



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 Whiters 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	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C. THORBURN	C. THORBURN	14/4/26



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whitsters Pre-School Playgroup

1165455

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01.08.2024

To

31.07.2025

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



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Whitsters 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.

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Signed:



Date: 14th April 2026

Name: Philip Evans

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

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