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BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2026. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the applicable Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102), and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name
Blythwood Community Nursery Limited

Charity registration number
1136138

Company registration number
07163298

Registered Office and operational address
Brickworks
42 Crouch Hill, Islington
London
N4 4BY

Trustees/Directors
The members of the Board of Trustees are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and trustees for the purposes of charity law, including the Charities Act 2011. The following individuals served as trustees and directors during the year:

Orville Gayle
Rosslyn Annan
Emine Robertson
Ramona La-Rose (Resigned 30 March 2026)
Bankina Muteba (Resigned 3 March 2026)

Secretary
Rosslyn Annan

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BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED

Trustees' Annual Report

Blythwood Community Nursery Limited (the "Nursery") is situated in the Crouch Hill area, close to the boundary between Islington and Haringey. The Nursery serves a diverse local community, including many families living on nearby council estates.

The Nursery continues to operate on a full-time basis for 48 weeks of the year, Monday to Friday, from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. These opening hours support parents and carers who work full time. The Nursery provides early education and childcare for children from a range of social, cultural and economic backgrounds.

Hanley Crouch Community Association (HCCA) holds the lease of the building and rents space to the Nursery.

Other community organisations also operate from the premises on which the Nursery operates.

Achievements
During the reporting period, the Nursery provided care and early education for children across the following age groups:

Age Group /SEN	Number of Children
2 Years Old	24
3-4 Years Old	25
Children with SEN	2
Total	51

Throughout the 2025–2026 reporting period, the Nursery delivered a varied programme of learning experiences, events and community-focused activities. These activities supported children's development, strengthened family engagement and enhanced the Nursery's role within the local community.

Key achievements included:

Monthly Police Community Surgeries: The local police officer visited the nursery once a month to meet with parents and carers, offering advice, support, and community safety information. These sessions strengthened trust between families and local services and provided an accessible point of contact for community concerns.

Annual Graduation Ceremony – 11 July 2025. The nursery held its annual graduation for preschool children, celebrating their achievements before transitioning to primary school. Families were invited to join staff in marking this important milestone. Special guests included the Mayor of Islington, Councillor Jason Jackson, and Jeremy Corbyn, Independent MP for Islington. Their attendance highlighted the nursery's strong community links and recognition within the borough.

Annual Family Trip to Gulliver's Theme Park, Milton Keynes. This year's trip welcomed approximately 50 families and friends for a full day of fun and shared experiences. The event strengthened relationships between staff and families and provided children with a memorable, enriching outing beyond the nursery environment.

Biannual Coffee Mornings: Coffee mornings were held on **7 May 2025** and **26 September 2025**, offering parents and carers the opportunity to meet with their child's key worker, discuss developmental progress, and set individual learning targets. These sessions also encouraged families to connect with one another, fostering a supportive and inclusive parent community.

Christmas Dinner – 16 December 2025: The annual Christmas dinner provided a warm, festive opportunity for parents to meet with the directors in an informal setting. Families received updates on nursery developments and upcoming initiatives while enjoying a social celebration with staff and children. This also provided an opportunity for parents and carers to get to know each other and to offer suggestions and comments on the development of the nursery service.

Dental Health Visit – March 2026: As part of the nursery's monthly theme, *Healthy Eating*, children visited the dentist to learn about oral hygiene. The dentist demonstrated effective brushing techniques and discussed healthy food choices. This hands-on learning experience supported children's understanding of self-care and reinforced the nursery's commitment to promoting lifelong healthy habits.

The Nursery is pleased and honoured to receive a bronze award from the Mayor of London. This is for the Nursery taking part in the Mayor's Healthy Early Years London programme.

The Nursery continues to collaborate with other professionals in Islington and Haringey to ensure that children can access free places for 2- to 4-year-olds and other local community activities.

Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – The Nursery works closely with families, the local authority and relevant professionals to support children with SEND. This includes assistance with assessment, diagnosis and applications for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), where appropriate, in accordance with the Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice. This support has helped families access appropriate educational, practical and financial assistance, and has supported children's transition into reception with suitable provision in place.

The nursery continues to support some vulnerable families by signposting them to different activities, and Brightstart supports others.

