

Pond Park Educational Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108757

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-07-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The trustees shall stand possessed of the trust fund upon trust to apply the capital and income thereof for any charitable purpose or charitable purposes connected with or relating to the school.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,796	£12,000	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Jenna Louise Patterson		
Mr Eric John McCleery		
Mrs Valerie Mackay		
Rev Andrew Thompson		

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Accounts

Pond Park Educational Trust

Financial Statement 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Opening Balance as at 1.4.24:	£28,937.69		
Income:		Expenditure:	
Contributions:	£8,410.00	To:	
Interest:	£385.56	Pond Park School Fund a/c	
		to fund leasing of iPads:	£12,000
Total Income:	£8,795.56	Total Expenditure:	£12,000
		Closing Balance as at 31.03.25:	£25,733.25
Other Assets:	None		
Other Liabilities:	None		

Approved by the trustees on 28 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

E McCleery



Trustee

J Patterson



Trustee

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Financial Statement 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Opening Balance as at 1.4.23:	£13,691.27		
Income:		Expenditure:	
Contributions:	£21,945.00	To:	
Grants:	£5,000.00	Pond Park School Fund a/c	
Interest:	£301.42	to fund leasing of iPads:	£12,000
Total Income:	£27,246.42	Total Expenditure:	£12,000
		Closing Balance as at 31.03.24:	£28,937.69
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Annual report



Educational Trust

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Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

For the period ended 31 March 2024

CCNI: 00196016

Pond Park Primary School Educational Trust Annual Report for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Purpose of the Charity

The Pond Park Educational Trust was established in 1985 “to provide educational benefits for the pupils of Pond Park Primary School”. The ‘benefits’ were perceived, in general terms, as being extra items which would enhance the resources of the school. Over the years many items have been provided and these have substantially enriched the educational experience of all pupils.

In recent years there has been significant and much publicised activity in the area of Educational Reform. Leaving aside the merits and demerits of this activity, one outcome of government policy has been an increasing shortfall between what schools would wish to spend on resources for pupils and the money available to them.

Under the common formula for funding Local Management of Schools all children do not attract the same per capita amount. Due to the nature of the school’s catchment, Pond Park Primary School pupils attract less than the EA average.

Income for the Pond Park Educational Trust has been generated by parents making direct donations through an annual appeal. We intend to purchase resources on an ongoing basis for the direct benefit of pupils. An annual minimum donation of £35 per child or £50 per family, when added to government funding, would assist us in building up and maintaining a stock of play resources, reading books, mathematics books, ICT resources, musical resources, etc, and would help maintain the renowned high standard of education within the school.

1. All contributions to the Educational Trust are voluntary and totally reliant on parental goodwill.
2. All monies donated will be spent directly on resources for all of the children in the school.
3. Donations will be on an annual basis.
4. Any donations above the quoted figure of £35 per child/£50 per family per annum will be gratefully received by the Trustees.

POND PARK EDUCATIONAL TRUST
SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024

A total of £21,945 was received via parental donations in the 2023/24 year.

In the past year we spent £12,000 leasing iPads which are shared across school and also replenishing class literacy resources. This year's donations (2024/2025) will continue to finance the leasing of iPads and also be used to update outdoor play equipment. Money has been retained in the account with the intention that it will fund a new Nurture Classroom for school.

Governance

Trustees during this Reporting Period

Rev Andrew Thompson

Mrs Valerie MacKay

Miss Jenna Patterson

Mr Eric McCleery

Spending

With the funds raised, we were able to fund the leasing of iPads.

How the charity has ensured that any private benefit has been incidental to the public benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Statement of compliance with the duty to have regard to the Commission's guidance

In setting our objectives for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance to ensure that the parental contributions have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Financial overview

The Educational Trust does not have any other assets or liabilities other than one bank account held in its name. We opened the period of account on 1 April 2023 with cash in the bank of £13,691.27. Income for the year totalled £27,246.42 and expenditure for the year totalled £12,000, leaving cash in the bank of £28,937.69 at the close of the period on 31 March 2024.

Statement of thanks to the volunteers and supporters throughout the 2023/24 year

The Chair of Pond Park Educational Trust would like to thank all those who supports our fundraising through voluntary donations.

Independent Examiner's report to the charity Trustees of Pond Park Educational Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on the next page.

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 Direction given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether 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 your attention to.

Name	
STEPHEN PATTERSON	
Relevant Professional Body	N/A
Address	C/O POND PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, 63 POND PARK RD, LISBURN
Date	29/01/25

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