

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA POLISH SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1175364

Details

Other names	POLISH SCHOOL DEVONIA, POLSKA SZKOLA IM. MATKI BOSKIEJ CZESTOCHOWSKIEJ
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-10-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROVIDING A SATURDAY SCHOOL WITH CLASSES IN THE POLISH LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND HERITAGE, AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION FOR PUPILS AGED 3 TO 18 TO HELP PREPARE THEM FOR THEIR GCSE, AS AND A2 EXAMINATIONS IN POLISH, TAUGHT ACCORDING TO ROMAN CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES.

Activities: Providing classes in Polish language on Saturday mornings for pupils aged 3 - 18 with specific emphasis on the language, culture, heritage and religion, and organising related activities. Supporting pupils in their preparation of pupils to Polish GCSE and A-level examinations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£76,712	£85,356	-	-
2023-08-31	£92,331	£71,683	-	-
2022-08-31	£122,357	£78,687	-	-
2021-08-31	£73,565	£62,419	-	-
2020-08-31	£79,563	£55,352	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STANISLAWA COPPOLA	Chair	2017-05-21
Andrzej Jastrzebski		2018-05-19
DOROTA PIELA		2017-05-20
JOLANTA KALINOWSKA		2017-05-20
Julia Moszumanski		2023-05-02
RENATA TURRELL		2017-05-20

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day 01	Month Sept	Year 2023	To	Day 31	Month Aug	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Stanislawa Coppola	Chair		
2	Dorota Piela			
3	Jolanta Kalinowska			
4	Piotr Wojdyla			
5	Renata Turrell			
6	Andrzej Jastrzebski			
7	Julia Moszumanski			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	CIO
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Association
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

A board of committee members, all of whom are volunteers, is responsible for the week to week running of the school. The committee answers to the board of trustees. The committee works alongside the Headteacher to provide whatever administrative assistance is required.

The school has a close association with the Polish Educational Society which provides educational support, advice and training for the teaching staff; the local Polish parish Church – religious education is provided by the priests and catechist; The Polish Scouts Association – after lessons pupils have the opportunity to join activities at the same location.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of education for public benefit by providing a Saturday school with classes in the Polish language, culture and heritage, and the Roman Catholic religion for pupils aged 3-18

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Classes are available to anyone who is interested in learning about the culture, history or geography of Poland and the Polish language. All classes are held in Polish. Most pupils have some connection or at least one parent or grandparent of Polish origin; some pupils will have been born in Poland whilst most are now UK born; occasionally we have students who wish to attend for other reasons.

The school maintains strong links with the local Polish parish – the priests and catechists take the RE lessons and help prepare the children for the sacraments of communion.

RC masses are celebrated at the school – traditionally they will be celebrated at the beginning and end of the year with additional masses organised for specific occasions.

Committee members are responsible for the general running of the school.

Committee meetings are held, as and when required throughout the year to deal with any issues should they arise and to plan forthcoming events.

All teachers and committee members have DBS checks.

All necessary policies and procedures are in place and are updated regularly. They include: health & safety, safeguarding, GDPR, equal opportunities, whistleblowing etc.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This academic year there were 324 registered pupils and 33 teachers.

Pupil numbers were once again down on the previous year and this trend is likely to continue as a combination of lower birth rate and Brexit

There was a small reshuffle of teaching staff – three new members coming in to cover gaps left by a teacher taking a maternity break, one teacher who left to return to Poland and a teacher who spent time volunteering in Africa.

One of our past pupils returned to do work experience at the school with the intention of going into teaching.

The Autumn term finished with a Mass, followed by a Nativity Play performed as is the tradition in our school by children in Year two. As per tradition Saint Nicholas was on hand to distribute small gifts to the children.

Throughout the year pupils are encouraged to take part in competitions – this year the Polish Educational Society organised a competition about Nicolas Copernicus (Mikołaj Kopernik) - three of our pupils did extremely well attaining a 2nd, and 3rd place and highly commended in their age groups.

At the end of the spring term in the lead up to Easter, the Stations of the Cross were re-enacted by Year 5 pupils. This year the event was filmed and a short clip was shown on Polish TV.

A trip was organised for the pupils to Laxton Hall to celebrate Children's day. This is an annual event organised by The Polish Catholic Mission and The Polish Educational Society and is an opportunity for our pupils to meet children from Polish Saturday schools from around the country and also take part in inter school events/competitions all held outdoors.

At the beginning of 2024 the school was informed of the passing of the former headteacher of the school. School representatives attended the funeral.

