

WHITSERS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1165455

Details

Other names WHITSERS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-02-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT HAVING AS ITS OBJECTS THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BY:(1) PROMOTING THEIR CARE AND SAFETY;(2) PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT;(3) PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING;(4) PROVIDING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS;(5) PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO; AND(6) FURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: Whitsers is a pre-school playgroup based in Whittlesford in Cambridgeshire.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£82,893	£84,829	-	-
2024-07-31	£76,919	£77,080	-	-
2023-07-31	£64,289	£67,290	-	-
2022-07-31	£55,307	£59,398	-	-
2021-07-31	£63,718	£63,654	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna Elizabeth Genevier		2024-10-22
Catherine Thorburn		2017-12-11
Diane Baker		2022-11-08
Emma Kari Foster		2025-09-09
Kieran Priest		2025-07-09

WHITSERS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2024 **Period start date**

To 31st July 2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1165455

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The playgroup aims to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age. This is achieved by offering appropriate play and learning facilities while ensuring equal opportunities for all children, promoting the playgroup within the local community and adhering to the Pre-School Learning Alliance Code of practice.
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	<p>Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup provides public benefit by:</p> <p>Offering playgroup sessions for local children aged 2.5 – 4 years. Sessions are offered 5 mornings and 3 afternoons per week in term time.</p> <p>Providing a caring, stimulating and fun environment for play, creative and learning activities in accordance with the Early Years curriculum. Organising occasional outings locally, and playgroup events.</p> <p>Providing each family with a Key Worker, responsible for ensuring the child's welfare and recording their development.</p> <p>Working closely with local schools to ensure a smooth transition.</p> <p>The Playgroup is OFSTED registered and employs five members of staff (part time). It is led by a playgroup leader, and two deputy playgroup leaders.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The playgroup relies on volunteers to fulfil roles on the committee and organise fundraising, which is often key to the playgroup's financial survival.
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>This year the staff and committee have risen to the challenge of rising costs again this year.</p> <p>Admissions: September 2024 opened with 18 children on the register, 9 of those were under 3. Year ended with 27 children attending, with 4 under 3.</p> <p>Children: Some of our highlights of the year included the theme of light and dark. The children learned about road safety and had a visit from the local police officers, they arrived in their police cars, and we had the chance to see a stinger. We celebrated Halloween and had our own haunted house, carved pumpkins and dissected a sweetcorn plant. The children were fascinated by the car park relaying and enjoyed watching the big diggers and 'wackers' at work.</p> <p>We marked Remembrance Day by visiting the village war memorial to lay the Whitsers wreath. The children showed great respect as we talked about the importance of remembering others. As always, Christmas brought sparkle and joy — and plenty of</p>

		<p>glitter! The children put on a truly wonderful nativity play, with a record number of families joining us to watch and celebrate together.</p> <p>We welcomed the New Year with a celebration of the Lunar New Year, making a vibrant dragon's head for our dragon dancing. The children helped prepare vegetables for a stir-fry snack, exploring new tastes and traditions. Valentine's Day filled Whitsers with pink, red, and plenty of love-themed crafts and activities. For Mother's Day, the children created special surprises, and our Easter egg hunt was a huge success — helped by the generous donation of eggs</p> <p>Summer brought warmer weather, time spent exploring our outside area. We enjoyed a fantastic outing to Audley End, where we discovered dinosaurs, fairy houses and explored the grounds with all of our families. During VE Day, we honoured the occasion with cream teas for snack, learning a little about history while enjoying a special treat. The children also took an interest in the Women's Euros, exploring maps and flags from around the world to learn about different countries. We ended our year with our End of Term Party before saying goodbye to our preschoolers, who were off to "Big School."</p> <p>Overall, this year we raised £2,156.10</p>
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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	Total Reserves stand at £44,388.
Statement explaining the	Para 1.22	Reserves currently equate to approximately

policy for holding reserves stating why they are held		48.69% of the charity's annual expenditure.
Number of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Constitution of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

association, CIO)		
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	Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	Whitsers
Registered charity number	1165455
Charity's principal address	Memorial Hall Mill Lane Whittlesford Cambridgeshire CB22 4NE

