

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2024 Period start date To August 2025

Charity name: Stepping Stones Preschool

Charity registration number: 1026316

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The aim of the preschool is to enhance the development and education of children ages between two years and four years eleven months by: offering appropriate play, education and care facilities to all children and their families in our community, whatever their race, religion, culture, means or ability.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>We offer early years education, term time only for children aged between 2 years and 4 years 11 months.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Stepping Stones Preschool Committee can confirm they have adhered to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>We are set in a rural area, and the only preschool setting within a three mile radius. This means we are an essential service to all families locally, especially those who do not have access to transport, as public transport is scarce locally.</p> <p>During this financial period we have supported three children in securing an Education Health Care Plan, and secured two of those children a place in specialist provision. These sought after places will ensure the children receive the correct support required to allow them to continue making good progress.</p> <p>We successfully supported 22 children transition to the reception class in William Barnes Primary School through working closely with the primary school and the families' of our children.</p> <p>We have had a visible presence in the community with the children visiting the residents in the local care home and singing to them, joining in with the Christmas tree festival in the church, joining the school in church for the carol service and visiting the local shops to purchase fruit for snack.</p> <p>All the children attending Stepping Stones benefit from the care, nurturing and education offered by a team of dedicated, well trained staff. They thrive on the routines and boundaries of the setting. This journey prepares them for the next phase of their education and is a good foundation for future life.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Bank balance at the end of the financial period - £104,411.17
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We have an emergency contingency fund should it be required. This includes: If numbers of children fall below a level where funding does not cover staff costs or if a redundancy was required to maintain financial stability.
Amount of reserves held	£9,233.60 as of 31st August 2025
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Our main source of funding is Government Early Years Education Funding, alongside fees paid for additional hours over funding entitlements. This is followed by fundraising

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	We are a committee run provision with a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary plus
Type of governing document	Constitution
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	We hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we officers are voted into their roles.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Stepping Stones Preschool
Registered charity number	1026316
Charity's principal address	Stepping Stones Preschool William Barnes Primary School Bridge Street Sturminster Newton Dorset DT101BZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ivanka Kuspova	Chairperson	12 th March 2025	Stepping Stones Preschool
2	Emma Chatfield	Treasurer	21 st November 2024	Stepping Stones Preschool
3	Sophie Chatfield	Committee Member	26 th February 2026	Stepping Stones Preschool

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

FOR

STEPPING STONES PRE SCHOOL



Stepping Stones Pre School		Charity No (if any)	1026316
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01-Sep-24	To	Period end date 31-Aug-25

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	183,034	-	-	183,034	141,033
Investments	S04	131	-	-	131	123
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	6,945	-	-	6,945	1,225
Total	S07	190,110	-	-	190,110	142,381
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	152,824	-	-	152,824	126,076
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	152,824	-	-	152,824	126,076
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	37,286	-	-	37,286	16,305
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	37,286	-	-	37,286	16,305
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	37,286	-	-	37,286	16,305
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	90,933	-	-	90,933	74,628
Total funds carried forward	S22	128,219	-	-	128,219	90,933

Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	33,565	-	-	33,565	33,565
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	33,565	-	-	33,565	33,565
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	701	-	-	701	1,144
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	113,645	-	-	113,645	79,089
Total current assets		B10	114,346	-	-	114,346	80,233
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year							
	(Note 20)	B11	19,692	-	-	19,692	22,865
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	94,654	-	-	94,654	57,368
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	128,219	-	-	128,219	90,933
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year							
	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities							
		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	128,219	-	-	128,219	90,933
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds		B19	128,219	-	-	128,219	90,933
Revaluation reserve		B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds		B21	128,219	-	-	128,219	90,933

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with* the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
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- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	N/A
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	N/A
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	N/A

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes* No* * -Tick as appropriate

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i>	
<i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i>	

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes* No* * -Tick as appropriate

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i>	
<i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i>	
<i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i>	

