

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd

Charity No. 1144455

Company No. 07359750

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 August 2025

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. 07359750

Charity No. 1144455

Principal Office

Cadlands Children's Centre

Whitefield Road

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Registered Office

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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

K. Cooper

L. Eaton

N. Kitson

A. Mill

J. Pearce

E. Pearson

Accountants

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document is to ensure the advancement and development of education and equal opportunity for all children aged under 5 years.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes is providing childcare and early years education for the under 5's.

In all our work we (the trustees) have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Our main activity is to deliver, within our fully inclusive setting for 2-5 year olds, the Early Years Foundation Stage. We employ childcare managers and practitioners who jointly plan rich and fulfilling activities to meet the needs and interests of the children.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

With a major change in management last year the nursery has undergone changes at the very heart of the setting and the current Managers have laid the foundations for a strong future. The systems and processes have been reviewed to ensure the setting is delivering the best standards possible.

With a positive end to the year accounts Saplings will continue to grow and provide a high level of childcare to the community for many years to come.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The nursery has made significant strides forward this year. Investing in SEN provision whilst maintaining a cautious spending habit to build up reserves.

Saplings have a strong direction and a plan for the new financial year to continue investing back into the setting following a positive financial year the plans for moving Saplings forward are innovative and robust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Saplings Children's Day Nursery is an incorporated charity and its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 27th August 2010

New trustees are recruited from parents of children at the preschool and are elected at the AGM.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

E. Pearson

Trustee

23 December 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements 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

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material 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 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Carole Gunning ICAEW

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23 December 2025

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	4	434	434	16
Charitable activities	5	238,427	238,427	178,233
Total		238,861	238,861	178,249
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	9,560	9,560	6,447
Other	7	217,986	217,986	210,309
Total		227,546	227,546	216,756
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		11,315	11,315	(38,507)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		11,315	11,315	(38,507)
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		11,315	11,315	(38,507)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		15,353	15,353	53,860
Total funds carried forward		26,668	26,668	15,353

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income	238,861	178,249
Gross income for the year	<u>238,861</u>	<u>178,249</u>
Expenditure	227,552	216,754
Interest payable	(6)	2
Total expenditure for the year	<u>227,546</u>	<u>216,756</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the year	11,315	(38,507)
Net income /(expenditure)for the year	<u><u>11,315</u></u>	<u><u>(38,507)</u></u>

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd

Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2025

Company No. 07359750	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,329	1,626
Cash at bank and in hand		28,578	15,333
		<u>29,907</u>	<u>16,959</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	10	(3,239)	(1,606)
Net current assets		26,668	15,353
Total assets less current liabilities		26,668	15,353
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		26,668	15,353
Total net assets		<u>26,668</u>	<u>15,353</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	11		
Unrestricted funds	11		
General funds		26,668	15,353
		<u>26,668</u>	<u>15,353</u>
Reserves	11		
Total funds		<u>26,668</u>	<u>15,353</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 August 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 23 December 2025

And signed on its behalf by:

E. Pearson

Trustee

23 December 2025

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Statement of Cash flows
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) per Statement of Financial Activities	11,315	(38,507)
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	297	(1,257)
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	2,095	(901)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>13,707</u>	<u>(40,665)</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	13,707	(40,665)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	14,841	55,506
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>28,548</u>	<u>14,841</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	28,578	15,333
Bank overdrafts	(30)	(492)
	<u>28,548</u>	<u>14,841</u>

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
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Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
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Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.
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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	16	16
Charitable activities	178,233	178,233
Total	<u>178,249</u>	<u>178,249</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	6,447	6,447
Other	210,309	210,309
Total	<u>216,756</u>	<u>216,756</u>
Net income	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(38,507)	(38,507)
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>(38,507)</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	53,860	53,860
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>15,353</u></u>	<u><u>15,353</u></u>

4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	434	434	16
	<u>434</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>16</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Nursery fees	34,684	34,684	55,647
Early Years funding	202,743	202,743	122,347
Other fees	1,000	1,000	239
	<u>238,427</u>	<u>238,427</u>	<u>178,233</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Nursery fees	9,525	9,525	6,413
Early Years funding	35	35	34
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	<u>9,560</u>	<u>9,560</u>	<u>6,447</u>

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	(6)	(6)	2
Employee costs	189,219	189,219	177,692
Premises costs	22,349	22,349	22,968
General administrative costs	3,805	3,805	4,512
Legal and professional costs	2,619	2,619	5,135
	<u>217,986</u>	<u>217,986</u>	<u>210,309</u>

8 Staff costs

	2025	2024
Salaries and wages	185,742	169,330
Pension costs	2,247	2,109
	<u>187,989</u>	<u>171,439</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Nursery	15	10
	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>

9 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,329	1,626
	<u>1,329</u>	<u>1,626</u>

10 Creditors:
amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	30	492
Other taxes and social security	1,769	(100)
Accruals	1,440	1,214
	<u>3,239</u>	<u>1,606</u>

11 Movement in funds

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2025 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	15,353	238,861	(227,546)	26,668
	<u>15,353</u>	<u>238,861</u>	<u>(227,546)</u>	<u>26,668</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets	26,668	26,668
	<u>26,668</u>	<u>26,668</u>

13 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 September 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2025 £
Cash and cash equivalents	15,333	13,245	28,578
	<u>15,333</u>	<u>13,245</u>	<u>28,578</u>
Net debt	<u>15,333</u>	<u>13,245</u>	<u>28,578</u>

14 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	Land and	Other	Land and	Other
	buildings		buildings	
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases with expiry date:				

Pension commitments

	2025	2024
	£	£
The pension cost charge to the company amounted to:	<u>2,247</u>	<u>2,109</u>

15 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

Saplings Childrens Day Nursery Ltd
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Donations	434	434	16
	<u>434</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>16</u>
Charitable activities			
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	<u>238,427</u>	<u>238,427</u>	<u>178,233</u>
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Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities			
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Early Years funding	35	35	34
	<u>9,560</u>	<u>9,560</u>	<u>6,447</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	9,560	9,560	6,447
Other expenditure			
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	(6)	(6)	2
	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>2</u>
Employee costs			
Salaries/wages	185,742	185,742	169,330
Pension costs	2,247	2,247	2,109
Staff training	484	484	5,559
Staff welfare	746	746	694
	<u>189,219</u>	<u>189,219</u>	<u>177,692</u>
Premises costs			
Rent	11,409	11,409	12,335
Light, heat and power	8,863	8,863	8,066
Premises cleaning	1,293	1,293	1,424
Premises repairs and maintenance	784	784	1,143
	<u>22,349</u>	<u>22,349</u>	<u>22,968</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Bank charges	466	466	470
General insurances	796	796	954
Information and publications	-	-	72

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Software, IT support and related costs	1,383	1,383	1,455
Stationery and printing	765	765	618
Subscriptions	395	395	910
Sundry expenses	-	-	13
Telephone, fax and broadband	-	-	20
	<u>3,805</u>	<u>3,805</u>	<u>4,512</u>
Legal and professional costs			
Accountancy and bookkeeping	2,619	2,619	2,735
Consultancy fees	-	-	2,400
	<u>2,619</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>5,135</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>217,986</u>	<u>217,986</u>	<u>210,309</u>
Total expenditure	227,546	227,546	216,756
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
	<u>11,315</u>	<u>11,315</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)			
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	<u>11,315</u>	<u>11,315</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>11,315</u>	<u>11,315</u>	<u>(38,507)</u>
Net movement in funds			
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	15,353	15,353	53,860
Total funds carried forward	<u>26,668</u>	<u>26,668</u>	<u>15,353</u>