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)
Anna Genevier	Chair		
Jessica Reeve	Secretary		
Kim Holtby	Treasurer		
Diane Thorburn	HR		
Kate Thorburn	Ofsted		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how these falls within the custodian charity's objects	

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	
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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

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustee

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Catharine Thorburn	Beverley Arnold

Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)	Ofsted Trustee/Playleader	Administrator
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Date:

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		59,416.80	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,416.80	-	-

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £


B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (£/pence)	Current value (£/pence)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (£/pence)	Current value (£/pence)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C. THORBURN	14/4/26



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.08.2024	To	31.07.2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	18,257.01	-	-	18,257.01	17,571.00
Government funding	60,668.83	-	-	60,668.83	53,085.00
Donations	512.60	-	-	512.60	2,301.91
Fundraising	1,734.76	-	-	1,734.76	2,693.39
Other	249.24	-	-	249.24	49.00
Milk reimbursement	311.00	-	-	311.00	219.00
Trips and party	626.25	-	-	626.25	1,000.00
Uniform	24.00	-	-	24.00	-
Registration fee	510.00	-	-	510.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AF)	82,893.69	-	-	82,893.69	76,919.30
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	82,893.69	-	-	82,893.69	76,919.30
A3 Payments					
Salaries	66,698.92	-	-	66,698.92	59,197.00
HMRC	2,836.26	-	-	2,836.26	1,440.00
Pension Contributions	1,397.63	-	-	1,397.63	1,251.00
Rent	3,579.00	-	-	3,579.00	2,989.00
Insurance	909.79	-	-	909.79	770.00
EYFS membership	330.00	-	-	330.00	168.00
Mobile number	99.62	-	-	99.62	83.00
Printer ink	146.88	-	-	146.88	-
Milk (Plumbs)	240.30	-	-	240.30	236.00
Consumables (ESPO, TTS)	2,937.48	-	-	2,937.48	2,682.00
Consumables - other	2,188.10	-	-	1,982.10	-
Training	771.00	-	-	771.00	187.00
DBS	252.44	-	-	252.44	-
Subscriptions	400.31	-	-	400.31	-
Advertising	32.00	-	-	32.00	-
Post office	220.00	-	-	220.00	550.00
Outings/party/refunds to parents	745.61	-	-	745.61	-
Auditor/GDBR	119.00	-	-	119.00	-
Gifts	150.00	-	-	150.00	992.00
Gardening	325.00	-	-	325.00	-
Uniform	-	-	-	-	23.00
Other	450.60	-	-	656.60	6,512.00
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	84,829.94	-	-	84,829.94	77,080.00
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84,829.94	-	-	84,829.94	77,080.00
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,936.25	-	-	- 1,936.25	- 160.70
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,353.05	-	-	61,353.05	64,515.00
Cash funds this year end	59,416.80	-	-	59,416.80	61,353.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1165455

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.

Signed:



Date: 14th April 2026

Name: Philip Evans

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

FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

Address:

17 Wick Hall
Furze Hill
Hove BN3 1NF

WHITSERS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1165455

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2023

Period start date

To 31st July 2024

Period end date

Charity name: Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1165455

Objectives and Activities

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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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup provides public benefit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Offering playgroup sessions for local children aged 2.5 – 4 years. Sessions are offered 5 mornings and 3 afternoons per week in term time.- Providing a caring, stimulating and fun environment for play, creative and learning activities, in accordance with the Early Years curriculum.- Organising occasional outings locally, and playgroup events.- Providing each family with a Key Worker, responsible for ensuring the child's welfare and recording their development.- Working closely with local schools to ensure a smooth transition. The Playgroup is OFSTED registered and employs five members of staff (part time). It is led by a playgroup leader, and two deputy playgroup leaders.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities.

