St Peter's Independent School Trust Unaudited Financial Statements 31 August 2019

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2019

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 August 2019

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	St Peter's Independent School Trust
Charity registration number	281736
Principal office	Lingswood Park Blackthorn Northampton NN3 4TA
The trustees	
	Mr M D A Dawe Mr D B Forrester Mr D Reynolds
Independent examiner	N K Sawford FCCA Sawford Bullard The Old Mill Blisworth Hill Farm Stoke Road Blisworth Northampton NN7 3DB

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity was founded under a trust deed dated 18 December 1980 which governs its objects and powers.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Committee of Management. A member of the Committee of Management cannot also be a trustee.

Trustee induction and training

Most trustees are already familiar with the work of the organisation. New trustees are required to attend an induction meeting to familiarise themselves with the work of the charity. This meeting is jointly led by the Chair of the trustees and the Head teacher and in addition to the work of the charity also covers other areas such as trustee obligations, constitution, organisational structure, financial review and future plans and objectives.

Risk management

The trustees have put systems in place to identify and manage any significant business and operational risks that are faced by the Charity. Regular reports are part of the systems and procedures established to ensure appropriate action is taken.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2019

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Organisational structure

The day-to-day management of the Charity is entrusted to the school management team of Head teacher and Bursar. These identified post holders report to the Committee of Management comprising of independent governors working alongside elected parent and staff representatives. Post holders report to the Committee of Management on no less than a half-termly basis. The trustees of the Charity attend Committee of Management meetings in an observer's role. Separate trustees meetings are held on a regular basis and no less than every two months.

Objectives and activities

The charity was founded to acquire the assets of St Peter's Independent School and to operate it on a non-profit making basis providing education of the highest standards.

The school provides a non-selective co-educational education to a diverse community which is both multi-ethnic and multi-racial. Founded with a Christian ethos the school continues to value both Christian principles and the benefits of a family orientated education.

St. Peter's holds to an inclusive education provision and does not require academic selection of pupils wishing to join the school community. The nature of the school is that each individual pupil is supported to fulfil their own potential in a broad range of educational experiences; academic, practical and social.

In keeping with the establishment of the school, fee structures are held at a level to enable as many families as possible to access an independent style of education. Evidence is clear that, in line with this founding principle, St Peter's fees for education are significantly less than other fee paying schools within the area.

St. Peter's provides an entry level for many families accessing independent education. In line with the Christian ethos of the school support, in the form of free or assisted places, is provided to a number of families facing financial or domestic difficulties.

Achievements and performance

A St. Peter's education continues to provide a much valued alternative to the academy structures now dominant in the county. The breadth and balance of the academic programme, inclusive of the creative and performing arts, is seen as a strength of provision, along with the elements of a strong pastoral care system. The ethos of St. Peter's has proved attractive in recruiting pupils from across the county.

Financial review

Despite a small reduction in the average number of pupils attending the School during the year the management team have been successful in controlling costs and the trustees are pleased to report a modest surplus of £30,765 for the year under review compared to a deficit of £23,599 in the previous year.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2019

Financial review (continued)

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby unrestricted funds excluding tangible assets and long term debt (due after more than one year) should equate to approximately four months of budgeted expenditure, being one academic term. This sets a target of approximately £200,000 and at the end of the financial year free reserves, approximately represented by net current assets/(liabilities) was significantly short of this target. To support the charity's liquidity the trustees have arranged a line of of credit with the charity's bankers and also from time to time provide their own financial support.. The trustees acknowledge that it will take a number of years to restore reserves to satisfactory levels.

Plans for future periods

Since the end of the financial year the School has been dealing with both the practical and financial difficulties caused by Covid-19. Following a review of the impact caused by the pandemic the trustees have come to the conclusion that the Charity does not have the resources to continue operating the School in to another academic year. Agents have therefore been instructed to market the School as a going concern and if a buyer cannot be found the School will close at the end of the academic year 2019/2020.

