

ST NICOLAS SCHOOL AND EDUCATION TRUST ABINGDON

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Incorporated 2 February 2022

Charity number: 1197757

Annual Report for Year Ending 31 March 2025

The St Nicolas School and Education Trust Abingdon was non operational during the year.

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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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Legal Advisors:

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Financial Advisors (appointed 24 October 2023):

Investec Wealth & Investment Limited

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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 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

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

Mr Robert Bough – Diocesan Appointment

Mr Rober Bough was appointed by the Diocese in November 2024 for at least the duration of the Vacancy in Incumbency of the Benefice

The Revd Dr Charles Miller – Rector of the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames (Chairman)
Retired October 2024

Trustee Body

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 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

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

With the notification (in July 2024) of the Retirement of the Team Rector with effect from November 2024, momentum slowed, and was further affected by the unavailability through ill health of one Trustee for much of January & February 2025.

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

It is hoped that 2025-26 will see

- A new Team Rector, and thus Trustee, in post
- The completion of negotiations with the Charity Commission
- The transfer of assets to the chosen Investment Company
- A renewal of the lease to the St Nicolas Pre-school, for the provision of preschool services
- Adoption of appropriate policies

so that the Trust is able to start work in direct furtherance of its charitable objectives in the year.

Finances

The St Nicolas School and Education Trust Abingdon has no income, expenditure or assets during the year beginning 1 April 2024.

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. Expenditure covered

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

Signed



Eluned Hallas, Trustee

Date 21 January 2026