Additional information (optional)

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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The playgroup relies on volunteers to fulfil roles on the committee and organise fundraising, which is often key to the playgroup's financial survival.
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>This year the staff and committee have risen to the challenge of rising costs again this year.</p> <p>Admissions: September 2023 opened with 16 children on the register, 2 of those were under 3. Year ended with 28 children attending, with 4 under 3.</p> <p>Children: The year started off very quiet and we started with the theme favourite stories we explored Handa's surprise, 3 little pigs, the grumpalump, billy goats gruff and the runaway pea, the children mashed peas at the sensory table, made a lovely Handa's surprise wall board and used props to act out the 3 little pigs and billy goats gruff, we looked at the changes that Autumn brings and the children explored sweetcorn plants and used the special apple peeler to prepare apples for snack .</p> <p>Halloween was soon upon us and the children carved pumpkins sang spooky songs and the home corner was converted into a spooky house.</p> <p>After half term we celebrated bonfire night, this is the time of year when the glitter appears and doesn't really go away until after Christmas. We made a wreath of</p>

remembrance and took it to the War memorial to remember the fallen and made lovely poppy pictures. Christmas was soon upon us we had been practising our Nativity songs since November and our Nativity play was another tearjerker. Everyone did so well and sang beautifully. After the Christmas break, we explored the Artic and Antarctic, we made penguin and polar bear pictures and played with ice, we also explored the world map to see where Antarctica and The Artic are.

February was here we celebrated Chinese New Year, the children made stir fry for snack, ate with chopsticks and we did some Dragon dancing.

After half term we talked about feelings and emotions and introduced the feelings board at registration, the children really got to grips with this and it's still in place now. We celebrated Valentine's Day by making beautiful cards and hats and we joined William Westley Whittlesford for the annual Pancake Day race and enjoyed pancakes for lunch.

March arrived and we prepared the garden ready for planting our crop of potatoes and our theme was New Life and Growing.

Mother's Day arrived the children were very proud of their daffodil that they had planted from a bulb in the Autumn.

Easter then arrived and the children decorated some Easter Baskets, used marbling ink to decorate egg shapes and we had easter egg hunt in the Whitsers garden. We had a visit to the church to learn the Easter story and Olivia always spoils us with a fantastic art activity, and a delicious snack. After Easter we celebrated the Kings Coronation, we made crowns, we had a coronation ceremony with archbishop Sara, we all dressed up with hats, smart princess dresses and superhero costumes. We made a card which we sent to Buckingham palace and got a letter from the King thanking us. We did portraits of the king and had afternoon tea for snack.

The final half term arrived, and we made full use of our Garden even when we had torrential downpours the children enjoyed putting on all in one suit and splashing in the puddles, catching rain water in their mouths and laying on their backs making rain angels.

We had lots of visits from WW to help our preschoolers with transition and we went to school to have a lunch.

Term was ending, we enjoyed a trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park, Sports day and our

		<p>end of year party where MR MARVEL entertained the children with puppet show, magic and a disco with a foam machine.</p> <p>Fundraising: Fundraising events included two hampers, one for Christmas and one for Easter, scavenger hunt, carol singing, Nativity play, Halloween party and curry night.</p> <p>Overall, this year we raised £2,039.40.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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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	Total Reserves stand at £61,353. This is made up of £26,000 of standard reserves and an Administration Fund of £35,353.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Standard Reserves currently equate to approximately 34% of the charity's annual expenditure. Under the reserves policy, the target level of reserves is 25% of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

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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	Constitution of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
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	Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
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Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	Whitsers
Registered charity number	1165455
Charity's principal address	Memorial Hall Mill Lane Whittlesford Cambridgeshire CB22 4NE

