

Strabane Academy Parent Teachers and Friends Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100409

Details

Status	Overdue
Registered	2018-04-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the Association (the purposes) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school; Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-03-31	£6,295	£6,295	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Craig Johnston		
Mr Scott Pollock		
Mrs Cathy Sayers		

Accounts

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association -Strabane Academy

Balance sheet YEAR END 31st March 2024

INCOME 1/4/23-31/3/24				EXPENDITURE 1/4/23 - 31/3/24				
Opening Balance		£3,755.01		Fees				£56.94
KNIB NI Beautiful		£500.00		CH 200092	03/04/2023			£500.00
BGC		£550.00		CH 200093	27/11/2023			£1,518.99
APEX Housing		£490.00						
Strabane Academy Forever		£1,000.00						
				Closing Balance				£4,219.08
	total	£6,295.01					total	£6,295.01

Prepared by Scott Pollock, Treasurer

Date:.....

Audited by Anne Rodgers,
A. Rogers

Date:.....
3/2/25

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SWIFT-BIC: DABAGB2B
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Account: Community Account
950437 40063827 GBP
IBAN: GB10 DABA 9504 3740 0638 27
BIC/SWIFT: DABAGB2B
Account holder: PARENTS,TEACHERS &
Period: 03/31/2023 - 03/04/2024

Balance at: 03/30/2023 3,760.83
Amount withdrawn 2,081.75
Amount deposited 2,540.00
Balance at: 03/04/2024 4,219.08

Booked and interest date	Text	Amount in GBP	Booked balance in GBP
03/31/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.82	3,755.01 ✓
04/03/2023	CH 200092	-500.00 ✓	3,255.01
04/21/2023	KNIB Sch Poll Gran KEEP NI BEAUTIFU	500.00 ✓	3,755.01
04/28/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.00 ✓	3,750.01
05/31/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.82 ✓	3,744.19
06/30/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.00 ✓	3,739.19
07/31/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.00 ✓	3,734.19
08/31/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.00 ✓	3,729.19
09/15/2023 09/18/2023	BGC 000000 UKchq	550.00 ✓	4,279.19
09/29/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.00 ✓	4,274.19
10/30/2023	COMMUNITY SPIRIT G APEX HOUSING ASSOC	490.00 ✓	4,764.19
10/31/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.20 ✓	4,758.99
11/27/2023	CH 200093	-1,518.99 ✓	3,240.00
11/30/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.05 ✓	3,234.95
12/20/2023	STRABANE ACADEMY FOREVER MANCHEST	1,000.00 ✓	4,234.95
12/29/2023	Fees according to advice	-5.82 ✓	4,229.13
01/31/2024	Fees according to advice	-5.05 ✓	4,224.08
02/29/2024	Fees according to advice	-5.00 ✓	4,219.08 ✓

Accounts

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Balance sheet YEAR END 31st March 2023

Income 1/4/22 -31/3/23		
Opening Balance	01/04/2022	£3,627.28 ✓
KNIB Sch Poll Grant	12-Jul	£5,895.44
Community Foundation	07-Oct	£2,000.00
KNIB Sch Poll Grant	16-Dec	£3,537.26
KNIB Sch Poll Grant	03-Oct	£2,358.18
	total	£17,418.16

Expenditure 1/4/22-31/3/23			
		chq No	
Fees			£64.15
S3 Solutions	06-Jun	200087	£1,800.00
Bearney Nurseries	31-Oct	200088	£5,097.00
Bearney Nurseries	06-Jan	200089	£3,767.00
Bearney Nurseries	19-Jan	200090	£1,600.00
Bearney Nurseries	02-Feb	200091	£1,335.00
Closing Balance	31/03/2023		£3,755.01 ✓
		total	£17,418.16

Prepared by Scott Pollock, Treasurer

Date 12/11/23

Audited by Anne Rodgers

Date 14/11/23

Strabane Academy Parent Teachers and Friends Association

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Annual report

Trustees Annual Report 2023

Name of organisation Strabane Academy Parents, Teachers and Friends Association
Northern Ireland Charity Number 100409
Principal Address; Strabane Academy, 61 Derry Rd, Strabane, BT82 8LD

Names of Trustees

Mr David Hampton (Chairman)

Mr Scott Pollock (Treasurer)

Mrs Cathy Sayers (Secretary)

Governing Document

The governing document has been approved by Parentkind (formerly PTA UK).

