Spooner Row

Acorns and Conkers

Pre-School and Out-of-School Care

Charity Number 1105491

31st May 2025

Trustee's Annual Report for end of year 31.5.25

Acorns Pre-school provides childcare across breakfast, whole day and after school sessions, for children aged 2 – 5 years, between 7.45am and 5.45pm and for 3 – 10 years, 7.45 – 8.40am and 3.15 – 5.45pm. We provide a stimulating, caring and safe environment for children from the local community and surrounding area. Our dedicated team of staff and active voluntary committee oversee the running of Acorns.

Our attendance remains consistent and we have been full in pre-school all year with a growing waiting list. We provide for the education and development of children under statutory school age and strive to encourage parents to take part in the learning. The before and after school care provides extended care for those children of working families. We offer opportunities for physical activities balanced with time for the children to relax after the school day. Breakfast and a light tea are provided for the children. We aim to offer equal opportunities for all.

Acorns has an extensive range of policies, explaining our practice, which are available for all to see upon request. These include a financial policy which details our charging procedure and information on the reserve balance we hold. This balance is to cover emergency closure where staff will need to be paid to retain them until we can re-open. The reserve will cover three months expenses. We continue to build a further reserve which is earmarked to fund the extension of our building. Increased space will enable us to accommodate more children and meet the ever-growing demand for childcare in the community. We took the decision to put our plans on hold while we negotiated taking over more mobile space within the adjoining school. This plan is still moving forward, and we look forward to expanding in the coming months. The long-term plan will be to provide a new larger building on the site of the existing buildings which will enable us to meet the need of the expanding community around us.

This year we have continued through the transition to CIO (Charity Incorporated Organisation). It has been a long process, but we have now reached the point of completion, hence the end of this financial year being the 31st May 2025. We shall continue into the next year run by a group of trustees who are prepared to serve for longer giving us more stability and continuity with decision making and progress.

We continue to advertise our services in the local community and surrounding area and ensure we maintain our well trained staff, offering them the opportunity for professional development.

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The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty and given due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission. Major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and systems put in place, through the policies and procedures adopted to manage these risks.

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