

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School

England & Wales · Charity number 1179554

Details

Other names	MARIE SKLODOWSKA-CURIE POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL WIMBLEDON-PUTNEY, MSC Polish Saturday School, POLISH SCHOOL PUTNEY; POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL PUTNEY, SZKOLA PRZEDMIOTOW OJCZYSTYCH IM. MARII SKLODOWSKIEJ-CURIE PUTNEY-WIMBLEDON
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-08-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN THE POLISH LANGUAGE, CULTURE, TRADITION AND HISTORY FORCHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE; AND(2) TO SUPPORT SUCH GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIRABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS AND SUCH ITEMS ASTHE TRUSTEES DEEM APPROPRIATE.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FORTHE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES ANDTRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERNIRELAND) 2008]

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Merton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£203,294	£194,399	-	-
2023-08-31	£203,294	£194,399	-	-
2022-08-31	£192,001	£160,465	-	-
2021-08-31	£148,421	£152,307	-	-
2020-08-31	£150,954	£131,796	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dariusz Wiktorek	Chair	2025-11-22
Agnieszka Szumlak		2024-11-23
Angelika Maria Damasik		2024-11-23
Daria Marta Mroczek		2024-11-23
Eryk Walczak		2025-11-22
Lucyna Rogowska		2019-11-16
MARIA BRODZINSKA		2017-11-25
Monika Jagoda Jablonska		2025-11-22
Monika Maria Zasadzinska		2017-11-25
Robert Mazurek		2023-11-18

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Annual Trustees Report for The Marie Sklodowska- Curie Polish Saturday School
Wimbledon Putney

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Governing Document: CIO Association

Registered 14 August 2018

Report of Trustees for the year ending 31.08.2024

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Our Aims

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- The Summer Fair and cake sales are some examples of these events, and they very strongly rely on parental involvement and turn out.

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The number of pupils per class varied between 15 and 23. All our forms were full. In 2023-24 we observed the following number of students in the examination classes:

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- A1 – 46 students
- A2 – 35 students

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Fees

Our fees in 2023-24 remained unchanged once again and were as follows: 1st child £330 per academic year

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During 2023-24, we offered help in the form of bursaries to the amount of £855.

Finances

The total cash receipts in the year were £188,947 and the payments were £203,635.

The accounts are presented to parents at the Annual General Meeting which usually takes place in November and are prepared on an accrual's basis.

The budget for the next academic year is also presented and discussed giving the parents and carers a chance to have their voice on such matters.

The School's main income comes from School fees £156,304.

We also received support from The Polish Government, represented by "Instytut Rozwoju Języka Polskiego im. Świętego Maksymiliana Marii Kolbego", through direct support from its partners: "Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Polska" and Fundacja Wolność I Demokracja and also from Lloyds Bank, to the total value of £26,476. In addition, we obtained funds from Easy Fund of £290 and savings interest of £734. The cake sales and School fairs organised by the PTA brought in £9,401 net funding. Charitable fundraising brought £2,330.

The main expenses of the School are teachers' salaries £136,853 and rent for using the premises of Ursuline High School in Wimbledon £31,081. The School also provided School books for the students and paid for teachers training.

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The Governing Body aims to keep the accounts with a healthy surplus to provide additional funding in case of unexpected events such as the need to find new premises and redundancy payments if the School were to close down. For this reason a reserve facility of £50,000 has been agreed by the board.

More detailed information on the accounts are available in the Accounts Report.

Academic achievements

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GCSE:

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- 2 students – grade 8

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Review of activities and achievements:

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- Christmas Card competition – internal competition, 10 main prizes and 5 distinctions were given and the projects printed out
- Qualifying event for the XIII edition of the Polish Poetry Festival "Wierszowisko". The final of the festival took place in June 24 and our students won 2 prizes: 3rd place in the 4-6 years old category
2nd place in the 10-13 category

- Spelling competition – 4 of our students took part
- Great Competition of Historical Knowledge – 4 of our students took part

- Super talent competition – our student came 3rd and received a bronze statue of Super talent as well as a special distinction from one of the jurors.

- A group of our students took part in a theatre performance at POSK Theatre for Children. Once of our graduates (and now a music teacher at the School) was also a part of the cast

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The School year starts and ends with a Holy Mass dedicated to our School community.

The School Structure

The School is led by the Head Teacher, Mrs Maja Brodzinska.

