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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CHARITY NAME:	Dorchester Pre-School	
REGISTERED CHARITY NO:	1026090	
ADDRESS:	Horsa Hut Queen Street Dorchester-on-Thames Oxon OX10 7HR	
TRUSTEES FROM 20 th October 2023:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. E. Leake Mr. J. Murby Mrs K Atkinson	Mrs. S. Egan Mrs R. Winslett-Morris Mrs. C. Garside
TRUSTEES FROM 15 th October 2022:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. E. Leake Mr. J. Murby	Mrs. S. Egan Mrs. S. Brown Mrs. C. Garside
OFFICERS FROM 20 th October 2023:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. S. Egan Mrs. E. Leake	Chair Secretary Treasurer
OFFICERS FROM 15 th October 2022:	Mr. W. Orr-Ewing Mrs. S. Egan Mrs. E. Leake	Chair Secretary Treasurer
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Nigel Scott 6 Queens Close Dorchester-on-Thames OX10 7LR	

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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Governance

The overall management and control of the Pre-School rests with the individual members of the Pre-School Committee. All Committee members are volunteers.

Committee members are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members are eligible for re-election each year unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years.

Committee members may be co-opted outside of an AGM. In which case, they are eligible for re-election each year unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for six consecutive years

All Committee members are Trustees. The Trustees hold the capital and income of the Charity for the benefit of Dorchester Pre-School.

The Trustees who have acted during the year are as follows:

Mr. William Orr-Ewing	Mrs Rachel Winslet-Morris
Mr. John Murby	Mrs. Sarah Egan
Mrs. Emily Leake	Mrs. Charlotte Garside
Mrs Kelly Atkinson	

The Trustees are not remunerated in any form for their services.

The governing document is the Pre-School Learning Alliance Constitution 2011.

Objectives and activities

The main activity of the charity is the provision of pre-school facilities for the children within its catchment area and others within the admissions policy.

The aims of the Pre-school are 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.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Committee meetings.

The Pre-school achieves its aims 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 whatever their 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, adhering to and furthering the aims and objectives of the Early Years Alliance*

* Early Years Alliance is the trading name of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Achievements and Performance

The Pre-School continued to offer standard opening hours, from 9am to 3pm weekdays during which time we have provided care for a range of children, several who have special educational needs and two that are eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium funding. The setting has administered the provision of supermarket vouchers through the Household support fund for those eligible.

The Pre-School was rated Good at its Ofsted inspection in February 2024, with particular praise given for the dedication and care the staff show towards the children, and for the children's effective and sustained progress. The summary findings from the report are:

Quality of education	- Good
Behaviour and attitudes	- Good
Personal development	- Good
Leadership and management	- Good

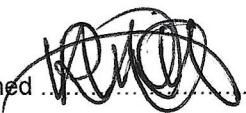
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings

Financial Review

The Pre-School continues to be in a good financial position, thanks to its current assets, ending the year in an improved position at £83k due to an annual surplus of £9.3k for the year. The previous financial period covered 17 months due to changing the financial year. This financial period covers 12 months. An increase in funding of 2 year olds from the government has increased the grants received from the local county council, this new funding helped to increase children taking up spaces at the Pre-School and fees paid for additional hours on top of their funding.

Expenditure was higher this year, staff wages were increased in line with minimum wage increases, repairs and maintenance on the building was needed and a pergola was installed to improve the outdoor area.

Funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and the majority have not been designated for other purposes. However, it has been agreed to retain a portion of these funds to cover closure costs of the preschool, should such an eventuality occur. Retained funds were maintained at £20K, to reflect the redundancy costs payable and other costs should the pre-school have to close. This amount is being reviewed annually.

Signed 
Trustee

Date 30/6/25

Signed 
Trustee

Date 30 June 2025

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dorchester Pre-School

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 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 you as trustees concerning 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met.
- (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: 30/6/25

Name: Nigel Scott

Address: 6 Queens Close,
Dorchester-on-Thames
OX10 7LR

DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Income Fund ended 31.08.24 (12 mnths) £	Unrestricted Income Fund ended 31.08.23 (17 mnths) £
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Fees		14,453	16,588
Grants		79,389	88,080
SEN & HSF Grant		240	11,374
Fundraising income		2,480	1,908
Bank Interest	4	334	230
Total Incoming Resources		96,896	118,180
Resources Expended			
Direct charitable expenditure			
Pre-School running costs	5	84,235	97,453
		84,235	97,453
Other Expenditure			
Management and administration of the Charity	6	3,002	1,589
Total Resources Expended		87,237	99,042
Net Incoming/(outgoing) Resources for the Year		9,659	19,137
Fund balances brought forward at 31 August 23		73,360	54,223
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 24		83,019	73,360

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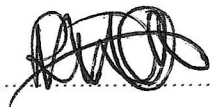
BALANCE SHEET

As at

31 AUGUST 2024

		31.08.24	31.08.23
Current Assets	Note	£	£
Cash at bank - Current Account		62,488	40,449
- Savings Account		20,181	20,625
Fundraising Account		0	11,793
CAF Account		350	493
		<u>83,019</u>	<u>73,360</u>
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Net Assets		<u>83,019</u>	<u>73,360</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Income Fund		<u>83,019</u>	<u>73,360</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



..... Trustee



..... Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period ended: 31 AUGUST 2024

1. **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared using Receipts and Payments accounts.

2. **Accounting Policies**

Income

Income arising from Fees, Grants, Fundraising and other sources is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as it is received.

3. **Taxation**

The Trust is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Section 506(1) of the Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly the Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

4. **Other Income**

	31.08.24	31.08.23
Bank account interest	334	230
	<u>334</u>	<u>230</u>

5. **Pre-School Running Costs**

	31.08.24	31.08.23
Wages	65,116	74,518
Bank charges	15	97
Cleaning	0	660
Office expenses	279	0
DBS checks	126	0
Fundraising costs	279	0
Food and supplies	863	2,429
Gifts and Parties	130	2,861
Equipment	9,074	4,785
Hall Fees	0	60
HSF Payments	165	375
Insurance and PLA subscription	1,158	2,067
Marketing	132	359
Phone	48	0
Play and educational supplies	1,404	3,691
Recruitment	46	0
Repairs & refurbishment	1,601	729
Training courses	324	175
Staff uniforms	0	0
Utilities, broadband & fire alarm	2,851	3,886
Waste collection	624	761
	<u>84,235</u>	<u>97,453</u>

6. **Management and Administration of the Charity**

	31.08.24	31.08.23
	£	£
Administration, stationery, postage & copies etc.	3,002	1,589
