

Charity registration number 307048

Company registration number 00864831 (England and Wales)

FARLINGTON SCHOOL TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

FARLINGTON SCHOOL TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Secretary	J Robinson
Charity number	307048
Company number	00864831
Registered office	32 Furze Common Road Thakeham Pullborough RH20 3EG
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to advance independent education for the public benefit in or near Horsham.

Aims and Activities

The aim of the charity during the year was the provision of bursaries to young people attending independent schools in the Horsham area.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Bursaries were awarded to young people attending Farlington School who required financial support.

Financial review

The charity made a deficit of £149,061 (2023: £22,347). At the year end the charity had unrestricted funds of £5,042,884 (2023: £5,191,945), of which £4,762,018 (2023: £4,817,018) were tied up in fixed assets, leaving free reserves of £280,866 (2023: £374,927).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. We have excess reserves at the moment but expect additional expenditure to arise in future years as the charity becomes more widely known.

Plans for future periods

The charity will continue to provide bursaries for the foreseeable future. We are looking at developing plans for further marketing/fundraising.

Structure, governance and management

Farlington School Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered charity number 307048 and company number 864831. The directors are the charity trustees. The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. The liability of each member is limited to a sum not exceeding £1 on the winding up of the company.

Farlington School Trust is governed by Articles of Association dated 24 November 1965, as amended by special resolutions on 9 June 2004, 10 October 2012, 12 November 2014 and 28 November 2019.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

E Linnell
J Robinson
A Elder
B Phillips
S Riley
A Bubb
N Charman
M Newell

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The composition of the Board of Trustees provides a cross-section of skills, experience and interest required to address most of the key issues required of a Trustee body. When a Member tenders a resignation, the skills and experience gaps are identified along with any need to recruit new skills. Members of the Trust are invited to identify to the Chairman potential new members. Having identified interested and suitable candidates, the Chairman invites them for an informal discussion with a very small number of Trustees. Those candidates considered suitable for membership of the Trust are put forward by the Chairman of a Trustees' meeting and the proposal is put to a vote. New Trustees are provided with suitable training.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Edwin Linnell

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E Linnell

Trustee

10/01/2025

Date:

FARLINGTON SCHOOL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARLINGTON SCHOOL TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farlington School Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Michelle Westbury FCCA

West & Berry Limited

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Nile House
Nile Street
Brighton
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10/01/2025
Dated:

FARLINGTON SCHOOL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	10	15
Charitable activities	4	150,904	153,000
Investments	5	20,940	2,874
Other income	6	1,320	1,831
Total income		<u>173,174</u>	<u>157,720</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	7	322,235	180,067
Total expenditure		<u>322,235</u>	<u>180,067</u>
Net expenditure and movement in funds		<u>(149,061)</u>	<u>(22,347)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		<u>5,191,945</u>	<u>5,214,292</u>
Fund balances at 31 August 2024		<u><u>5,042,884</u></u>	<u><u>5,191,945</u></u>

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

FARLINGTON SCHOOL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		4,762,018		4,817,018
Current assets					
Debtors	14	23,379		106,849	
Cash at bank and in hand		754,838		542,380	
			<u>778,217</u>		<u>649,229</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(196,819)</u>		<u>(111,729)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>581,398</u>		<u>537,500</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>5,343,416</u>		<u>5,354,518</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		<u>(300,532)</u>		<u>(162,573)</u>
Net assets			<u><u>5,042,884</u></u>		<u><u>5,191,945</u></u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>5,042,884</u>		<u>5,191,945</u>
			<u><u>5,042,884</u></u>		<u><u>5,191,945</u></u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

10/01/2025

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

Edwin Linnell

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E Linnell
Trustee

Company registration number 00864831

FARLINGTON SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Farlington School Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 32 Furze Common Road, Thakeham, Pullborough, RH20 3EG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line on building
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	10	15

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from charitable activities		
Charitable rental income	150,904	153,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	20,940	2,874
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	1,320	1,831
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	55,000	55,000
Bursaries Committed	262,449	128,094
Bank charges	12	12
IT costs	436	252
Accountancy	1,200	1,200
Bursaries cancelled	-	(6,242)
Legal fees	1,938	551
	<u>321,035</u>	<u>178,867</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Governance	1,200	1,200
	<u>322,235</u>	<u>180,067</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>322,235</u>	<u>180,067</u>

Included within Governance costs are fees of £1,200 for Independent Examination (2022: £1,200). Other amounts paid to the examiner were £1,200 for accountancy services (2022: £1,200).

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	55,000	55,000
	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 September 2023	5,492,944
At 31 August 2024	5,492,944
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 September 2023	675,926
Depreciation charged in the year	55,000
At 31 August 2024	730,926
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2024	4,762,018
At 31 August 2023	4,817,018

14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	23,379	2,055
Other debtors	-	104,794
	23,379	106,849

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income		25,474	20,260
Other creditors		168,945	89,069
Accruals		2,400	2,400
		<u>196,819</u>	<u>111,729</u>

Deferred income is in relation to rent received in advance.

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	300,532	162,573
	<u>300,532</u>	<u>162,573</u>

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	5,191,945	173,174	(322,235)	5,042,884
	<u>5,191,945</u>	<u>173,174</u>	<u>(322,235)</u>	<u>5,042,884</u>
Previous year:				
	At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	5,214,292	157,720	(180,067)	5,191,945
	<u>5,214,292</u>	<u>157,720</u>	<u>(180,067)</u>	<u>5,191,945</u>

18 Operating lease commitments

Lessor

The operating leases represent leases of the property to the School as part of the charity's charitable activities. The lease was renewed post year end for a further term of 15 years.

At the reporting end date the charity had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	-	153,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>153,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

18 Operating lease commitments

(Continued)

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

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