



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date **1.9.2023** To Period end date **31.8.2024**

Charity name: **YARDLEY GOBION PRE-SCHOOL**

Charity registration number: **1038629**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The aims of the preschool are to enhance the development of and education of children primarily under statutory school age (2-4 years) by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children.
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 preschool meets these aims by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• offering appropriate play, education and care facilities,• using the Early Years Foundation Stage as a framework to ensure that the children learn and develop well under the seven categories. <p>This can be evidenced throughout the range of activities offered to the children, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offering a calm and natural setting to help children to feel safe and relaxed. Bringing in bright colours through toys and equipment to inspire creativity.• Providing children with the art and craft resources they need to develop their fine motor skills and expressing themselves through art.• Providing healthy snacks and encouraging independence in preparing snacks where are appropriate.• Encouraging outside time to play and explore the natural world, developing curiosity and self-esteem.• Encouraging children to learn about the lifecycles of insects and why it's important thing look after them and their natural habitat.• Preparing children nearing school age to be as school ready as

		possible by supporting tasks such as holding a pencil, putting on their own shoes and coat, visiting primary school for reading time to prepare children for the primary school environment.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I can confirm that trustees have had access to the information and guidance from the Charities Commission via an induction handbook, e-learning and information available via the website.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Making grants is something that we would consider as a charity for one off projects or programmes of work. We did approach The National Lottery for a grant towards the maintenance of our building and outdoor space during this time frame, however we were not successful in our application.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<p>As we operate from a shared building we work with the other users of the building to invest in the maintenance and running of the building. This year we were able to contribute towards new flooring in the centre.</p> <p>We join together with groups in the local community to run community events to engage children and families. This might involve fundraising for community assets. This year this was evidenced through our contributions to Yardley Gobion Festival week and village hall craft sale.</p>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>We have had 6 trustees throughout this period and have met for 9 formal committee meetings to support decision making for the preschool.</p> <p>Additionally contributions made by volunteers have included the arranging and facilitating of 10 fundraising events during this period totalling a time of at least 70 hours.</p> <p>On an ongoing basis the trustees volunteer their time through their specific roles such as the Chair supporting the team or the Treasurer developing budgets and financial strategies.</p> <p>On a more ad hoc basis we encourage parents to volunteer their time or skills such as by supporting us to develop our website,</p>

		to make cakes for cake sales, to donate plants they have grown to sell at fundraising event or to take part in fundraising events by running stalls or activities.
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	<p>We have worked with and supported over 30 children and their families during this period. We have made a positive difference to each of these children by providing them with a happy and safe space away from home for them to continue to develop and learn. We have offered the families a positive start to their children educational journey by offering a range of fun and inspirational activities for them to engage in.</p> <p>Our chosen charities to support through cake sales and dress up days this year were Children In Need and Macmillan.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Using the Early Years Foundation Stage as a framework, the main themes we have focused on throughout the year have been; Settling in – all about me, Bonfire night (firework safety), seasonal walks and collecting natural materials, Diwalli (Indian music and food), Road Safety (children practicing to cross the road), cards, crafts and calendars, learning new songs, Christmas concert, holding hands, being kind and helping others, Bird watch week, Feelings, World Book Week, Life Cycles, People who help us, Sports day, Summer trip.</p> <p>We have also offered our parents regular consultation to keep them informed in their children learning journey and ensure there is a joined up approach to care provided.</p>
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<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>During this period we have facilitated 10 fundraising opportunities including; a Halloween trail, jewellery workshop, community craft fairs, pantomime tickets, pancake brunch, teddy bear picnic and Yardley Gobion Festival week.</p> <p>With the money raised we were able to achieve the aims of the preschool by adding to the range of toys and educational resources for the children to learn and develop, provide more craft materials to support the children's development, provide a summer trip to a local farm to support the children's social development and provide an end of year party for the children.</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Throughout this year our key investment has been through staff. We hired one new member on the team and provided the appropriate training, we also updated all team members safeguarding training.</p> <p>On an ongoing basis we continue to invest in to the building with which we run in and buying assets for children's learning and play. We also continued our investment in to keeping parent's informed by using Tapestry to update them about their child's journey through the day.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£25,678
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Pre-School's income is wholly dependent on the number of children registered. The autumn term typically sees a big dip in registrations as many children leave at the end of the summer term to go to school. While not a profit-making organisation, one of the challenges is in making sure there is enough money available to be able to continue to pay staff wages during this leaner period – typically this comes from a high number of registrations in the summer term.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,906
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns at this time.