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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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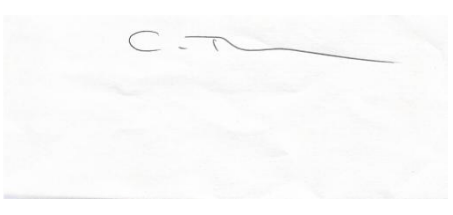

Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Catherine Thorburn	Kimberley Holtby
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Ofsted/Playleader	
Date	23 rd June 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.08.2023		31.07.2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	17,571	-	-	17,571	15,835
Government Funding	53,085	-	-	53,085	45,311
Donations and Fundraising	4,995	-	-	4,995	2,979
Other	49	-	-	49	-
Milk Reimbursement	219	-	-	219	-
Trips	1,000	-	-	1,000	164
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,919	-	-	76,919	64,289
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,919	-	-	76,919	64,289
A3 Payments					
Salaries	59,197	-	-	59,197	52,645
HMRC	1,440	-	-	1,440	467
Pension Contributions	1,251	-	-	1,251	939
Rent	2,989	-	-	2,989	3,645
Uniform	23	-	-	23	318
Insurance	770	-	-	770	716
EYFS Memberships	168	-	-	168	337
Vodafone	83	-	-	83	198
Training	187	-	-	187	719
Professional Fees	992	-	-	992	72
Milk (Plumbs)	236	-	-	236	221
Consumables (ESPO, TTS)	2,682	-	-	2,682	1,640
Petty Cash	550	-	-	550	272
Other Expenses	6,512	-	-	6,512	5,101
Sub total	77,080	-	-	77,080	67,290
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	77,080	-	-	77,080	67,290
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 161	-	-	- 161	- 3,001
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,514	-	-	61,514	64,515
Cash funds this year end	61,353	-	-	61,353	61,514

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	61,353	-	-
	Cash Playgroup	-	-	-
	Cash Treasurer	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	61,353	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st July 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1165455

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.

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Signed:		Date: 16 th June 2025

Name:	Philip Evans
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
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Address:	20 Church Street
	Little Shelford
	Cambridge CB22 5HG

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.

WHITSERS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1165455

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2022

Period start date

To 31st July 2023

Period end date

Charity name: Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1165455

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The playgroup aims to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age. This is achieved by offering appropriate play and learning facilities while ensuring equal opportunities for all children, promoting the playgroup within the local community and adhering to the Pre-School Learning Alliance Code of practice.
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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup provides public benefit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Offering playgroup sessions for local children aged 2.5 – 4 years. Sessions are offered 5 mornings and 3 afternoons per week in term time.- Providing a caring, stimulating and fun environment for play, creative and learning activities, in accordance with the Early Years curriculum.- Organising occasional outings locally, and playgroup events.- Providing each family with a Key Worker, responsible for ensuring the child's welfare and recording their development.- Working closely with local schools to ensure a smooth transition. The Playgroup is OFSTED registered, and employs five members of staff (part time). It is led by a playgroup leader, and two deputy playgroup leaders.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The playgroup relies on volunteers to fulfil roles on the committee and organise fundraising, which is often key to the playgroup's financial survival.
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>This year the staff and committee have risen to the challenge of rising costs and the low cohort.</p> <p>Admissions: September 2022 opened with 17 children on the register, 6 of those were under 3. Year ended with 28 children attending, with 4 under 3.</p> <p>Children: We started the year Welcoming Ukrainian families to Whitsers and ensuring these families had the support and resources to help them settle quickly.</p> <p>The theme of Nursery Rhymes started us off, making magnetic fish, mice in pots and some wonderful wallboards, Halloween came, and we had a haunted house with a special door bell, played with dyed spaghetti and made potions and slime. Before we knew it the glitter was out and we were learning about Guy Fawkes, the children watched sparklers in the garden and had a real fire with marshmallows. The children also made a poppy wreath to put on the war memorial and held a minute silence.</p> <p>We woke up with deep snow on the morning of our annual visit to the Parish Church to learn the Nativity Story. Staff and children were all very excited to see the white stuff and when we arrived back to Whitsers, we had so much fun playing in the snow.</p> <p>Christmas artwork got to full swing, glitter and more glitter! The children made some fabulous decorations to put in their sacks and did a wonderful performance in our Nativity play and we even had the BBC filming it too. Large cameras and lighting but the Children were not fazed by this and did a fabulous performance.</p>

