



Dothill Pre-School and Childcare

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Charity number: 1035949

Ofsted registration number: EY398358

Trustees' Annual Report 2024

Dothill Pre-School and Childcare is run as a charity for the public benefit of the children in the local area.

The aims of the charity remain the same and the setting continues to enhance the development and education of children aged 2 to 11 years by creating a welcoming environment that encourages all children to develop a love of learning through exploration, fun and challenge, in a safe place.

All children attending the setting are offered equal opportunities regardless of their gender, race, culture, religion, means or ability and are supported to achieve their best from their unique starting point.

Current Trustees of Dothill Pre-School and Childcare charity

Adele Woodward

Karen Renshaw

Zellah Goswell

Kate Dolan

Jo Davies

Rebecca Millward

Rosey Marsland is the identified contact for the Charities Commission and attends all trustee meetings.

Trustees were elected to their posts and will serve the charity until they choose to resign or the charity closes.

Trustees have not taken any remuneration or expenses during the year and volunteer their services in the interests of ensuring quality provision for the children attending the setting. The trustees have kept an eye on financial matters throughout the year and are confident that the setting continues to provide good value for money.

To safeguard our children, all Trustees are checked under the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The annual general meeting (AGM) was held in November 2024. Notification of the AGM was displayed within the setting with all service users were invited to attend. Present at the meeting were all Trustees, Rosey Marsland (Executive Director) and Claire Olliver (setting manager) but no service users.

Minutes of all trustee meetings held have been recorded as consistently true and accurate and signed copies are kept on file.

Constitution

The constitution the setting has adopted remains current and no changes were proposed by the trustees during this year.

Aims of the charity

Dothill Pre-School and Childcare aims to advance the development and education of children aged 2 to 11 years in such ways as the charity's trustees think fit, including:

- By offering children aged 2-11 years living in the local area and beyond, high quality childcare that meets all legal requirements and national standards for educational provision.
- By working with local schools and other professional bodies to provide the best outcomes and opportunities for children attending the setting.
- By working with parents and carers to ensure that the children attending the setting have access to a range of stimulating learning activities.
- For the public benefit: the charity may carry out such other charitable activities as the charity's trustees think fit for the benefit of the children.

In accordance with the Charity Commission's requirements, trustees have agreed:

- To be a non-profit making organisation where any profits made are used to extend and develop the pre-schools provision.
- To work with other agencies to ensure that the education given links to children's future learning and supports other areas of their development.

Who serves on Dothill Pre-School and Childcare trustee board?

The day to day running of the setting is the responsibility of the Executive Director and the setting manager. Decisions regarding staffing levels and staff recruitment are discussed with the trustees.

Trustee board	
Adele Woodward	Chairperson
Karen Renshaw	Treasurer and parent
Kate Dolan	Secretary and parent
Zellah Goswell	Parent
Jo Davies	
Rebecca Millward	Parent
Rosey Marsland	Ofsted nominated person & Contact for Charities Commission

Throughout the year Dothill Pre-School and Childcare held 3 trustee meetings and attendance from Trustees is good.

Dothill Pre-School and Childcare staff team:

Alison Cooke	Playworker
Michelle Foster	Early Years practitioner
Molly Lamb	Playworker
Sue Langford	Playworker
Rosey Marsland	Executive director
Claire Olliver	Setting manager
Eunice Pearce	Deputy Manager and deputy SENDCo
Chantelle Powls	Early Years practitioner
Emily Rice	Early Years practitioner
Karen Savage	Playworker
Sharon Spragg	Deputy Manager and SENDCo
Julie Stephan	Playworker (resigned February 2024)
Michelle Webb	Playworker

Who can attend the setting?

Our trustees recognise the importance of equality of access and of opportunity. Children aged from 2 to 11 years from across Telford are welcome to attend the setting.

The Pre-School offers funded sessions for 2,3&4-year-olds.

The Out of School club offers before and after school childcare (primarily for children attending Dothill Primary School) and a holiday club (open to a wider catchment) during all school holidays.

