

Little Oaks Pre school
Report 2022-2023
Trustees
Nicola Younger
Sofie Chandler – Heal
Gemma Martin
Jill Brace

Charity number 802781

Chairperson's

The pre-school has faced yet another challenging year in line with the general upturn in cost of living we are experiencing all over the UK. However, we can see Little Oaks' resilience in continuing to provide great care for the community and the children that attend. I would like to put on record a big thank you to Jill Brace and all the staff for their continued hard work, dedication, and effort that they put in daily. The staff are what stands the preschool apart and the care the children receive is extremely nurturing.

The great provision that Little Oaks provides is evident after its Ofsted inspection carried out in July 2023. The preschool achieved a Good rating across the board. The inspection highlighted the care the children receive 'Children have a point of contact and a familiar face to approach. They feel safe and secure and go to staff easily'. The report also centred attention on the importance of the use of its outdoor space which is one of the integral parts of the day for all children. Little Oaks has developed this area over the years through grants and fundraising and it is something they remain enormously proud of. 'Staff place as much emphasis as possible on outside play. For example, children enter the garden space and engage with an array of resources to support their physical development. Staff extends the learning available inside to the outside space.' In addition to this it was also noted that 'all children make good progress, including children who speak English as an additional language and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).'

During this year, the numbers enrolled at the pre-school started off low, potentially due to a low birth rate year. This however, picked up towards the latter part of the year. The fluctuations in numbers, whilst not unusual, led us to realise that we needed to look at our offering in terms of hours, sessions, and restrictions on mornings versus afternoon sessions. This is something that may need to be revisited going forward to ensure to capitalise on the number of children registered.

One of our longstanding staff members left the pre-school due to relocation. Angela will be greatly missed, and we are thankful for all her hard work over the many years spent with the team and children. We were also happy to welcome back Tracey after being off on long term sick.

Fundraising over the year remained steady, with a Christmas fair, Easter event, a sponsored collect and the pre-schools annual May Fair (our biggest fundraiser). Across the year, over £2000 was raised towards the school. The help of the parents and people from the local community was much appreciated with many previous Little Oaks families coming to support our events.

During the summer holidays we replaced the ramp at the front of the building as it had become too unsafe to use. We had to hold off on refurbishing the toilets until we had completed on the lease renewal

Moving forward, the lease for the land owned by The Kite Academy is still being negotiated (we have had a rise in rent this year). We must continue to navigate the rising costs amidst the changes in the economy. Little Oaks remains ready to change with the times and I am confident that the preschool will continue with its provision in the local community.

Nicola Younger
Chair

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2023

		Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	Note 11	50,902	50,902
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	Note 8	1,027	3,618
Cash at bank and in hand		18,626	19,712
		<u>19,653</u>	<u>23,330</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	Note 9	486	920
Net asset or liabilities excluding pension asset or liability		19,167	22,410
Defined benefit pension scheme asset or liability		0	0
Total net assets		<u>70,069</u>	<u>73,312</u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		0	0
Restricted funds		437	500
Unrestricted funds		69,632	72,812
Revaluation reserve		0	0
Pension reserve		0	0
Total charity funds		<u>70,069</u>	<u>73,312</u>

Approved by: Nicola Younger Chair

Date: 31/05/2024

N. Younger



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Little Oaks Pre-School

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2022

Charity no
(if any)

802781

Set out on pages

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(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 31 / 07 / 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Date:

15th May 2023

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