After our Christmas break, we celebrated Chinese New Year, the year of the rabbit, made a dragon's head to do some dragon dancing and we learnt the story of all the animals in the Chinese zodiac and our home corner was converted into a Chinese takeaway.

The season of Love arrived and this gave us the opportunity to talk about our feelings and emotions, make some lovely Valentine's Day cards and be creative with hearts and the colours red and pink.

Shrove Tuesday arrived the children ate pancakes with lemon and sugar for snack and we joined William Westley Primary School for a pancake day race on the lawn.

In the Spring term we celebrated World Book Day with the children and staff bringing in their favourite books to share with the group. We celebrated Mother's Day and the children made tissue flowers, giving their mum's a daffodil plant they planted in the Autumn and cards. Our home corner was converted into a florist. Easter arrived and our annual Easter Egg hunt had to be cancelled due to heavy rain, but the children still enjoyed hunting for eggs in the playroom to put in the Easter baskets they had made.

Summer Term was full of fun activities; we celebrated the King's Coronation, red, white and blue everywhere. We painted King Charles portraits, made crowns and made a card to send to Buckingham Palace. We also had our very own Coronation with our very own Archbishop of Canterbury (Sara) who helped us celebrate in style.

During this term the children were busy harvesting and planting for potatoes, strawberries and peas for snack, we explored mini beasts and enjoyed lots of water play in the garden. The term flew by and it was time to say goodbye to our preschoolers. We had a trip to South Angle Farm, had a sports day on the village lawn and had a great party with Mr Marvel entertaining the children with a magic show, puppets and a foam and bubble disco.

Fundraising:

Fundraising events included two hampers, one for Christmas and one for Easter, a world cup sweepstake, scavenger hunt, carol singing, Nativity play, cake sale, Easter lunch and table top sale and café.

Overall, this year we raised £ £3,407.82.

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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	Total Reserves stand at £61,544. This is made up of £26,000 of standard reserves and an Administration Fund of £35,544
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Standard Reserves currently equate to approximately 39% of the charity's annual expenditure. Under the reserves policy, the target level of reserves is 25% of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Constitution of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
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	Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	Whitsers
Registered charity number	1165455
Charity's principal address	Memorial Hall Mill Lane Whittlesford Cambridgeshire CB22 4NE

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

	
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Full name(s)

Jonathan Holtby

Kim Holtby

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

11/06/24



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01.08.2021

To

Period end date
31.07.2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	15,835	-	-	15,835	10,462
Govermennt Funding	45,311	-	-	45,311	42,423
Donations and Fundraising	2,979	-	-	2,979	1,255
SSP				-	429
Milk Reimburshment				-	
Trips	164	-	-	164	738
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,289	-	-	64,289	55,307
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,289	-	-	64,289	55,307
A3 Payments					
Salaries	52,645	-	-	52,645	49,035
HMRC	467	-	-	467	799
Pension Contributions	939	-	-	939	815
Rent	3,645	-	-	3,645	3,540
Uniform	318	-	-	318	105
Insurance	716	-	-	716	695
EYFS Memberships	337	-	-	337	283
Vodaphone	198	-	-	198	170
Training	719	-	-	719	
Professional Fees	72	-	-	72	69
Milk (Plumbs)	221	-	-	221	182
Consumables (ESPO, TTS)	1,640	-	-	1,640	1,884
Petty Cash	272	-	-	272	100
Other Expenses	5,101	-	-	5,101	1,721
Sub total	67,290	-	-	67,290	59,398
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	67,290	-	-	67,290	59,398
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,001	-	-	- 3,001	- 4,091
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	64,545	-	-	64,545	
Cash funds this year end	61,544	-	-	61,544	4,091

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	61,514	-	-
	Cash Playgroup	-	-	-
	Cash Treasurer	30	-	-
	Total cash funds	61,544	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st July 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1165455

Set out on pages

Three

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.

