

ST NICOLAS SCHOOL AND EDUCATION TRUST ABINGDON

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Incorporated 2 February 2022

Charity number: 1197757

Annual Report for Year Ending 31 March 2023

The CIO, St Nicolas School and Education Trust Abingdon, has been established to take over the assets and activities of an existing exempt charity: Abingdon St Nicholas Church of England Primary School charity, also known by its colloquial name as the St Nicolas Education Trust.

Assets of the existing Trust are held by the Diocese of Oxford as Custodial Trustees with Officials in the Parish of Abingdon acting as Managing Trustees.

It is now felt that the aims and objectives of the original conveyance would be best served by the creation of a new CIO to assume both financial and charitable responsibilities.

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Administrative Information

The St Nicolas School and Education Trust Abingdon, is a registered charity , Charitable Incorporated Organisation: Registration Number 1197757

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Objects

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit within the parish of Abingdon-on-Thames in the County and Diocese of Oxford:

- To advance education in such ways as the trustees shall from time to time think fit, in particular through:
 - *the provision of buildings, facilities and open spaces for Church of England Schools in the said parish, in particular St Nicolas Church of England School, Abingdon;*
 - *the provision of residential accommodation for teachers of Church of England Schools in the said parish, in particular St Nicolas Church of England School, Abingdon; and*
 - *the provision of facilities and meeting rooms for secular and/or religious instruction.*
- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the beliefs and practices of the Church of England, in particular through:
 - *the celebration of divine services in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England; and*
 - *the provision of a place for clerical meetings and social conferences for the clergy; and*
 - *as the provision of a place of meeting for district visitors and for committees of any Church of England societies;*
- To further the objects and work of the Church of England in the said Parish in such ways as the trustees shall from time to time think fit.

Trustees as at 31 March 2023

The Revd Dr Charles Miller – Rector of the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames (Chairman)

The Revd Paul Smith – Team Vicar, Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames

Mrs Eluned Hallas – Church Warden, St Nicolas

Mr Paul Rast-Lindsell – Church Warden, St Nicolas

There must be at least 3 charity trustees and the maximum number of charity trustees is 7

Trustees are appointed in three categories:

Ex-Officio

Each Churchwarden of the parish of Abingdon-on-Thames for the time being designated to St Nicolas Church.

The Incumbent of the Benefice of Abingdon-on-Thames in the County and Diocese of Oxford.

The Team Vicar of the Benefice of Abingdon-on-Thames in the County and Diocese of Oxford for the time being, or such other person as shall have pastoral responsibility for St Nicolas Church in Abingdon-on-Thames.

Appointed

The charity trustees may appoint up to two non ex-officio charity trustees provided that such appointment(s) are approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames in the County and Diocese of Oxford.

Nominated Trustee

The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education (ODBE) (the “appointing body”) may appoint one charity trustee.

Activities since incorporation

The St Nicolas School and Education Trust Abingdon has not yet begun its charitable activities.

Since its incorporation Trustees have been working with its legal advisors to

- Create a sound framework for governance
- Effect a transfer of assets from the Oxford Diocesan Trust to the St Nicolas School and Education Trust Abingdon

The provision of Bibles to St Nicolas School (established by tradition by the existing Trust) continued.

Finances

The St Nicolas School and Education Trust Abingdon had no income, expenditure or assets during the period 22/2/22 – 31/3/23.

All assets are currently held by the Oxford Diocesan Trustees as Custodial Trustee.

Expenditure made on behalf of the CIO is paid by St Nicolas Church, and reimbursed, on provision of receipts, by the Diocese.

In the year to 31/3/2023 expenditure covered

- 1) Fees for legal services
- 2) Provision of Bibles for new entrants at St Nicolas CE School, Abingdon

Signed

Revd Dr Charles Miller, Chairman

Date 21 May 2024