

Little Dragons Preschool Trustee Report

2023 – 2024

Little Dragons Preschool is registered with Ofsted, setting no. EY273825/ registration no. RP904567. Little Dragons Preschool is a member of the Early Years Alliance. The preschool has child protection policies in place which includes regular training for all staff, safer recruitment training for the management, enhanced DBS checks for all new staff and committee members and thereafter, said members are registered with the Update Service providing further annual checks.

The preschool is partnered with St Georges Primary school whom it rents the property and associated facilities in which provides Early Year education.

Little Dragons preschool is a small, friendly, charity, non for profit preschool which has 36 children on the books by the end of the year. A healthy waiting list for the following school year is also in place. The preschool provides a varied, interesting and informative Early Years education and childcare for children aged between 2 and 4 years from Portland and surrounding area. The setting is open term time only, providing a Monday to Friday service from 9 am to 3 pm.

The preschool's last Ofsted inspection was in May 2022 and was rated Good with Outstanding in attitudes and behaviour.

The links and relationships between our preschool, other preschools and other primary schools in the area has strengthened with regards to communication and sharing of information and we currently enjoy a friendly and professional partnership. We run a transition group with the primary schools in the summer term with the purpose of preparing the children for school transition. Other links to the schools include annual sports day, Easter bonnet parade and annual Teddy Bear's picnic.

We welcome all children within the age range, regardless of personal circumstance, gender, faith, cultural background and lingual ability. We work with other agencies such as SALT etc, to give all children the best start in life.

Parents, staff and committee members have played a vital part in fundraising events this year including a music festival, an Easter egg hunt, sponsored Elf run and book and cake sales. The money is greatly accepted enabling the preschool top up it's resource, set up a forest school area, provide Cultural Capital and set up a new enclosed canopy.

The preschool employs 8 members of staff. We have 5 committee members.

Hot meals are optional at the setting at a cost of £3.00. They consist of a healthy, balanced main meal such as jacket potatoes, pasta and fish dishes. A piece of fruit and a dessert are also included in the lunch price. The manager is the main cook and has

completed an advance food hygiene course. The hot meals have proven popular with both children and parents over the past few years and will continue as a non-profit making lunch time option. Children who wish to bring a healthy lunch box from home are welcome too

Regular staff training has taken place throughout the year as required.

LITTLE DRAGONS PRE SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2024</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Fees and funding		142,046.65		133,635.91
Uniform sales		-		44.00
Fundraising and donations		1,449.44		1,150.09
Interest		14.07		2.15
		143,510.16		134,832.15
 <u>EXPENSES</u>				
Wages and staff training		118,997.66		108,173.07
Rent		5,398.00		5,200.00
Insurance and Licences		756.52		720.25
Stationery and Telephone		2,188.94		1,883.76
Canteen, Food and Cleaning		4,018.19		2,227.53
Toys & Equipment		2,284.80		1,641.77
Miscellaneous and sundries		973.13		955.71
Repairs and renewals		471.20		-
Bank Charges		86.67		93.84
Legal & Professional fees		1,790.61		1,861.42
Accountancy		400.00		380.00
		137,365.72		123,137.35
<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>		6,144.44		11,694.80

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/
members of** Little Dragons Pre-School
**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 July 2024
Set out on pages 2-3

Charity no 1023583

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 23.4.25

Name: Lee Richards

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** M.A.A.T

Address: 15 Shepherds Croft
Portland
Dorset
DT5 1DJ