Local Authority Quality Assurance Visit – During the reporting period, the Nursery received visits from the local authority and EYFS consultants Sarah Tomoun and Amanda Joy as part of quality assurance and monitoring arrangements. Feedback was positive and highlighted strengths in inclusive practice, curriculum delivery and the quality of staff interactions with children.

The report stated *"Children and families benefit significantly from being part of the Blythwood Community Nursery, where a strong sense of belonging and inclusion is evident. Staff demonstrate a secure understanding of the children in their care, including their individual contexts and family circumstances, which enables them to respond thoughtfully and sensitively to children's needs. Interactions are consistently warm and attuned; practitioners position themselves at children's level, model active listening, and sustain meaningful back-and-forth exchanges that effectively extend children's thinking and language development."*

Local Authority Monitoring – The Nursery received routine support visits from the Brightstart East Team and the Early Years Team. No formal written reports were issued requiring action.

Staff Training

As part of the staff's continuous professional development, all staff attended and completed the following training/courses:

- 26-Sep-2025 - Senco training
- 14-Oct-2025 - Ofsted preparation
- 24-Oct-2025 - First aid
- 01-Dec-2025 -Safeguarding all staff
- 18-Feb-2026 - Oral health

Staff improved their knowledge and skills in key areas such as safeguarding, early years development, and behaviour management.

Training supported the delivery of high-quality care and education within the setting.

Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) Sessions – The manager and Orville Gayle, Director, attended monthly DSL sessions to receive updates on safeguarding legislation. The session also provided an opportunity to network with other colleagues and to receive and discuss updates on safeguarding issues in the borough.

The manager attends information sharing on child protection and safeguarding issues in the local borough once per term with the lead safeguarding officer.

New Staff/Staff left

Sonia Lewin, Nursery Practitioner, joined the team in February 2026. We welcome her back to the Nursery Team.

Amanda Williams, Deputy Manager, left the team in February 2026. The Nursery wishes her a bright future and hopes she achieves her goals in her future employment.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children remains central to the Nursery's operations. Trustees and staff are required to remain informed of current statutory guidance and legislative requirements, including the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework for group and school-based providers, effective from 1 September 2025, the Children Act 1989 and 2004, the Children and Families Act 2014, and the safeguarding duties set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children. The Board of Trustees has reviewed the Safeguarding Policy to ensure that it remains current and appropriate.

No major safeguarding risks were identified during the reporting period that required escalation or external intervention. Routine risks were managed through established policies, staff training, supervision, safer recruitment procedures and ongoing monitoring arrangements.

All trustees have completed updated safeguarding and child protection training.

The recent monitoring report from the Early Years Team reported, *"The nursery has established a positive and open safeguarding culture where children's welfare and best interests are clearly prioritised. Permanent staff demonstrate secure knowledge of the signs of possible abuse and are confident in following procedures, which are visibly reinforced through clear displays in both office and room areas..."*

Risk Management

There were no major incidents to report during the period.

The trustees have a duty to identify, assess and review the principal risks to which the Nursery is exposed, particularly those relating to operations, safeguarding, health and safety, staffing and finances. The trustees are also responsible for ensuring that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error and avoidable harm.

The Nursery maintains procedures designed to comply with applicable health and safety requirements and to protect staff, children, volunteers, families and visitors to the centre.

The trustees confirm that systems are in place to mitigate significant risks. These procedures are reviewed periodically to ensure that they remain effective and appropriate for the Nursery's activities.

Future Plans

The Nursery aims to:

- continue investing in staff training to maintain high standards of care and early education;
- support professional development through relevant courses, qualifications and sector updates;
- ensure all staff remain up to date with safeguarding requirements, the EYFS statutory framework and early years guidance.

Impact on Children and the Community

The Nursery has made a positive contribution by:

- supporting children's development within a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment.