The Head Teacher led a team of 36 teachers and 8 teaching assistants in the academic year 2022-23.

The Governing Body consisted of 9 trustees (among them was the Head Teacher) and 3 observers.

The names of the Trustees in 2023-24 were as follows:

Maria Brodzinska - Head Teacher

Dorota Lewis - Chair of Governors

Katarzyna Stelmach Postigo – Deputy Chairman (resigned 23rd November 2024)

Monika Zasadzinska – Treasurer

Lucyna Rogowska – Secretary

Karolina Cisek-Ndlovu (resigned 23rd November 2024)

Grzegorz Dragula

Monika Gasielcka

Radoslaw Gotkiewicz (resigned 23rd November 2024)

Dorota Trawinska (resigned 23rd November 2024)

Rafal Borek (appointed 23rd November 2024)
Daria Mroczek (appointed 23rd November 2024)
Angelika Damasik (appointed 23rd November 2024)
Agnieszka Szumlak (appointed 23rd November 2024)

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In total we donated £2,030.

Governors' recruitment

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Professional advisors:

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Account: 04231031

Insurers: Aviva Insurance Ltd

Auditors: Mrs Aleksanda Zakrzewska

Contact details: Mrs Maria Brodzinska

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Website: www.msccpolishschool.org

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Maria Brodzinska', written in a cursive style.

24/05/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday
School Wimbledon-Putney

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2023	To	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					
School fees receivable	152,753	-	-	152,753	159,424
Fundraising	9,691	-	-	9,691	10,594
Grants and donations	-	23,440	-	23,440	29,359
Other charitable activities	2,330	-	-	2,330	3,604
Interest received	734	-	-	734	313
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	165,507	23,440	-	188,947	203,294
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	165,507	23,440	-	188,947	203,294
A3 Payments					
Rent	31,081	-	-	31,081	25,330
Salaries	136,853	-	-	136,853	134,336
Educational expenditure	28,083	-	-	28,083	24,164
Other charitable activities	2,885	-	-	2,885	4,038
Administrative expenses	4,732	-	-	4,732	6,531
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	203,635	-	-	203,635	194,399
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	203,635	-	-	203,635	194,399
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 38,127	23,440	-	- 14,688	8,895
A5 Transfers between funds	23,440	- 23,440	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	175,632	-	-	175,632	166,737
Cash funds this year end	160,944	-	-	160,944	175,632

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	Balance of bank accounts	160,944	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	160,944	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

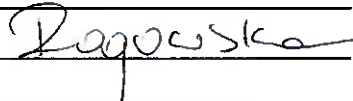
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Prepaid expenses 2024/25	9,150	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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		-92,166	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	2024/25 fees & grant	-77,928	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lucyna Rogowska	24.05.2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon-Putney

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon-Putney (The Trust) for the year ended 31 August 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: Aleksandra Zakrzewska

Qualification: FCA

Address: 16 Avondale Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey KT47PD

Date: 24 May 2025

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Rozwoju Języka Polskiego to the value of £23,220. We also received a donation from Lloyds Bank of £500 and Easy Fund profit of £263.

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- "Oczami wolontariusza" – an art competition organised by the Polish Educational Society. The aim of this competition is to develop students' imagination, art skills and interest in voluntary work. Two of our students received distinctions
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- Polish Scouts
- Red Cross - Support for Earthquake Victims in Turkey

In total we donated £3,234.

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Fundraising	10,594	-	-	10,594	10,579
Grants and donations	-	29,359	-	29,359	15,370
Other charitable activities	3,604	-	-	3,604	4,641
Interest received	313	-	-	313	15
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	173,935	29,359	-	203,294	197,937
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	173,935	29,359	-	203,294	197,937
A3 Payments					
Rent	25,330	-	-	25,330	22,601
Salaries	134,336	-	-	134,336	112,973
Educational expenditure	24,164	-	-	24,164	19,496
Other charitable activities	4,038	-	-	4,038	5,256
Administrative expenses	6,531	-	-	6,531	3,875
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	194,399	-	-	194,399	164,201
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	194,399	-	-	194,399	164,201
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,464	29,359	-	8,895	33,736
A5 Transfers between funds	29,359	- 29,359	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	166,737	-	-	166,737	133,001
Cash funds this year end	175,632	-	-	175,632	166,737