The setting works in partnership with parents' and supports their requirements for their children, and has contact with parents, carers, other relatives, and childminders, as far as any legal constraints allow. We monitor the gender and ethnicity of children joining our setting to ensure that there is no unfair discrimination.

What activities does the setting offer?

The ethos within the setting is learning through play.

Learning is encouraged through exploring first-hand fun with age-appropriate activities, challenges and experiences. A wide range of activities provides experiences across the whole of the Early Years curriculum with a broad and balanced curriculum offered to all children attending the setting. Every child matters, and staff are expected to ensure activities and opportunities planned cater for every child's individual needs and abilities.

Children are encouraged to be independent, and staff take the lead from the children, taking into account their current interests and needs when planning or scaffolding learning. The setting has senior members of staff with responsibility for special educational needs, behaviour and health and safety. There is a clear emphasis on children sharing, taking turns, building good relationships, and enjoying their learning. The executive director takes an active hands-on approach to monitoring the provision and resources so that the children have good quality learning experiences.

What has happened throughout this year at Dothill Pre-school and Childcare?

Dothill Pre-School and Childcare is a busy setting. Our manager continues to be committed to seeing the setting develop, ensuring the best possible outcomes for the children that attend. The children are eager to attend and often request to attend even when childcare for parents isn't necessary. Feedback received from visitors and parents is very positive, mentioning the friendly atmosphere and warm, friendly staff.

As a setting we continue to be supported by our loyal and dedicated staff team. This year we had minimum staff changes with only one of our out of school club team leaving to pursue a career out of childcare and no other staff changes have occurred throughout the year.

Ofsted carried out our routine inspection at the end of January, the experience was very positive and we maintained our 'good' rating.

Early in the year we were approached by Telford & Wrekin to take part in the national 'Covid Recovery Program' this program enabled us to form strong links with another EY setting within Telford & Wrekin and we were able to share good practise with another EY setting out of area.

Throughout the year we have purchased staff training through a variety of providers, including Telford & Wrekin, Talking Childcare, Early Years Fundamentals and Early Years Foundation. We have also purchased support and training from Deborah Udakis, an independent Early Years consultant. As a setting we continue to buy into Telford & Wrekin 'core package' and welcome any support from our appointed Early Years Consultant. Our Section 11 audit was completed in November with no follow up actions necessary. Staff continue to attend all training when required and designated staff attend termly network meeting for safeguarding, SEND and Out of School clubs.

This year we have enhanced our EYFS curriculum by purchasing the 'Spread the Happiness - Squiggle whilst your wiggle' program, and offering weekly music sessions through an external provider, 'Music Minors', these enhancements have been funded through pupil premium funding. The staff have commented on the positive impact these enhancements are having on the children and the children are thoroughly enjoying the sessions, eagerly joining in each week.

We held our annual 'Graduation' ceremony for the children leaving pre-school transitioning to school, this was a social event and was well attended by parents and grandparents, a professional photographer took graduation photos of the children. The 'animal man' visited as an end of year treat for all the children attending pre-school.

The setting is continuing to develop links with Dothill Primary School and are actively working with the EYFS co-ordinator to ensure smooth transitions for all the children who will progress onto Dothill school.

The executive director and setting manager hold annual appraisal meetings and termly support and supervision meetings for all staff, these scheduled meetings have a health and wellbeing element embedded within them as well as areas for professional development. The setting manager also receives an annual appraisal and termly support and supervision meetings, these meetings are carried out by the executive director.

Annual DBS update service checks were carried out on all staff and trustees registered with the service. All staff and trustees continue to have up-to-date enhanced DBS checks in place.

The setting continues to support local secondary schools by offering placements to students in Year 10 carrying out their 'works experience' weeks.

The manager meets with the executive director on a weekly basis to share any safeguarding concerns and other relevant information.

The manager attends all trustee meetings and provides the trustees with a written report.

Child Protection/Safeguarding and Health and Safety remain a priority and underpins everything that takes place within the setting.