Based on a recently undertaken professional valuation of the Charity's property and assets there will be sufficient resources to settle all outstanding liabilities and additional closure costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 29 May 2020 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr D B Forrester Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Peter's Independent School Trust

Year ended 31 August 2019

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St Peter's Independent School Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

N K Sawford FCCA Sawford Bullard Independent Examiner

The Old Mill Blisworth Hill Farm Stoke Road Blisworth Northampton NN7 3DB

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2019

		Unrestricted	2019 Restricted		2018
	Note	funds £	funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies Charitable activities	4 5	1,050 652,401	_	1,050 652,401	1,550 677,867
Total income		653,451	_	653,451	679,417
Expenditure Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	614,309	377	614,686	703,016
Total expenditure		614,309	377	614,686	703,016
Net income/(expenditure) and net					
movement in funds		39,142	(377)	38,765	(23,599)
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward		198,504	377	198,881	222,480
Total funds carried forward		237,646	_	237,646	198,881

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2019

	Note	2019 £	£	2018 £
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	14		779,153	808,148
Current assets Debtors	15	27,064		46,680
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	256,183		328,414
Net current liabilities			229,119	281,734
Total assets less current liabilities			550,034	526,414
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		312,388	327,533
Net assets			237,646	198,881
Funds of the charity Restricted funds Unrestricted funds			237,646	377 198,504
Total charity funds	20		237,646	198,881

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 29 May 2020, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr D B Forrester Trustee

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 August 2019

Cash flows from operating activities Net income/(expenditure)	Note	2019 £ 38,765	2018 £ (23,599)
Adjustments for: Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Interest payable and similar charges Gains on disposal of heritage assets Accrued expenses		28,995 20,260 _ 12,156	30,967 22,449 (255) 23,255
<i>Changes in:</i> Trade and other debtors Trade and other creditors		19,616 (61,470)	2,382 (51,364)
Cash generated from operations		58,322	3,835
Interest paid		(20,260)	(22,449)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		38,062	(18,614)
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of tangible assets Proceeds from sale of tangible assets Proceeds from sale of heritage assets Net cash from investing activities		- - 	(2,441) 6,746 255 4,560
Cash flows from financing activities Proceeds from borrowings Payments of finance lease liabilities		(13,240)	(14,212) (6,979) (21,191)
Net cash used in financing activities		(13,240)	(21,191)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		24,822 (144,543)	(35,245) (109,298)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	16	(119,721)	(144,543)

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2019

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Lingswood Park, Blackthorn, Northampton, NN3 8TA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

As disclosed in the trustees report, the impact of Covid-19 has created an increased level of uncertainly in the ability of the School to attract sufficient pupil numbers for the School to continue under it's current format. Following advice from a number of external advisers the School is now being marketed for sale. Should a buyer not be found the trustees have taken the decision to close the School from the end of the current academic year. Whilst the trustees consider the non-property assets to be be stated at their recoverable amounts there will be additional costs incurred to facilitate the closure estimated at c£100,000 which has not been provided for in these accounts. The valuation of the School's property recently carried out indicates that in such circumstances all liabilities will be met.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2019

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

The charity is not registered for value added tax and all amounts subject to VAT are therefore inclusive of VAT.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
School equipment	-	16% straight line

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2019

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Pension schemes

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefits Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator. The Scheme is a multiemployer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities which are attributable to the School. The scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and the costs charged in the year represent the amount of contributions payable.

In addition, the School offers a defined contribution scheme for those staff non eligible or opting out of the Teachers Pension Scheme. Contributions to the defined contribution plan are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided

4. Donations and legacies

5.

Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
1 050	1 050	1 550	1,550
Unrestricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Total Funds
Funds	2019	Funds	2018
£	£	£	£
564,713	564,713	634,856	634,856
29,259	29,259	28,078	28,078
58,429	58,429	14,933	14,933
652,401	652,401	677,867	677,867
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Year ended 31 August 2019

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

School expenditure Support costs	Unrestricted Funds £ 601,951 12,358 614,309	Restricted Funds £ 377 377	Total Funds 2019 £ 602,328 12,358 614,686
School expenditure Support costs	Unrestricted Funds £ 682,282 20,734 703,016	Restricted Funds £ 	Total Funds 2018 £ 682,282 20,734 703,016

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken (Grant funding		Total funds	Total fund
	directly	of activities Su	upport costs	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£	£
School expenditure	601,951	377	10,559	612,887	701,213
Governance costs		_	1,799	1,799	1,803
	601,951	377	12,358	614,686	703,016

8. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of		
	support costs	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£
Finance costs	9,687	9,687	10,047
Governance costs	1,800	1,800	1,800
Regulatory inspection fees	541	541	3,427
Legal fees	331	331	5,460
	12,359	12,359	20,734

9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019 £	2018 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Gains on disposal of heritage assets	28,995	30,967 (255)
Callis of disposal of heritage assets		(200)

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10. Independent examination fees

	2019 £	2018 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements Other financial services	1,800 9,687	1,800 10,047
	11,487	11,847

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

2019	2018
£	£
378,480	436,449
25,907	31,336
36,751	45,855
441,138	513,640
	£ 378,480 25,907 36,751

The average head count of employees during the year was 15 (2018: 17).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2018: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year, (2018: £nil), nor expenses reimbursed, (2018: £nil).