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	Balance of bank accounts	175,632	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	175,632	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	uncleared from 2021-22	8,860	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		98,828	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	2023/24 fees & grant	85,664	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Monika Zasadzinska	15.06.2024	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon-Putney

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon-Putney (The Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: Aleksandra Zakrzewska

Qualification: FCA

Address: 16 Avondale Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey KT47PD

Date: 27 June 2024

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School

England & Wales - Charity number 1179554

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Annual Trustees Report for The Marie Sklodowska- Curie Polish Saturday School
Wimbledon Putney

Registration number 1179554

Governing Document: CIO Association

Registered 14 August 2018

Report of Trustees for the year ending 31.08.2022

The Governors of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon- Putney present their annual report for the year ended 31.08.2022

Our Aims

The School operates since 1960, teaching Polish language, history, culture and heritage to children between the ages of 3 and 18. On 18th August 2018 the School was formally registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as Association.

We are members of the Polish Educational Society (registered in England and Wales - charity no 1159980) which supports Polish education in Great Britain. In February 2019 we received confirmation of registration with HMRC, which allows us to receive Gift Aid donations, with effect from 14.08.2018. We are a relatively new charity; however, we have a 60-year history as a supplementary school.

We promote and teach Polish language, culture, and traditions through a specially designed curriculum for Polish schools outside of Poland, preparing our students to take GCSE and A level exams under the AQA examination board.

Through cultural events and activities, we broaden the students' knowledge of Poland and its heritage. We aim to create an ethos of being a community in which all students and their families feel at home, respected and involved. Many extracurricular activities are designed to bring Polish history, culture and heritage closer to our students so that, when they leave our school, they feel truly enriched.

Our objectives

Our objectives for the year 2021-22 were to reflect our academic aims in our work, as well as our ethos as stated by objectives of a charitable organisation.

We aimed to:

- Offer a broad, relevant curriculum, helping our students to learn Polish language, history and traditions alongside achieving excellent end of year, GCSE and A level results
- Broaden the curriculum through well planned and prepared extracurricular activities
- Form good relationships and play a part in our community through organising charitable events aimed to help both local and national charities

- Provide bursaries to families with financial difficulties to help with the payment of school fees • Provide relevant training for our staff
- Strengthen our school community through events aimed to involve our parents in the life of our school, while fundraising for its needs.
- The Summer Fair and cake sales are some examples of these events, and they very strongly rely on parental involvement and turn out.

Pupil numbers

During 2020-21 our school had 589 pupils in 26 classes (forms).

The number of pupils per class varied between 20-24 (excluding reception where it was 31). All our forms were full. In 2021-22 we observed a record number of students in the examination classes:

- GSCE year 1 – 43 students
- GSCE year 2 – 39 students
- A1 – 44 students
- A2 – 47 students

We believe that the change of examination rules during the pandemic (where a grade was based on the classroom work rather than the final exams) had a significant impact on the decision of many students to join a formal course.

There was several children on a waiting list. Unfortunately, due to restrictions posed by our premises and our aim to keep class sizes at the above level, we were not able to offer places to these candidates.

35 teachers and 10 teacher assistants were working in the school.

This included a history teacher and RE teachers.

Fees

Our fees in 2021-22 were as follows:

1st child £330 per academic year

2nd child £290 per academic year

3rd child £ 140 per academic year

4th and above child- exempt from fees

During 2021-22 we offered help in the form of bursaries to the amount of £785.

Finances

The accounts are presented to parents at the Annual General Meeting which normally takes place in November.

The budget for the next academic year is also presented and discussed giving the parents and carers a chance to have their voice on such matters.

The school's main income comes from school fees (nearly £166,000). We also received support from Stowarzyszenie Wspolnota Polska (The Polish Community Association in Warsaw) to the value of £9,136.

The cake sales and school fairs organised by the PTA brought in £10,295 net funding. The main expenses of the School are teachers' salaries and rent for using the premises of Ursuline High School in Wimbledon.

The School also provided school books for the students and paid for teachers training.

To emphasise the value we place on continuity for families, we offer discounts where parents have more than one child in our school. To attract and retain high quality staff we offer a discount scheme for children of those employed by the School.

The Governing Body aims to keep the accounts with a healthy surplus to provide additional funding in case of unexpected events such as the need to find new premises and redundancy payments if the school were to close down.

