



To Whom It May Concern,

I am the coordinator of STAAR, a local voluntary group for neurodivergent people, their families and friends. STAAR provide regular activities and ongoing support for our members. We have been using St Gabriel's church hall as a venue for our weekly social and gaming club for more than 10 years. Over that time, we have been able to support more than 60 neurodivergent young people and their families access social opportunities and further support. We rely on St Gabriel's to store our gaming equipment and screens as this would not be possible to transport on a weekly basis. Storage capabilities are an essential consideration for our regular activities, and we feel incredibly grateful to have this arrangement for our social and gaming club with St Gabriel's church. We also run a weekly social and LEGO club for younger people, but due to the limited storage at St Gabriel's church we are using alternative venues. Unfortunately, the alternative venues cannot provide a long-term contract for hire meaning that we are required to move every few months, impacting our members who highly prefer sameness and predictability. A greater capacity for storage would mean that we could deliver more of our services and support from St Gabriel's church hall and continue the good relationship and continuity we have built with the church over several years.

Yours sincerely,  
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STAAR Coordinator.