This year the Polish Scouts took part in the X World Scouts Jamboree which was held in USA. The school supported our local groups thus enabling more of them to take part in the event. One of our troops attained 1st place as the best overall camp, something that they worked very hard to achieve.

This year the school introduced afterschool folklore dancing classes for children in years 1-4. The children were taught a few regional dances which they were able to perform at the end of the year. This is in addition to the Krakowiak that is traditionally performed by year 1

22 pupils from our school sat the Polish GCSE exam and 2 sat the AL exam.

All pupils attained high pass grades, the majority attaining a grade 8 or 9 (GCSE)

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The school has a reserve policy in place to ensure that sufficient funds are available which would enable the school to operate for 1 - 2 academic years should there be a reduced income. This is becoming more important as pupil numbers are slowly beginning to decline.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds is through contributions towards the fees. Funds are also raised through on-site activities.

This year the school received donations from Stowarzyszenie 'Wspólnota Polska'.

The largest expense is the hire of the school premises followed by wages for the teaching staff (at just over the minimal wage) and the treasurer.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>R. Turrell</i>	<i>S. Coppola</i>
Full name(s)	Renata Turrell	Stanislawa Coppola
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date

13.06.25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School	No (if any) 1175364
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 31/08/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
voluntary receipts	45,420	-	-	45,420	62,054
activities for generating funds	17,992	-	-	17,992	16,423
Donations	10,679	-	-	10,679	13,107
interest	2,621	-	-	2,621	748
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,712	-	-	76,712	92,331
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,712	-	-	76,712	92,331
A3 Payments					
Wages/salaries and NI	31,787	-	-	31,787	29,906
Fundraising costs	12,135	-	-	12,135	9,163
rent/hire of rooms	23,304	-	-	23,304	23,321
Costs of charitable activities	1,737	-	-	1,737	1,327
Governance costs	8,062	-	-	8,062	7,337
Donations	8,064	-	-	8,064	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	85,088	-	-	85,088	71,054
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Office equipment/shredder	268	-	-	268	629
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	268	-	-	268	629
Total payments	85,356	-	-	85,356	71,683
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,644	-	-	- 8,644	20,649
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	215,720	-	-	215,720	195,071
Cash funds this year end	207,076	-	-	207,076	215,720

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	200,908	-	-
	Bank Account	5,587	-	-
	Petty Cash	581	-	-
	Total cash funds	207,076	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
R. Turrell & Coppe	RENATA TURRELL STANISLAW COPPOLA	13.06.25 13.6.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1175364

Set out on pages

(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 / 08 / 2024**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Iwona Perucka

Date:

14/6/25

Name:

IWONA PERUCKA

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

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OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA POLISH SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1175364

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
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6	Andrzej Jastrzebski			
7	Julia Moszumanski		From 2 May 2023	
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The school has strong links with the local Polish parish – the priests and catechists take the RE lessons and help prepare the children for the sacraments of communion. RC masses are celebrated at the school, if possible at the beginning of the academic year and at the end of each term.

Committee members are responsible for the general running of the school.

Meetings are held, as required, throughout the year to deal with any issues and to plan forthcoming events.

All teachers and committee members have DBS checks.

All necessary policies and procedures are in place and are regularly updated. They include: health & safety, safeguarding, GDPR, equal opportunities, whistleblowing etc.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- policy on grantmaking;
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This academic year there were 373 registered pupils. Numbers were down slightly from the previous year.

Three new teachers joined at the beginning of the year and four teachers left at the end of the year due to relocation, new work commitments or for health reasons.

School Activities slowly and cautiously returned to pre pandemic levels.

At the end of the Autumn term we were able to organise the traditional Nativity show performed by year 2 pupils, in the presence of 'St Nicholas' who had a small gift for the children.

In February a guest speaker Wojciech Filibar visited the school to talk about Wojtek of Monte Cassino. After the session, pupils were able to buy books written by the author. The school organised a competition to encourage the children to learn more about the life of this famous bear and the history of Monte Cassino.

At the end of the spring term in the lead up to Easter, the Stations of the Cross were re-enacted by Year 5 pupils

In May the school was invited to take part in the 70th anniversary celebrations of the Polish Educational Society in POSK - year one pupils performed the Krakowiak dance in full traditional costume.

At the end of May a special event was organised to honour the Headteacher's 50 years of work at the school. Invitees included Polish Consuls, representatives from the Polish Educational Society, Polish Catholic Mission, past and current teachers. Awards were also presented to a small group of teachers/volunteers who had been with the school for over 10 years.