More detailed information on the accounts are available in the Accounts Report.

Academic achievements

During 2021-22 academic year:

Due to pandemic formal GCSE and A-level exams were cancelled. Instead, the teachers were asked to provide predicted grades that were used as the formal exam results.

Our students gained the following results:

A-levels

- A* - 16 students
- A - 13 students

Therefore, our A*-A result was 100%.

GCSE

- "9" - 30 students
- "8" - 3 students
- "7" - 1 students
- Unknown - 9 students

These are results we are immensely proud of.

Review of activities and achievements:

In the school year 2020-21 we were working under very strict Covid rules. We came back to the classrooms at the beginning of September however due to increased numbers of Covid infections, had to return to online teaching. The school was closed for face-to-face lessons from 9th January to 6th March 2021. We returned again to face to face teaching on 13th March – again under strict Covid regulations (i.e. face masks, distancing etc.)

Due to pandemic majority of our annual fundraising events could not take place. However, the new circumstances opened up new opportunities – our students took part in a number of competitions:

- XIII edition of "Byc Polakiem" - a competition organised under patronage of Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland. One of our student was awarded the highest prize
- Qualifying event for the XI edition of the Polish Poetry Festival "Wierszowisko"
- The final of the festival took place on 26/06/2022. Our students achieved a second place in 7-9 yrs old category and 3rd place in a group category

We have very close links with the Polish Scouts association. Many of our pupils are able to join the Polish Rainbows/Brownies and Scouts. Their activities normally take place immediately after school hours. We invite the leaders at the beginning of the school year to encourage new members to join.

Close links with the Polish Scout movement in the UK reflects our ethos of cultivating our Polish heritage and Christian values.

We are also supported and have close links with St John Evangelist Polish Catholic Church in Putney. The priests and nuns are employed by our School to provide RE lessons for our pupils, which form part of the curriculum.

The School year starts and ends with a Holy Mass dedicated to our school community.

The School Structure

The school is led by the Head Teacher, Mrs Maja Brodzinska.

The Head Teacher led a team of 36 teachers and 11 teaching assistants in the academic year 2021-22.

The Governing Body consisted of 11 trustees, among them was the Head Teacher.

The names of the Trustees in 2021-22 were as follows:

Maria Brodzinska- Head Teacher
Dorota Lewis - Chair of Governors
Lucyna Rogowska – secretary
Karolina Cisek-Ndlovu
Grzegorz Dragula
Monika Gasiiecka
Radoslaw Gotkiewicz
Katarzyna Stelmach – Postigo
Dorota Trawinska
Monika Zasadzinska
Dorota Zborowska - Wawrzyniak

Apart from the teaching staff the school also employs an administrator and 3 duty officers. All but one trustee (Head Teacher) are volunteers. We give employment opportunities to our A level graduates, who are able to work as teacher’s assistants in our lower school. This is on a yearly contract basis.

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Lessons take place during Saturday mornings, 35 Saturdays a year.

The School year is divided into 3 terms. The lessons take place between 9:30-12:30.

During breaks parents on duty help to provide a secure environment for the pupils. All staff and volunteers of the School have undergone DBS checks.

Charitable actions

Our school prides itself in offering support to charitable organisations. During 2021-22 our school organised the following charitable events:

- Mc Millan Coffee morning
- Santa’s visit (Mikolajki)
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Fair
- Easter Fair
- Children’s day
- Summer Fair
- Donuts sales

The events raised net of £10,199

Governors' recruitment

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Plans and aspirations

Our school will celebrate 65th anniversary in 2025. Our plan for 2022/23 is to begin preparation for the celebration as well as to continue with the charitable events we have organised this year. Since they were such a great success, we would like them to become a fixed components of our school event calendar.

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Sort code 30-94-77.

Account 04231031

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- GSCE year 1 – 17 and 16 students
- GSCE year 2 – 23 and 20 students
- A1 – 23 and 23 students
- A2 – 14 and 16 students

We believe that the change of examination rules during the pandemic (where a grade was based on the classroom work rather than the final exams) had a significant impact on the decision of many students to join a formal course.

There was several children on a waiting list. Unfortunately, due to restrictions posed by our premises and our aim to keep class sizes at the above level, we were not able to offer places to these candidates.

35 teachers and 10 teacher assistants were working in the school.

This included a history teacher and RE teachers.

