

F.I.S.H.E.S FREEGROUNDS INFANT SCHOOL HELPERS AND EXTRA SUPPORT

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 August 2025

Charity Registration No: 1169971

Part A: Trustees' Annual Report

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (Regulations 38–41). The charity prepares its accounts on a receipts and payments basis as permitted for a non-company charity with gross income not exceeding £250,000.

1. Reference and Administrative Information

Item	Details
Charity name	F.I.S.H.E.S FREEGROUNDS INFANT SCHOOL HELPERS AND EXTRA SUPPORT "F.I.S.H.E.S"
Charity registration number	1169971
Registered address	Freegrounds Infant School, Hobb Lane, Hedge End, Southampton, SO30 0GG
Governing document	Constitution adopted 18 September 2023
Type of charity	Unincorporated association / charitable trust (non-company)
Financial year	1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025
Bankers	NatWest Bank plc

Trustees serving during the year:

Name	Role	Dates served
Carly Haines	Chair	Full year
Beatrice Santos-Carey	Treasurer	Full year
Chloe Paulley	Secretary	Full year

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document: F.I.S.H.E.S is governed by its constitution adopted on 18 September 2023. A copy is available on request.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees: Trustees are elected by members at AGM and shall hold office until the next AGM.

Organisational structure: The charity is managed by a board of trustees who meet quarterly to oversee strategy, finances and governance.

Related parties and connections: There are no related party relationships requiring disclosure.

3. Objectives and Activities

Charitable objects: The objects of the charity, as set out in its governing document, are:

To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

- Developing effective relationship between the staff, parents and other associated with the school.
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of pupils.

Public benefit statement: The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties, in particular when reviewing the charity's

aims and objectives and in planning its activities for the year. The trustees are satisfied that the activities of the charity provide a clear and identifiable benefit to the public, specifically the current and future pupils of Freegrounds Infant School through the purchase of equipment, books and improvement of school facilities as well as by holding events and activities to develop the relationship between the school, teacher and parents.

4. Achievements and Performance

During the year ended 31 August 2025, the trustees report the following activities and achievements:

The charity organised several fundraising events over the course of the year including a Summer fayre, Easter fayre, Christmas Fayre and various discos, and quiz nights. A particular success in the year was the inaugural school laser show. These main events were supplemented by ad-hoc donations from individuals and local business, sponsored sporting events and the sales of food and drink. The total receipts for the year were the highest on record for the charity. The charity was pleased to be able to donate a significant piece of play equipment for Freegrounds Infant school using some of the funds raised in the year as well as providing equipment to create a dedicated special education needs room in the school.

Volunteers: The three trustees are the primary volunteers for the charity and manage it on a day-to-day basis including the arrangement of fundraising events. Other volunteers (typically teachers and parents associated with the school) support the charity on an ad-hoc basis during fundraising events.

5. Financial Review

Overview: Total receipts for the year were £38,220 and total payments were £30,473, resulting in a surplus of £7,748. Included in the total payments was £16,169 of purchases to support Freegrounds Infant School. The closing bank balance at 31 August 2025 was £23,574.

Principal sources of income: The principal sources of income are donations from individuals and businesses, fundraising events, sponsored events and gift aid.

Reserves policy: The trustees aim to maintain free reserves equivalent to 1 to 2 months of expenditure (approximately £3,000) to ensure the charity can continue its activities between fundraising events.

Restricted funds: All funds held by the charity during the year were unrestricted

Going concern: The trustees have considered the financial position of the charity at the year end and are satisfied that it is able to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Investment policy: The charity held no investments during the year. All funds were held in a current account with NatWest Bank plc.

Payments to trustees: No trustee received any payment or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

6. Declaration by the Trustees

The trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report and confirm that it meets the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature:

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Date:

19.6.2026

Full name: Carly Haines

Role: Chair of Trustees

Part B: Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31 August 2025, prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds £
Corporate donations and event sponsorship	4,213
Income from events	30,944
Income from resale of theme park tickets	202
Online donations	2,501
Income from stall hire	360
TOTAL RECEIPTS	38,220
Prizes and raffle costs	2,596
Purchase of event food and catering	2,502
Event entertainment	4,070
Event equipment hire	1,595
Purchase of event equipment	753
Payment for events with other schools	1,942
Purchases for school	16,169
Other	845
TOTAL PAYMENTS	30,473
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	7,748

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	As at 31 August 2025	As at 31 August 2024
Cash at bank	23,574	15,826
Other assets	Nil	Nil
TOTAL ASSETS	23,574	15,826
Amounts owed to suppliers / creditors	Nil	Nil
TOTAL LIABILITIES	Nil	Nil
NET ASSETS	23,574	15,826

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 — Accounting policies: These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Income is recognised when received and expenditure when paid. The accounts cover the period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

Note 2 — Related party transactions: No trustee or connected person received any payment from the charity during the year, nor did the charity enter into any transactions with related parties.

Note 3 — Restricted funds: The charity held no restricted funds during the year.

Note 4 — Grants received: None

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of F.I.S.H.E.S

Report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner: The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed under section 145(1) of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report: My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 audit opinion is expressed.

Independent examiner's statement: In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (a) accounting and other records have not been kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
- (b) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (c) the accounts do 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.

Signature:



Date:

19/6/26

Full name:

NATALIE COLE

Address:

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Relevant qualification / experience:

N/A.