A trip was organised for the pupils to Laxton Hall to celebrate Children's day. This is an annual event organised by The Polish Catholic Mission and The Polish Educational Society.

29 pupils from our school sat the Polish GCSE exam and 2 sat the AL exam.

All pupils attained high pass grades, the majority attaining a grade 8 or 9 (GCSE)

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The school reserve policy is in place to ensure that sufficient funds are available which would enable the school to operate for 1 - 2 academic years should there be a reduced income. This is becoming more important as pupil numbers are expected to slowly decline.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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This year the school received donations from Stowarzyszenie 'Wspólnota Polska'.

The largest expense is the hire of the school premises followed by wages for the teaching staff (at just over the minimal wage) and the treasurer.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>S. Coppola</i>	<i>R. Turrell</i>
Full name(s)	Stanislawa Coppola	Renata Turrell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date

16.6.24.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School	No (if any) 1175364
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
voluntary receipts	62,054	-	-	62,054	55,280
activities for generating funds	16,423	-	-	16,423	15,821
Donations	13,107	-	-	13,107	51,232
interest	748	-	-	748	25
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	92,331	-	-	92,331	122,357
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,331	-	-	92,331	122,357
A3 Payments					
Wages/salaries and NI	29,906	-	-	29,906	31,220
Fundraising costs	9,163	-	-	9,163	8,134
rent/hire of rooms	23,321	-	-	23,321	23,321
Costs of charitable activities	1,327	-	-	1,327	6,774
Governance costs	7,337	-	-	7,337	8,909
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	71,054	-	-	71,054	78,359
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
printer	629	-	-	629	328
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	629	-	-	629	328
Total payments	71,683	-	-	71,683	78,687
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,649	-	-	20,649	43,670
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	195,071	-	-	195,071	151,401
Cash funds this year end	215,720	-	-	215,720	195,071

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	204,487	-	-
	Bank Account	10,554	-	-
	Petty Cash	679	-	-
	Total cash funds	215,720	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
R. Turrell	RENATA TURRELL	16.06.24
S. Coppola	S. COPPOLA	16.06.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name **Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School**

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1175364

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Iwona Perucka

Date:

8/8/24

Name:

IWONA PERUCKA

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

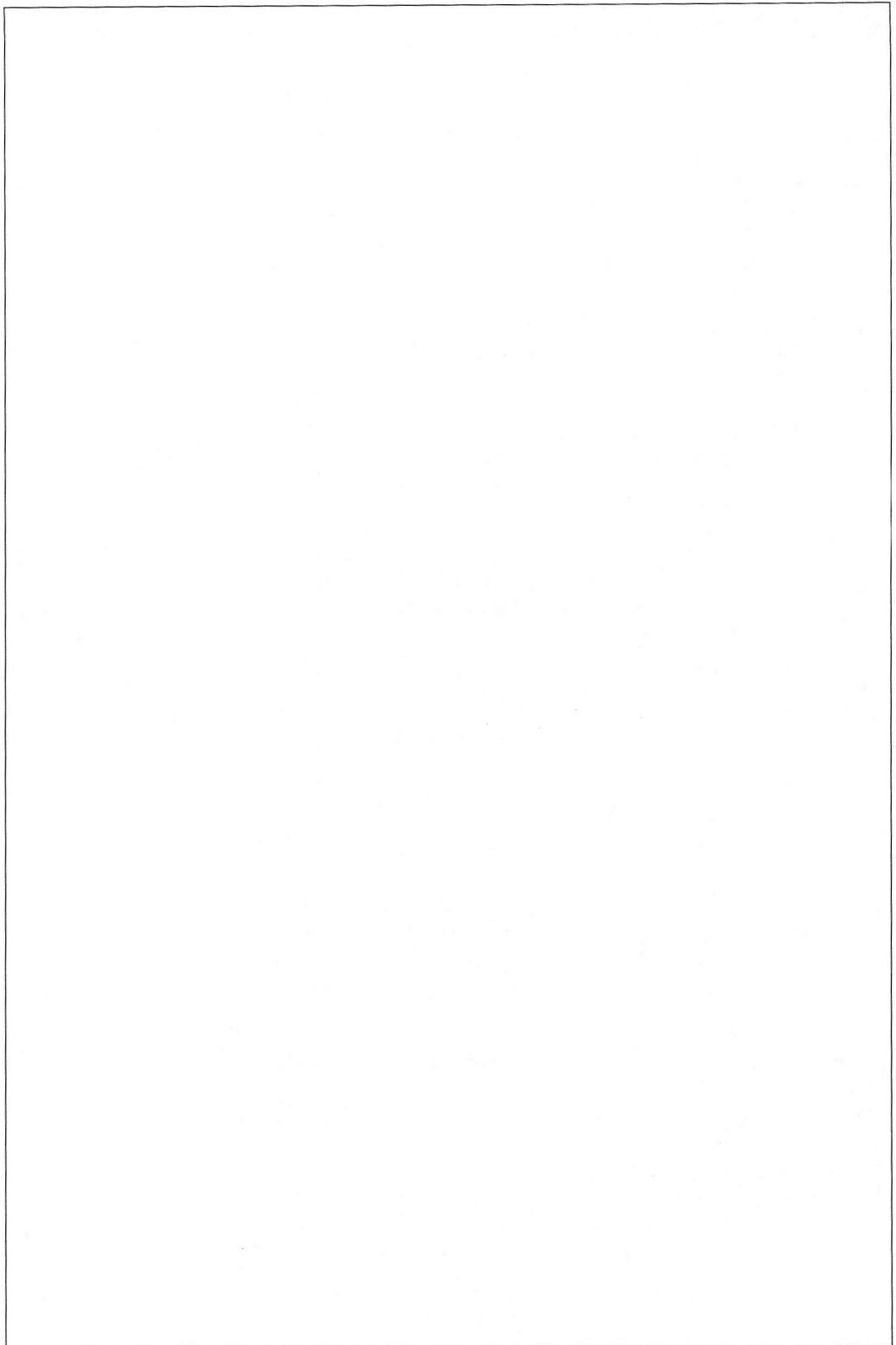
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Address:

