

Preparation of accounts for Schools under the remit of the FSSU



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1. Introduction

The Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) was established by the Department of Education & Skills (DES) in 2005 and has operated as a support mechanism for school management in the Voluntary Secondary Schools' sector for the past 14 years. All boards of management (boards) of Primary, Voluntary Secondary and Community and Comprehensive schools are obliged to prepare a set of annual accounts. The annual accounts must be approved by the Chairperson and another member of the board. Under DES Circulars 0060/2017 and 0002/2018, it is stated that the annual accounts are to be prepared and submitted in a format outlined by the FSSU. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to external accountants/auditors in the preparation and submission of annual accounts.

2. Legislative and Regulatory Framework

The legislative and regulatory framework governing schools in the Primary, Voluntary Secondary and Community and Comprehensive sectors can be summarised as follows:

- The Education Act 1998 provides a statutory basis for the education system. It sets
 out the rights and responsibilities for all involved in education.
- The Department of Education and Skills (DES) has the statutory responsibility to implement the Education Act including the funding of recognised schools and accountability for such funding.
- The Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) has issued guidelines that are applicable to all areas of the school's operations including activities not funded by the DES.
- The **Trustees / Patrons** of boards exercise a general supervisory role and are ultimately responsible for the financial well-being of the school. The governing document for each sector provides details of their requirements.
- The Charities Act 2009 applies to all boards as each school is classified as a charity.
 All boards are required to register with the Charities Regulator. The FSSU submit information on behalf of boards from the accounts submitted online by the external school accountant/auditor.
- Revenue Commissioners requirements for PAYE, VAT and RCT and other relevant taxes. Board of Management Relevant Contracts Tax/Value Added Tax.
- The Central Statistics Office requires all boards to submit financial information. The FSSU submit this information on behalf of boards from the accounts submitted online by the external accountant/auditor.

3. Format of Annual Accounts

A standardised format for the preparation of annual accounts has been approved by the Department of Education and Skills. The annual accounts must be prepared using the **chart of accounts** developed by the FSSU. The FSSU will only accept accounts that are prepared using the approved format. The annual accounts should be prepared for the year ending August 31st each year to coincide with the academic year. The FSSU has developed a detailed sample format of **school accounts** (See Appendix E).

The board is also required to provide a financial report to parents of pupils in the school. The FSSU has developed a recommended template for the **parent's report** (See Appendix E). External accountants/auditors are requested to prepare the parent's report for the board as part of the year end process.

4. Annual Online Submission process

A system of online submission of accounts has been approved by the Department of Education and Skills and will be in operation in the Primary and Voluntary Secondary school sectors from the year ended 31st August 2019. The first year of submission for the Community and Comprehensive schools will be for the school year 2019/2020. External school accountants/auditors will access a secure online cloud-based system to input the board's trial balance and to upload the PDF copy of the approved accounts. This process will ensure compliance for the board with the Department of Education and Skills, the Central Statistics Office and the Charities Regulator. See Appendix F for the **User Manual**.

In order to complete the submission process, the accountant/auditor must hold a current Practicing Certificate, have Professional Indemnity Insurance and be a member of a Prescribed Accountancy Body under the supervision of IAASA.

The deadline for the submission of the 2018/2019 annual accounts is the 28th February 2020.

The annual accounts will be accompanied by a separate confirmation letter completed by the board (See Appendix G). This will allow the external accountant/auditor to submit data to the online portal which is required by the Charities Regulator and the Central Statistics Office.

5. Preparing school accounts for the first time:

This is applicable to Primary schools.

- **5.1 Opening Balances** In the first year of preparation of school accounts, the opening balance should be posted to 'surplus brought forward' nominal code 2710.
 - The opening balances to be brought in include;
 - Bank accounts opening balances
 - Outstanding supplier balances
 - Debtors and prepayments
 - Accrued grants/ring fenced grants unspent e.g. ICT grant
 - Revenue liabilities

- **5.2 Fixtures/Fittings & Equipment** Where substantial purchases have been made in the last five years, these assets should be included in the opening balances.
- **5.3 Computer/ICT Equipment** Where substantial purchases have been made in the last three years, these assets should be included in the opening balances.
- **5.4 Land and Buildings** It is not necessary to include a value for land and buildings where they are not owned and controlled by the board.
- **5.5** Comparatives will not be required in the first year of reporting

6. Income

- 6.1 Department of Education and Skills Income The main source of school income is grants payable to schools in the Free Education Scheme both on a per capita basis and for specific purposes. Many of the grants received by schools go into the general school fund to pay for school expenditures, as outlined below. However, some grants and income received may only be used for specific purposes. See section 10.3 on Ringfenced grants.
- **Other State Income** Income received from other state bodies (Example: School Meals Grants received from the DEASP, HSE Funding)
- **School Generated Income** This is income generated within the school from various activities or ventures such as locker rental, school administration charges and income from games and books. Fees charged by fee charging schools are included in this category.

