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Trustees Report

Playgroup Objectives for September 2024– July 2025

To provide quality sessional day-care for children aged between 2 and 5 years old.

Trustees for the year 2024 – 2025

Chairperson – Gary Lavender
Treasurer – Emma Barnes Rhianna Lavender
Secretary – Kelly Barwis Prudence Nash
General - Aimee Higgin

3 trustees resigned from the committee in July 2025, and new ones were appointed.

Publicity for the year

Billingshurst Show carnival in June. Used parents truck and support.

Visitors

We had visits from the local community, fire persons, electrician, plumbers. We saw the salesman from Nexus who came with resources for the children to try, Purely Sports came on a Wednesday each week and all registered children were invited.

Academic Year

Unfortunately, due to the inadequate Ofsted outcome last May, meant that we have lost all new West Sussex Early Years funding, until we get back to Good. This has had a great effect on our finances for this year, and we have lost children on our waiting list. Luckily, we were full in the Summer term and we were very careful with expenditure, but still lost £30,000 of our reserves.

We worked hard, all staff and committee to bring us back to our good standards, which we achieved Good in October. Flexible hours for coming and going into our pre-school, which goes down very well with parents, we have built on our numbers, and we now have 36 children on our books, with 12 going to school in September.

We have helped parents who work and are eligible for 30 hours free childcare.

We concentrated on promoting good behaviour and communication. Our outside area has been used every day, making the most of our fantastic surroundings.

All children were supported at home too, they were sent home with learning packs and activities, some of our children borrowed resources from our playgroup to play with at home if they needed them.

We had special activities to help with school readiness and transition in the summer term, where all children had a chance to join in with these. All children achieved their outcomes, parents were very pleased with their children's progress. Our commitment is to make sure that all children in our care move onto school fully happy.

Committee

Our governing body have been fully committed this year, we had had great problems getting through the process of getting them verified.

Practitioners

I would like to thank my team, for their continued commitment and support. It has again, been a very difficult year with the extra commitment to get back to Good Ofsted which we did in October 2024.

Parents / Carers

We welcome parents to visit us at any time. We have had outings with Parents / Carers, Nativity, Christmas Party Week. We produce regular newsletters and encourage Parents / Carers to contribute to the planning, hold regular correspondence with Parents / Carers, and promote access to the learning journals.

We are maintaining our quality improvement plan throughout this year.

Gary Lavender, Chairperson, St. Gabriel's Playgroup.



Receipts and payments accounts for the period ending 31st July 2025

Receipts and payments from playgroup activities

Receipts	2024/25	2023/24
Free Entitlement Fees	108679.12	113475.40
Private Fees	5530.50	17749.75
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>114209.62</u>	<u>131225.15</u>

Payments		
Wages/Pension	123843.58	108062.25
Child resources	523.80	7138.81
Mobile Phone/Internet		
Insurance	815.21	783.47
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Rent	10106.40	11575.20
Resources	9257.37	1862.62
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Training		600.00
	<u>144596.36</u>	<u>130072.35</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2024

Current Assets	to 31st July 2025	to 31st July 2024
Cash at Bank	81964.50	112417.47
Exit Account	140.58	140.58
Cash in Hand	623.14	556.91
Net Current Assets	<u>82728.22</u>	<u>113114.96</u>

Represented by Reserve

Receipts and payments	-30386.74	1152.80
Surplus from prior year	113114.96	111962.16
Reserves Carried Forward	82728.22	113114.96

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St. Gabriel's Playgroup, Billingshurst.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. Gabriel's Playgroup for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the playgroup 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 playgroup's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the playgroup as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: S.A. Davis

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Date: 02/02/26