**100 CHAPEL FARM ROAD
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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 brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA POLISH SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1175364

Accounts

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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How the charity is constituted	Association
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

A board of committee members, all of whom are volunteers, is responsible for the week to week running of the school. The committee answers to the board of trustees. The committee works alongside the Headteacher to provide whatever administrative assistance is required.

The school has a close association with the Polish Educational Society which provides educational support, advice and training for the teaching staff; the local Polish parish Church – religious education is provided by the priests and catechist who also prepare children for their sacraments of communion and confirmation; The Polish Scouts Association – after lessons pupils have the opportunity to join activities at the same location.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of education for public benefit by providing a Saturday school with classes in the Polish language, culture and heritage, and the Roman Catholic religion for pupils aged 3-18

Classes are available to anyone who is interested in learning about the culture, history or geography of Poland and the Polish language. Most pupils have some connection or at least one parent or grandparent of Polish origin; some pupils will have been born in Poland whilst many are UK born; occasionally we have students who wish to attend for other reasons.

The school has strong links with the local Polish parish – the priests and catechists take the RE lessons and help prepare the children for the sacraments of communion and confirmation. RC masses are celebrated as required at the school.

Committee members are responsible for the general running of the school.

Meetings are held, as required, throughout the year to deal with any issues and to plan forthcoming events.

All teachers and committee members have DBS checks.

All necessary policies and procedures eg. health & safety, safeguarding, GDPR, equal opportunities, whistleblowing etc. are in place. These are updated regularly as required.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This academic year there were 393 registered pupils. Numbers went up slightly due to the closure of another school which was based nearby.

Three new teachers joined at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year six teachers also left – some returned to Poland while others had moved away from London.

Covid 19- Whilst the school was able to operate and run classes onsite, we had to continue to abide by numerous restrictions: one way systems, hand washing/sanitising, face masks, limited contact etc. School hours introduced for the pandemic period were maintained (earlier start and finish for younger pupils, separate breaks)

Activities particularly at the beginning of the academic year had to be kept low key.

The traditional St Nicholas festivities were reintroduced however without the usual school mass and the pupils were split into two groups to avoid having too many people in the hall.

By the end of the spring term Year 5 were able to take part in the re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross

Throughout the year various collections were organised to support other causes; warm winter clothing and toiletries were donated by parents for the homeless. Following the outbreak of the war in Ukraine members of the school were encouraged to contribute to bona fide organisations eg collections organised by the Polish Educational Society. Instigated by parents a collection was organised for Gregorian masses for one of our long serving teachers who lost her life to Covid 19.

The school supported Police Cadets recruitment – pupils were able to talk to current cadets to see if this was something that they may be interested in.

A trip was organised for the pupils to Laxton Hall for Childrens day.

Online training for teachers was organised by Polish Educational Society to promote Polish language learning through games and play.

