

FAIRVIEW EDUCATION Trustees Report - Academic Year 2023/2024



Registered Charity Number: 1198688
Registered address: 114 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, GL52 6AT
Registration date: 22nd April 2022
Governing Document:
Type of Charity: CIO Foundation

Trustees:

Louise Wheaton (Chair) (April 2022-Sep 2024)
William Cumming-Bruce (Safeguarding Lead) (from April 2022)
John Champness (from April 2022)
Roger Widdecombe (from April 2022)(Chair from Sep 2024)
New trustees will be appointed by approval from the existing trustees

Executive Director: Giles Wadsworth (from April 2022)
HMRC charities ref: ZD16898
HMRC customer #: 0137769381

Objectives and Activities

Fairview Education was established as a charity in April 2022. The charity consists of four trustees who oversee the activities which are led by an Executive Director who works on a voluntary basis. One of the trustees acts as the safeguarding trustee and safeguarding lead. The same trustee is also involved in the delivery of the academic programmes.

The purposes of the charity are to advance the education of primary aged pupils in Gloucestershire (primarily but not exclusively amongst those from disadvantaged backgrounds, such as those in receipt of Free School Meals and Pupil Premium) by:

- Providing fully funded tuition in preparation for the 11+ Grammar school entrance examinations
- Providing fully funded general academic tuition for students struggling to access and progress within mainstream primary education
- Providing additional financial support to children and families so that they can access mainstream education

Applicants from Gloucestershire primary schools are assessed before being offered a Free Tuition Bursary based on their assessment results and the potential for them to meet the qualifying standard for the 11+ in Gloucestershire.

In 2023/24, a Free Tuition Bursary offered 34 hourly private tuition sessions, outside of school hours, together with all the teaching resources needed and two independent practice examinations in the summer term. The Charity pays for experienced local private tutors to deliver the tuition and an agency to deliver the practice examinations.

In the academic year 2022/23 (the first year of operation for the charity) 70% of the pupils receiving a Free Tuition Bursary were successful in the 11+ examination and gained places at one of the seven Gloucestershire grammar schools.

Achievements and Performance 2023/2024

Tuition for 8 successful applicants began in September 2023 and Fairview Education provided 33 tuition sessions over 3 academic terms with the 34th in early September 2024, just before the 11+ itself. Attendance was generally excellent.

The tutees were provided with 2 practice examinations during the summer term (and holidays) which were outsourced to a local agency. Results from these gave a good indication of the progress made during the year and the likelihood of success in the 11+ examination.

11+ examination results for our second cohort became available in October 2024, whereby 4 of the 6 (66%) who took the 11+) were offered a grammar school place. Two families failed to register their children before the cut off date and must attempt the examination in February 2025 as a result. Our learning from this is that the charity needs to provide extra support and advice during the application window in May-June 2025 so that this is not repeated in future.

During the year, the charity has continued to develop partnerships with local schools so that our details can be passed on to future year groups and more families might become aware of our offering. We began to form partnerships with primary schools in Gloucester which had proved difficult last year. As planned, we started to offer '6 week taster courses' for Year 4 pupils who were working at 'exceeding expectations' level and who qualified for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium in some of our partner schools in Cheltenham. We then extended this to Gloucester. We also spoke to Head Teacher conferences, in both Cheltenham and Stroud, to introduce the charity. We developed stronger relationships with the grammar schools themselves and began to explore the potential to run a 'summer school masterclass programme' for those enrolled in the 'shaping futures' programme at Sir Thomas Rich school in Gloucester. As a result, applications for Free Tuition Bursaries in August 2024 came from a range of different schools across Gloucestershire including an applicant from Stroud.

For the 2024/25 cohort, we have increased the number of places available, offering 12 Free Tuition Bursaries, opening a new hub in Gloucester and recruiting two additional tutors to deliver the programme.