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Signed:		Date: 10 th June 2024

Name:	Philip Evans
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
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Address:	20 Church Street
	Little Shelford
	Cambridge CB22 5HG

WHITSERS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1165455

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2021
To 31st July 2022

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1165455

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The playgroup aims to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age. This is achieved by offering appropriate play and learning facilities while ensuring equal opportunities for all children, promoting the playgroup within the local community and adhering to the Pre-School Learning Alliance Code of practice.
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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup provides public benefit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Offering playgroup sessions for local children aged 2.5 – 4 years. Sessions are offered 5 mornings and 3 afternoons per week in term time.- Providing a caring, stimulating and fun environment for play, creative and learning activities, in accordance with the Early Years curriculum.- Organising occasional outings locally, and playgroup events.- Providing each family with a Key Worker, responsible for ensuring the child's welfare and recording their development.- Working closely with local schools to ensure a smooth transition. The Playgroup is OFSTED registered, and employs five members of full time staff and one part time staff member. This was then reduced to five members of full time staff by the end of the financial year. It is led by a playgroup leader, and two deputy playgroup leaders.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's

Commission on public benefit		aim and objectives and in planning future activities.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The playgroup relies on volunteers to fulfil roles on the committee and organise fundraising, which is often key to the playgroup's financial survival.
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>This year the staff and committee have continued to be brilliant in rising to the challenges seen.</p> <p>Admissions: September 2021 opened with 15 children on the register, 2 of those were under 3. Year ended with 26 children attending, with 6 under 3.</p> <p>Staff: Staff accommodated the changing Early Years Foundation Scheme curriculum</p> <p>Children: The children have had a wonderful year at Whitsers. We have been fortunate this year to have been able to hold our nativity play, making use of Zoom to share it with parents and families. Father Christmas paid a brief visit to the children as well. The Easter Egg hunt was in the snow! We were pleased to be able to hold our regular summer outing at the end of the year, with lots of our children visiting Audley End and we had a wonderful trip on the railway. We also had a visit to the theatre to see the Smartest Giant in Town and the Zoological museum. The leavers had a personalised a teddy bear and photographs.</p>

		<p>Fundraising: Included an autumn scavenger hunt, celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a tea party and we were included in the 1000 years of Whittlesford and the staff were a human fruit machine. We had two very successful Christmas and Easter hampers Overall this year we have raised £2,416.62.</p>
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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	Total Reserves stand at £64,306. This is made up of £26,000 of standard reserves and an Administration Fund of £38,306.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Standard Reserves currently equate to approximately 44% of the charity's annual expenditure. Under the reserves policy, the target level of reserves is 25% of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Constitution of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
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	Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	Whitsers
Registered charity number	1165455
Charity's principal address	Memorial Hall Mill Lane Whittlesford Cambridgeshire CB22 4NE

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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)		
Full name(s)	Jonathan Holtby	Kimberley Holtby
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	7 th June 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