Examination centres were once again allowed to hold GCSE and AL exams on their premises. Despite the disruption in study due to the Covid 19 pandemic, 21 pupils from our school sat the GCSE exam and 4 sat the AL exam.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The school reserve policy is in place to ensure that sufficient funds are available which would enable the school to operate for 1 - 2 academic years should there be a reduced income

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds is through contributions towards the fees. Funds are also raised through on-site activities'.

This year the school received donations from Stowarzyszenie 'Wspólnota Polska'. There was also an unexpected donation of £45,000, from the estate of the late G Underhill.

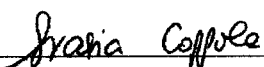
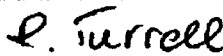
The largest expense is the hire of the school premises followed by wages for the teaching staff (at just over the minimal wage) and the treasurer.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Stanislaw Coppola	Renata Turrell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date 25. 6. 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School

1175364

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2021

To

31/08/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
voluntary receipts	55,280	-	-	55,280	56,360
activities for generating funds	15,821	-	-	15,821	8,664
Donations	51,232	-	-	51,232	8,514
interest	25	-	-	25	27
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	122,357	-	-	122,357	73,565
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	122,357	-	-	122,357	73,565
A3 Payments					
Wages/salaries and NI	31,220	-	-	31,220	29,050
Fundraising costs	8,134	-	-	8,134	8,898
rent/hire of rooms	23,321	-	-	23,321	15,621
Costs of charitable activities	6,774	-	-	6,774	4,259
Governance costs	8,909	-	-	8,909	4,098
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	78,359	-	-	78,359	61,927
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Printer	328	-	-	328	491
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	328	-	-	328	491
Total payments	78,687	-	-	78,687	62,419
Net of receipts/(payments)	43,670	-	-	43,670	11,146
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	151,401	-	-	151,401	140,255
Cash funds this year end	195,071	-	-	195,071	151,401

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	4,770	-	-
	Bank Account	190,239	-	-
	Petty Cash	62	-	-
	Total cash funds	195,071	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

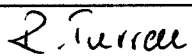
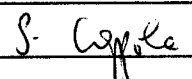
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R. TURRELL	25.06.23
	S. COPPOLA	25.6.23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1175364

Set out on pages

(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 / 08 / 2022**

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Hanna Dampc

Date:

06/06/2023

Name:

Hanna Dampc

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

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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 brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA POLISH SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1175364

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	Sept	2020	To	31	Aug	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School

Other names charity is known by Polska Szkola im. Matki Boskiej Czestochowskiej

Registered charity number (if any) 1175364

Charity's principal address 175 Carlingford Road
 London
 Postcode N15 3ET

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	Stanislawa Coppola	Chair		
2	Dorota Piela			
3	Jolanta Kalinowska			
4	Piotr Wojdyla			
5	Renata Turrell			
6	Andrzej Jastrzebski			
7	Janusz Stelmach		Up to 11 Feb 2021	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	CIO
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Association
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

A board of committee members, all of whom are volunteers, is responsible for the week to week running of the school. The committee answers to the board of trustees.

The school has a close association with the Polish Educational Society which provides educational support, advice and training for the teaching staff; the local Polish parish Church – religious education is provided by the priests and catechists who also prepare children for their sacraments of communion and confirmation; The Polish Scouts Association – pupils have the opportunity to stay after lessons and take part in weekly scout activities which are held at the same location.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of education for public benefit by providing a Saturday school with classes in the Polish language, culture and heritage, and the Roman Catholic religion for pupils aged 3-18

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Classes are available to anyone who is interested in learning about the culture, history or geography of Poland and the Polish language. They are held in Polish and the content is adapted to suit the age group and level of the pupils. Most pupils have some connection or at least one parent or grandparent of Polish origin; some pupils will have been born in Poland whilst many are UK born; occasionally we have students who wish to attend for other reasons.

The school has strong links with the local Polish parish – the priests and catechists take the RE classes and prepare the children for the sacraments of communion and confirmation. RC masses are celebrated at the start and end of the academic year and also on special occasions.

Committee members are responsible for the general running of the school. They are assisted where necessary by parent helpers

Throughout the year meetings are held so that any forthcoming events can be discussed and planned and to deal with any ad hoc issues which may arise. This year most meetings were held online (distancing)

All teachers and committee members have DBS checks.