Fees

Our fees in 2020-21 were as follows:

1st child £280 per academic year

2nd child £240 per academic year

3rd child £ 120 per academic year

4th and above child- exempt from fees

During 2020-21 we offered help in the form of bursaries to the amount of £2,030.

Finances

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Our students gained the following results:

A-levels

- A* - 12 students
- A - 13 students
- B - 2 students

Therefore, our A*-B result was 100%.

GCSE

- "9" - 29 students
- "8" - 9 students
- "7" - 3 students
- "6" - 1 student
- "5" - 3 students

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Due to pandemic majority of our annual fundraising events could not take place. However, the new circumstances opened up new opportunities – our students took part in a number of competitions:

- John Paul the Second portrait competition in December
- XII edition of "Byc Polakiem"
- Recitation Contest "Slowem Polska" under the patronage of the Polish Consulate in London
- Qualifying event for the X edition of the Polish Poetry Festival "Wierszowisko". The final of the festival took place in September 2021. Our school, headed by our former Head Teacher Mrs Malgorzata Lasocka, was the initiator and first organiser of this competition. To celebrate the 10th edition of the contest, we were asked to co-organise the event with the Polish Educational Society.

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Monika Zasadzinska - tresury

Dorota Zaborowska-Wawrzyniak

Katarzyna Stelmach-Postigo

Lucyna Rogowska

Radoslaw Gotkowicz

Kinga Grabkiewicz – Elliott

Joanna Wiktorek

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The School year is divided into 3 terms. The lessons take place between 9:30-12:30.

During breaks parents on duty help to provide a secure environment for the pupils. All staff and volunteers of the School have undergone DBS checks.

Charitable actions

Our school prides itself in offering support to charitable organisations. During 2020-21 our charitable events were limited by the continued Covid 19 restrictions. In total £1246.86 was donated to good causes.

Governors' recruitment

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Plans and aspirations

Our School celebrates its 60th anniversary in the autumn 2020. During 2019-2020 we planned to mark this milestone with events designed to illustrate our School's history, achievements and show our talents. The preparations were sadly cut short by the Coronavirus pandemic, however with the easing of the lockdown we are hoping to re-instate the efforts and hold the celebrations in the Spring of 2021. We were only able to hold very restricted celebration event in October 2020.

Professional advisors:

Bank : : Lloyds Bank:

Sort code 30-94-77.

Account 04231031

Insurers : Ansvar DA through Keegan & Pennykid Insurance Brokers

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Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday
School Wembleon-Putney

1179554

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2020

To

31/08/2021

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					
School fees receivable	139,085	-	-	139,085	139,110
Fundraising	436	-	-	436	105
Grants and donations	-	7,492	-	7,492	10,578
Other charitable activities	1,397	-	-	1,397	1,120
Interest received	11	-	-	11	42
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	140,929	7,492	-	148,421	150,955
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	140,929	7,492	-	148,421	150,955
A3 Payments					
Rent	16,543	-	-	16,543	14,167
Salaries	115,500	-	-	115,500	100,977
Educational expenditure	12,814	-	-	12,814	10,739
Other charitable activities	3,277	-	-	3,277	1,899
Administrative expenses	4,173	-	-	4,173	4,014
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	152,307	-	-	152,307	131,796
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	152,307	-	-	152,307	131,796
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,378	7,492	-	3,886	19,159
A5 Transfers between funds	7,492	- 7,492	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,097	-	-	59,097	39,938
Cash funds this year end	55,211	-	-	55,211	59,097

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	Balance of bank accounts	133,001	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	133,001	-	-

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

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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		-55211	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	2021/22 fees	-77790	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>M. Zasadzinska</i>	Monika Zasadzinska	27/6/22

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School

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Annual Report of

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon-Putney

Registration number 1179554

Governing Document : CIO Association

Registered 14 August 2018

Report of Trustees for the year ending 31.08.2020

The Governors of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon- Putney present their annual report for the year ended 31.08.2020.

Our Aims

2019-2020 was a challenging year to our students and our whole school community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are very grateful to our staff, pupils and their families for the way they helped our school to continue working and delivering Polish education to our pupils. It was an enormous challenge, especially during the first lockdown, when we had to rapidly adjust our ways of working , with little notice.

