

Thirsk School Governors Fund

Registered charity no. 1052971

Financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administration detailsCharity's principal address

Thirsk School and Sixth Form College, Topcliffe Road, Sowerby, Thirsk, YO7 1RZ

Trustees during the year

Nicholas Horn (Chair)	Paul Burkinshaw
Guy Baragwanath (Vice Chair)	Emma Lambden (Headteacher)
Irene Marwood	Ann Baxter
Amy Binks	Emma Hutchings
Alison Keane	Anabel Richardson

Treasurer

Michelle Sykes (Bursar)

Reporting Accountant

The accounts are examined by Ian Smithson CPFA, Independent Examiner

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc, 39 Market Place, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 1HB

Constitution of the Fund

The Charity is constituted by Trust Deed, is unincorporated, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 27 September 1995 to take advantage of the allowances and taxation exemption afforded by registration.

The Fund has been in existence for many years principally to separate, and keep quite distinct, the accounting process of the Local Authority's delegated budget and associated transactions from other school income, generated from incidental activities for fund-raising purposes and, up to the introduction of Consistent Finance Reporting, as a vehicle to administer pupil prepayments for trips and visits, and provide certain facilities and assistance to pupils.

In addition other "Governors" private funds, as distinct from local authority delegated budget, such as pupil clubs and funds raised from the school charity activities are also included.

Administration and Trustee selection

The fund is administered by the School Governors who held office during the year, and are the Trustees. The day to day management is delegated to the school Bursar who reports to the Head Teacher.

Objectives and activitiesObject of the fund

The object of the fund is to advance the education of the pupils in the school by providing or assisting the provision of educational, recreational and other charitable facilities in augmentation of the such facilities financed by the Local Authority.

Activities undertaken to meet the objectives of the fund

In planning the activities of the fund during the year the Trustees have had regard to Charities Commission guidance concerning public benefit.

Achievements and performance

During the year the School Fund met, either in full, or in part, the cost of trips for students who were unable to meet these costs themselves, and would therefore otherwise have been unable to have attended the trip. The fund also purchased resources for Music.

Financial review

Method of accounting

The Charities Act 1993 (as amended by the Charities Act in 2011) and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORPS) recommends the formalising of account reporting and the attached accounts represent a format in accordance, as far as is practically possible, with those guidelines. The school has adopted the guidelines associated with accounting for the smaller charity on a receipts and payments basis.

Results for the year

The school fund is in a healthy situation with a balance at the year end of £25,214 (2024 - £33,554).

Deposits and prepayments received for non-curricular trips/visits are not included as receipts and payments of the charity, as the school collects pupil prepayments for handing over to the service providers.

It should be noted that Trustees have the discretion to allocate all or part of the unrestricted funds of £20,374 (2024 - £18,362) to augment the Local Authority budget. Any balance not so allocated will be considered by the Headteacher in the future for essential expenditure as necessary. The remaining fund balances of £4,840 (2024 - £15,192) are restricted in their use.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees and signed on their behalf

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Mr N Horn Chair	Date
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Mr G Baragwanath Vice Chair	Date
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Mrs M Sykes School Bursar/Treasurer	Date

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Receipts and payments account

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
School charitable activities (fund raising)	1,940	18,796	20,736	17,773
Parent and student donations	-	11,555	11,555	39,663
Non-curricular visits/trips	-	8,147	8,147	-
Collections for other charities	-	10,234	10,234	4,192
Interest on bank deposit account	5	-	5	8
Sale of bought in goods	67	7,759	7,826	13,108
	<u>2,012</u>	<u>56,491</u>	<u>58,503</u>	<u>74,744</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
School charitable activities	-	31,215	31,215	85,412
Non-curricular visits/trips (net)	-	-	-	19,004
Donations to other charities	-	25,012	25,012	6,306
Cost of bought in goods	-	10,616	10,616	12,517
Other payments	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>66,843</u>	<u>66,843</u>	<u>123,239</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,012	(10,352)	(8,340)	(48,495)
Cash funds last year end	18,362	15,192	33,554	82,049
Cash funds this year end	<u>20,374</u>	<u>4,840</u>	<u>25,214</u>	<u>33,554</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> £	<u>Restricted funds</u> £	<u>Total funds</u> £	<u>Last year</u> £
<u>Cash funds</u>				
Bank balances	20,374	4,840	25,214	33,554
Total cash funds	<u>20,374</u>	<u>4,840</u>	<u>25,214</u>	<u>33,554</u>

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Thirsk School Governors Fund

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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11th January 2026