The issue regarding the low intake of Pupil Premium children into grammar schools (4% vs 22% nationally) remains a contentious issue in the media and within the grammar schools themselves. The seven grammar schools in Gloucestershire are acutely aware of this and are very supportive of the effort we are making to address this. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-64714201>

In Cheltenham, Pate's Grammar School is now in a consultation period over a plan to increase the number of pupil places for Pupil Premium qualifying students in the local area. The new proposal will see a set number of places - about 10% - reserved for children in the local area who are eligible for Pupil Premium, as well as those who live in the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods in the immediate vicinity of Pate's Grammar School.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c983j0v1m6yo>

Safeguarding

The charity has implemented a robust safeguarding policy and all tutors complete a safeguarding log at the end of each session. Safeguarding standards have been brought up to date: all tutors and trustees have enhanced DBS, new tutors were recruited using 'safer recruitment' procedures and the safeguarding lead has completed extra training to make sure that he is up to date with the latest policies and is able to advise both tutors and trustees appropriately. A large amount of administration time has been taken up with upholding our safeguarding standards. No significant safeguarding issues have been reported.

Finance

Income this year was similar to 2022/3 (-2%), largely due to some generous corporate donations, allowing us to extend our offering to include some after school clubs in local primary schools. Expenditure increased by +18% to reflect the extra tuition costs involved.

The charity employed the contract services of 3 experienced 11+ tutors in Cheltenham and Gloucester to provide the weekly lessons and oversee the progress of the cohort.

One of these tutors is a trustee of the charity who has provided services to the charity this year including: weekly tutoring; safeguarding management and safeguarding training; oversight and direction of the tutoring course. His experience and qualifications make him highly suitable for these services and it represents exceptional value for money to the charity. The charity articles allow for this provision by a trustee (as long as they are in a minority) and approval was granted at the trustees meeting of 26.7.23 in accordance with the charity policies on payments to trustees and conflict of interest among trustees. This is indicated in the accounts.

The charity contracted a local tutoring agency to provide the practice examinations which are provided as part of the Free Tuition Bursary. Payments for services provided have been consistent with the local market rate for such provision and the trustees are confident that they have received good value for money.

Further donations, both corporate and private, were received throughout the year allowing for a surplus in the accounts at the end of the year to be held over for the provision of further Free Tuition Bursaries in the academic year 2024-2025. This surplus allows us to be confident in offering a further 12 Free Tuition Bursaries and a range of after school clubs with the potential for a summer school in the summer holidays 2025.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed		
Full name	ROGER WIDDOWCOMBE	W. WIDDOWCOMBE
Position	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	TRUSTEE
Date	3-6-25	5-6-25

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2024

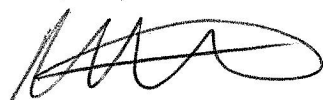
Note	2024 Un-restricted Funds £	2023 Un-restricted Funds £
RECEIPTS		
Donations	£ 33,764.67	£ 33,459.27
Grants	£ 4,000.00	£ 5,050.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 37,764.67	£ 38,509.27
PAYMENTS		
Cost of generating funds	£ (2,316.23)	£ (2,119.75)
Cost of charitable activities	£ (7,756.56)	£ (7,654.10)
Trustee remuneration	£ (7,010.00)	£ (4,760.00)
Governance costs	£ -	£ -
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ (17,082.79)	£ (14,533.85)
NET RECEIPTS	<u>£ 20,681.88</u>	<u>£ 23,975.42</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2024

	2024 Un-restricted Funds £	2023 Un-restricted Funds £
Monetary Assets £ Monetary Assets £		
Nat West current account	<u>£ 44,657.30</u>	<u>£ 23,975.42</u>
Represented by Unrestricted fund		
Balance at 1 September 2023	£ 23,975.42	£ -
Net receipts for the year	£ 20,681.88	£ 23,975.42
Balance at 31 August 2024	<u>£ 44,657.30</u>	<u>£ 23,975.42</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Name Date

R. WIDDICOMBE 3rd Sept 2025
 CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

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 W. Widdicombe - Chair
 5.6.25

Independent examiner's report to Fairview Education for the year ended 31 August 2024

Charity Number 1198688

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 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.

SE Colborne 25/11/2024

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