CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	Jan	2025	To	31	Dec	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Simon Flynn Educational Foundation
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1194615
Charity's principal address	The Old Parsonage
	Bredons Norton
	Tewkesbury
	Postcode GL20 7EZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ann Flynn	Chair		
2	Janet Buckland			
3	Gregory Smith			
4	Victoria Smith			
5	Barnaby Stokes			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustee resolution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit, the advancement of the education of, typically, children living in Gloucestershire, and such other counties in England as the trustees think fit, by the provision of educational services, equipment and facilities, and by any other means the trustees think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We are a charity formed in memory of Simon Flynn, a truly inspirational man who taught primary school children in Gloucestershire and who died in a tragic accident in his early 40s. Therefore, we fund activities that will advance the education of children of a similar age to those that Simon was so inspirational to. We do this by working with a small number of local schools, and to date have been working primarily with one of the Gloucestershire schools where Simon worked.

The charity remains relatively young, having only been operational since May 2021, so the trustees are still forming a picture of the level of recurring funding that the charity will have available each year. Therefore, we continue to operate a system where one or more members of the management and teaching team from a school apply to the trustees a small number of times a year with proposals for activities that the charity could fund. These applications may include, for example, funding for a residential trip; a shared performance space, a play therapy facility and/or therapist; a short-term tutoring programme for a child; the cost of a bus pass for children needing to rehearse their journey in preparation for secondary; or peripatetic music for children showing flair. This enables the activities we fund to be guided by the level of funding available to the charity at the relevant time and allow the trustees to bring to life the values Simon held and the aspirations he had for the children he taught.

When selecting projects, the Trustees have referred, and will continue to refer, to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, as set out here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-benefit-the-public-benefit-requirement-pb1/public-benefit-the-public-benefit-requirement

Following a significant programme of charitable activity during 2024, including the provision of digital learning equipment, an enhanced outdoor play space and a new sensory room, 2025 was a quieter year for the Foundation. During the year, the trustees continued to engage with the management team at the local Gloucestershire school through which much of the Foundation's current charitable activity is delivered and considered a number of potential future projects.

The trustees also continued to support the school in relation to the provision of specialist speech and language therapy. As explained in the previous year's report, implementation of this support was dependent on the school securing access to a suitably qualified speech and language therapist. During the year, the trustees remained committed to providing this support and, following confirmation that appropriate provision had been secured, funding was subsequently released after the year end.

The trustees believe that taking a measured approach to the deployment of the Foundation's resources is in the best interests of both the charity and its beneficiaries. Accordingly, the Foundation's focus during the year was on ensuring that funds already committed could be deployed effectively whilst also considering how best to utilise its resources to support future educational initiatives.

Further information on the outcomes of the charity's projects, including pictures where available from the school, is set out on the Foundation's website: https://www.thesimonflynneducationalfoundation.com/

The Trustees remain extremely grateful to Simon's friends, family and former colleagues for their continued support of the Foundation. Their generosity enables projects such as these to be delivered in Simon's memory and to continue making a lasting difference to children in Gloucestershire. In addition, one of Simon's friends commenced an ambitious paddleboarding challenge along the length of the River Thames during 2026 in support of the Foundation. Together with other anticipated fundraising activity, the trustees are hopeful this will significantly strengthen the Foundation's ability to support new charitable projects in the years ahead.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, the trustees continued to oversee the Foundation's existing charitable activities and maintained regular dialogue with the local Gloucestershire school through which the Foundation currently delivers much of its charitable support. Following the significant programme of projects delivered during 2024, the trustees adopted a more measured approach during 2025, focusing on ensuring that previously approved activities could be implemented effectively and considering proposals for future support.

The trustees remained committed to supporting specialist speech and language therapy provision at the school. Following delays arising from the availability of suitably qualified professionals, arrangements were ultimately put in place to enable this support to proceed, with funding provided after the year end.

The trustees were pleased to see the ongoing benefit of projects funded in previous years and continued to work with the school to identify opportunities where the Foundation's resources may be used most effectively in future. The trustees are particularly encouraged by fundraising initiatives planned and undertaken by Simon's friends and family and look forward to building upon these efforts in 2026 to support the next phase of the Foundation's charitable activities.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves policy requires that the Foundation should maintain minimum reserves of at least six months' operating expenditure. However, the Foundation has very limited recurring expenses, generally limited to administrative expenses such as bank charges.

The Foundation's funds are all unrestricted in nature.

	The trustees believe that the current economic climate, including significant inflation, significant risk of recession, and the uncertain geo-political landscape represent a significant risk to future fundraising income and as such, consider it prudent to retain cash reserves in excess of the minimum in the reserves policy. Reserves in excess of this level are carried over with the intention of funding projects within the forthcoming year.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fundraising activity during the year remained modest and the trustees focused primarily on maintaining the Foundation's existing resources whilst considering future charitable projects. Donations received during the year exceeded the Foundation's administrative costs and, as a result, cash reserves increased modestly. The Foundation's funds remained unrestricted throughout the year and were held in cash pending their application to future charitable activities.

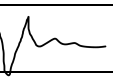
The trustees remain mindful of their responsibility to ensure that donations received by the Foundation are applied thoughtfully and effectively in furtherance of its charitable purposes. In keeping with this approach, the trustees continued to review potential projects and maintained ongoing engagement with the local school supported by the Foundation.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Greg Smith	Victoria Smith
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	

Date 4 August 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Simon Flynn Educational Foundation	1194615

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,163	-	-	1,163	284
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	1,163	-	-	1,163	284
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,163	-	-	1,163	284
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	19,300
	-	-	-	-	-
Other - bank and admin charges	256	-	-	256	276
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	256	-	-	256	19,576
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	256	-	-	256	19,576
Net of receipts/(payments)	907	-	-	907	(19,292)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,075	-	-	18,075	37,366
Cash funds this year end	18,982	-	-	18,982	18,075

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	HSBC current account	18,982	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,982	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Greg Smith	04-Aug-26
	Victoria Smith	04-Aug-26