# ABBEY COURT SCHOOL TRUST (CIO)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2019

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

TITLE

ABBEY COURT SCHOOL TRUST

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1160511

**GOVERNING INSTRUMENT** 

Constitution (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) dated 14

August 2014

TRUSTEES

Karen Joy

Rev Liz Cox – resigned 07/09/2018 Eileen James – resigned 18/07/19 Kate Flowers – resigned 07/09/2018

Pauline Milton Sue Vallenta-Kerr Rev Jean Kerr

Amanda Collins (Chair) - appointed 25/01/2019

Sandra Jones – appointed 18/07/2019 Charlene Wakerell – appointed 18/07/2019

**ADDRESS** 

Abbey Court School Rede Court Road,

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Kent ME2 3SP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Alexander Ffrench FCCA DChA

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#### TRUSTEES REPORT

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# Activities, Achievements and Future Plans

Abbey Court School Trust continues to hold termly meetings to review existing activities, in line with the initial funding priorities for the Trust, which were identified as follows:-

- 1. Additional facilities and equipment for the new school buildings and site where these cannot be funded by the Local Authority (to include; landscaping, provision of wheelchair access and top up equipment and facilities);
- 2. Curriculum enrichment;
- 3. Additional therapeutic support;
- 4. Funding for sibling and parent workshops;
- 5. Individual communication aids.

Trustees have an ongoing commitment to identify potential funding sources, and feedback at each meeting.

In its fifth year, the Trust made no individual or group grants and received 0 external applications.

The Trust continued to run a lottery (renewing its licence obtained from Medway Council). In total, 216 players signed up at a cost of £10 per year, totalling income of £2,160. This was an increase of 9 players from the previous year. The annual prizes totalled £800, and therefore the lottery saw a profit of £1,360 in its second year.

Throughout the year, the Trust has submitted grant applications to secure funds for various school projects, resulting in successful bids as follows:-

Minibus: The True Colours Trust (£5,000), The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation (£4,000)

Hydrotherapy pool sensory equipment: The Lawson Trust (£7,500)

Secondary school library: The Toy Trust (£2,000)

Rural Activity Centre (Larkin Farm): The Ninevah Charitable Trust (£8,000), The Sobell Foundation (£10,000), R S Brownless (£200)

Fundraising events led by Trustees and members of the school community have resulted in securing £4,609.36. These have included: Pig race Night (£1,292.71), Cake Sale (£200), Charity Football Match (£1,329), Christmas Jumper Day (£265.90), Golf Club Raffle (£308.20) and Quiz Night (£1,213.55).

In addition, the Trust received corporate donations from local businesses amounting to £8,505.35 (BritNed (£2,650), J Murphy & Sons Ltd (£1,930), RMM Site Services (£2,000), Warden Plastics (£100), National Grid (£575.35), Robin Hood Service Station (£500), Taylor Dolman (£250) and L W Burt & Sons Ltd (£500).

BT MyDonate, the on line donation facility, ceased to exist in June 2019. The Trustees investigated alternative options and agreed to register with a new on-line giving provider, KindLink. The Trust continues to raise small sums through Easy Fundraising and AmazonSmile, both on-line shopping initiatives.

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#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Signed 31/01/2020 on behalf of the Trustees by:

**Amanda Collins** 

**Chair of Trustees** 

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the Charity's Trustee as a body, for my work or for this report.

# Respective responsibilities of Trustee and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

# Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

5/2/2020

Signed:

Dated:

Alexander Ffrench FCCA DChA

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# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	2019 £	2019 £	2019 £	2018 €
Receipts Donations Fundraising Income Loan receipt	19,371 10,828	-	19,371 10,828 -	7,296 12,782
Grants received Total receipts	30,199	22,000 <b>22,000</b>	22,000 <b>52,199</b>	20,078
Payments Fundraising fees Accountancy fees Misc Donations Total Payments	820 - - 4,078 <b>4,898</b>		820 - - 4,078 <b>4,898</b>	920 840 106 - 1,866
Excess of receipts over payments for the year Bank balance at beginning of	25,301	22,000	47,301	18,212
	26,468	- "	26,468	8,256
year  Bank balance at end of year	51,769	22,000	73,769	26,468

### STATEMENT OF ASSEST AND LIABILITIES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
Current Assets Bank Balances Current Accounts		73,769		26,468	
<b>Liabilities</b> Loan			5,000		5,000
Charity Funds Restricted funds Unrestricted funds		22,000 46,769		- 21,468	
Total funds		68,769		21,468	

Approved by the Trustees on 31/61/2626 and signed on their behalf by:

**Amanda Collins** 

**Chair of Trustees**