



Little Ashes Pre-School Charity (Registered charity No. 1020026) report financial year 2024.

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Report of the financial year 2025.

The committee at Little Ashes Pre-School present our annual charity commission report. Governed by a board of trusted volunteers, Little Ashes operates for 38 weeks of the year between the hours of 9:00 AM and 15:00 PM.

Our ethos:

Little Ashes Pre-School operates under the early years educational standards as set by Ofsted, and safeguarding requirements. Our ethos promotes a Pre-School that is a safe, secure, and stimulating environment in which all children have an equal opportunity to develop themselves as an individual and reach their full potential. We provide an indoor and outdoor environment that gives all learners the opportunity to become independent, confident in their abilities and learn to manage risk accordingly. We recognise all children are unique, resilient, capable, and confident. Little Ashes nurture a child to become lifelong learners.

Our child led early years provision provides the care and education for children aged between 2 and 5 years. Our educational foundations promote children's long term holistic and academic progress. Our inclusive provision recognises individual background, cultural beliefs, gender, religious practices, and educational needs.

Situated on the outskirts of Buckinghamshire, Little Ashes Pre-School, has been offering early years education to the residents of Great Brickhill and wider community for over 50 years. With recognition to our individual educational offerings, we have seen an increase in families travelling to our setting from bordering counties.

Children that attend Little Ashes develop a passion for learning through quality first hand teaching in both the indoor and outdoor environment. The setting advocates for individual learning journeys and prepares children with the core skills needed to thrive.

Little Ashes Pre-School has formed strong connections with the residents of the community and regularly contribute to social events and have developed strong partnerships and relations with local businesses.

Little Ashes strives to:

Our objectives reflect our educational aims ethos of the setting. We encourage independent and confident learners while supporting children to manage risks.

Our embedded overarching principles are:

- Recognition that every child is a communicator and that every child has a voice.
- That physical potential is limitless.
- Advocation for individual learning journeys.
- Founding a love of literacy.
- Fostering of strong mathematical concepts.
- Introduction to a world of discovery.
- Establishment of creative capabilities.
- Embracing a love of the outdoors.

Registration:

Pupil numbers:

In 2024 we had 33 children enrolled into the provision. As set out by our Ofsted registration, the setting hold up to 26 children per day. Of which, there may not be more than 8 2-year-olds on register per day.

Staffing:

Little Ashes is staffed by a small team of 7. The staffing team are highly experienced and with 90% of the team having their level 3 early years childcare qualification. Three members of staff hold their Level 3 Forest school qualification and a further 2 staff have received SENCo training.

Committee:

The committee is made up of 7 volunteers of which more than half of the committee members were parents of children attending the setting at the current time.

Fees and sustainability:

Our competitive pricing structure reflected our high-quality provision and need for early years education. Our daily rates were made up of £25.50 for a morning session or £51.00 per session between the hours of 09:00 – 15:00. The setting further opens for a 30-minute breakfast club at an invoiceable charge of £4.00 per session.

The Pre-School claims early years funding from the local authority, with the rates received based on the individual child's family circumstance.

The Pre-School offers 5 fully funded spaces to those who meet a vulnerable circumstance criterion, with no supplementary charges invoiced unless requested. Where additional hours of early years education are requested by a parent receiving a fully funded space, additional hours are invoiced at the current rates.

It is important to us that children have access to early years education and that education is not impacted by family circumstances.

The setting receives funding through Buckinghamshire local authority and the amount claimed per term is variable and dependent upon individual eligibility. Children receiving funding on behalf of the local authority further are invoiced a consumable charge. This OPT IN charge supports the settings sustainability and longevity.

Special Educational Needs and Disability:

The setting further applies for inclusion funding to support individuals with special educational needs. SENIF funding is a termly payment and the amounts received are dependent on the needs of the children. SENIF is used to support groups of children in accessing specific interventions and promote high educational outcomes. Where children are in receipt of DLA (disability living Allowance), the setting can apply for a singular one-off payment of DAF (Disability Access Funding). DAF payments are made once per year and can be spent in accordance with support for the named child in receipt of DLA.

Fundraising:

Little Ashes Pre-School are proactive fund raisers. We engage with the community in offering public events such as Disco Bingo, raffles, and pub quizzes. We have worked in partnership with the local Cricket Club to hold our events and we have further supported them with helping hands. The various funds received as part of fund-raising activities are invested back into the setting with provision of new resources, experiences, and extra-curricular activities. Our social impact reflects the network of relations we have with the community.

Profit and Loss

Little Ashes Pre School For the year ended 31 August 2024

2024

Turnover

200 - Sales	(1.14)
210 - Session Fees - Payable	35,832.55
226 - Little Ashes Forest School	1,390.10
240 - Lunch Club Fees	1,723.09
242 - Snack	299.00
245 - Breakfast Club Fees	943.50
246 - Snack Fees	44.00
247 - Registration Fees	991.00
250 - Fundraising	821.88
255 - Other Donation	445.40
262 - Government grants	115,001.96
270 - Interest Income	213.17
Total Turnover	157,704.51

Cost of Sales

312 - Cost of Fundraising	556.68
315 - Uniform Orders	888.50
Total Cost of Sales	1,445.18

Gross Profit

156,259.33

Administrative Costs

311 - Snack Purchase	23.00
400 - Advertising & Marketing	918.03
416 - Depreciation Expense	964.85
420 - Entertainment-100% business	1,032.84
429 - General Expenses	35.00
430 - Pre School Materials	5,325.70
433 - Insurance	678.05
463 - IT Software and Consumables	468.00
469 - Rent	12,964.00
477 - Salaries	106,863.24
479 - Employers National Insurance	751.64
480 - Staff Training	245.80
481 - Recruitment costs	56.00
482 - Pensions Costs	1,970.48
485 - Subscriptions	2,484.11
486 - Website Maintenance & Site Hosting	198.00
489 - Telephone & Internet	565.66
Total Administrative Costs	135,544.40

Operating Profit	20,714.93
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	20,714.93
Profit after Taxation	20,714.93

Balance Sheet

Little Ashes Pre School As at 31 August 2024

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Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

710 - Office Equipment	7,748.35
711 - Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(7,222.44)
720 - Computer Equipment	5,563.73
721 - Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(3,467.14)
735 - Forest School Equipment	1,041.36
736 - Forest School Equipment Depreciation	(769.30)
Total Tangible Assets	2,894.56

Total Fixed Assets 2,894.56

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Barclays Business Banking Curr	21,581.88
Barclays Business Banking Savi	17,248.98
LAPS daily expense account	333.37
Total Cash at bank and in hand	39,164.23

610 - Accounts Receivable 263.50

620 - Prepayments 1,092.50

Total Current Assets 40,520.23

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

825 - PAYE Payable 4,034.98

858 - Pensions Payable 519.36

Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year 4,554.34

Net Current Assets (Liabilities) 35,965.89

Total Assets less Current Liabilities 38,860.45

Net Assets 38,860.45

Capital and Reserves

960 - Retained Earnings 18,145.52

Current Year Earnings 20,714.93

Total Capital and Reserves 38,860.45

**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 2024.

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.



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Date: 8th July 2025