

Plaistow Preschool
Winterton Hall Plaistow West Sussex RH14 0PH

Tel No: 01403 871329

Established 1966

Registered Charity 305405

Trustees Annual Report

1 September 2023 to 31 August 2025

Plaistow Preschool is managed by a committee of trustees who are volunteers from the parent body and local community. At the start of this year we said goodbye to two committee members, Sally Schuck and Roxanne Morgan, whose children have moved on from the Preschool. We are very grateful for everything they have done to help the Preschool in their time with us. We were very pleased to add Katy Stephens as a new committee member this year. We currently have 5 parents on our committee and we meet at least twice a term to manage the Preschool alongside our staffing team.

We are based at the Winterton Hall in Plaistow, West Sussex. We have our own lovely garden for children to use in all weathers, as well as access to the local village including the park, the pond, and the woods. We are open 9am-3pm, 5 days a week and we follow school term dates. This year we have introduced an early drop off/late pick up option of 8.45 - 3.15 to help parents with logistics around school drop off times. Our learning at Plaistow Preschool is child led and our activities evolve as the children engage and interact with them.

We held our annual Maypole Fete on the first May bank holiday, a longstanding tradition in our local village community and our most important fundraising event of the year. It was a wonderful village day as always and we raised £6,307. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help and support us to make it such a success. We have used the proceeds from this event alongside a grant from Plaistow Parish Council to put two of our staff members through Forest School training. This means that our children will be able to engage in Forest School sessions next year, and this will further help them to prepare for this at school. We have also invested in a new drainage system under the ground in our garden to relieve the impact we have from flooding in the winter.

In the summer term we held our annual Sports Day on the village green for all our families to enjoy, the children and their families took part in different sporting events

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accessible to all. Our manager took our school starters to visit Plaistow and Kirdford Primary school on multiple trips across the year and particularly in the leadup to the end of the school year. This has helped enormously to aid their transition into the Primary school ready for starting school in September. We are very grateful for the continued support from the school. We also arranged transitions with other Primary Schools in the local area.

We have managed the rollout of the new government funded childcare for eligible working families, and this means that a larger percentage of our income is from the government grant this year (81% of our income). We have benefitted from having more children in our setting this year which has enabled us to counteract the rise in employing our staff. We will monitor this carefully to ensure we can continue to meet our financial liabilities in the future. We know that the childcare industry is volatile but our finances are looking healthy now, and we need to consider carefully how to continue to invest in our business to make it even better.

We have started the process of moving Plaistow Preschool from being an unincorporated charity to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). We have enlisted the services of Dinky Ones Early Years Consultancy to manage this process for us. We hope this will help to secure the future for Plaistow Preschool for many years to come.

We would like to thank all our staff team for their hard work and support throughout the last year, they are a truly wonderful team. We are very lucky to have them looking after our children. Thank you to the committee without whom we would not be able to continue the wonderful work we do.

Trustees:

Claire Cutler - Treasurer
Alex Pringle-Hood - Chairperson
Grace Collingwood - Secretary
Kerri Trounce
Katy Stephens

Plaistow Pre School Income and Expenditure Account 2024/25				
	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	31-Aug-25		31-Aug-24	
	(Unrestricted Funds)		(Unrestricted Funds)	
		£		£
Income				
Fees		160,078.38		118,074.44
Fundraising	12,965.12		10,738.43	
Less: Fundraising Expenses	5,784.21	7,180.91	3,650.49	7,087.94
Grant from PPC		2,000.00		2,000.00
Bank Interest		324.73		202.03
Donations		140.00		10.00
Total Income		169,724.02		127,374.41
Expenditure				
Wages	85,133.09		73,926.78	
Rent	8,561.00		7,607.66	
Equipment / Resources / Supplies	6,926.98		4,761.28	
Maintenance / Garden project	3,762.37		9,567.27	
Support (Famly/Capita/Sage)	3,455.38		1,832.84	
External classes (Dance / Football)	3,135.00		2,455.00	
Training	1,376.20		243.58	
Sundries Expenses (Parties / gifts)	1,307.21		653.00	
Insurance	617.46		595.63	
Website	383.74		268.54	
Printing, Post	141.91		333.94	
Advertising	69.00		166.66	
Phone	54.00		61.16	
Compliance	50.00		262.00	
Total Expenditure		114,973.34		102,735.34
Surplus of income over expenditure		54,750.68		24,639.07

Plaiستow Preschool Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2025							
	31-Aug-25 (Unrestricted Funds)			31-Aug-24 (Unrestricted Funds)			
		£	£		£	£	
Fixed Assets:	Cost	Depr to date	NBV	Cost	Depr to date	NBV	
Office equipment and IT	329.98	217.80	112.18	329.98	108.90	221.08	
Current Assets:							
Current Account	114,389.02			62,963.58			
Savings Account	31,020.75			15,696.02			
Cash	44.15			54.23			
Total cash and bank balances		145,453.92			78,713.83		
Fees in Arrears							
Prepaid expenditure		1,310.40			1,137.60		
Total current assets		146,764.32			79,851.43		
Current Liabilities:							
Trade Creditors		36.06					
Accruals		33,385.56			21,338.48		
Net Current Assets			113,342.70			58,512.95	
Net Assets			113,454.88			58,734.03	
Financed by:							
Accumulated fund at the start of the year			58,734.03			34,094.96	
Surplus of income over expenditure			54,750.68			24,639.07	
Accumulated fund at the end of the year			113,484.71			58,734.03	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Plaistow Preschool

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

305405

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 trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 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.

Signed: *V Rajfeld*

Date: 27/04/26

Name: Veronica Rajfeld T/A V Good Bookkeeping

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

Certified bookkeeper with Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN BOOKKEEPING
LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTS
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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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.