1165455

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.08.2021		31.07.2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	10,462	-	-	10,462	8,908
Government Funding	42,423	-	-	42,423	51,970
Donations and Fundraising	1,255	-	-	1,255	2,804
SSP	429	-	-	429	
Milk Reimbursement		-	-	-	
Trips	738	-	-	738	36
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,307	-	-	55,307	63,718
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,307	-	-	55,307	63,718
A3 Payments					
Salaries	49,035	-	-	49,035	51,696
HMRC	799	-	-	799	1,341
Pension Contributions	815	-	-	815	744
Rent	3,540	-	-	3,540	3,245
Uniform	105	-	-	105	139
Insurance	695	-	-	695	681
EYFS Membership	283	-	-	283	491
Vodafone	170	-	-	170	13
Barclaycard	978	-	-	978	1,108
Professional Fees	69	-	-	69	90
Milk (Plumbs)	182	-	-	182	210
Consumables (ESPO, TTS)	906	-	-	906	1,986
Petty Cash	100	-	-	100	1,128
Expenses	1,721	-	-	1,721	782
Sub total	59,398	-	-	59,398	63,654
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	59,398	-	-	59,398	63,654
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,091	-	-	- 4,091	64
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,397	-	-	68,397	68,333
Cash funds this year end	64,306	-	-	64,306	68,397

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	64,306	-	-
	Cash Playgroup	-	-	-
	Cash Treasurer	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	64,306	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK

OK

OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st July 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1165455

Set out on pages

Three

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.

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Signed:		Date: 30 th May 2023
	Name: Philip Evans	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	
Address:	20 Church Street	
	Little Shelford	
	Cambridge CB22 5HG	

WHITSERS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1165455

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2020
To 31st July 2021

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1165455

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The playgroup aims to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age. This is achieved by offering appropriate play and learning facilities while ensuring equal opportunities for all children, promoting the playgroup within the local community and adhering to the Pre-School Learning Alliance Code of practice.
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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup provides public benefit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Offering playgroup sessions for local children aged 2 – 4 years. Sessions are offered 5 mornings and 3 afternoons per week in term time.- Providing a caring, stimulating and fun environment for play, creative and learning activities, in accordance with the Early Years curriculum.- Organising occasional outings locally, and playgroup events.- Providing each family with a Key Worker, responsible for ensuring the child's welfare and recording their development.- Working closely with local schools to ensure a smooth transition. The Playgroup is OFSTED registered, and employs six members of staff (part time). It is led by a playgroup leader, and two deputy playgroup leaders.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The playgroup relies on volunteers to fulfil roles on the committee and organise fundraising, which is often key to the playgroup's financial survival.
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>This year the staff and committee have continued to be brilliant in rising to the challenges seen.</p> <p>Admissions: September 2020 opened with 19 children on the register, 3 of those were under 3. Year ended with 28 children attending, with 4 under 3. This included a number of children that were temporarily transferred from Duxford Pre-School. Staff adjusted and welcomed a number of new children very late in the academic year. Whitsers stepped in to help out and the parents of these children were very grateful that Whitsers was able to provide that emergency help.</p> <p>Staff: Staff accommodated the changing Covid guidance, a new Early Years Foundation Scheme curriculum and at the very end of the year a visit from OFSTED. Whitsers was awarded a "GOOD" rating following that visit.</p> <p>Children: The children have had a wonderful year at Whitsers. We have been fortunate this year to have been able to hold our nativity play, making use of Zoom to share it with parents and families. Father Christmas paid a brief visit to the children as well. The</p>

Easter Egg hunt has been adapted to take place in the garden, and the children thoroughly enjoyed searching for eggs. We were pleased to be able to hold our regular summer outing at the end of the year, with lots of our children visiting Boydell's Farm for a morning of meeting animals, playing and picnics.

