# ST PETER'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 AUGUST 2016

**Charity Number 281736** 

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# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

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# ST PETER'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TRUST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Registered charity name St Peter's Independent School Trust

Charity number 281736

Principal address Lingswood Park

Blackthorn Northampton NN3 8TA

**Trustees** Mr M Dawe

Mr D Forrester Mr D Reynolds

**Headteacher** Mr T R Cooper

Auditor Sawford Bullard

Accountants

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Bankers Lloyds Bank plc

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#### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 2016.

# Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

#### The trustees

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows:

Mr M Dawe

Mr D Forrester

Mr D Reynolds

#### 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 Headteacher 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.

#### Organisational structure

The day-to-day management of the Charity is entrusted to the school management team of Headmaster 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.

#### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### Objectives, activities and public benefit

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, and the school is looking at how to provide practical support to retain these family groups.

#### Financial review

Pupil numbers remained stable showing a slight increase in average numbers from 110 in 2015 to 112 in 2016. During the previous year unexpected teacher recruitment and supply costs resulted in a deficit of £62,257, however these costs have now been brought under control and as a result income exceeded expenditure during 2015/2016 by £17,416.

#### 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 was significantly short of this target figure by £341,425. To support the charity the trustees have arranged a line of credit with the charity's bankers to assist with liquidity. The trustees acknowledge that it will take a number of years to restore reserves to satisfactory levels.

#### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### Plans for future periods

As forecast in the 2014-2015 report the expected growth pattern for the school has returned primarily to growth in the Preparatory Department and a consequent flow of pupils through to the Senior School classes of Form 1 (Year 7) and Form 2 (Year 8).

The Trustees are aware of the transitory nature of some pupil placements at the school; this is certainly the case where fees are met by national funding schemes at EYFS stage, and where parental aspirations cannot be met by long term financial commitments. The establishment of Free School structures within the county will go some way to provide a new alternative form of provision.

The Trustees are aware of increased demand in school places for pupils requiring additional support for additional learning needs (SEND). The school must consider balancing the meeting of this demand with consequent costs incurred and the overall balances of the school intake.

At the close of the school year the Trustees were able to support essential maintenance and site renovations and refurbishment. These developments have much enhanced the educational environment of the school and are clearly appreciated by both current pupils and potential future clients at the point of recruitment.

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

# YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### Auditor

Sawford Bullard have been re-appointed as auditor for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Lingswood Park Blackthorn Northampton NN3 8TA

Mr M Dawe Trustee

28 June 2017

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST PETER'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TRUST

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

We have audited the financial statements of St Peter's Independent School Trust for the year ended 31 August 2016 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees Annual Report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST PETER'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TRUST (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

SAWFORD BULLARD Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Sawford Bullard is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

# YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income Incoming resources from	2	474	_	474	5,595
charitable activities	3	674,169	_	674,169	663,118
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		674,643		674,643	668,713
Resources expended					
Charitable activities Governance costs	4/5 6	(653,277) (3,672)	(278)	(653,555) (3,672)	(727,380) (3,590)
Total resources expended		(656,949)	(278)	(657,227)	(730,970)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	7	17,694	(278)	17,416	(62,257)
Transfer between funds	8	1,960	(1,960)	_	_
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		19,654	(2,238)	17,416	(62,257)
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward	l	332,114	2,615	334,729	396,986
Total funds carried forwar	rd	351,768	377	<u>352,145</u>	334,729

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# 31 AUGUST 2016

Note				£
NOLE	£	æ	r	L
10		847,988		833,504
11	70,294		50,306	
12	(211,719)		(178,621)	
		(141,425)		(128,315)
		706,563		705,189
13		(354,418)		(370,460)
		352,145		334,729
14		377		2,615
15		351,768		332,114
		352,145		334,729
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These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the 28 June 2017 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr D Forrester

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005).

As disclosed in the Trustees' report the School relies on the continued support of the School's bankers. Should this support be withdrawn or the trustees deem that operating targets are not be achieved the School would be forced to close. Whilst the trustees are confident of both their plan and the continued support of the bank closure would require certain assets to be restated to their recoverable amounts and additional costs would be incurred to facilitate the closure. The valuation of the School's property carried out during 2011/2012 indicates that in such circumstances all liabilities would be met. These financial statements have been prepared assuming that the School will continue in operation.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

#### Fee income

Fee income represents fees receivable during the accounting period after deducting allowances and other remissions granted by the trust.

#### 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Fixed assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

#### **Depreciation**

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

Freehold property - 50 years straight line School Equipment - 6 years straight line

All fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated as shown above.

#### **Pension costs**

The charity contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefits Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary. The Scheme is a multi employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities which are attributable to St Peter's Independent School Trust. In accordance with FRS17 therefore, the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and costs charged in the year represent the amount of contributions payable.