All necessary policies and procedures eg. health & safety, safeguarding, GDPR, equal opportunities, whistleblowing etc. are in place and are updated as required.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

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- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Covid 19 Pandemic and lockdown restrictions

This academic year started in the middle of the pandemic. Having had a whole term of lockdown prior to the summer holiday period, we were able to come back to face to face teaching in the school in September 2020. To comply with the social distancing and government recommendations many changes were introduced (one way systems in buildings, staggered start and finish times and breaks, face masks on site, ventilated classrooms, hand sanitising, cleaning/disinfecting all surfaces, enforcing quarantines for pupils with symptoms or testing positive for Covid, their families and fellow pupils.) All government guidelines were adhered to. For the Spring term we once again had to resort to online teaching but were able to return to school for the summer term.

This academic year there were 346 registered pupils and 36 teachers. Three new teachers joined at the beginning of the year and one left at the end of the year.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions events which would normally involve the whole school congregating in the school hall had to be cancelled. Parents were not allowed on site. Activities were restricted to class 'bubbles', and we had to think of different ways of doing things while keeping everybody safe. Instead of the annual Nativity play, children from year 2 dressed up and photos depicting the various scenes were taken. Special care was taken so that they could stand at a distance from each other and yet by careful positioning of the camera it would still look as though they were part of the intimate group.

Father Christmas (in a face mask) walked to each class just to wish the children a Happy Christmas. A token bag of 'gifts' (prepared weeks earlier) was left so that each child could take something on their way home. Pre-Christmas celebrations are usually held in the hall and last a couple of hours.

During the spring term lockdown teachers had to resort to different methods of remote teaching – videoconferencing, or setting and marking submitted work. It was very difficult time as most teachers also have children who also were expected to take part in lessons, so some lessons were held at different times. All classes apart from the very youngest had some form of teaching during this period.

During the Summer term, a return to classroom lessons on school premises, however without any extracurricular activities.

The end of year was reduced to teacher organised classroom games and quizzes instead of the usual end of term performances.

Throughout this year our main aim and challenge was to try and continue holding lessons as best as was possible whilst adhering to the government guidelines. The pupil and teacher attendance during the first and last term was obviously lower than normal, because of quarantine requirements. We all had to be aware of the toll of the extended period of the pandemic, and the effect of this on the staff, pupils and their families.

The schools 70th anniversary celebrations (already a year late) will now be held in a few years time to celebrate 75 years.

Once again this year there were no formal GCSE or AL examinations. Children who would normally have sat the examination had to submit course work which was forwarded on to the Polish Educational society and their English school for marking and grading.

At the end of the year 11 Teachers and Committee members were awarded (Polish) Educational Committee Medals for long service. A new deputy head teacher was also appointed.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The school reserve policy is in place to ensure that sufficient funds are available which would enable the school to operate for at least one academic year

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds is through contributions towards the fees. In addition funds would usually be raised through on site activities'

The largest expenses:

- a. the hire of the school premises. Due to lockdown restrictions the cost of hiring school premises was reduced and was less than anticipated.
- b. teachers' (at just over the minimal wage) and treasurer's costs.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the school was unable to hold usual activities for this year or onsite lessons during the Spring term. Scheduled expenses eg school trips and school events had to be cancelled.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>S. Coppola</i>	<i>R. Turrell</i>
Full name(s)	Stanislawa Coppola	Renata Turrell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date

18. 6. 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School	No (if any) 1175364
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2020	To	Period end date 31/08/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
voluntary receipts	56,360	-	-	56,360	62,355
activities for generating funds	8,664	-	-	8,664	14,922
Donations	8,514	-	-	8,514	2,072
Interest	27	-	-	27	214
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	73,565	-	-	73,565	79,563
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	73,565	-	-	73,565	79,563
A3 Payments					
Wages / salaries and national insurance	29,050	-	-	29,050	25,846
Fundraising costs	8,898	-	-	8,898	7,939
Rent/hire of rooms	15,621	-	-	15,621	15,600
Costs of charitable activities	4,259	-	-	4,259	2,944
Governance costs	4,098	-	-	4,098	3,024
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	61,927	-	-	61,927	55,352
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Printer	491	-	-	491	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	491	-	-	491	-
Total payments	62,419	-	-	62,419	55,352
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,146	-	-	11,146	24,211
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	140,255	-	-	140,255	116,043
Cash funds this year end	151,401	-	-	151,401	140,255

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	1,668	-	-
	Bank Account	149,714	-	-
	Petty Cash	19	-	-
	Total cash funds	151,401	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>S Coppola</i>	S. COPPOLA	18.6.22
<i>R. Turrell</i>	R. TURRELL	18.6.22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1175364

