

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

Trustees Annual Report for the Year 31st March 2025

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 69 children and their families, maintaining both morning and afternoon sessions. During this period nine members of staff were employed. The charity providing employment for 9 full time staff. -

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. In particular this year has seen the introduction of the Free entitlement funding for 2 year olds of working families, so there has been another drop in private fee paying. This year has also provided opportunities for 3 members of staff to complete Early Years Qualifications via apprentices. Two of these have gained a level 3 and one has started a Level 5 – These qualifications ensure that we meet the statutory guidance of the EYFS.

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.

As with previous years we have also provided a service for children with special educational needs, this year we have supported 9 children. Four of these will be transitioning to school in September 2026 and will have an Education and health care plan.

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.

The children we have received funding for is to provide 1:1 support or additional equipment and resources for them if needed.

As part of our focus in supporting children and families with SEN we have used some of our income to build and create a sensory garden in the outside area. This is something that is needed when we support our children with SEND needs and experiencing sensory processing difficulties.

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.

The lease of the building is paid by ourselves and our overheads include:

- Rent Increase
- 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 and pension contributions for Staff.
- Additional wage for site manager.

This year we continue to see an increase in Local Authority Funding as we have applied for funding to support our children with SEND.

Our last Ofsted inspection on 11th March 2022 which we received the grade "Good"

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: Mrs Sara Murray (On behalf of the Trustees)



Date: 31.1.26

HAPPY HEDGEHOGS PRE-SCHOOL TAMESIDE
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

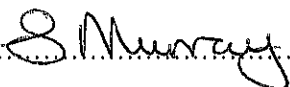
Statement of Financial Activities

	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24
	General	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds		
Income receipts				
Fees	29,447	-	29,447	39,474
TMBC Nursery Education Grant	256,039	-	256,039	222,808
Miscellaneous income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>285,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,486</u>	<u>220,574</u>
Direct charitable expenditure				
Wages, agency staff, NI	210,533	-	210,533	203,890
Food etc	1,192	-	1,192	1,978
Rent TMBC and Rates	13,063	-	13,063	20,341
Heat, light and water	5,328	-	5,328	4,363
Insurance	1,351	-	1,351	1,265
Cleaning, hygiene, first aid etc	2,842	-	2,842	3,376
Educational materials	7,940	-	7,940	7,426
Uniform	1,125	-	1,125	1,720
Postage, stationery & telephone	1,823	-	1,823	1,644
OFSTED	50	-	50	50
Training	2,154	-	2,154	678
Legal, Accounting & Professional				
Fees	5,539	-	5,539	3,438
Equipment and repairs	10,188	-	10,188	8,294
Miscellaneous	<u>718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>718</u>	<u>1,313</u>
	<u>263,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>263,846</u>	<u>259,776</u>
Net receipts (payments)	<u>21,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,640</u>	<u>2,506</u>
Bank and cash balances	<u>88,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,006</u>	<u>70,811</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	2024/25 General	2024/25 Restricted Funds	2024/25 Total	2023/24 Total
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	88,006	-	70,811	70,811
Cash in hand	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>88,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,811</u>	<u>70,811</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors	<u>1,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,674</u>	<u>1,674</u>
	<u>1,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,674</u>	<u>1,674</u>

The financial statement was approved by the Management Committee on 22 December 2025

Signed by 

On behalf of the trustees

**HAPPY HEDGEHOGS PRE-SCHOOL
TAMESIDE**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

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 2025 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.

Andrew P Schofield FCCA
For and on behalf of
Davenport Hodgkiss
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22 December 2025