The School operates since 1960, teaching Polish language, history, culture and heritage to children between the ages of 3 and 18. On 18th August 2018 the School was formally registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as Association. We are members of the Polish Educational Society (registered in England and Wales - charity no 1159980) which supports Polish education in Great Britain. In February 2019 we received confirmation of registration with HMRC, which allows us to receive Gift Aid donations, with effect from 14.08.2018. We are a relatively new charity; however, we have a 60-year history as a supplementary school.

We promote and teach Polish language, culture, and traditions through a specially designed curriculum for Polish schools outside of Poland, preparing our students to take GCSE and A level exams under the AQA examination board.

Through cultural events and activities, we broaden the students' knowledge of Poland and its heritage. We aim to create an ethos of being a community in which all students and their families feel at home, respected and involved. Many extracurricular activities are designed to bring Polish history, culture and heritage closer to our students so that, when they leave our school, they feel truly enriched.

On the 8th of November 2019 in recognition of our contribution to popularising Polish culture and history in the UK by the President of Poland, The First Lady handed a symbolic flag to our school. This event took place at Polish Embassy UK in London.

Our objectives

Our objectives for the year 2019-2020 were to reflect our academic aims in our work, as well as our ethos as stated by objectives of a charitable organisation. That academic year, as previously mentioned, was significantly interrupted by COVID-19 pandemic. It caused unavoidable changes to

the way we provided Polish education to our pupils and functioning of our school as a whole. Following national lockdown on the 23rd March 2020 our staff/ volunteers and governors had to adapt very quickly to the restrictions. Thanks to the availability of online platform Zoom and access to Google Classroom, we were able to deliver lessons for all of the year groups, including nursery. These of our staff who were not able to continue working, were subscribed to the Government funded furlough scheme. This included our duty officers and teachers' assistants.

During summer 2020 exam session our GCSE and A level students were not able to sit their exams owing to the national regulations . Instead, the teachers provided teacher assessed grades. The volume of work that the teachers had to put into preparing the necessary documentation was significantly higher then the usual GCSE/A level preparations . The teachers were appropriately remunerated for their additional work during that time.

During 2019-2020 we aimed to:

- Continue to offer a broad, relevant curriculum, helping our students to learn Polish language, history and traditions alongside achieving excellent end of year, GCSE and A level results,
- Broaden the curriculum through well planned and prepared extracurricular activities- they were able to take place until March 2020, when all extracurricular activities were paused,
- Form good relationships and play a part in our community through organising charitable events aimed to help both local and national charities,
- Provide bursaries to families with financial difficulties to help with the payment of school fees,
- Provide relevant training/ information about training available online during pandemic to our teaching staff,
- Strengthen our school community through events aimed to involve our parents in the life of our school, while fundraising for its needs. The Christmas Fair and cake sales are some examples of these events and they very strongly rely on parental involvement and turn out. Sadly during 2019-2020 these activities were only possible until 21.03.2020 when lockdown restrictions and subsequent social distancing rules prohibited us from organising whole school events.
- Despite obvious challenges and difficulties during 2019-2020 the school attendance remained relatively stable. We also did not experience any significant financial issues.

Pupil numbers and fees

During 2019-2020 our school had 538 pupils in 26 classes (forms).

The number of pupils per class varied between 20-24 .

35 teachers and 9 teacher assistants (including 5 school leavers) were working in the school. This included a music teacher, a history teacher and an RE teacher.

Our fees in 2019-2020 were as follows:

1st child £280 per academic year

2nd child £240 per academic year

3rd child £ 120 per academic year

4th and above child- exempt from fees

During 2019-2020 we offered help in the form of bursaries to the amount of £ 1,160.

The Governing Body tries to keep our fees at low, competitive level. Any changes to fees reflect our expenses such as a raise in salaries and/or rental.

Finances

The accounts are presented to parents at the Annual General Meeting which normally takes place in November. The budget for the following academic year is also presented and discussed to give the parents and carers a chance to have their voice on such matters. AGM took place on 16.11.2019.

The School's main income is the school fees (over £139,000). We also received support from Stowarzyszenie Wspolnota Polska (The Polish Community Association in Warsaw) to the value of

£ 3,837. The fairs and cake sales organised by the PTA brought in over £2,500 net funding. The main expenses of the School are teachers' salaries and rent for using the premises of Ursuline High School in Wimbledon. The School also provided school books for the students and paid for some of the teachers training.