Set out on pages

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Signed:

Hanna Dupa

Date:

18/06/2022

Name:

HANNA DAMPC

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

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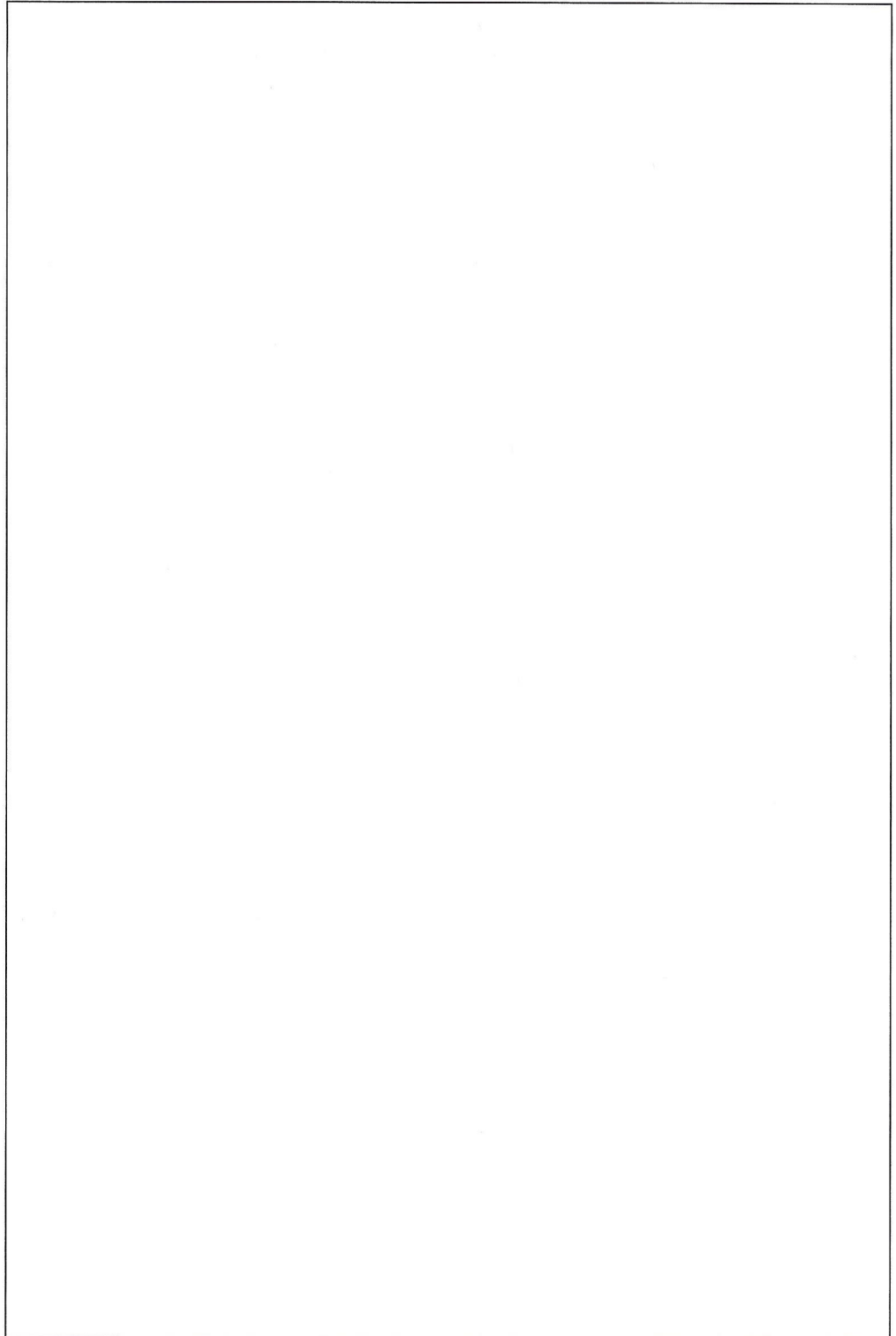
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OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA POLISH SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1175364

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	Sept	2019		31	Aug	2020

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
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The advancement of education for public benefit by providing a Saturday school with classes in the Polish language, culture and heritage, and the Roman Catholic religion for pupils aged 3-18

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Classes are available to anyone who is interested in learning about the culture, history or geography of Poland and the Polish language. Most pupils have some connection or at least one parent or grandparent of Polish origin; some pupils will have been born in Poland whilst many are UK born; occasionally we have students who wish to attend for other reasons.

