

Happy Hedgehogs Pre-school
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Happy Hedgehogs Pre-school - Tameside

Trustees Annual Report for the Year 31st March 2022

Structure and Administration

The charity was constituted on the 27th April 1994 and was subsequently registered with the Charity Commission on 9th May 1994 (Registered Number 1037327).

During the year under review the charity's principal place of operation was Waterloo Children's Centre, Store Street, Ashton Under Lyne, OL6 7TA.

The Trustees who served on the management committee at this time were:

Natalie Travis	- Chair Person
Judith Bray	- Vice chair
Stuart Ford	- Treasurer

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

"To enhance the development and education of young children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups."

During this year the charity provided sessional and full day care for 68 children and their families, maintaining both morning and afternoon sessions. During this period 11 members of staff were employed. The charity providing employment for 1 part time and 10 full time staff. Opportunities have been given to two of these staff to undertake an apprenticeship to gain their Level 3 qualification.

During the year the charity received funding for eligible two year olds and three year olds. This funding presents within the accounts as the main income, and fee's received appear to be significantly lower each year as the children attending are accessing free entitlement funding rather than fee paying places.

Public Benefit

The focus of work of the organisation remains as the provision of pre-school activities for under-fives in Tameside area. The organisation works closely with Tameside Council to ensure that pre-school places for 2-5 year olds are provided to help meet the childcare sufficiency need for the Ashton Under Lyne Area. In particular this year the setting has provided numerous places for the funded two year olds in Tameside and children who attend 30 hours.

This year we have continued to see changes in regard to COVID, however this has not been as significant as the previous year. Our challenges this year have been staff absences due to self-isolation of un-vaccinated staff. This has then caused staff shortages which have resulted in reducing numbers of children at this time.

As with previous years we have also provided a service for children with special educational needs, this year we have supported 10 children.

We have had additional payments for children with Special Educational needs and children receiving Pupil Premium. This is an extra payment made for children from families on a low income. This money must be used to support children's individual needs to improve their outcomes.

This year the manager of the pre-school has been carrying out training to support the setting to achieve a Communication Friendly Setting Status. This opportunity was provided by the Early Years Professional

Development Program. (EYPDP). This training will help improve the outcomes for children in relation to speech and language development.

In March this year the setting also had their OFSTED Inspection. This resulted in the setting receiving the grade "Good"

Financial Review

In accordance with SORP regulations the charity recognises that an open and honest reporting of the level of reserves it holds and its reasons for holding them will re-assure donors and the public generally that it is acting responsibly. The charity recognises that it is under a general legal duty to apply income funds towards the objects within a reasonable time of receiving them. It will comply with the wishes or requirements of funders or donors and, unless they specify otherwise, treat the funds received as restricted or designated income. The charity conforms to the regulations of SORP 2005 in setting up designated funds and will ensure that annual accounts explain why they have been set up and keep a record of any movements between such funds.

The charity aims to maintain a minimum balance of £50,000 in cash funds to safeguard against a reduction in fee income due to an unexpected fall in the number of children in the group, or to carry out extensive repairs on the premises as we are solely responsible for the maintenance both inside and outside the premises.

This is perceived as sufficient funds to enable staff to be retained, to meet overhead costs, whilst spare capacity is filled, to carry out any repairs or a decision is taken to resolve the group.

As stated in previous financial accounts we lease the whole of the building and with that are responsible for the overheads and running costs. The costs reflected in this financial year include:

- Rent
- Insurance
- Business Rates.
- Responsibility for all utility bills - (Gas, water, electric, telephone, waste disposal)
- Responsibility for all repairs and maintenance - This including decoration and furnishings.
- Servicing - Intruder alarms, fire alarms, legionella, gas servicing.
- Increase of Wages due to increase in National Living Wage and pension contributions for Staff.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that show a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on an ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above.

Signed:

Miss Natalie Travis (On behalf of the Trustees)

Date:

**HAPPY HEDGEHOGS PRE-SCHOOL
TAMESIDE**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022**

Registered Charity Number: 1037327

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Happy Hedgehogs Pre-School Tameside

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2022 as set out on the attached sheet.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under S.145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under S.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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 the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with S.130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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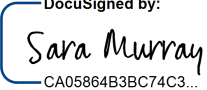
Statement of Financial Activities

	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2020/21
	General	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds		
Income receipts				
Fees	30,253	-	30,253	14,195
TMBC Nursery Education Grant	185,163	-	185,163	182,586
Miscellaneous income	<u>2,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,919</u>	<u>1,992</u>
	<u>218,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,335</u>	<u>198,773</u>
Direct charitable expenditure				
Wages, agency staff, NI	164,027	-	164,027	158,003
Food etc	1,068	-	1,068	992
Rent TMBC and Rates	19,111	-	19,111	15,000
Heat, light and water	5,139	-	5,139	4,708
Insurance	838	-	838	820
Cleaning, hygiene, first aid etc	3,444	-	3,444	3,342
Educational materials	5,881	-	5,881	7,337
Uniform	1,926	-	1,926	2,047
Postage, stationery & telephone	1,548	-	1,548	1,640
OFSTED	50	-	50	50
Training	1,483	-	1,483	96
Legal, Accounting & Professional Fees	2,340	-	2,340	897
Equipment and repairs	9,216	-	9,216	21,558
Miscellaneous	<u>1,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,187</u>	<u>1,202</u>
	<u>217,258</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,258</u>	<u>217,692</u>
Net receipts (payments)	1,077	-	1,077	(18,919)
Bank and cash balances b/f	<u>65,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,554</u>	<u>84,473</u>
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2022**

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Cash funds				
Cash at bank	66,623	-	66,623	64,041
Cash in hand	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1,513</u>
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Liabilities				
Creditors	<u>4,639</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,639</u>	<u>3,469</u>
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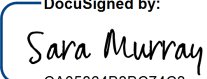
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