

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Thorner Pre School and Toddler Group (Charity No: 1036320)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

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Committee Report

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1. The members of the management committee during the year were:

Chair	Belinda Bateson
Vice Chair	Izzy Samociuk
Secretary	Julia Wood
Treasurer	Rob Taylor
Trustees	Linsey King, Amy Lobley

2. Principal Address

Thorner C of E School, Kirkhills, Thorner, Leeds LS14 3JD

3. Governing Document

Pre-school Learning Alliance Constitution. Constitution adopted 1 November 1993 and amended 28 September 1999.

4. Aims & Organisation

The aim of the pre-school is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in a parent-involved, community based group, which ensures equality of opportunity for all children and their families.

5. Independent Examiner

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Committee Report continued

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1. Review of progress and achievements

Preschool showed a loss of £9026.

It has been a very strange year again for Preschool due to the coronavirus pandemic. As with most organisations, the pandemic has had a massive financial impact on Preschool. Our income for 2021 was £93,414, which was £11,000 more than the previous year. However, staffing costs increased by around £9000. This was due to a number of reasons.

During part of the year we had to maintain small bubbles of children, but maintain staff ratios and levels which meant all staff were in with fewer than usual children. This

impacted on the cost of the payroll. Preschool had a higher than usual intake of 2 year old children which has meant staff ratios have had to stay higher.

We had to close the setting twice, due to positive COVID tests. This resulted in reimbursing parents for sessions that their children could not attend due to the closure. As the closures were not government led, we received no financial support whatsoever. We had to pay the staff out of our own funds at an estimated cost of around £6,000.00, whilst receiving no income. The closures also caused a significant increase in administration work, for which our Manager and Administrator worked a lot of overtime, for which they got paid for.

We have continued to invest in staff training.

2. Statement of objectives for the future

Our numbers for this year have been just below average, however since all the restrictions have been lifted, we have seen a significant increase in numbers and we have been running at full capacity on some days since Easter 2022. Our numbers for September are very low and the current projection shows that we will be running at 36% capacity. This is mainly due to 37% of children leaving to go to Primary School and a lack of new starters. We believe that the latter has also been affected by the pandemic, due to a much larger number of parents working from home and managing their childcare within their home environment.

We have significantly increased our resources and equipment for both indoor and outdoor play to further provide an enriching environment.

We will continue to invest further in staff training to comply with the new Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and develop our team.

3. Chairperson of Thorner Pre School and Toddler Group

"Preschool has been a challenging and difficult place to manage over the last 24 months. There have been many issues to solve and money to save. I have done my utmost to ensure the sustainability of the setting as have the team.

With that in mind, preschool has also been a very rewarding place to work as I feel we have survived the hardest year I have ever had in my 24 years of working here.

Moving forward, we now have the challenge of increasing child numbers for September. We will invest our time in more local advertisement and use Facebook and other social media platforms to spread the word.

The losses we made last year were not quite as bad as I had at first thought, and with the financial consequences of having to close twice as a result of Covid cases, I feel our losses were minimal. My aim is to get back into profit.

We are looking forward to the new year and will meet all challenges head on. Staff are motivated and enthusiastic and we all want preschool to succeed. As a preschool we continue to work in a dedicated yet vigilant manner, to ensure preschool remains open to all and as profitable as possible, and its staff and children remain safe and well."

4. Approval of the Accounts

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on: 20/06/2022
Name: Beinda Bareson
Signed: B. Bareson
on behalf of the Trustees.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

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Cash Basis

I report on the accounts of the charity set out on pages 7 to 10.

1. Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examine

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

2. 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 any 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.

3. Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Catherine Doherty

Date: 24 June 2021

Income & Expenditure

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For the year ended 31 August 2021

Cash Basis

	NOTES	2021	2020
Sales			
Bank interest received		-	63
Deprivation fund		-	2,893
Fees		26,782	11,889
Fundraising income		-	115
Grants		66,633	67,551
Total Sales		93,415	82,512
Gross Profit			
		93,415	82,512
Expenses			
General Administration			
Accountancy Fee		270	-
Adverts		42	84
Bank/Alto charges		120	173
Charitable Donatlons		114	-
Cleaning costs		835	785
DBS fees		116	98
Direct wages		73,827	65,160
Employment & HR advice		2,204	2,226
Entertaining		140	-
Equipment		1,830	590
Food		102	861
Football coaching		-	990
Fundraising costs		179	-
Garden maintenance		608	-
Ink cartridges		759	-
IT costs		639	625
Lunches		187	-
Materials		2,575	1,543
Other staff costs		849	-
Payroll fees		90	360
Pension-Employer contributions		966	630
Postage		8	-
Prior Year Adjustments		-	(1,097)
Registration & insurance fees		1,103	213
Rent		11,030	11,030
Repairs and maintenance		71	120
Stationery		2,288	541
Sundry expenditure		-	147
Telephone & Text Messages		129	-

Income & Expenditure

	NOTES	2021	2020
Training		1,121	1,039
Zoo Lab Visits		239	-
Total General Administration		102,440	86,118
Total Expenses		102,440	86,118
Net Profit (Loss)		(9,026)	(3,607)

Balance Sheet

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As at 31 August 2021

Cash Basis

	NOTES	31 AUG 2021	31 AUG 2020
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets		72,382	82,318
Total Fixed Assets		72,382	82,318
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other creditors		504	1,414
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		504	1,414
Net current assets (liabilities)		(504)	(1,414)
Total assets less current liabilities		71,879	80,904
Net Assets		71,879	80,904
Capital and reserves			
Funds - unrestricted			
Accumulated Funds		80,904	84,511
Current Year Earnings		(9,026)	(3,607)
Total Funds - unrestricted		71,879	80,904
Total Capital and reserves		71,879	80,904

Notes to the Accounts

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1. Basis of accounts preparation - the Trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.
2. Taxation - as a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.
3. Restricted Funds - are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.