All staff attend monthly staff meetings, these meetings have an agenda and always include a child protection/safeguarding and health and safety element. Staff within the pre-school also attend a monthly EYFS meeting. Minutes of these meetings are kept on file and staff receive a copy for their own records.

Our Statutory Duty as a charity

As Trustees, we are confident that we have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

The Trustees would like to thank the staff of Dothill Pre-School and Childcare for all their hard work, support and enthusiasm and the parents who put their trust in the setting and bring their children here.

Rosey Marsland

Executive Director
Dothill Pre-School and Childcare
December 2024

DOTHILL PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1035949

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

DOTHILL PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CHARITY NUMBER 1035949

PRINICPAL ADDRESS Severn Drive
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TRUSTEES Mrs Adele Woodward
Mrs Karen Renshaw
Mrs Rebecca Millward
Mrs Zella Goswell
Mrs Kate Dolan
Mrs Jo Davies

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOTHILL PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ending 31st December 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.

The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 statements below.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)."

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 in, any material respect:

- 1.) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2.) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3.) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements 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 respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by:



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Mr B Talbot FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Clear Accountancy Services Limited

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DOTHILL PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2024

	Note	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	13,786	15,075
Current Assets			
Debtors	3	7,500	7,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>158,575</u>	<u>145,162</u>
		166,075	152,662
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	7,685	2,089
Working capital		<u>158,390</u>	<u>150,573</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities		<u>172,176</u>	<u>165,648</u>
Less: Long Term Liabilities		-	-
Net assets		<u>172,176</u>	<u>165,648</u>
Capital and reserves			
Reserve account balance		172,176	165,648
		<u>172,176</u>	<u>165,648</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed by:

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Adele Woodward
 Trustee

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DOTHILL PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. Principal Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the fundamental currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern and have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

b) Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an actual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

d) Taxation

No provision has been made for Corporation Tax as the charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

e) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided to write off costs of each asset over its estimated useful life at the following rates:

Fixtures and Fittings	10% reducing balance
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<u>Cost</u>		
At 1 January 2024	18,811	18,811
Additions	382	382
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>19,192</u>	<u>19,192</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>		
At 1 January 2024	3,736	3,736
Charge for Period	1,670	1,670
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>5,406</u>	<u>5,406</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
At 31 December 2024	<u>13,786</u>	<u>13,786</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>15,075</u>	<u>15,075</u>
	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>
3. Debtors		
	£	
Lease Deposit	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
4. Creditors		
	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>
	£	
PAYE	5,586	-
Net Wages	685	-
Pension	664	631
Accruals	750	1,458
	<u>7,685</u>	<u>2,089</u>

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5. Other Commitments

The total of future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as following:

	Land and Buildings	
	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>
	£	£
Within 1 Year	33,528	32,710
2-5 Years	124,906	140,004
Over 5 years	-	18,431
	<u>158,435</u>	<u>191,145</u>
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DOTHILL PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE**Income & Expenditure Account****For the year ending 31st December 2024**

	Year to 31/12/24	Year to 31/12/23
T&WC Funding	141,155	131,934
Fees	140,293	138,497
Bank Interest	1,380	700
Grants	-	-
Donations	-	4,000
Insurance Claim	-	1,336
	<u>282,828</u>	<u>276,486</u>
Accountancy Fees	1,394	1,166
CPD	423	419
Hygiene	1,645	2,153
Insurance	950	1,016
Rent	32,711	31,913
Stationery & Equipment	1,713	1,981
Wages, NIC and Pensions	218,732	184,738
Interest Payable	245	-
Food	6,547	6,170
Staff Entertainment	244	-
Sundries	1,473	2,188
Professional Fees	5,362	3,097
Depreciation	1,670	1,695
Repairs and Renewals	1,035	2,592
Student Activities and Events	2,157	-
	<u>276,300</u>	<u>239,127</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	<u>6,528</u>	<u>37,359</u>
Reserves brought forward	165,648	128,289
Balance on Reserve account	<u>172,176</u>	<u>165,648</u>

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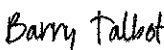
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