Progress Against Last Year's Objectives

- **1. Improve nursery occupancy through community engagement.** The nursery continued to strengthen relationships with local families, community groups, and partner organisations. Occupancy remained stable throughout the year, with an increase in enquiries from local families. Community visibility improved through open days, parent workshops, and stronger word-of-mouth referrals. **Status:** ***Ongoing, with positive progress.***

- **2. Expand care for younger children to support sustainability and occupancy** The nursery explored options for expanding provision for younger children. Staffing ratios, room capacity, and financial modelling were reviewed. **Status:** ***Exploration phase; no expansion implemented this year.***

- **3. Strengthen partnership working with agencies in adjoining boroughs** The nursery continued to collaborate with professionals across borough boundaries, particularly for SEND support, safeguarding, and early intervention. This included joint meetings, shared assessments, and multi-agency planning. **Status**: ***Achieved and ongoing.***

- **4. Encourage staff to further their professional development** Staff continued to access training through the local authority, Brightstart East, and external CPD providers. Several staff members completed mandatory training updates, SEND-related courses, and curriculum-focused workshops. **Status:** ***Achieved.***

- **5. Invest in more extracurricular activities (yoga, swimming, sports, etc.)** The nursery reviewed options for expanding extracurricular activities. Activities such as ., yoga sessions, music workshops, movement sessions were offered during the year. **Status:** ***Partially achieved.***

- **6. Maintain the nursery's 'Good' or above Ofsted judgement** The nursery maintained strong compliance, high-quality practice, and positive outcomes for children. There were no Ofsted inspections during this period. **Status:** ***Maintained.***

- **7. Continue collaboration with Brightstart East, Early Years Team, and other LA departments** Partnership working remained strong, with ongoing support for SEND, safeguarding, curriculum development, and family engagement. Staff attended network meetings, training sessions, and consultations with LA professionals. **Status: *Achieved and ongoing.***

Additional Achievements and Outcomes

- Improvements to the premises were completed, including redecorating the learning room and repainting worn areas, enhancing safety and the learning environment.
- Staff confidence in supporting children with emerging needs increased, particularly in relation to autism and sensory needs.
- Parent engagement strengthened through surveys, workshops, and improved communication.
- The nursery continued to provide a warm, inclusive, and community-centred environment, with positive feedback from families.

Minor improvements were made to the premises, including redecorating the learning room and cleaning and repainting walls that had become worn through continuous use.

These upgrades have enhanced safety, improved the quality of the learning environment, and increased the space's overall capacity and functionality.

The long-term benefit will be improved facilities supporting better learning experiences and potential growth in occupancy.

Future Plans (Next 2–3 Years)

The Nursery aims to:

- explore options to expand capacity, including the potential development of additional space in the garden and use of the roof garden, subject to feasibility, funding, planning requirements and regulatory approval;
- increase occupancy and respond to local demand for early years provision;
- continue improving the quality of provision and outcomes for children;
- strengthen partnerships with families, local authorities and the wider community.

Financial Review and Reserve Policy

The total combined income for the Nursery was £208,984 (£248,269 in the previous year); this is £39,285 (15.8%) less than the previous year. The total expenditure was £225,803 (£241,061 in the previous year), thus providing a deficit (or surplus) of £16,819. The Nursery is losing its income, and this issue has to be addressed immediately. The Nursery needs collaborate with other service providers in the building, supporting the increase in the Nursery's occupancy.

Unrestricted funds are gone significantly down, the charity needs to generate the surplus in coming years to have a reserve level which needed to cover staff costs and administrative and support costs, without which the Charity could not operate.

Income is often lower during the autumn term due to the start of the new school term year, and it rises during the spring and summer term to its highest level.

The Board of Trustees considers it prudent for unrestricted funds to be sufficient to cover three to six months' administrative and support costs. This level will ensure the Nursery has adequate resources to cover its outgoings while income is at its lowest level during the autumn term.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:



Rosslyn Annan
Director/Trustee
Date: 22 September 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 set out on pages ten to fourteen.

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 required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 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.

