



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

Charity Name

Starry playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2025

Charity no.:

1022403

Company no.:

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

11/03/2026

Name:

D BERSEY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

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BIRCHINGTON CT2 0DR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Trustees Annual Report For financial year 01.01.25 to 31.12.25

Address: Park View
Sturry
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Governing Document: Pre School Learning Alliance Constitution

Objects of the Charity To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age.

Trustees

Name and details of office held	Dates during which the named trustees acted if not for the whole period of this report	Names of directors of any corporate charity trustee at the date of this report	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint any charity trustee
Z Brear - Chair	From 5.12.23	To Present	Sturry Playgroup
Laura Kinghorn – Secretary	From 12.7.24	To July 2025	Sturry Playgroup
Vicky Walker– Member	From July 2025	To Present	
Kate Musa - Treasurer	From 12.7.24	To Present	Sturry Playgroup
Katy Coppin-Smith - Member	From 16.10.24	To July 2025	Sturry Playgroup
Angela Harvey – Member	From 15.03.16	To Present	Sturry Playgroup
Tracey Johnson - Member	From 15.03.16	To July 2025	Sturry Playgroup
Rachel Orme	From July 2025	To Present	Sturry Playgroup
Stephanie Head	From July 2025	To Present	Sturry Playgroup

Trustee selection method: All trustees are nominated by the Members of Sturry Playgroup and are re-elected each year at the AGM and EGM.

Activities and Achievements:

The charity is managed by the playgroup committee and staffed by;
1 Manager, 1 Deputy Manager / SENco/ Health & Safety Officer, 1 Senior Practitioner and 4 Practitioners. We have two independent people to maintain our garden.

I can report another year where we have successfully been able to meet our main aims and objectives.

Our sessions were full, and we have a healthy waiting list, there are currently 42 children on the register and a further 26 children on our waiting list. We have a criteria for admissions and this is used to ensure that we can offer as many sessions as possible, to as many children and ensuring sustainability for future years for the pre-school.

All staff continue to attend regular training including our 'in house training' and online training which has proved successful following feedback from staff. This is to ensure that we are always up to date with our statutory requirements on training and any changes with legislation and processes. Training is also arranged in conjunction with the collaboration that the Pre-School belongs to and Angela Harvey is Treasurer.

The committee have organised a variety of fundraising activities, most of which were all very well supported, and we have been able to purchase new resources with this.

We were able to welcome new committee members to replace those leaving in July when their children left to go to school and other points during the year, for various reasons.

The accounts attached, show a very small deficit of £246. £7500 is ringfenced for the CUE collaboration. Considering the increasing costs of NMW and NI of 3%, the accounts are in a good position currently. This would have been impacted by the introduction of 2 year old working parent entitlement, which meant that we were full from September and did not need to do a January intake to balance the books. The Local Authority has continued to pay DSG funding for all those eligible, however, we must find other ways to source income such as fundraising and other contributions, to ensure that we remain financially sustainable for the future. Finances are always a concern, particularly with the planned increased costs of utilities, consumables and of minimum wage from April 2026, and the change in Statutory Sick Pay for all staff.

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee that -

- The trustees have approved the above; and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signature



Full Name Mrs Z Brear
Position Chairperson

Date 31st March 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

For the financial year ended 31.12.25

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>
<i>Donations, legacies etc.</i>				
Donations				£805.00
<i>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</i>				
Fees Parents	14,369		14,369	16,050
Fees Early Years Funded	148,901		148,901	130,871
Annual Contribution	2,112		2,112	1,467
<i>Operating activities to generate funds</i>				
Fundraising	2,796		2,796	2,264
Sub-total	168,178	-	168,178	151,456
<i>Other Receipts</i>				
Milk Refund	707		707	618
Uniform	358		358	786
Training	845		845	220
Other	3,026		3,026	3,863
Collaboration Receipts	14,953		14,953	13,454
Bank Interest - HISA	769		769	689
Petty Cash Out	-100		-100	-150
Total Receipts	188,735	-	188,735	170,936
<u>Payments</u>				
<i>Payments for generating funds</i>				
Fund-raising	285		285	262
<i>Charitable payments</i>				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Consumables	2,714		2,714	3,981
Insurance	2,283		2,283	3,618
Rent & Rates	4,788		4,788	4,539
Staff Costs	122,758		122,758	111,409
Staff pensions	6,517		6,517	6,293
Training	1,607		1,607	384
Utilities	3,270		3,270	3,836
Building & Grounds Maintenance	9,316		9,316	2,249
<i>Management & Administration</i>				
Admin	5,513		5,513	4,216
Telephone / Broadband	1,673		1,673	1,230
Website	293		293	209
Advertising	-		-	-
Inspection	50		50	50
Uniform	836		836	545
Other	4,688		4,688	3,179
Collaboration Payments	18,491		18,491	12,081
Sub total	185,081	-	185,081	158,081
<i>Other Payments</i>				
Purchase of Equipment	3,901		3,901	2,157
Total Payments	188,981	-	188,981	160,238
Net of Receipts/(Payments) -	246	-	246	10,698
Cash Funds last year end	30,954		30,954	20,256
Cash Funds this year end	30,708		30,708	30,954

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

For the financial year ended 31.12.25

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
Cash Funds		
Giro Bank Current A/C	30,708	
Petty Cash	101.25	
High Interest Savings Account	52294.40	
	<u>83,103</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use		
Play Equipment	20,700	
Books	550	
Building	27,610	
	<u>48,860</u>	
Liabilities		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Balance Sheet

Opening balance	Current A/C	31,793	Current A/C	Closing Balance	30,708
01.01.25	Petty Cash	30.98	Petty Cash	31.12.25	101.25
	HISA	51525.42	HISA		52294.4
Adjustment		<u>83,349</u>	TOTAL		<u>83,103</u>
Loss / Profit		- 246			
		<u>83,103</u>			<u>83,103</u>

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Z Brear (Chairperson)

Date

28.2.26

K Musa (Treasurer)

Date

4/3/26