



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/SEP/2023 To 31/AUG/2024

Charity name: Whimple Preschool and Toddler Group

Charity registration number: 1035316

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The pre-school is a body in membership of the Pre-school Learning Alliance</p> <p>Aims and Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To offer high quality care of young children.2. To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in a parent involving community-based group.3. To learn through a carefully planned play programme.4. To provide a safe secure and stimulating environment.5. To work within a framework which ensures equality of opportunity for all children and families.6. To provide continuity from the pre-school to school settings with joint initiatives.7. Offer good staff ratios, especially those attending for extended hours. <p>These are communicated to all parents and staff and reviewed at least annually, normally at the AGM.</p> <p>We Offer Your Child A specially tailored curriculum covering the Early Learning Goals leading to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Foundation Stage 1.2. Individual care and attention made possible by a high ratio of adults to

		<p>children.</p> <p>3. Fun and friendship with children and other adults.</p> <p>4. The support of a personal keyworker.</p> <p>5. Opportunities for you and your family to be directly involved in the activities of the group and in your own child's progress.</p> <p>In the 2 terms before starting primary school the children have a chance for a shared learning experience with the school and reception class.</p> <p>Local support from the village community and local groups within a familiar setting.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I confirm that the trustees have had 'due regard' to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

A huge thank you as always to Jo Sibley and her amazing team for expertly providing a safe and nurturing educational environment for our children over the past year. As parents, we couldn't ask for a better environment for our children and as an outgoing parent this year, we are all so appreciative and thankful for the time invested into ensuring that our little ones are ready for their move up to primary school.

Thank you too to Andrea Bristow who is doing a fantastic job in her role as Finance Officer. This was a new role that was introduced last year, and it has been a very positive move for Preschool.

Thank you also to my predecessor, James Garwood, for handing over the mantle of Preschool Chair this time last year, and to the Committee for being so welcoming and for the vital and continued support that it provides to Preschool.

I'm pleased to say that the Committee elected last year remains in place for the upcoming year. We'd also welcome any parents who would like to get involved to come along and support Preschool's fundraising efforts. Thank you to everyone who helped out last year either formally or informally through fundraising events, helping with prizes for the Quiz & Curry auction, gardening, repairing the sun sail, and in every other capacity - on behalf of Preschool and the Committee we are extremely grateful.

Fundraising has done well again this year with another extremely successful Quiz & Curry night. A big thanks to the New Fountain Inn for providing the curry and to everyone who helped put on a fantastic event! The prize auction and silent auction raised a significant amount of money, as well as charitable donations, support from parents and other fundraising events at Bonfire Night and Village Day.

We finished the year in a strong financial position and increased salaries for all staff in line with the pay scale that was

		<p>implemented last year together with a promise from the Committee to keep this under review in recognition of the fantastic efforts of Jo and her team.</p> <p>With the changes to early years funding that came in from April 2024, the Committee will continue to monitor the impact of this for Preschool over the coming year, but with child numbers looking good and a waiting list for places, there is much to look forward to.</p> <p>Fundraising continues to be high on the Committee's agenda, and we look optimistically toward the 2024-2025 academic year.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	End the year with profit of £3,122.92 Stable position financially
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve held for statutory redundancy pay for staff in the event of preschool closure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£59,792.43
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected at AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Whimble Preschool and Toddler Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1035316

Charity's principal address	Whimble Victory Hall, School Hill Whimble EX5 2TS

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	<i>H Seldon</i>	
	Full name(s)	Hayley Seldon	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
	Date	17th June 2025	

Whimble Preschool Playgroup

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2024

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Longlife Equipment	424.43
Machinery and equipment	374.95
Total Tangible assets	£799.38
Total Fixed Asset	£799.38
Cash at bank and in hand	
Santander Bank Account	42,874.24
Santander Contingency	14,956.28
Santander Fundraising	1,961.91
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£59,792.43
Debtors	
Debtors	65.69
Total Debtors	£65.69
Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Current Assets	£0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£59,858.12
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£59,858.12
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£60,657.50
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£60,657.50
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	14,190.98
Retained Earnings	43,343.60
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,122.92
Total Charity funds	£60,657.50

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Financial Activities

September 2023 - August 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	500.00
EYP	61,655.34
Fees	13,753.30
Fund Raising	5,842.80
Other	6,057.35
Payment for additional activity	-17.30
Sales of Product Income	78.00
Total Income	£87,869.49
TOTAL	£87,869.49
Expenditures	
Administration	1,391.92
Fundraising Expenses	674.50
Hall Hire - Preschool	4,839.38
HMRC	6,155.91
Legal	626.06
Materials/Consumables	3,701.68
Miscellaneous	479.98
Quiz & Curry Expenditure	330.29
Repair and maintenance	76.80
Training	200.14
Trip Expenditure	125.00
Uniforms	259.20
Utilities	436.90
Wages	61,848.43
Payroll Expenditures	141.60
Pension Contributions	4,083.10
Total Wages	66,073.13
Washing	60.00
Total Expenditures	£85,430.89
NET OPERATING INCOME	£2,438.60
Other Income	
Interest	684.32
Total Other Income	£684.32
Other Expenditures	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Total Other Expenditures	£0.00
NET OTHER INCOME	£684.32
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£3,122.92



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

WHIMPLE PRESCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1035316

Set out on pages

1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 08 2024

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (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:

EJ Hammett

Date:

15/03/2025

Name:

ELEANOR HAMMETT

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

Association of Chartered Certified
Accountants (ACCA)

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BROADCLYST
EXS 3AD

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.

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