#### 2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	Funds	2016	2015
	£	£	£
Donations			
General donations received	474	474	5,595

#### 3. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	2016	2015
	£	£	£
School fees receivable	625,468	625,468	607,334
Other school income received	30,461	30,461	36,208
Grants	18,240	18,240	19,576
	674,169	674,169	663,118
Other school income received	625,468 30,461 18,240	625,468 30,461 18,240	607,3 36,2 19,5

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

# 4. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	Funds	Funds	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Direct School operating costs	628,306	278	628,584	700,169
Support costs	24,971		24,971	27,211
	653,277	278	653,555	727,380

# 5. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities			
	undertaken	Support	<b>Total Funds</b>	Total Funds
	directly	costs	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Direct School operating costs	628,584	24,971	653,555	727,380

#### 6. Governance costs

	Unrestricted	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	Funds	2016	2015
	£	£	£
Audit fees	3,672	3,672	3,590

# 7. Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2016	2015
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	41,821	34,539
Depreciation	28,058	30,196
Auditors' remuneration:		
- audit of the financial statements	3,672	3,590
- other fees (see below)	10,544	9,932

#### **Auditor's fees**

The fees charged by the auditor can be further analysed under the following headings for services rendered:

	2016	2015
	£	£
Audit	3,672	3,590
Accountancy	10,544	9,932
	14,216	13,522

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### 8. Fund transfers

During the year a transfer of funds was made from restricted funds to unrestricted fund of £1,960 which represented expenditure incurred not recognised as a restricted fund.

#### 9. Staff costs and emoluments

#### Total staff costs were as follows:

	2016	2015
	£	£
Wages and salaries	402,851	460,068
Social security costs	23,938	27,184
Other pension costs	41,821	34,539
	468,610	521,791
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The Charity participates in a multi employer defined benefits pension scheme, the Teachers' Pension Scheme. As a result it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme attributable to the Charity.

The charge above represents the contributions payable to the Scheme.

#### Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, was as follows:

	2016	2015
	No.	No.
Teaching and admin staff	15	18

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year, (2015: £nil), nor expenses reimbursed, (2015: £nil).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2015 - Nil).

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	School Equipment £	Total £
Cost At 1 September 2015 Additions	1,208,755 27,954	96,451 14,588	1,305,206 42,542
At 31 August 2016	1,236,709	111,039	1,347,748
Depreciation At 1 September 2015 Charge for the year At 31 August 2016	381,283 23,974 405,257	90,419 4,084 94,503	471,702 28,058 499,760
Net book value At 31 August 2016 At 31 August 2015	831,452 827,472	16,536 6,032	847,988 833,504

During 2011 the freehold property of the school was subject to revaluation by Aitchison Raffety. The report valued the property at an open market valuation of £1,250,000, with a revised valuation of £1,000,000 should it be necessary to sell the property within a six month time frame.

The valuation of the property in the accounts at that time stood at £912,849 and the trustees took the view not to reflect the increased valuation within the balance sheet. The written down value of the property in the accounts as at 31 August 2016 was £831,452.

#### 11. Debtors

	2016	2015
	${f \pounds}$	£
Trade debtors	36,327	12,757
Other debtors	16,980	20,979
Prepayments	16,987	16,570
	70,294	50,306

Included within debtors is £16,537 (2015: £16,537) which is due after one year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

# 12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016	2015
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	43,983	58,666
Trade creditors	78,852	42,499
School fees received in advance	56,722	51,090
Other creditors	21,395	15,230
Accruals and deferred income	10,767	11,136
	211,719	178,621

# 13. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2016	2015
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	335,618	350,460
Other creditors	18,800	20,000
	354,418	370,460

# 14. Restricted income funds

	<b>Balance at</b>	Outgoing	Balance at		
	1 Sep 2015	resources	<b>Transfers</b>	31 Aug 2016	
	£	£	£	£	
Restricted Funds	2,615	(278)	(1,960)	377	

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

# 15. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at	Incoming	Outgoing		Balance at
	1 Sep 2015	resources	resources	<b>Transfers</b>	31 Aug 2016
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	332,114	674,643	(656,949)	1,960	351,768

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

#### 16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current				
	Tangible fixed assets	assets/ (liabilities) £	Long term liabilities £	Total £	
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds:</b>					
Designated Funds	_	377	_	377	
General Funds	847,988	(141,802)	(354,418)	351,768	
	847,988	(141,425)	(354,418)	352,145	
<b>Total Funds</b>	847,988	(141,425)	(354,418)	352,145	

# 17. Related party transactions

In 2015 creditors falling due within one year included an interest free loan from Mr M Dawe (trustee) to assist in funding various legal cases seeking to recover bad debts. The loan was repaid during the year from proceeds received from the recovery of the debts. At 31 August 2016 the balance outstanding was £Nil, (2015: £5,350)

Creditors falling due within one year include a loan of £1,200 (2015: £Nil) from The E W Hall Charitable Trust, and organisation in which Mr D Reynolds also serves as a trustee.

Creditors falling due after one year include a loan of £18,800 (2015: £20,000) from The E W Hall Charitable Trust an organisation in which Mr D Reynolds also serves as a trustee.