

Charity registration number 1022474

**HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 AUGUST 2024**

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Pre School's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Aim of the Pre School is to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:

- offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children, regardless of race, culture, religion, means or ability;
- encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;
- instigating and adhering to and furthering the aim of the Pre School Learning Alliance.

For furtherance of this aim the Pre School may:

- provide accommodation and equipment and engage staff
- raise money to pay for the Pre School's activities
- make such payments as shall be necessary
- fix and collect the fees payable in respect of children attending groups run by the Pre School
- control the admission of children to the groups run by the Pre School and, if appropriate, require parents or guardians to withdraw them
- as a member of the Pre School Association send an accredited representative to vote at local Branch and/or County meetings and to the national Annual General Meeting of the Pre School Learning Alliance
- buy, lease or rent any land and buildings and maintain and equip it for the use of the Pre School
- set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure
- employ such paid and unpaid staff, agents and advisors as may be required from time to time to take such other action as may benefit the Pre School.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Pre School should undertake.

The Committee recognises the assistance given by volunteers during the last year, without whose help the group would find it difficult to operate.

#### **Achievements and performance**

This year has seen an ever-growing waiting list to join our setting and in an underfunded sector with a staff crisis this has been a challenge.

We successfully achieved a "Good" judgement from our Ofsted report in the year.

We have been able to provide 9 month old and 2 year old funding in our Nest and Robins.

We are fully subscribed until Autumn 2025 then we will have a small availability to join us and continue to hold a full waiting list for our Nest.

We have held 2 teacher training days for staff.

We have attended and work in cooperation with Jan Dubiel and Astraea Academy to provide workshops and attend conferences.

Outdoor clothing and coats were purchased for all of our staff team.

Funding of £15,000 was also secured for higher level training for 2 staff members.

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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### Financial review

The Pre School has experienced a surplus of £34,311 for the year.

It is the policy of the Pre School that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Pre School's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Pre School is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Plans for the future

There has been a meeting with Mr M Parrot of Melton Mowbray Trust and the new site development has been discussed. We hope to benefit in some way from the disruption of the building site and have plans to ask for new areas of "Forest School".

To remain sustainable.

To successfully train our apprentices to a National level qualification.

To begin a "Cherry Wood" project on a piece of land opposite our setting.

The Director will begin to hand over some of her work and have a staff member shadow her in line with a retirement plan.

There is a plan to expand the office team and make changes.

We remain positive for 2025-26.

### Structure, governance and management

The Pre School is constituted as a charity under the standard Pre School Association Constitution 1993. Membership Number 23402N2194G. The Pre School is a registered charity, number 1022474

The Trustees who served during the year were:

C Sharpe (Chairperson)

R Sharpe

S Haynes-Sprason (Treasurer)

M Leeland

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

**C Sharpe (Chairperson)**

Dated: 11 March 2025

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

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I report on the financial statements of the Pre School for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 10.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

The Pre School's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified member of Scott Bradford ACA.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) 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
- (iii) 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 11 April 2025

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes		
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	6,263	6,940
Charitable activities	4	666,737	598,347
Investments	5	69	28
<b>Total</b>		<u>673,069</u>	<u>605,315</u>
Charitable activities		<u>638,758</u>	<u>533,939</u>
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		34,311	71,376
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>356,539</u>	<u>285,163</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>390,850</u></u>	<u><u>356,539</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		6,049		8,002
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		385,852		349,588	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,051		1,051	
Net current assets			384,801		348,537
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			390,850		356,539
<b>Funds of the Pre School</b>					
Unrestricted funds			390,850		356,539
<b>Total charity funds</b>			390,850		356,539

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised by the board of Trustees on 11 March 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

C Sharpe (Chairperson)  
Trustee

S Haynes-Sprason (Treasurer)  
Trustee

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Hind Leys Pre School is an unincorporated charity.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Pre School's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Pre School is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Pre School has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Pre School has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Pre School.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Pre School is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Pre School has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is included in the financial statements as it become receivable or due. Expenses include VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Portacabin & Bungalow	10% cost per year
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% cost per year

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.8 Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Pre School's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	6,263	6,940

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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### 4 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Sales from charitable activities	666,737	589,830
Government grants	-	8,517
	<u>666,737</u>	<u>598,347</u>

### 5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable	69	-	69	28	-	28
	<u>69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28</u>

# HIND LEYS PRE SCHOOL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### 6 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	565,715	453,055
Staff training	6,972	3,383
Play equipment and materials	8,224	4,981
Food and consumables	16,723	10,183
Rent and rates	19,652	26,203
Light and heat	2,016	2,465
Insurance	171	188
Repairs, maintenance and refurbishment to bungalow	1,710	15,134
Printing and stationery	5,670	6,414
Telephone and internet	1,825	2,484
Sundry expenses	1,962	1,948
Bank charges	1,093	1,072
Depreciation	1,953	1,538
Accountancy and legal costs	5,072	4,891
	<u>638,758</u>	<u>533,939</u>
	<u>638,758</u>	<u>533,939</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>638,758</u>	
	<u>638,758</u>	
<b>For the year ended 31 August 2023</b>		
Unrestricted funds		<u>533,939</u>
		<u>533,939</u>

### 7 Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>565,715</u>	<u>453,055</u>

### 8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Pre School during the year.

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Portacabin & Bungalow equipment £	Fixtures, & fittings & equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 September 2023	62,337	1,315	63,652
At 31 August 2024	62,337	1,315	63,652
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 September 2023	54,335	1,315	55,650
Depreciation charged in the year	1,953	-	1,953
At 31 August 2024	56,288	1,315	57,603
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 August 2024	6,049	-	6,049
At 31 August 2023	8,002	-	8,002

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	1	1
Accruals and deferred income	1,050	1,050
	1,051	1,051

### 12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	356,539	673,069	(638,758)	390,850
<b>Previous year:</b>				
	At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	285,163	605,315	(533,939)	356,539