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes* No* * -Tick as appropriate

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i>	
<i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i>	

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

Recognition of income	<p>These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Offsetting	<p>There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Grants and donations	<p>Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Legacies	<p>In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Government grants	<p>The charity has received government grants in the reporting period</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	<p>Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Contractual income and performance related grants	<p>This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Donated goods	<p>Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Donated services and facilities	<p>Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Support costs	<p>The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Volunteer help	<p>The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Income from interest, royalties and dividends	<p>This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Income from membership subscriptions	<p>Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Settlement of insurance claims	<p>Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Investment gains and losses	<p>This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	Yes	No	N/a
		✓	✓	✓
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		

2.4 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least <input type="text"/>	Yes	No	N/a
	They are valued at cost.	✓		
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.			
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Current asset investments	The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Note 3 Analysis of income

Analysis		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-	-
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable activities:	Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	
Other trading activities:	Fees	21,409	-	-	21,409	26,211
	Funding	161,625	-	-	161,625	114,822
	Job Retention Scheme grants	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	6,945	-	-	6,945	1,225
	Total	189,979	-	-	189,979	142,258
Income from investments:	Interest income	131	-	-	131	123
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	131	-	-	131	123
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	190,110	-	-	190,110	142,381	

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for:
(please provide description and amounts)

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Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

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Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

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Note 6

Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:				£				£
Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
	152,824	-	-	152,824	126,076	-	-	126,076
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on charitable activities	152,824	-	-	152,824	126,076	-	-	126,076
Separate material item of expense								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	152,824	-	-	152,824	126,076	-	-	126,076

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 9 Support Costs**

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds	pre school	Activity 2	Activity 3	Grand total	Basis of allocation (Describe method)
	£	£	£	£	£	
Governance	-	-	-	-	-	
Wages	-	133,716	-	-	133,716	
admin costs	-		-	-	-	
pensions	-	3,790	-	-	3,790	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	137,506	-	-	137,506	

Please provide details of the accounting policy adopted for the apportionment of costs between activities and any estimation techniques used to calculate their apportionment.

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Note 11

Paid employees

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	133,716	112,097
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	3,790	3,100
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	137,506	115,197

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

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Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

nil

Band	Number of employees
£60,000 to £69,999	
£70,000 to £79,999	
£80,000 to £89,999	
£90,000 to £99,999	
£100,000 to £109,999	

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity

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11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	9	9
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	9	9

Note 14 **Tangible fixed assets**

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

14.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	33,565	-	-	-	33,565
Additions		-	-	-	-
Revaluations		-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *		-	-	-	-
At end of the year	33,565	-	-	-	33,565

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

	**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance ("RB")
	** Rate						
At beginning of the year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals		-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment		-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*		-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year		-	-	-	-	-	-

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	33,565	-	-	-	33,565
Net book value at the end of the year	33,565	-	-	-	33,565

14.4 Impairment

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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14.5 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

the methods applied and significant assumptions

the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.

Represents funding received towards capital expenditure

14.6 Other disclosures

(i) Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.

(ii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

(iii) Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight

Note 19 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

19.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
701	1,144
-	-
701	1,144

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

19.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Note 20 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	778	481	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	18,914	22,384	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	19,692	22,865	-	-

20.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

Funding in advance relating to following year

Movement in deferred income account

Balance at the start of the reporting period
 Amounts added in current period
 Amounts released to income from previous periods
 Balance at the end of the reporting period

This year £	Last year £
20,824	15,313
17,281	20,824
(20,824)	(15,313)
17,281	20,824

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Other
Total

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
113,645	79,089
-	-
113,645	79,089

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 26** **Events after the end of the reporting period**

Please complete this note events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

Please provide details of the nature of the event

n/a

Provide an estimate of the financial effect of the event or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made

n/a



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

STEPPING STONES PRE SCHOOL

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2025

Charity no (if any)

1026316

Set out on pages

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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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 05/03/2026

Name: ANDREW COMER

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

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