



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 From 01 09 2020 To 31 08 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

 Postcode

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	Elizabeth Stone	Chair		Committee
2	Emma Morris	Treasurer		Committee
3	Hannah Rutt	Secretary		Committee
4	Kirstie Pitt			Committee
5	Laura Cooper			Committee
6	Michelle Lawrence		01/07/21	Committee
7	Hannah Smith		01/07/21	Committee
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Cooperative	16 St Stephens Street, Bristol
Accountant	Bourne and Bargery	The Byers, Manor Farm, Chilcompton. Somerset

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Preschool Learning Alliance Constitution 2011 adopted October 2014.
How the charity is constituted	Association
Trustee selection methods	Parents and family members are invited to the Annual General Meeting in the Autumn. A management committee is appointed or reappointed at this meeting. Trustees are the committee members.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

- The preschool is run by a voluntary parent led committee. Committee members are elected by nomination at the Annual General Meeting and have roles and responsibilities as set out in the Charity Commission guidance. All new members are DBS checked and approved by Ofsted.

There is a handover period for each new officer (Chair, Treasurer & Secretary) and suitable training is available from BANES Council if required.

We have regular contact with Bath and North East Somerset Council's Early Years Team.

Noah's Ark Preschool is a member of the Preschool Learning Alliance.

We have strong links with the Early Years Teachers at Paulton Infant School and regularly visit them to ensure a smooth transition for all our children.

We hold termly committee meetings to discuss the overall running of the preschool and future fundraising plans.

We complete a daily risk assessment on the building and grounds and a yearly assessment of all equipment. Any visits or outings are also assessed in line with the preschool policies.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

We aim to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging families to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities and daily routines the committee have regard for and keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Our focus is to provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment where all children benefit by being able to enjoy themselves and grow in confidence. We encourage every child to be competent learners who can be resilient, capable, confident and self - assured. We seek to build positive relationships with both our children and their families. We aim for children to develop positive attitudes and relationships, which will form the base for them becoming strong, secure and independent individuals. We see every child as unique and follow a child - led approach to learning within a supported environment.

The preschool is open Monday - Friday during term time and offers affordable sessional day care for children aged 2.5 - 4. All 8 practitioners are fully qualified to level 3 or above and we encourage parent helpers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the preschool. We have 1 apprentice currently working towards a level 2 qualification. We offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.

We hold regular fundraising events throughout the year to raise additional funds to enable us to provide new equipment and resources to enhance the learning of all children. Parents and families are asked to help and support these events to encourage their involvement in the running and future of the preschool.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has again been challenging due to the uncertainty of the global pandemic. We optimistically reopened to all children in September 2020. Restrictions were still in place on play activities, fundraising, visitors and outings. As with all educational settings we remained open throughout the 3rd lockdown from early January to Easter. We continued to provide much needed childcare for key workers and the children transitioning to school. Unfortunately, we were forced to close from Monday 25th January to Thursday 4th February as a member of staff fell ill with Covid. We reopened again to all children and with less restrictions for Term 3. We ended the academic year with 46 children to which 27 left in July to start school.

STAFF

During the year we maintained the employment of 9 staff. We did not need to access the Government's furlough scheme to pay staff salaries as we remained in receipt of the full Early Years Entitlement from Bath and North East Somerset Council.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have not been able to attend any face to face training however, we try to keep up to date via zoom with Banes, LCSB and The Preschool Learning Alliance where possible. We continually work closely with other professionals to include the Early Years Teachers and Advisors from Children Centre Services and Banes either via telephone or Zoom meetings.

CHRISTMAS 2020

We were unable to visit Paulton Infants school to watch their Christmas play, nor were we able to hold our own Christmas production or party.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer visited in June for the leaver's photos and gave us a percentage of the orders.

LEAVER'S PARTY

We held a school leaver's party with hired entertainment on Friday 16th July.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Fundraising Events have been postponed since March 2020 as our emphasis has been on keeping the preschool open.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are very pleased to report that the preschool has again been able to maintain a positive financial position. We ended the financial year with a profit of £4951. Income is slightly up (2.6%) on last year but still lower than normal due to the loss of non-funded children during lockdown and fundraising events. Fortunately, we were still paid the Early Years Entitlement from Banes for all eligible 2 and 3 year olds' throughout the year. The expenditure is up (7%) on last year due to purchasing large quantities of PPE, lateral flow tests, a fogger and disinfectant during the early part of the year. Due to the restrictions in place on toys we also had to purchase more craft materials than normal. We increased our insurance cover to include Trustee and a higher level of revenue cover. All staff received a pay increase as part of the agreed 4 year plan on April 1st. The preschool paid for a Staff meal and evening out in August as the normal Christmas meal was cancelled.

Income and expenditure

Bank Balance b/f	131733.44
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Total Income for the year to 31st August 2021

BANES	90677.15
Fees	16148.50
F Raising	714.70
Uniform	31.70
Lunch Club	757.50
Interest	0
Misc (B College)	504.94
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Total Expenditure for the year to 31st August 2021

Wages	82722.76
PAYE/NI	3582.55
NEST	2064.16
Running Costs	9095.75
Equipment	3398.50

Uniform	0
Fund Raising	421.20
Training	98.45
Repairs/renewals	50
Food/snacks	1010.32
Other	1439.47
	<u>103883.16</u>
Bank Bal to c/f	136684.77
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4951.33
 Balance Sheet at 31st August 2021	
	Y/e Aug 21
Bank Bal B/f	£131,733.44
Income over Expenditure	<u>£4951.33</u>
Balance to C/f	<u>£136,684.77</u>
 FUTURE PLANS	
Discussions have started to take place with Paulton Parish Council on the longevity of our current building and plans are afoot for a new build. A working party has been appointed and meetings are taking place	
The management committee comprises of parent volunteers. The overall management of the preschool and all fundraising events are carried out by these volunteers.	

	Y/e Aug 20
Current Account	£131,733.44
Cash	-
	<u>£131,733.44</u>

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our current financial position is stable and we have a relatively healthy amount of savings which we are keeping in reserve for any unforeseen expenditure, the purchase of new equipment/resources and the enhancement or possibility of a new build.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

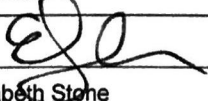
The main source of funding is through paid fees for younger children and the Early Years Entitlement. We raise further funds through our regular fundraising events.

Our expenditure has always supported our key aim to provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment where all children are able to enjoy themselves and grow in confidence.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Date:	13/12/2021
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Stone	CHAIR	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
NOAHS ARK PRESCHOOL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/21	Charity no (if any)	1027796
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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]].
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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable 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 Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:		Date:	03.11.2021
Name:	Mrs Gayle Shakespeare		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT		
Address:	Bourne and Bargery		
	The Byers, Manor Farm,		
	Chilcompton, Radstock . BA3 4HP		

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).