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RAB LATE PLAY CLUB
TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 AUGUST 2024

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Charity Registration Number

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Trustees

Cedric Allenou (Chair)
Cheryl Chapman (Secretary)
Mike Middlemiss
Amelia Moller
Ciara Pieters
Nicola Clarke

Management Committee

Cedric Allenou (Chair)
Cheryl Chapman (Secretary)
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RAB LATE PLAY CLUB

Trustees Report for The Year Ended 31st August 2024

The Trustees of RAB Late Play Club charity present their annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st August 2024 and confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act.

OVERVIEW

The RAB Late Play Club is registered with OFSTED and is a registered charity offering a Breakfast Club and an After School Club for children attending the R A Butler Academy.

Our objective is to provide quality, affordable childcare in a safe, fun and social environment, that guarantees parents and carers peace of mind.

During the period we provided term time care for up to 90 children from Reception through to Year 6. In response to demand our intake has once again increased compared to previous years. We remain at full capacity for most days and are delighted to have maintained a respected profile within the local community over the past year.

Within the two clubs the children are offered a choice of nutritious drinks and snacks and are free to choose from a variety of art and craft activities and a range of tabletop games. The school playing fields are used for outdoor activities when the weather is fine.

As a charity we seek to benefit the local community, therefore our fees are kept affordable. RAB Late Play Club is committed to safeguarding and the welfare of children in their care and the Trustees make sure that the staff understands and shares these principles.

We promote social cohesion by not tolerating any abuse or bullying amongst children or staff and by accepting and caring for children from all ethnic backgrounds.

Our activities and planning are in agreement with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have continued to serve the needs of the community and the staff have provided an excellent amenity for children and their parents.

We have successfully managed our financial sustainability through the ongoing pressures of rising costs. Staff retention and recruitment in the Childcare Sector continues to be challenging but the Club has once again successfully increased staff numbers in order to meet the need for an increase in capacity. Our staff training program was expanded to encourage continued professional development and further enhance play skills.

Our Trustee & Management Committee membership has been stable over the past year. We have updated our Investments and Reserves Policy in light of our increasing costs and income. Trustee awareness and Safeguarding training is an area of constant review, and a new lead Safeguarding Trustee has been appointed.

RAB LATE PLAY CLUB

FUTURE PLANNING

We will continue to closely monitor the financial stability of the Club so that we remain in a robust financial position whilst continuing to operate safely with minimum disruption to our children.

In response to the ongoing demand for places at the Club we are further increasing our intake to 80 places for the Breakfast Club and 105 places for the After School Club in September 2024. We will continue to explore opportunities to increase the Club's intake and will work with RA Butler Academy to identify these.

We will be consulting with parents and carers over the coming year to identify our successes and areas we can make improvements to best serve our community.

We will continue to expand our staff training program to further enhance play skills and staff awareness of the diverse needs of children and how to best respond to these.

Training and induction for Trustees/Committee Members will continue to be enhanced.

Childcare reforms are occurring over the coming 3 years to improve the accessibility of wrap-around-childcare including the government's plan to offer free Breakfast Clubs to all children. The extent to which these may impact the Club will be closely monitored by the Management Committee.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Trustees and Management Committee are responsible for the overall direction of the charity. The day-to-day operation is organised by the Play Club Manager supported by a Deputy Manager and appropriately qualified staff. The financial and business management is organised by the Treasurer & Financial Manager.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Signed
Cedric Alleno - Chair/Trustee

Date 20/06/2025

RAB LATE PLAY ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD: 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023 - 31ST AUGUST 2024

Profit & Loss Account

	23/24	22/23
Income		
Fees	212,814.00	172,213.50
Events & Fundraising Income	490.00	2,026.64
Interest	2,099.54	717.96
Total Income	£ 215,403.54	£ 174,958.10
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	159,457.54	130,642.98
Rent	15,839.75	13,728.75
Refreshments & Snacks	13,651.22	12,028.91
General Administration & Supplies	8,819.90	7,188.14
Play Supplies & Equipment	5,943.93	6,135.56
Repairs and Maintenance	462.50	-
Total Expenditures	£ 204,174.84	£ 169,724.34
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£ 11,228.70	£ 5,233.76

Balance Sheet

	23/24	22/23
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	89,572.42	72,274.21
Debtors	255.00	371.50
Prepaid Expenditures	50.00	-
Total Current Assets	£ 89,877.42	£ 72,645.71
Current Liabilities		
Fee Prepayments	13,821.85	7,818.84
Total Current Liabilities	£ 13,821.85	£ 7,818.84
Total net assets (liabilities)	£ 76,055.57	£ 64,826.87
Charity funds		
Opening Balance Equity	59,593.11	41,864.69
Retained Earnings	5,233.76	17,728.42
Surplus/(Deficit)	11,228.70	5,233.76
Total Charity funds	£ 76,055.57	£ 64,826.87
RAB Late Play Club owns fixtures, fittings and equipment with an insured value of:	£ 20,799.00	£ 23,181.00

Signed 

Date 20/06/2025

Cedric Allenou – Chair/Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
RAB Late Play Club**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RAB Late Play Club ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

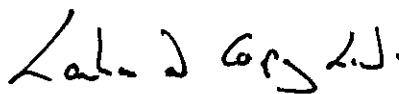
accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or

the accounts do not accord with those records; or

the accounts do 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.

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Date: 26 June 2025