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 section 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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22 September 2026

STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



Rosslyn Annan
Trustee/Director
22 September 2026

BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026 Total	2025 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	148,963	-	**148,963**	150,473
Activities for generating funds	3	60,021	-	**60,021**	97,796
Total incoming resources		208,984	-	**208,984**	248,269
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds	4				
Support costs		42,920	-	**42,920**	53,995
Staff costs		176,251	-	**176,251**	180,425
Governance costs		6,632	-	**6,632**	6,641
Total resources expended		225,803	-	**225,803**	241,061
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(16,819)	-	**(16,819)**	**7,208**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	7	62,598	-	**62,598**	55,390
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**45,779**	**-**	**45,779**	62,598

The notes form part of these financial statements

BLYTHWOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets	5		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		-		-
Cash at bank and in hand		53,700		66,612
		53,700		66,612
LIABILITIES				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	7,922		4,014
NET CURRENT ASSETS			45,779	62,598
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			45,779	62,598
NET ASSETS			45,779	62,598
FUNDS	7			
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			45,779	62,598
Restricted funds			-	-
TOTAL FUNDS			45,779	62,598

For the year ending 31/03/2026 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/09/2026 and signed on their behalf by

Rosslyn Annan
Trustee/Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019) and applicable UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

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

Taxation
The charity is exempt from income taxes on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Trustees' expenses
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2026.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026 Total	2025 Total
3. INCOMING RESOURCES	**£**	**£**	**£**	£
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
LBI Grant Aid Payment	10,659	-	**10,659**	4,397
LBI NEG	-	-	**-**	30,780
LBI 2 Year Old NEG	-	-	**-**	31,648
LBI Training	792	-	**792**	83,648
Early Years	137,278		**137,278**	-
Other under £500	234	-	**234**	-
	148,963	**-**	**148,963**	150,473
Activities for generating funds				
Fee Income	59,526	-	**59,526**	97,104
Income from Fundraising	-	-	**-**	-
Other Income	-	-	**-**	-
Interest Income	494	-	**494**	692
	60,021	**-**	**60,021**	97,796
Total incoming resources	**208,984**	**-**	**208,984**	248,269
4. RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Support costs				
Advertising	504	-	**504**	504
Agency staff & casual wages	3,669	-	**3,669**	4,528
Canteen & refreshment	7,867	-	**7,867**	9,055
Cleaning	-	-	**-**	69
Consultancy fee	-	-	**-**	400
Learning materials & nursery resources	1,903	-	**1,903**	1,848
Postage, priniting, stationery & supplies	5,985	-	**5,985**	5,747
Rent	8,000	-	**8,000**	21,810
Premises expenses	3,563	-	**3,563**	3,622
Repairs & maintenance	10	-	**10**	23
Subscription	8,485	-	**8,485**	3,899
Sundry expenses	80	-	**80**	-
Telephone	2,352	-	**2,352**	1,889
Training costs	471	-	**471**	534
Bank charges	33	-	**33**	68
Depreciation	-	-	**-**	-
	42,920	**-**	**42,920**	53,995
Staff costs				
Salaries and wages	163,860	-	**163,860**	168,244
Social security costs	8,111	-	**8,111**	7,384
Employer's contribution to pension	4,280	-	**4,280**	4,797
	176,251	**-**	**176,251**	180,425
Average number of staff employed			*8*	*10*
Governance costs				
Accountancy and Independent examiner fee	924	-	**924**	924
Book-keeping & payroll	5,708	-	**5,708**	5,717
	6,632	**-**	**6,632**	6,641
Total resources expended	**225,803**	**-**	**225,803**	241,062

		Office Equipment	Total
5.	**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**		£
	Costs		
	As at start of the year	360	360
	Additions	-	-
	As at end of the year	**360**	**360**
	Accumulated Depreciation		
	As at start of the year	360	**360**
	Charge for the year	-	-
	As at end of the year	**360**	**360**
	Net Book Value		
	At the end of the year	-	-
	At the start of the year	-	-

6. **CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals	**924**	924
Taxation and social security	**6,206**	3,090
NEST Pension	-	-
Net wages	**792**	-
	7,922	4,014

7. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At the end of the year
Unrestricted funds:	£	£	£	£	**£**
General fund	62,598	208,984	(225,803)	-	**45,779**
Total unrestricted funds	62,598	208,984	(225,803)	-	**45,779**
Restricted funds:					
LBI Training	-	-	-	-	-
Income from HMRC JRS Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	**62,598**	**208,984**	**(225,803)**	-	**45,779**