



Fairfields School

Inspiring everyone to shine

Report of the Trustees and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024

Legal and Administrative Details

Name of Trustees

Lesley Elder
Nicola Wood
Katie Usher
Sara Clarkson

Charity Name: Fairfields Community Special School

Other names the charity is known by: Fairfields School Fund

Registered Charity Number: 1085501

Address: Fairfields School, Trinity Avenue, Northampton NN2 6JN

The Trustees of Fairfields Community Special School present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management

The constitution was adopted on 15th December 2000.

The trustees of this charity are comprised of the three most senior members of school staff and the Chair of Governors.

Aims

To advance the education of pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and equipment for the education of pupils with physical difficulties, severe and profound multiple learning difficulties and multi-sensory impairment at Fairfields Community Special School.

The activities and objectives of the organisation are to provide a rounded education, and to raise funds for the enrichment of the pupils attending the school.

Achievements and Performance

This year we have continued to raise funds to further the educational opportunities for the children.

There have been some excellent fundraising activities such as cake sales, summer and Christmas raffles, school disco, Christmas jumper day and craft evenings.

The children have benefitted from subsidised school trips to Wicksteed Park, Salcey Forest and a boat trip. We have held a BBQ and celebration for our Year 6 leavers and provided with children with healthy snacks. Some of the fundraising has gone towards relocation and updating of our memorial garden for some of our pupils, staff and ex-pupils who have passed away. We also raised money for new sensory story sacks for our library.

The school also received funds from the local council to make updates to the Hydrotherapy Pool and hoists, a provision which is vital to our pupils with physical needs.

We have raised funds to enable us to run our “School for Parents” Conductive Education group for pre-school children in the community with physical disabilities to enhance their physical skills and independence.

Future Plans

The aim for the future is to raise funds to go towards a new sensory room for our pupils. We have already started to take steps towards this with our Parallel Windsor sponsorships.

Our Finances

The principal income stream is the income made from running fundraising events for the parents and children of Fairfields School. Fairfields School Fund has no investments other than cash at bank. The Trustees have therefore considered it prudent that funds should be retained as cash and held in a bank account at the best rate of interest available.

The accounts contained in this report have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities (SORP, 2006) and with relevant companies and charities legislation and regulations. The receipts and payments method has been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements. The School Fund Trial Balance shows our gross income from all sources and how this income was expended.

Total income for 2023/2024 was £118152.80 a significant increase on the previous year due to capital donations from the local authority to the school. Total expenditure in the year was also substantially higher due to this £117044.24. All trustees give their time freely and so no funds have been expended on governance of the charity. The accounts for the relevant period have been duly audited and no irregularities found. All money has been raised has been used to the benefit of the pupils of Fairfields School.

School Fund Trial Balance 2324

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| Bal of Acc | £ | 43,008.19 |
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| | Opening Balance | Cr | Dr | Balance | Notes |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| Current Account | 3497.96 | 117881.40 | 102044.24 | 19335.12 | |
| Deposit Account | 38401.67 | 271.40 | 15000.00 | 23673.07 | |
| Petty Cash | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Carry Forward | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Donations | 9997.46 | 4986.91 | 1139.65 | 13844.72 | |
| Donations transfer out | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Great Ormond Street | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Children in need | 0.00 | 72.77 | 72.77 | 0.00 | |
| McMillan | -16.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -16.50 | |
| Unicef | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Comic Relief | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Snacks | 379.98 | 2.94 | 562.79 | -179.87 | |
| Horse Riding | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Bank interest received | 163.21 | 271.40 | 0.00 | 434.61 | |
| Bank interest transfer out | 0.00 | 15000.00 | 15000.00 | 0.00 | |
| Milton Keynes Error | 1800.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1800.00 | |
| Music Teacher | 169.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 169.00 | |
| Student Presents / Gifts | 596.32 | 0.00 | 495.42 | 100.90 | |
| Staff Presents / Gifts | 509.94 | 15.50 | 487.56 | 37.88 | |
| Parties / Entertainment | 357.21 | 39.22 | 140.08 | 256.35 | |
| Trips | 3745.00 | 0.00 | 640.00 | 3105.00 | |
| Uniform income | 2045.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2045.74 | |
| Uniform cost | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Uniform balance transfer out | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Fairfields Ball 2018 | 1284.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1284.68 | |
| Equipment | 0.00 | 95263.40 | 95263.40 | 0.00 | |
| Audit | 220.00 | 90.00 | 310.00 | 0.00 | |
| Lorraines pot | 2015.00 | 0.00 | 1030.72 | 984.28 | |
| Undesignated | 18259.24 | 1246.60 | 1336.60 | 18169.24 | |
| Summer Do | 450.00 | 0.00 | 450.00 | 0.00 | |
| Fundraising | -76.65 | 308.10 | 0.00 | 231.45 | |
| PTA | 0.00 | 855.96 | 115.25 | 740.71 | |
| Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | Congratulations |

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| Reconciled Current A/c as at Statement No. | 10.00 | 19335.12 |
| Reconciled Deposit Account as at Statement No. | 5 | 23673.07 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

FAIRFIELDS COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1085501

Set out on pages

1-3 (School Fund Trial Balance 2024)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

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:

18/07/2024

Name:

Jonathan Cobley

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

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Address:

Cobley Desborough Artisans House, 7 Queensbridge, Northampton NN4 7BF

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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.

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