Fundraising:

Our first fundraising event was a Halloween dress up. This was a week-long event where children dressed up and parents were encouraged to donate into the Halloween bucket which raised £30.50. Over Christmas we had a "Name the Teddy" competition where children were given a riddle in order to guess the name of the bear. They had to pay to enter a guess into the draw for a chance to win the bear. This raised £33.00. In the setting, children designed Christmas cards which were then promoted to friends and family to buy. This raised £158.00. The children also performed a nativity play that was recorded and sold on USB for parents to have a copy. This raised £59.02. Over Easter, we held a raffle where we encouraged parents and local businesses to donate Easter items. We held this raffle using the online platform, 'Just Giving'. This enabled us to reach more people and we raised £551.63. We also successfully claimed a donation from the Sawston Fun Run Beneficiary Fund which allowed the play staff to order some equipment they had wanted to have in the setting. This donation totalled £424.00. Over the spring half term the children undertook a bubble challenge where they were given a bottle of bubbles to have fun with, then collect as many coins as they could for doing good deeds for family/friends. This raised £101.82. At the end of the academic year the children made some tea towels which were available for purchase by parents/family/friends which raised £228.80. The final event of the year was the village Garage Sale. It was a successful day and we had 25+ stalls take part around the village. We made our own maps so visitors knew where to shop and overall we raised £393.70. We have also been given a donation from one of the coffee stalls at the event. Overall this year we have raised £1985.67.

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	Total Reserves stand at £68,653. This is made up of £26,501 of standard reserves and an Administration Fund of £42,152.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Standard Reserves currently equate to approximately 43% of the charity's annual expenditure. Under the reserves policy, the target level of reserves is 25% of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Constitution of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
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	Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

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	Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	Whitsers
Registered charity number	1165455
Charity's principal address	Memorial Hall Mill Lane Whittlesford Cambridgeshire CB22 4NE

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	Amanda Thorn	Chair		
2	Larissa Griggs	Secretary		
3	Emma Newcomb	Treasurer	October 2020 – present	
4	Michelle Winters	HR		
5	Kelly Jones / Kate Thorburn	Ofsted		
6	Hayley Starling	Fundraising		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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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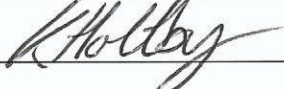
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	JONATHAN HOLTBY	KIMBERLEY HOLTBY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	19 MAY 2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whitfers Pre-School Playgroup 1165455

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.08.2020		31.07.2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	8,908	-	-	8,908	6,046
Government Funding	51,970	-	-	51,970	51,317
Donations	2,053	-	-	2,053	3,123
Fundraising	751	-	-	751	1,315
Trips	36	-	-	36	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,718	-	-	63,718	61,801
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Reserves (Account Closed / Transer)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,718	-	-	63,718	61,801
A3 Payments					
Salaries	51,696	-	-	51,696	48,443
HMRC	1,341	-	-	1,341	-
Pension Contributions	744	-	-	744	-
Rent	3,245	-	-	3,245	2,380
Uniform	139	-	-	139	105
Insurance	681	-	-	681	79
EYFS Membership	491	-	-	491	1,360
Vodafone	13	-	-	13	99
Barclaycard	1,108	-	-	1,108	-
Professional Fees	90	-	-	90	45
Milk (Plumbs)	210	-	-	210	178
Consumables (ESPO, TTS)	1,986	-	-	1,986	2,733
PCWB	1,128	-	-	1,128	-
Expenses	782	-	-	782	344
Sub total	63,654	-	-	63,654	55,766
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,654	-	-	63,654	55,766
Net of receipts/(payments)	64	-	-	64	6,035
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,333	-	-	68,333	62,972
Cash funds this year end	68,397	-	-	68,397	69,007

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	68,362	-	-
	Cash Playgroup	117	-	-
	Cash Treasurer	174	-	-
	Total cash funds	68,653	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Whitsers Pre-School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st July 2021	Charity no (if any)	1165455
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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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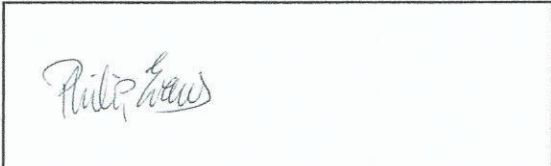
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Signed:  **Date:** 5th May 2022

Name: Philip Evans

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

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