The school has strong links with the local Polish parish – the priests and catechists take the RE lessons and help prepare the children for the sacraments of communion and confirmation. RC masses are celebrated as required at the school.

Committee members are responsible for the general running of the school.

Meetings are held, as required, throughout the year to deal with any issues and to plan forthcoming events.

All teachers and committee members have DBS checks.

All necessary policies and procedures eg. health & safety, safeguarding, GDPR, equal opportunities, whistleblowing etc. are in place and are updated as required.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This academic year there were 384 registered pupils

Three new teachers joined at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year three also left, one of these retiring after 35 years of teaching at the school.

Changes had to be introduced in the 'A' Level classes as the AS examination would no longer be available. This is in line with the general changes in the English examination system. Students had to be prepared for three papers which would all be taken together at the end of the two year A Level course. Up to this point pupils were able to sit an AS examination after the first year, and the A2 papers after the second year. In October 18 pupils were able to go to the theatre to watch a play 'Tango', which is one of the 'set books' for the Polish A Level examination.

At the beginning of November, workshops were held on 'The Independence of Poland' in line with 11th November anniversary, a poignant date in the history of Poland. The school also had a visit from Agata Kornhauser-Duda, herself a former teacher, who had the opportunity to sit in on a lesson, then watch a short performance of national dancing performed by year one pupils, a few poetry recitals (older pupils) and finally songs sung by some of our pupils/scouts. The event culminated in a brief meeting with the teachers. The visit was part of many to supplementary schools in several countries outside of Poland with a view to see how resources can be improved in order to help teach young people, living abroad, about their culture and language.

Children were also asked to draw or write about their understanding of 11 November Independence of Poland, and their work was displayed in the common areas on several Saturdays.

A traditional Nativity play was performed by year 2 at the school and at the Polish Parish church.

This year children took part in a Christmas card competition. Some classes made 'Pinocchio' puppets and several classes made 3D nativity stables, some in traditional Cracovian style using straw. Other competitions: John Paul II (on what would have been his 100th birthday), and 70th anniversary of our school.

Lessons were held as normal from September 2019 to March 2020. From the middle of March to the end of the school year we had to conduct all lessons remotely due to the Covid 19 pandemic and ensuing lockdown restrictions.

Teachers had to use resources and equipment which they had and hold classes using online video conferencing facilities where possible or set work which they then marked. This was a difficult period for both teachers and pupils, who were already juggling jobs with regular school demands during the week. Everyone spent a lot of time learning and mastering new ways of working and at the same time being sympathetic to individual pupils/parents/teachers and volunteers circumstances.

As a result of the lockdown many planned activities/events had to be cancelled. This included a whole school trip, First Holy Communion, our school's 70th anniversary celebrations and publications, and school examinations (GCSE and AL).

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The school reserve policy is in place to ensure that sufficient funds are available which would enable the school to operate for at least one academic year

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of funds is through contributions towards the fees. In addition funds are raised through on site activities'

The largest expense is the hire of the school premises and the teachers' (at just over the minimal wage) and treasurer's costs. Due to the lockdown restrictions the cost of hiring school premises was reduced and was less than anticipated.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the school was unable to hold onsite lessons or activities from the middle of March 2020. Scheduled expenses for this period did not occur as all school trips, events and awards which were due to be held between March and July had to be cancelled.

Section F

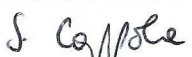

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Stanislaw Coppola	Renata Turrell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	20.06.2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School	No (if any) 1175364
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2019	To	Period end date 31/08/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts	62,355	-	-	62,355	-
Activities for generating funds	14,922	-	-	14,922	-
Donations	2,072	-	-	2,072	-
Interest	214	-	-	214	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,563	-	-	79,563	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,563	-	-	79,563	-
A3 Payments					
Wages / salaries and national insurance	25,846	-	-	25,846	-
Fundraising costs	7,939	-	-	7,939	-
Rent/hire of rooms	15,600	-	-	15,600	-
Costs of charitable activities	2,944	-	-	2,944	-
Governance costs	3,024	-	-	3,024	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	55,352	-	-	55,352	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,352	-	-	55,352	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,212	-	-	24,212	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	116,043	-	-	116,043	-
Cash funds this year end	140,255	-	-	140,255	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	REMATA TURBELL	20.06.21
	S. COLLOLA	20.6.21.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1175364

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2020**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Hanna Dampc

Date:

20/06/2021

Name:

HANNA DAMPC

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qualification(s) or body
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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 brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