13. Transfers between funds

No transfers between funds were made during the year, (2018: Nil).

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost At 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	1,252,305	113,981	1,366,286
Depreciation At 1 September 2018 Charge for the year	454,789 24,999	103,349 3,996	558,138 28,995
At 31 August 2019	479,788	107,345	587,133
Carrying amount At 31 August 2019 At 31 August 2018	772,517 797,516	6,636 10,632	779,153 808,148

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14. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

During October 2019 the freehold property of the school was subject to a professional revaluation by Christie & Co. The report valued the property at an open market valuation of £1,500,000.

This new valuation of the property exceeds the written down historical value of the property in the accounts which currently stands at \pounds 772,517. The trustees have not reflected this increased valuation within the accounts and the property continues to be valued on historical cost. The written down value of the property in the accounts as at 31 August 2019 was \pounds 772,517, (2018: \pounds 797,516).

15. Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Trade debtors	1,363	21,375
Prepayments and accrued income	7,252	8,918
Other debtors	18,449	16,387
	27,064	46,680

The debtors above include the following amounts falling due after more than one year: 2019

	U U	U U	2019	2018
			£	£
Trade debtors			17,489	16,387

16. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

·	5	2019	2018
		£	£
Bank overdrafts		(119,721)	(144,543)

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	133,659	157,776
Trade creditors	15,468	24,938
Accruals and deferred income	43,637	31,481
Social security and other taxes	5,869	15,683
Pension fund creditor	4,300	4,956
Other creditors	53,250	93,580
	256,183	328,414

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18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2019 £	2018 £
Bank loans and overdrafts Other creditors	296,988 15,400	310,933 16,600
	312,388	327,533

Included within creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year is an amount of £233,405 (2018: £250,567) in respect of liabilities payable or repayable by instalments which fall due for payment after more than five years from the reporting date.

A loan of £347,600 was drawn down in 2016 to consolidate existing borrowings and provide additional working capital for the School. The loan is repayable over eighteen years at a fixed rate of 5.2%

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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19. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for qualifying staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of \pounds 33,923 (2018: \pounds 43,115).

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and employer being credited to the Exchanger. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary Department. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the valuation report which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 valuation report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case. This case required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the Government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgement that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The Government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until a remedy to the discrimination conclusion has been determined by the Employment Tribunal it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

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20. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds General fund	At 1 September 2018 £ 198,504	Income £ 653,451	Expenditure £ (614,309)	At 31 August 2019 £ 237,646
General fund	At 1 September 2017 £ 222,103	Income £ 679,417	Expenditure £ (703,016)	At 31 August 2018 £ 198,504
Restricted funds	At 1 September 2018	Income	Expenditure	At 31 August 2019
Restricted Funds	£ 377	£	£ (377)	2
	At 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2018 £

Restricted Funds include monies for Staging and Lighting, the Hall Floor, English Books and Staff training.

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors less than 1 year Creditors greater than 1 year Net assets	Unrestricted Funds £ 779,153 27,064 (255,912) (312,659) 237,646	Restricted Funds £ – – – –	Total Funds 2019 £ 779,153 27,064 (255,912) (312,659) 237,646
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors less than 1 year Creditors greater than 1 year Net assets	Unrestricted Funds £ 808,148 46,303 (328,414) (327,533) 198,504	Restricted Funds £ 377 - 377 377	Total Funds 2018 £ 808,148 46,680 (328,414) (327,533) 198,881

22. Related parties

Creditors falling due within one year include interest free loans from the following trustees:

Mr M Dawe, £12,300, (2018: £42,500)

Mr D Forrester, £33,750, (2018: £43,750)

Mr D Reynolds, as trustee of the E W Hall Charitable Trust, £1,200, (2018: £1,200)

Mr A Bentley, £6,000, (2018: £6,000)

Creditors falling due after one year include an interest free loan from the following trustee:

Mr D Reynolds, as trustee of the E W Hall Charitable Trust, £15,400, (2018: £16,600)