



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Charity name: Halstead Nursery

Charity registration number: 1197835

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity works for the public benefit having as its objects the development and education of children and young people in particular by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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.
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>We aim to provide a flexible and fully inclusive facility to our clients, and offer support and advice to all families in our small village community. The nursery operates Monday to Friday during term time, offering preschool education and care to children aged 2 to 5 years of age.</p> <p>We offer mentoring to teenagers from local schools through the work experience programme and also support apprenticeships.</p> <p>Funding from the Government and our own fees aim to cover rent, running costs, staff wages and training. Other costs are covered by fundraising. Fundraising contributions are dedicated to providing resources and activities for the children. For example, providing at least one annual outing for both children and their families.</p> <p>We are highly regarded in the local community for having qualified and experienced staff who are able to provide support to families and children with special needs. Our manager is particularly skilled</p>

		<p>in this area and provides training for other professionals in the area.</p> <p>We have spaces for children on the 'free for two' programme and experienced staff work closely with these families. We also offer the 30 hours of free early entitlement for working families.</p> <p>The nursery takes part in many local community and school events, for example the Knockholt carnival.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have had regard to the charity commission's guidance on public benefit.

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	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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>We provide preschool education and activities within the EYFS curriculum covering up to 30 children, some of which attend the nursery full time and others on a part time basis.</p> <p>We currently have 7 members of staff who are fully qualified.</p> <p>Our nursery manager is an EYPDP (Early Years Professional Development Programme) tutor and is successfully mentoring other early years professionals.</p> <p>All staff have completed first aid training.</p> <p>The whole staff team have completed 'In the moment' planning training which will benefit the needs of all children in the nursery.</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	The financial position remains sound. In July 2025 the nursery became a charitable incorporated organisation with all funds, assets and liabilities being transferred from the former unincorporated entity; this resulted in income and expenditure being split between the two in the financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Restricted element of balances comprises two elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The balances of any restricted or limited funds received not yet utilised or disbursed. 2. A reserve to cover any redundancy payments that may be required in the event of closure. The figure required varies over time and the amount held is sufficient to cover these variations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £3,921 2. £40,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>There are three factors which could affect this, and although they will not have any short-term effect, their impact over the medium to long term has the attention of the Trustees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The significant increases in the level of the National Living Wage have impacted expenditure over recent years and there is only very limited ability for the nursery to increase income. 2. A continued concern is since the end of the accounting period last year the Government imposed a new statutory funding guidance which further restricts the ability to generate income. The levels of funding received fail to sufficiently cover the costs of running the nursery and with more and more parents waiting until their child is eligible for funding before starting them with us, this is eating into reserves faster and we may not continue to be sustainable. This has as predicted resulted in a substantial reduction of income over the year.

		<p>3. Kent County Council have proposed an increase in the level of rental paid for the premises currently used. Finally , we are in discussion on the lease with all parties concerned and it is something the Trustees continue to pursue.</p>
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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	Pre-school Learning Alliance CIO Constitution for Childcare Providers 2013
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	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 and appointed by other committee members at our AGM.

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	Halstead Nursery
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1197835
Charity's principal address	Halstead Nursery Otford Lane Halstead Sevenoaks Tn14 7ea

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michelle Hughes	Chair		
2	David Young	Treasurer		
3	Tracey McCartney			
4	Amanda Harvey			
5	Nicola Tobin			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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)



T J McCartney

Full name(s)

Nicola Tobin

Tracey McCartney

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee Chair

Trustee Secretary

Date

16/4/26



Charity Name	No (if any)
Halstead Nursery	1197835

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Sep-2024		31-Aug-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	25,548	-	-	25,548	45
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	-
Government Funding	93,670	-	-	93,670	1,742
Fundraising	645	-	-	645	114
Misc.	1,372	-	-	1,372	207,761
Grants Received	-	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Collaboration	-	5,466	-	5,466	1,434
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	121,235	5,466	-	126,701	211,096
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	121,235	5,466	-	126,701	211,096

A3 Payments

Staff costs	84,673	-	-	84,673	12,611
Pension costs	3,432	-	-	3,432	285
Accountancy fees	780	-	-	780	460
HMRC	6,483	-	-	6,483	1,244
Premises	5,670	-	-	5,670	704
Telephone	59	-	-	59	15
Refreshments - children	685	-	-	685	30
Refreshments - staff	26	-	-	26	-
Consumables	228	-	-	228	67
Clothing - staff & children	-	-	-	-	73
Repairs and equipment	147	-	-	147	18
Administration, Training cost	1,131	-	-	1,131	16
Insurance	927	-	-	927	-
Advertising, Website Design / Hosting	311	-	-	311	-
Outings	329	-	-	329	52
Petcare	-	-	-	-	-
EYPP	873	-	-	873	-
Collaboration	-	4,025	-	4,025	437
Miscellaneous	1,791	36	-	1,827	478
Sub total	107,544	4,061	-	111,605	16,489

A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	107,544	4,061	-	111,605	16,489
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,690	1,405	-	15,096	194,607
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	152,091	42,516	-	194,607	-
Cash funds this year end	165,782	43,921	-	209,703	194,607


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	Barclays current account	21,690	3,921	-
	Barclays deposit account	15,092		
	Hampshire Trust Bank account	84,500		
	Redwood Bank 95D notice account	44,500	40,000	-
	Total cash funds	165,782	43,921	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NICOLA TOBIN	29/1/26
	David Young	29/1/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Halstead Nursery (CIO)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)** 1197835

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date: 31/12/2025

Name:

Sabrina Gilioli

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

FMAAT Membership No.10276909

Address:

12 Dorset Place

Faversham

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None