



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2024 Period start date To August 2025
Period end date

Charity name: **Box Pre School Playgroup**

Charity registration number: **199410**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Box Pre School Playgroup was established over 50 years ago and is registered with OFSTED to provide affordable pre-school childcare and education to local residents and to ensure that the costs for these sessions are covered through fees and grants, with fund raising used to fund additional/exceptional items required.
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	The pre-school is open every week day Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm (term time only) and is OFSTED registered for 24 children per session. The preschool offers a homely, calm environment with structured play and specific sessions for PE, music and drama as well as preparing children for the transition to school. The preschool was rated outstanding at its last OFSTED inspection (October 2022).
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees govern the pre-school in accordance with guidance on public benefit ensuring that local residents can access affordable childcare and education. Where demand for the pre-school is high a waiting list is in operation.

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	Committee members are volunteers and hold positions such as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. All committee members attend termly committee meetings and help with fundraising activities. The secretary prepares minutes and the treasurer oversees payments made by the book keeper. Parent volunteer to help at fundraising activities. There are no other volunteers
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	The preschool has continued to support families with early years childcare and education. Our school preparation session (Little Acorns) is very popular and highly regarded and the local schools appreciate how well our children are prepared for school. We are an inclusive setting and support children with additional needs. We received very positive feedback from our annual questionnaire to parents.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We continue to fundraise as the boiler needs replacing
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The wet pour tarmac was resurfaced in October 2024. Other fundraising is going towards the cost of a new boiler which we hope to replace in the 25-26 accounting period.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have not made any investments.

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total revenue was £125376.1 and total expenses was £123945.34 giving a profit of £1430.76 .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>We have a reserve policy with a minimum reserve of £30000. Our policy sets out the circumstances under which we will use excess monies above the reserve. The reasons for the reserve are:</p> <p>We need to cover our redundancy liability in the event that we need to make staff redundant. Many early years settings are closing due to challenging circumstances. Currently our redundancy liability is nearly 20 k as we have two senior members of staff who have long service with the playgroup.</p> <p>The early years sector faces significant challenges regarding funding rates not keep pace with the minimum wage and we need a reserve for when we have low birth rate years to cover losses.</p> <p>We need to cover expenses such as repairs to the building that we rent and we need to ensure that there is money to do this. The boiler needs replacing and under our rental agreement we need to pay for this.</p> <p>We may need to spend money recruiting and training staff due to the recruitment and staffing problems in the early years sector.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Bank balance plus petty cash as at 31 st August 2025 was £42513.05
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

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	Fees paid by parents for sessions, early years free entitlement grant, grants and fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Low birth rate can affect numbers Reduction in funding rates by the government Increase in the national minimum wage not keeping pace with funding rates Staffing crisis
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution adopted 25 th November 1991
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Pre School Learning Alliance Constitution (membership number 263690)
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	Volunteer initially at fundraising events and then elected at AGM or mid-term as allowed by constitution by current and outgoing committee. Existing members re-elected by outgoing members.

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	All trustees read the policies and procedures especially statutory policies as required by the Early years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework Policies are reviewed by the supervisor and committee and re adopted at the AGM Trustees receive training regarding their role and in relation to safeguarding. All trustees must be DBS checked and apply to OFSTED who carry out further suitability checks.
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	Box Pre School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1035359

Charity's principal address	Jubilee Hall Market Place Box Wiltshire SN13 8NZ

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	Sally Weymouth	Chair		
2	Emily Aspin	Treasurer		
3	Hannah Tape	Secretary		
4	Yvonne Jenkinson	OFSTED representative		
5	Jerry Watkins			
6	Emma Baylis	Outgoing Chair	Stood down 19/9/24	
7	Amy Stennett	Outgoing Treasurer	Stood down 19/9/24	
8	Nicola Goulding	Committee	Stood down 6/5/25	
9	Caroline Hazell Best	Committee	Stood down 19/9/24	
10	Lorna Stone	Committee	Stood down 19/9/24	
11	Chloe Pinheiro	Committee	Stood down 19/9/24	
12	Marilyn Tye	Committee	Stood down 4/3/25	
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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

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)	SAM WEYMOUTH	YVONNE JENKINSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	OFSTED REPRESENTATIVE
Date	17/11/2025	

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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Accounts 2024-2025**Profit and Loss Account**

	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total
Gross Revenue					
Grant		33,370	25,504	39,421	98,296
Billed		7,807	8,683	8,814	25,304
Other		-	-	-	-
		41,178	34,187	48,235	123,600
Fundraising					
Events		534	420	273	1,227
Donations		116	244	190	549
Other		-	-	-	-
		650	664	462	1,776
Total Revenue		41,828	34,851	48,697	125,376
Expenses					
Salaries		31,077	30,155	30,062	91,294
PAYE and NI		2,583	1,902	2,481	6,965
Training		451	402	190	1,043
Uniforms		174	70	-	244
Other People Costs		107	39	153	299
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		12	342	-	354
Books & toys		226	133	339	698
Stationary and Art Supplies		283	108	145	536
Computer and Photocopier		246	564	651	1,461
Trips and Events		348	260	515	1,122
Snacks		459	446	410	1,314
Rent		1,892	1,419	2,365	5,676
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		4,449	300	(200)	4,549
fundraising expenses		136	-	-	136
Cleaner & Bins		1,046	838	176	2,059
Accountancy		1,217	1,525	1,116	3,858
Insurance		791	-	869	1,661
Ofsted Reg		50	-	-	50
Advertising		-	-	-	-
Donations		-	-	-	-
Other		154	143	278	576
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		-	49	-	49
Total Expenses		45,702	38,694	39,549	123,945
Profit/(Loss)		(3,875)	(3,842)	9,148	1,431
Balance sheet					
Bank Balance	40,750.11	36,342.71	32,264.22	40,992.22	
Petty Cash	332.18	864.98	1,101.13	1,520.83	
Debtors	-	-	-	-	
Creditors and Accruals	-	-	-	-	
Profit and loss reserve	(41,082.29)	(37,207.69)	(33,365.35)	(42,513.05)	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Box Pre School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1035359

Set out on pages

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(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 August 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**

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:

Date:

30 March 2026

Name:

Lynne Gregory

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

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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.

None