



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Stepping Stones Pre-School (Exning)

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 June 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1028589

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/06/2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 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.

Signed:

*CM Poulton*

Date:

17/05/2024

Name:

Caroline Poulton T/A NKT Accountants

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

11 Kings Court, Willie Snaith Road

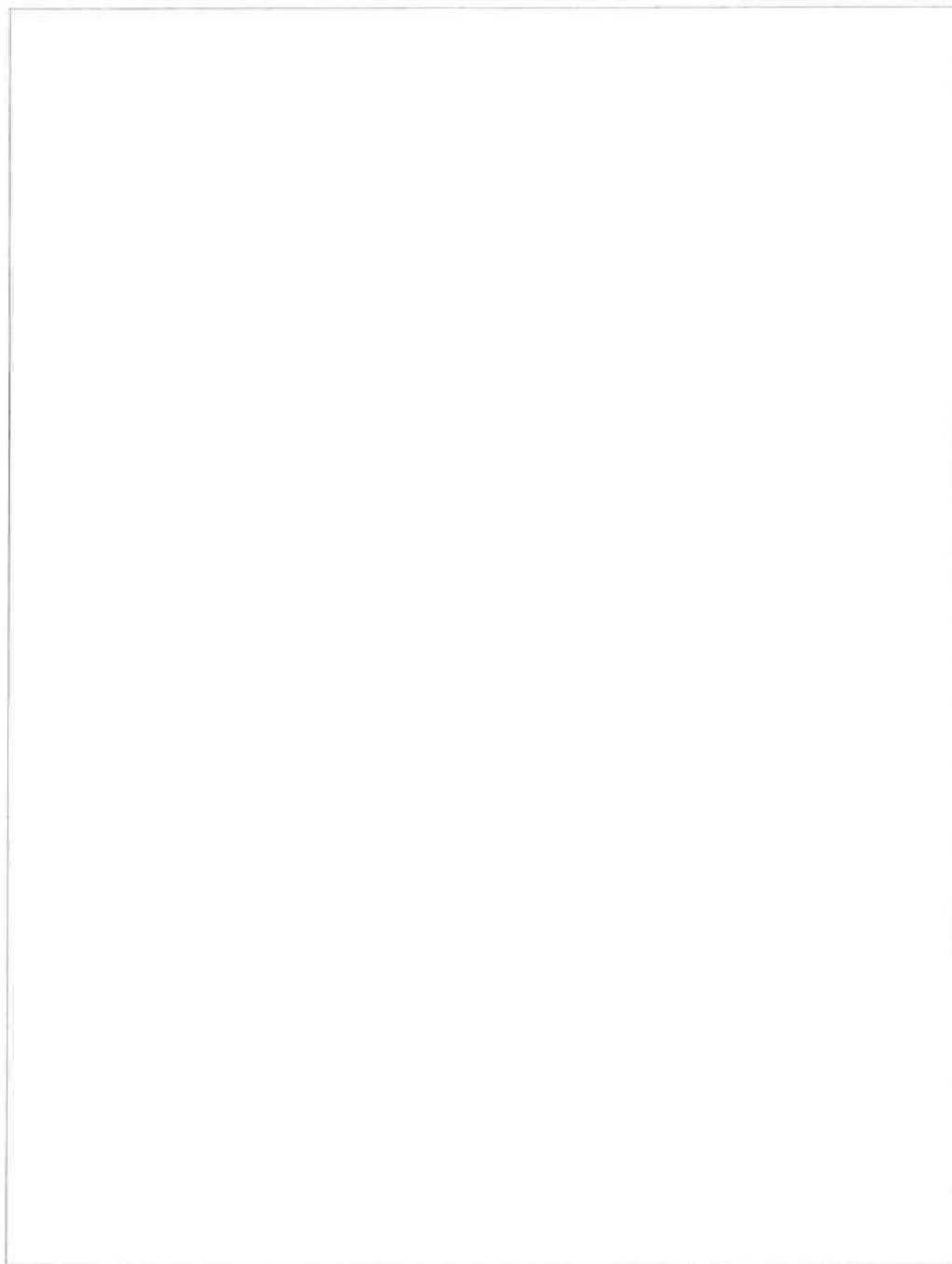
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**Section B**

**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).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



# Stepping Stones Pre-School

## Profit and Loss

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Services	241,831.03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£241,831.03</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>£241,831.03</b>
Expenses	
Charitable donations	280.00
Equipment leasing	2,971.52
Housekeeping	9,008.04
Legal and professional fees	1,542.00
Office expenses, repairs & maintenance	2,626.45
Rent	5,349.52
Resources	5,278.93
Telephone	440.76
Utilities	4,809.45
Wages	223,903.06
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£256,209.73</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>£ -14,378.70</b>
Other Income	
Other finance income	3,004.03
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£3,004.03</b>
Other Expenses	
Other Expenses	23,445.36
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>£23,445.36</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>£ -20,441.33</b>
NET INCOME	<b>£ -34,820.03</b>

# Stepping Stones Pre-School

## Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2023

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current	4,768.86
Current2	1,514.37
Current3	95,967.01
Current4	2,758.08
<b>Total Cash at bank and In hand</b>	<b>£105,008.32</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£105,008.32</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	457.33
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>	<b>£457.33</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£457.33</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£104,550.99</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£104,550.99</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£104,550.99</b>
Capital and Reserves	
Opening Balance Equity	156,274.78
Retained Earnings	-16,903.76
Profit for the year	-34,820.03
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>£104,550.99</b>



# Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date)  to (end date)

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the 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	SARAH THOMPSON	CHAIR		
2	DESMOND MURPHY	DEPUTY CHAIR		
3	KAREN INGRAM	TREASURER		
4	SARAH GUEST	SECRETARY		
5	SHOBA HANRAADS	COMMITTEE		
6	BECKY TRUSHELL	COMMITTEE		
7	KATY HURST	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

**Section A**

**Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

SARAH THOMPSON

**Section B**

**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted  
(eg trust, association, company)

PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE

Trustee selection methods  
(eg appointed by, elected by)

ELECTED ANNUALLY

Additional governance issues (optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
  - relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Settings policies & procedures are adopted and discussed annually at a open AGM.  
ALL Risk Assessments are carried out and completed periodically.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The charity offers all year round care and education to all children aged 2-5yrs old.

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)

offering quality care and education to the community & surrounding areas.

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

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

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

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The setting is running at full capacity and remains full with a waiting list.  
Staff have continued to develop their skills through training & in house learning.  
The setting continues to support the village and community members.

**Section E**

**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Charity reserves remain in place for contingencies and unexpected financial situations

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

Principal source of funds are Government funding, fees, consumable charges and regular fundraising

**Section F**

**Other optional information**

**Section G**

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*[Handwritten signature]*

Full name(s)

STHOMPSON D MURPHY

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR *[Handwritten signature]* DEPUTY

Date

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