



**Minutes of the meeting, by Zoom, of The Buckland School Trust, held on
Monday 15 March 2021**

1. Welcome Present were Sophie Sheard, Sarah Le Maitre, James Thorpe and Pauline Hawkins. Neil Jackson was introduced and welcomed as our new Trustee.

Headteacher Louise Warren was present and apologies were received from James Wildman and Bev Gold.

2.Minutes of last meeting The last actual meeting was on 21 October 2019. Minutes of that meeting will be given to Sarah Le Maitre, who keeps a record. Over the year the Trust has received financial reports from our Treasurer and up-dates from Ms Warren. We have all exchanged emails about any financial decisions.

3. Matters arising Pauline Hawkins asked about future visits to the science labs, but due to Covid all plans are on hold.

4.Financial Report Sarah Le Maitre gave her report. We have two regular donors. The Trust bought Leavers' pens. Our contribution to the outdoor activity in October will be held until that activity goes ahead. The online Jonathan's Jungle was paid for by the Trust and was a huge 'treat'. Our contribution was noted in the weekly school newsletter.

5.Headteacher's report This report was emailed to all Trustees and Pauline Hawkins asked Ms Warren to pass on our thanks and congratulations to all the staff, who continue to provide excellent teaching and care in these difficult times. Mr Jackson endorsed this on behalf of parents. We know that many schools have struggled to do so well.

6.Way forward Covid has put financial pressures on all schools and the Trust is eager to help. We will buy Leavers' pens as usual and will try to attend any school event, social distancing permitting, to give out Trust leaflets. New parents will be given leaflets in September. With a new school year and, hopefully, a more optimistic time, we could promote the Trust and perhaps suggest that parents might commit to a sum of money monthly. We acknowledge that this has been a very hard year for

many families financially. There was a suggestion that perhaps, meanwhile, an event, May Day?, Sports day? could be live streamed as a 'treat' for parents. Ms Warren will try to find a photographer.

7.AOB None

8.Date of next meeting Monday 11 October, 2021, 8pm, Bampton