During pandemic and lockdown some of our staff, owing to lockdown restrictions, were not able to work. We therefore signed up to the furlough scheme offered by the British Government. This allowed us to keep in employment 13 members of our staff.

To emphasise the value we place on continuity for families, we offer discounts where parents have more than one child in our school.

To attract and retain high quality staff we offer a discount scheme for children of those employed by the School.

The Governing Body aims to keep the accounts with a healthy surplus to provide additional funding in case of unexpected events such as the need to find new premises and redundancy payments if the school were to close down. More detailed information on the accounts are available in the Accounts Report.

Academic achievements

During summer 2020 exam session, our GCSE and A level students were not able to sit their exams owing to the national regulations . Instead, the students received teacher assessed grades. These were based on course work and mock test exams, taken during the whole year. The volume of work that the teachers had to put into preparing the necessary documentation was significantly higher than the usual GCSE/A level preparations . The teachers were appropriately remunerated for their additional work during that time. We are very grateful to them for their commitment and hard work.

There were 26 A level students who gained the following results:

- A* 12 students

- A 13 students
- B 1 student

Therefore, our A*-B result was 100%.

34 students took GCSE exam and gained the following results:

- "9" 21 students
- "8" 9 students
- "7" 3 students
- "5" 1 student

A*-B – 97%

We are immensely proud of these results.

Review of activities and achievements:

2019-2020 was a challenging year to our students and our whole school community. It restricted all aspects of our school life.

We however managed to organise a few extracurricular and whole school events before the lockdown. We enhanced our students experience of Polish culture through organised theatre trips to the Syrena Theatre at the Polish Cultural Institute in Hammersmith. Pupils from years 1-4 enjoyed the play "Pinokio", A level students were able to watch a play called "Tango"- part of their curriculum in preparation for the A level exam, years 8 and 9 had theatre trip to enjoy "Weddings of brides".

The school supported staff development through the following training:

- Courses preparing GCSE and A level teachers for the new format of these exams
- CPR and First Aid courses
- Webinars on remote teaching/ learning

We took part in the annual "Wierszowisko"-Polish Poetry Festival organised by the Polish Educational Society. The virtual final (first in the event's history) gave our pupils fantastic results- 1st place in the age group 7-8 , 3rd place in 9-10, and 3rd place in the 15-16 age group.

We planned and coordinated a few whole school events such as the school cafe, Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Jumper fundraising event and Nativity Play. Unfortunately, owing to Covid19 pandemic, we could not go ahead with our annual Easter and Summer fairs. These events were designed to bring the school community together and keep our Polish traditions alive.

We organised parent teacher evening for all year groups.

We are proud of offering our pupils a library, well led and staffed by volunteers. The library prides itself in an impressive book, audiobook and CD collection, continuously updated and restocked by the library team. Every year students are rewarded for their active participation in the life of the library, offering therefore an encouragement to read in Polish, listen to Polish audio-books, and watch Polish films. The library participates in curriculum activities offering education visits for youngest students, teaching them about the value of reading and how to look after borrowed books/audiobooks and CDs.

Parents of the youngest age groups can normally also attend the library during specially dedicated times. This came to an abrupt stop when the school buildings were shut.

We have very close links with the Polish Scouts association.

Many of our pupils are able to join the Polish Rainbows/Brownies and Scouts. Their activities normally take place immediately after school hours. We invite Scout leaders at the beginning of the school year to encourage new members to join. Close links with the Polish Scout movement in the UK reflects our ethos of cultivating our Polish heritage and Christian values.

We are also supported and have close links with St John Evangelist Polish Catholic Church in Putney. The priests and nuns are employed by our School to provide RE lessons for our pupils, which form part of the curriculum. The School year starts and ends with a Holy Mass dedicated to our school community.

The School Structure

The school is led by the Head Teacher, Mrs Maja Brodzinska. The Head Teacher led a team of 35 teachers and 9 teacher assistants in the academic year 2019-2020.

The Governing Body consisted of 10 trustees, including the Head Teacher.

The names of the Trustees in 2019-2020 were as follows:

Maria Brodzinska- Head Teacher

Brygida Wimbush- Chair of Governors

Katarzyna Stelmach-Postigo- Vice Chair

Lucyna Rogowska- Secretary

Monika Zasadzinska- Treasurer

Renata Puzio

Agnieszka Klak

Dorota Zaborowska-Wawrzyniak

Kinga Grabarkiewicz-Elliott

Radoslaw Gotkowicz

Apart from the teaching staff, the school also employs an administrator and 3 duty officers. The Head Teacher and Treasurer are remunerated. The remaining members of the trustees board are volunteers.

