



FAIRVIEW EDUCATION Trustees Report - Academic Year 2024/2025

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:

Roger Widdecombe (from April 2022)(Chair from Sep 2024)

William Cumming-Bruce (Safeguarding Lead) (from April 2022)

John Champness (from April 2022)

Tim Burrell (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 2024/25, a Free Tuition Bursary offered 30 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.

From its inception to the current day, 72% of the pupils receiving a Free Tuition Bursary have been successful in the 11+ examination and gained places at one of the seven Gloucestershire grammar schools.

Achievements and Performance 2024/2025

In line with our expansion plan outlined in the previous year's annual report, Fairview Education (FE) opened a new tutoring hub in Gloucester in the academic year 2024/25. Two new tutors were recruited to deliver the programme and we hired premises at St. Barnabus Church Hall. Our 12 successful applicants were split in the ratio 8:4 Cheltenham : Gloucester and FE provided 29 tuition sessions over 3 academic terms with the 30th in early September 2025, 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 third cohort became available in October 2025, and we are pleased to report that FE is averaging a 72% success rate each year, over the three years since its inception, for its tutees passing the 11+ and gaining a place at one of the 7 local grammar schools in Gloucestershire. This year, our first pupil was awarded a place at 'Pate's Grammar School' in Cheltenham, arguably one of the top schools in the country and the hardest school in the county to get into.

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 continued our work with primary schools in Gloucester which had proved difficult in the past. 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 Gloucester. We developed stronger relationships with the grammar schools themselves and, as hoped, we ran a 'summer school masterclass programme' for those enrolled in the 'shaping futures' programme at 'Sir Thomas Rich' school in Gloucester and at 'Marling' in Stroud. As a result, we had more applications from Gloucester based families for Free Tuition Bursaries in August 2025.

For the 2025/26 cohort, we have maintained the number of places available, offering 12 Free Tuition Bursaries, but switching our focus to Gloucester in the ratio 8:4 Gloucester to Cheltenham. The main reason for this is that: pupils who live in Cheltenham and only gain a place at a Gloucester grammar school (generally easier than to gain a place at Pate's) are not eligible for free transport to Gloucester and this becomes a barrier to them taking up their place. There are 4 grammar schools in Gloucester as opposed to one in Cheltenham.

While the consultation at Pate's grammar school in Cheltenham resulted in their decision to take in more pupils from the local area who qualify for Pupil Premium, we believe that the 'qualifying score' remains so high that this will have relatively little impact.

Our strategy going forwards will therefore be to concentrate our efforts further in Gloucester and to increase any potential partnership with the Gloucester and Stroud grammar schools by working with them during the summer holidays to deliver high quality masterclass sessions to their 'shaping futures' cohort to try to help them prepare for the upcoming 11+ examination in September.

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. This is compounded by the intake of pupils from outside of Gloucestershire which further disadvantages our target cohort. You can read more about this here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-68678224>

Safeguarding

The charity continues to implement 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 and deputy DSL have completed extra training to make sure that they are up to date with the latest policies and are 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 in 2024/5 was a lot lower than 2023/4 (-48%), largely due to some generous corporate donations in 2023/4, but in line with the budget. Total expenditure increased by +14% reflecting the extra tuition costs involved in taking on more students in Gloucester.

Largely due to a very successful fundraising event by two supporters of the charity, raising over £10K, FE achieved a breakeven budget and maintained a healthy surplus allowing us to offer at least 12 Free Tuition Bursaries for the academic year 2025/26.

It was noted that: maintaining a surplus of roughly twice our annual expenditure makes it significantly harder to raise additional funds and, as a result, FE will aim to reduce its surplus in 2025/6 but maintain enough to offer at least 12 bursaries for the following academic year.

During 2024/5, the charity hired the contract services of 5 experienced 11+ tutors in Cheltenham and Gloucester to provide the weekly lessons and oversee the progress of the cohort.

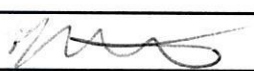
One of these tutors is a trustee of the charity who has provided services to the charity this year including: weekly tutoring; safeguarding management and safeguarding training; oversight and direction of the tutoring course. His experience and qualifications make him highly suitable for these services 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 12.7.24 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.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed		
Full name	GILES WADSWORTH	ROGER WADSWORTH
Position	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
Date	30.4.26	5.5.26

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025	2024	2023
Note	Un-restricted	Un-restricted	Un-restricted
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Donations	£ 18,104.87	£ 33,764.67	£ 33,459.27
Grants	£ -	£ 4,000.00	£ 5,050.00
Interest	£ 1,234.12	£ -	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>£ 19,338.99</u>	<u>£ 37,764.67</u>	<u>£ 38,509.27</u>
PAYMENTS			
Cost of generating fund	£ (1,823.33)	£ (2,316.23)	£ (2,119.75)
Cost of charitable activities	£ (12,255.79)	£ (7,756.56)	£ (7,654.10)
Trustee remuneration	£ (5,420.00)	£ (7,010.00)	£ (4,760.00)
Governance costs	£ -	£ -	£ -
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£ (19,499.12)</u>	<u>£ (17,082.79)</u>	<u>£ (14,533.85)</u>
NET (PAYMENTS)/ RECEIPTS	<u>£ (160.13)</u>	<u>£ 20,681.88</u>	<u>£ 23,975.42</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2025

	2025	2024	2023
	Un-restricted	Un-restricted	Un-restricted
	Funds	Funds	Funds
Monetary Assets	£	£	
Nat West deposit account	£ 41,462.42	0	0
Nat West current account	£ 3,034.75	44,647.30	23,975.42
Total Nat West account holdings	<u>£ 44,497.17</u>	<u>£ 44,657.30</u>	<u>£ 23,975.42</u>

Represented by

Unrestricted fund

Balance at 1 September 2024	£ 44,657.30	£ 23,975.42	£ -
Net (deficit)/ receipts for the year	£ (160.13)	£ 20,681.88	£ 23,975.42
Balance at 31 August 2025	<u>£ 44,497.17</u>	<u>£ 44,657.30</u>	<u>£ 23,975.42</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Name

R. WIDECOMBE

Date

5.5.26

Independent examiner's report to Fairview Education for the year ended 31 August 2025

Charity Number 1198688

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

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.

Independents 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.

S E Colbourne *20/3/2020*

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