The purpose of the Association is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities and equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils

Public Benefit

1. Improved relationships between home and school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through having an active PTA that works in partnership with the school and engages parental support. This purpose does not lead to harm. The benefit is for children at Strabane Academy. Charity Trustees are usually also parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as other beneficiaries.

2. Advancing the education of pupils in the school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes increased educational progress and attainment of pupils in the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through pupils having access to resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding. This purpose does not lead to harm. The benefit is for children at Strabane Academy. Charity Trustees are usually also parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries. There is no private benefit to any individual.

The trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement and statutory guidance.

Main Activities/Achievements this year

The account of the main activities/achievements this year were outlined by the Chairman at the AGM and are outlined in the paragraphs below.

The Chairman thanked everyone in attendance for attending the meeting and extended a warm welcome to new members.

The Chairman explained the role of the Association and its important function within the school's community.

He mentioned the importance of the Association in raising funds for a variety of co-curricular activities, which the school did not have a budget for. He informed the attendees that it was a great opportunity to meet other like-minded parents, make friends and have fun. The Chairman provided an overview of the main events that took place over the past year with the caveat that these have been restricted due to the association not having returned to its pre-covid status as yet.

Pre loved Uniform Swap/Sale

Uniform swap and sale proved to be a great success last year and was well supported within the school community. The Chairman recognised how this initiative has been of benefit to pupils throughout the school.

There have been some suggestions from parents as to how this service may be enhanced. The option of opening on a Saturday morning in order to facilitate those parents who are working during the week will be assessed. The Uniform Swap was also well attended by pupils and parents during A-Level and GCSE results days and Induction mornings. This facility was very much appreciated by those who attended.

Free Breakfasts

The association was able to access funding from Kellogg's to allow pupils access to free breakfasts throughout the year.

Poly Tunnel and Enhanced grounds – The association worked with Live Here Love Here and managed to access funding to build a poly tunnel and enhance the school grounds through the provision of additional hedging, trees and shrubs

Charity Support – The following charities and organisations have been supported throughout the year; Think Pink, Autism NI, Air Ambulance, MacMillian Cancer, Anti-Bullying, Foyle Down Syndrome Trust

The chairman highlighted the potential role of the PTFA as the welcoming face of the school, which could be demonstrated by attendance at various events throughout the year. Due to Covid restrictions, there have been limited opportunities for the PTFA to show their support over the last 2 years. There were however a couple of opportunities to attend sporting events. The provision of refreshments was particularly welcomed by those in attendance. Hopefully the presence of PTFA will become more evident over the coming months as it is likely that the majority of school events will resume as normal this year.

Thanks

The Chairman extended thanks to the Treasurer for preparing the accounts and the Treasurer's report. He also thanked everyone for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report- a review of the Charity's Financial Position

The Treasurer provided an up-to-date report, detailing accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023. The accounts have been calculated and agreed by an Independent Examiner.

The Treasurer alluded to the fact that the PTFA has been restricted with regards to the number of activities that have taken place over the last year.

Principal's recognition of the public benefit.

The Principal thanked the Association for their tremendous support throughout the past academic year.

SAPTFA not only raised vital funds for the school but during these unique times, developed new and creative ways of helping the school community and in particular the most vulnerable pupils – most notably with our pre-loved uniform initiative and free breakfasts. He thanked his colleagues for their hard work and dedication emphasising the importance of the partnership between school, home and the pupils. He thanked the Committee members and all Strabane Academy's parents for their ongoing support. The Principal also commended the resilience of the school community as he outlined the sense of togetherness that had seen us through one of the most challenging times in the school's history.

He outlined with delight, the fact that the school's extensive extra and co-curricular programme had returned following the pandemic.

He confirmed the school's enrolment – 653 pupils, with approximately 42 teaching staff and 30 support staff. It was noted that the school continues to be regularly oversubscribed.

He concluded his comments by thanking everyone present for coming and expressed his sincere appreciation for their considerable efforts across the Academy.

Re AGM January 2023

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Strabane Academy, Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 April 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Anne Rogers

Relevant professional qualification or body: N/A

Address: Strabane Academy, 61 Derry Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 8LD

Date: 14/11/2023