

# The Wallops' Pre-School

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Laura Start (Chair)

## BALANCE SHEET SEPT 2020 - AUGUST 2021

**CURRENT ACCOUNT**

OPENING BALANCE		£ 7,739.06
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## INCOME

Funding	£ 76,016.00
Fees	£ 31,951.99
Fundraising	£ 4,015.40
Donations	£ 2,933.00
Others	£ 162.00

TOTAL		£115,078.39
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## EXPENDITURE

Staff wages, PAYE & Pension	£ 83,627.88
Rent & Service Charges	£ 8,072.95
Insurance	£ 1,293.33
Electricity	£ 1,990.88
Telephone	£ 604.30
Equipment	£ 3,741.12
Materials/ consumables	£ 1,979.50
Snacks	£ 821.22
Staff Training	£ 5,400.00
Administration	£ 566.83
Parenta web site	£ 239.88
Advertising	£ 135.00
Ofsted Membership	£ 50.00
Clothing stock/ Jellybeanz	£ 976.55
Fundraising expenses	
Yearly fire / CRB .	£ 57.12
Others	£ 539.76

TOTAL		£110,096.32
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CLOSING BALANCE		£ 12,721.13
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**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

OPENING BALANCE		£20,664.86
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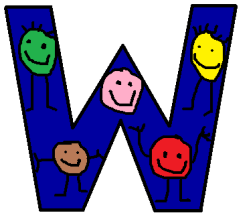
Add interest on 18/9/18	£18.55
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Transferred to current account	
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Transferred back	
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Grants& surplus in current account	
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