We give employment opportunities to our A level graduates, who are able to work as teachers' assistants in our lower school. This is on a yearly contract basis.

The Marie Sklodowska- Curie Polish Saturday School rents its premises from Ursuline High School in Wimbledon, London. Lessons take place during Saturday mornings, 35 Saturdays a year. The School

year is divided into 3 terms. The lessons take place between 9:00-12:30. During breaks parents on duty help to provide a secure environment for the pupils.

All staff and volunteers of the School undergo DBS checks.

Charitable actions

Our school prides itself in offering support to charitable organisations. The very strong and well led Parent Association at the School organises fund raising events throughout the school year, involving our families in them, thus keeping the ethos of our school alive.

During 2019-2020 our charitable events were limited by the onset of COVID-19 pandemic. One of the charitable events we organised was coffee morning in aid of Mcmillan Cancer Support raising

£ 428.96.

In total £ 738.96 was donated to good causes.

Governors recruitment

The Governors /Trustees are elected by the parents during the Annual General Meeting or by the Body of Governors, if a vacancy arises later in the school year. The Governors/Trustees hold their position for 3 years and can be re-elected if they wish to stand again, in accordance with our Constitution. The positions are advertised to the School community and any parent can apply. Each applicant has to be endorsed by 2 current Governors/Trustees.

The majority of Governors work for the school on a voluntary basis. The Headteacher, appointed by the Body of Governors, and the Treasurer are remunerated.

Plans and aspirations

Our School celebrated its 60th anniversary in the autumn 2020. During 2019-2020 we planned to mark this milestone with events designed to illustrate our School's history, achievements and show our talents. The preparations were sadly cut short by the Coronavirus pandemic. We had a very limited celebration for our pupils and staff (restricted by social distancing rules and following risk assessment) in School in October 2020.

We will be working towards making our School paperless by moving all our records into cloud storage as well as making application for places in the school fully computerised.

We are hoping to continue engaging our Parents in the life of our School by continuing our recent initiative -the school café. We are hoping new parents /families will get actively involved in our annual initiatives such as school fairs, fund raising activities and other events.

Professional advisors:

Bank : : Lloyds Bank: Sort code 30-94-77. Account 04231031

Insurers : Ansvar DA through Keegan & Pennykid Insurance Brokers

Auditors: Olena Zakrzewska

Contact details:

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Ursuline High School

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

1/9/19

To

31/8/20

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					
School fees receivable	139,110	0	0	139,110	130,110
Fundraising	105	0	0	105	8,537
Grants and donations	0	10,578	0	10,578	7,593
Other charitable activities	1,120	0	0	1,120	1,452
Interest received	42	0	0	42	46
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	140,377	10,578	0	150,954	147,738
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	140,377	10,578	0	150,954	147,738
A3 Payments					
Rent	14,167	0	0	14,167	14,335
Salaries	100,977	0	0	100,977	98,477
Educational expenditure	10,739	0	0	10,739	15,224
Other charitable activities	1,899	0	0	1,899	2,132
Administrative expenses	4,014	0	0	4,014	5,717
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	131,796	0	0	131,796	135,885
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	131,796	0	0	131,796	135,885
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,581	10,578	0	19,159	11,853
A5 Transfers between funds	10,578	-10,578	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,938	0	0	39,938	0
Cash funds this year end	59,097	0	0	59,097	11,853

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	Balance of bank accounts	111,927	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

Total cash funds

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

111,927	0	0
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Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

Restricted funds

to nearest £

Endowment funds

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Uncleared from 2019/20	1,773	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0

B3 Investment assets

Details

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

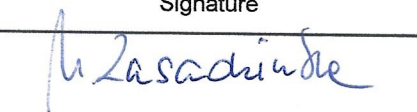
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-59097	0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

B5 Liabilities

Details

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
2020/21 fees	-54603	0	
		0	
		0	
		0	
		0	

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

Signature


Print Name
 MONIKA ZASADZINSKA

Date of approval
 11/10/21

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon-Putney

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School Wimbledon-Putney (The Trust) for the year ended 31 August 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



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Qualification: FCA

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Date: 11 October 2021