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	<p>Our main source of funds is through fees. The majority of children attending YGPS will be funded by a government grant. In addition, the Pre-School has privately funded rates which vary depending on the age of the child, and the length of the session they will be attending. These can be used to top-up hours, or in the event that a child increases their hours after the deadline to make changes to claiming grants has passed.</p> <p>As stated above we also rely on fundraising and donation which is all spent on new resources and trips for the children.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Any investment is down to assets such as electronic tablets used by the staff to update Tapestry and keep records of the children, laptop and large playing equipment such as the climbing frame.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As stated above any income is reliant on the number of children attending the preschool. We rely on advertising and word of mouth to spread the word about our

		preschool to encourage new families to join us.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		The committee needs a minimum of 5 members to continue to operate the charity, including the core roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. It is ideal to have up to a maximum of 7 additional committee members, and a further 3 may be co-opted by the committee at any one time. All committee roles are held by volunteers and are unpaid.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	As a charity, we are governed by a Constitution. The Constitution is a legal document that outlines the rules that trustees must follow to run the charity properly and legally, including things like the charity aims, minimum numbers of trustees etc.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity
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	All members are eligible to stand for election on to the committee. At the Annual General Meeting the prospected new elected members of the committee will be those candidates from amongst those having notified their willingness to stand. At the first committee meeting following the AGM at which the newly elected members of the committee shall choose from amongst their number who will act as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. All newly elected committee members will be subject to a CRB check for suitability.

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	<p>New Committee Members Induction Plan; The purpose of this document is to ensure that following election on to the committee, each member gets a clear and consistent induction. It includes the first steps new committee members need to take, information to read prior to the first committee meeting and other useful links.</p> <p>Working with the staff as a committee-led charity, the Committee are classed as the staff employer. While being on the committee you may be involved in decisions on wages, staff training, changes to contracts, problems or grievances or recruiting new staff. In particular the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer should be prepared to read up</p>
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		<p>on legalities involved in these areas and the correct procedures that should be followed. They will lead the committee in any decisions that need to be taken. There is a good deal of written information in the setting and support is offered by the Early Years Alliance.</p>
<p>The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works</p>	<p>Para 1.51</p>	<p>YGPS Organisational Structure: The committee needs a minimum of 5 members to operate the charity, including the core roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. It is ideal to have up to a maximum of 7 additional committee members, and a further 3 may be co-opted by the committee at any one time. All committee roles are held by volunteers and are unpaid.</p> <p>The staff are employees of the Pre-School and are paid as such. There must always be a sufficient number, suitably qualified to maintain child ratios in the sessions. Temporary session cover can be provided on an ad hoc basis (for example sickness absence) by a number of individuals known to the Pre-School (usually parents/former parents). This is done via a worker contract arrangement and is paid at an hourly rate.</p> <p>The committee is a flat structure and all members have an equal and shared responsibility. Logistically the Manager reports to the Chair (as the main link between the staff and the committee is in this relationship), as does the Administrator. The Administrator also has a dotted line of report to the Manager with whom they work with on a daily basis, and works closely with the Treasurer due to the significant number of financial processes involved in the role.</p>
<p>Relationship with any related parties</p>	<p>Para 1.51</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Other</p>		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	YARDLEY GOBION PRE-SCHOOL
Other name the charity uses	YARDLEY GOBION PLAYGROUP
Registered charity number	1038629
Charity's principal address	Children's Centre, School Lane, Yardley Gobion, Towcester NN12 7UL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mike Lowe	Chair	Stepped back April 2024	
2	Rebecca Percival	Vice Chair	Acting Chair April 2024 - became Chair October 2024	
3	Beki Eastwood	Treasurer	Stepped down in January 2024	
4	Saira Levy	Secretary		
5	Ruth Taylor	Vice Secretary		
6	Tara Holland	Support		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
	N/A	

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
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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)		
Full name(s)	Rebecca Percival	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	June 2025	



Charity Name YARDLEY GOBION PRE-SCHOOL	No (if any) 1038629
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 5.9.2023	To	Period end date 3.9.2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Grant	78,647.02	-	-	78,647.02
Fees	14,676.78	-	-	14,676.78
Deposit		-	-	
Interest		-	-	
Fundraising	623.29	-	-	623.29
Other	9,008.30	-	-	9,008.30
Snacks	355.00	-	-	355.00
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103,310	-	-	103,310
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,310	-	-	103,310
A3 Payments				
Wages	48,534.64			48,534.64
Pension	4,752.93			4,752.93
Rent	6,647.50			6,696.44
Running Costs	479.53			430.59
Stationery	758.13			758.13
Trips / Activities	1,165.15			1,165.15
Other	978.04			978.04
Rising 5's				
Insurance	761.50			761.50
Fees				
HMRC	6,755.62			6,755.62
Training	381.44			381.44
DBS	126.51	-	-	126.51
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	71,340.99	-	-	71,340.99
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Assets	1,604.01	-	-	1,604.01
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,604.01	-	-	1,604.01

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
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B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

	Sarah Boughey
	Amy Nicholls

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Last year

to the nearest £

52,554
15,269
-
6
1,970
2,511
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72,310

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72,310

57,559
4,561
4,590
544
486
384
2,540
679
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7,686
273
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79,808

1,132
-
1,132

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of approval

16.5.2025
Jun-25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: YARDLEY GOBION PRE-SCHOOL

On accounts for the year ended

2023-2024 Charity no (if any): 1038629

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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: [Signature] Date: JUNE 2025

Name: SHARON WYLDE

AAI Accountant = Entity Accountant Sanlander.

Address: 81 Hesloak

YARDLEY GOBION,

TOWCESTER

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.

N/A

None