DEVON CLOSE PRE-SCHOOL

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Legal and administrative information

Charity Number
274031

Financial Year
1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Trustees at 31 March 2026

Paula Barrett (Chair)
Carol Beckford (Vice-Chair)
Louise Shaw (Treasurer)
Joanne Springer-Shaw (Fundraiser)
Catherine Tisdall (Secretary)
Andrea Ohara (Fundraiser)

The trustees are reappointed annually.

Legal Status

Unincorporated Charity

Governing

The Devon Close Pre School is governed by a Constitution.

Objectives

To provide a preschool for children in the locality of Devon Close, Tottenham London by way of affordable childcare.

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Correspondence Address

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Independent Examiner

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The Trustee Report

The Committee has pleasure in presenting their report, together with financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

As a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, the Pre-School follows its publication guidelines.

The principal activity of the trust is the provision of Pre-School activities.

Devon Close Pre-School was registered in 1998 and is located in the south of the London Borough of Haringey. We are situated in a very low-income area which is listed as a high deprivation neighbourhood. The preschool is managed by a voluntary parent committee and is a registered charity.

We supply affordable childcare to families that are in low-income jobs, on benefits or training to better themselves either at college or within an apprenticeship. We offer vital, affordable childcare to a wide range of families within our community.

We provide funded places for both universal 15 hours and the extended 30 hours for working parents. We also offer funded places on the Haringey 2-year-old funded scheme. We can provide sessions for children that are not funded where parents can pay for a session providing them with respite time.

We have a large outside area giving children a new safe environment to explore and develop in, while attending the setting. We are immensely proud of this area as 81% of our attending children and families do not have access to an outside area at home.

We work closely with the local food bank and Felix project to ensure all our families have access to healthy food.

We have 6 fully qualified childcare staff to care for the children at our setting and support personal development of all our staff. Our staff receive training in supporting mental health and SEND need for early identification in communication and language. We are governed by Ofsted and have a GOOD rating from our last inspection.

All staff have pediatric first aid, safeguarding and health and safety training. All staff have unique and trained skills, as well as experience that makes our setting an amazing place for children to learn and develop and families to feel safe and confident to leave, their childcare in our care.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

At Devon Close Preschool we will continue to ensure a safe, supportive environment for all families for children to develop and learn new skills. As a Pre-School team we are determined to continue to develop our skills in mental health and well-being for everyone involved, including staff, Committee and setting users.

Organisation and Management

The charity is managed by a Management Committee which would normally meet regularly, to ensure that the Pre-School complies with its aims and is properly managed. The Committee Members are normally elected at the Annual General Meeting and are able to stand for re-election for an unlimited period.

Trustee Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements each year in accordance with the current regulations. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the year. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Therefore, the surplus shown on the Income and Expenditure Account of £59,331 does not take account of any liabilities that may be owed by the Pre-School or amounts due to the Pre-School at the period end. The surplus is in line with the expectations of the Trustees.

The Pre-School continues to be run on a not-for-profit basis, with any surplus to be ploughed back to pay for running costs and resources.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees P Barrett ..... **Date** 2/11/26 .....

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Devon Close Preschool

I report on the accounts of Devon Close Preschool for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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 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 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 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 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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Date: 5 November 2026

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026	2025
INCOME RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS		
INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Grants	207,408	129,562
Fees	10,186	13,482
Uniform sales	1,126	980
Sundry income	2,597	650
	221,317	144,674
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**221,317**	**144,674**
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Rent and refuse collection	6,484	7,427
Rates	839	226
Light and heat	802	1,064
Repairs and renewals	5,502	1,317
Salary costs	124,373	115,089
Employers National insurance	3,825	3,089
Staff pension contributions	2,796	2,398
Food and drink	773	909
Uniforms	1,311	1,009
Advertising	-	619
Computer costs	988	929
Insurance	1,493	1,110
Cleaning	1,452	846
Printing and stationery	1,290	1,217
Telephone	423	502
Supplies and equipment	3,105	3,135
Outings	3,210	1,535
Subscriptions and fees	-	-
Motor expenses	-	358
Bank charges	148	215
Sundries	-	629
	158,814	143,623
GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Accountancy and payroll fees fee	2,700	2,580
Ofsted/DBS	472	347
Legal and professional fees	-	30
	3,172	2,957
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**161,986**	**146,580**
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	**59,331**	**(1,906)**
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	216,389	218,295
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**275,720**	**216,389**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2026

	2026	2025
Cash funds		
TSB Current account	273,759	216,299
Cash in hand	9	90
Assets retained for the charity's own use:		
Office furniture	1,284	1,284
Depreciation	(1,284)	(1,284)
Liabilities		
Outstanding bills	3,847	2,058
Accruals	1,296	1,200
PAYE/NI	2,653	2,076