchase	1,345.71
400 - Advertising & Marketing	182.00
401 - Audit & Accountancy fees	864.00
404 - Bank Fees	104.31
412 - Consulting	1,440.00
416 - Depreciation Expense	891.59
420 - Entertainment-100% business	190.00
425 - Postage, Freight & Courier	0.95
429 - General Expenses	6.00
430 - Pre School Materials	4,886.44
431 - Forest School Materials	25.92
432 - Tiny Ashes Materials	245.87
433 - Insurance	632.15
434 - SEN Materials	392.32
441 - Legal Expenses	40.00
461 - Printing & Stationery	53.94
463 - IT Software and Consumables	885.48
469 - Rent	3,980.33
470 - Parish Hall Rent	4,963.00

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471 - Forest Hut Rent	3,325.00
477 - Salaries	117,168.35
479 - Employers National Insurance	7.89
480 - Staff Training	3,752.51
482 - Pensions Costs	1,812.16
485 - Subscriptions	1,040.75
486 - Website Maintenance & Site Hosting	792.00
489 - Telephone & Internet	356.79
Total Administrative Costs	149,385.46
Operating Profit	(16,250.78)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(16,250.78)
Profit after Taxation	(16,250.78)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LITTLE ASHES PRE-SCHOOL**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Little Ashes Pre-School

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Little Ashes Pre-School (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

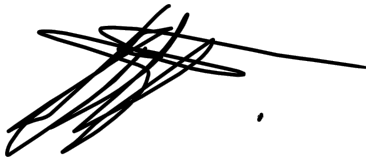
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Sophie Jones FCCA

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Date: 14th October 2024