



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2024 Period start date To 31/08/2025 Period end date

Charity name: Openwoodgate Pre-school

Charity registration number: 1040737

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To offer play, care and educational facilities for children age 2-4 in line with the Early Years Alliance.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To encourage the study of local needs of such children and their families by offering school term pre-school sessions.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Openwoodgate is a popular local Pre-school with approximately 40 children on role.</p> <p>We continue to offer hot lunches. We also offer extra-curricular activities including: Phonics sessions PE sessions Woodland sessions Yoga and Mindfulness sessions Football sessions and Dance sessions.</p> <p>Children uptake and numbers were good from the start and continued throughout the academic year.</p> <p>We had a high number of children with additional needs which attracted inclusive funding. We had to take on extra staff to cover 1-1 hours, unfortunately the funding received does not cover staff wages, so we lost money here.</p> <p>We had a Rental Increase in January 2025.</p> <p>Pay increases were issued in April 2025, to reflect the National Living Wage increase. This then, in turn, effected our Pension costs.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, with careful budgeting and forward planning, this has allowed us to absorb these additional costs without compromising on the quality of our provision.</p> <p>We made a total surplus of £8,312.00 this year.</p> <p>We held a Christmas Fayre, a sponsored obstacle course on our annual sports day and a Summer Fayre. A total of £965.82 was raised through fundraising. The money raised went towards play equipment for our outdoor area, indoor area and resources. It also went towards an entertainer for Christmas and for the children's Graduation. This has enabled us enrich the learning environment and provide experiences for the children</p>

		From a sustainability perspective, we have also been able to place monies back into our reserves account for any potential redundancies. This financial stability gives us confidence as we look ahead to the coming year.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have £4651.19 in the current account on 31/08/2025.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have a reserve account which contains redundancy and notice period pay, if ever required. We continue, where we can to top this up.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£19645.55
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Early Years Alliance Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Non profit group
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Openwoodgate Pre-school
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1040737
Charity's principal address	St Marks Church Hall Over Lane Openwoodgate Preschool Belper Derbyshire, DE56 0SD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michelle Pickering	Chair		
2	Lucy Warren	Vice Chair		
3	Abigail Sutton	Treasurer		
4	Hannah Clarke	Secretary		
5	Lauren Kerr	Safeguarding Officer		
6	Lia Clarke	Fundraising Officer		
7	Rebecca Boden	Committee member		
8	Joan Foster	Committee member		
9	Katherine Greaves	Committee member		
10	Abigail Spencer Palmer	Committee member		
11	Christine Mellors	Committee member		
12	Laura Lo Bue	Committee member		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

M.Pickering

A.Sutton

Full name(s)

Michelle Pickering

Hannah Clarke

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair

Treasurer

Date

03/06/2026

Openwoodgate Pre-School

Balance Sheet
31 August 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		888		1,088
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	1,000		1,297	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>28,269</u>		<u>16,959</u>	
	<u>29,269</u>		<u>18,256</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Social security and other taxes	3,364		881	
Accrued expenses	<u>414</u>		<u>396</u>	
	<u>3,778</u>		<u>1,277</u>	
		<u>25,491</u>		<u>16,979</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>26,379</u>		<u>18,067</u>
FINANCED BY				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Brought forward	18,067		7,459	
Less				
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>8,312</u>		<u>10,608</u>	
		<u>26,379</u>		<u>18,067</u>
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Openwoodgate Pre-School

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1040737

Set out on pages

Section A Receipts and Payments: Pg 1-2

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

~~[The charity'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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

Fiona Bennett

Date:

19/05/2026

Name:

Mrs Fiona Bennett

Relevant professional

FCA