6.4 Other Income

- **6.4.1 Voluntary Contributions** Contributions received from parents on a voluntary basis not connected to specific school activities.
- 6.4.2 Charitable Donations A number of boards are availing of tax relief on Charitable Donations under the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. It has been brought to our attention that some schools are not in compliance with the requirements of the scheme and are including income from transition year students, books and other payments which confer benefits on those making the payments. Boards not in compliance could be subject to significant penalties by Revenue.
- **6.4.3** Parents Association/Councils Funding All funds generated from the activities of the Parents' Association/Council are included in this section.
- **6.4.4 Donations -** Donations and gifts received are included in this section.
- **Restricted and Non restricted Fundraising -** Fundraising income must be allocated to restricted or non restricted codes. Annual accounts must adequately identify, distinguish and report upon unrestricted, restricted and designated income to enable adequate

reporting of income and reserves.

The Charities Regulator has issued a detailed guideline for charities - Guideline for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the Public.

7. Expenditure

Current Expenditure:

- **7.1 Education Salaries**: All salaries to part-time and substitute teachers and payments to teachers for education related services including all PAYE, USC and PRSI and all payments under the Supervision and Substitution scheme.
- **7.2 Education Other:** Expenditure includes all teaching aids, consumable materials and all expenses related to curriculum and education activities.

<u>ICT Grants Non-Capital</u> - Code 3230 ICT Infrastructure Grant code should only relate to the proportion of the ICT grant that relates to non-capital ICT items.

For instance, under the ICT grant, there is scope to spend monies on cloud-based tools and software applications or other learning platforms that may not be capital items. Therefore, these items would not be capitalised and are treated as follows:

GRANT INCOME RECEIVED:

Action	Debit/Credit	Nominal Code	Description
Grant	DR	1800	Current Bank Account
received	CR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent

WHEN GRANT IS SPENT:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Item purchased	DR	4410	Non-capital Computers/IT Expense
	CR	1800	Current Bank Account

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Journal to	DR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent
reflect ICT Non-capital grant spend	CR	3230	ICT Grant Non-capital

- **7.3 Repairs, Maintenance and Establishment:** Current expenditure related to the upkeep and maintenance of school buildings, grounds, furniture, fittings and equipment, caretaking costs, cleaning, insurance, light, power and heating.
- **7.4 Administration:** Administrative salaries and services, printing, postage, telephone and stationery.
- 7.5 Financial: Bank interest and charges.
- 7.6 Depreciation

8. Balance Sheet

8.1 Land and Buildings

Funds received for land and buildings are not reflected as fixed assets in the Balance Sheet of a school as set out in Section 15(3) Education Act – "For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Act shall confer or be deemed to confer on the board any right over or interest in the land and buildings of the school for which that board is responsible."

Summer Works Schemes of a capital nature should also be treated in this way.

The accounting treatment is as follows:

GRANTS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS FOR A BUILDING PROJECT:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Capital Building grant received from DES	DR	1800	Current Bank Account
	CR	3900	DES Capital Building Grant Income

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Capital Building DES grant spent	DR	3940	DES Capital Building Grant Expense
	CR	1800	Current Bank Account

ACCOUNTING TREATMENT FOR FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING PROJECT:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Income from Fundraising Committees for capital work on buildings	DR	1800	Current Bank Account
	CR	3901	Capital Building Fundraising Income

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Spend of Fundraising Committees for capital work on buildings	DR	3960	Capital Building Fundraising Expense
	CR	1800	Current Bank Account

ACCOUNTING TREATMENT FOR PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING FOR A BUILDING PROJECTS

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Income from parents for capital work	DR	1800	Current Bank Account
	CR	3902	Parents Contribution to Capital Projects Income

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Spend of parent's contributions to capital work	DR	3970	Parents Contribution to Capital Project Expense
	CR	1800	Current Bank Account

Removal of Land and Buildings from the Balance Sheet of the board

Land and buildings of a school are in most cases the property of the Patron/Trustees.

Boards and Patrons/Trustees are advised to consider whether land and buildings should be accounted for on the boards balance sheet. Where a decision is taken to remove land and buildings from the balance sheet, a Building Fund Account should be created into which the original cost of the land and buildings is transferred together with contributions towards the cost of these land and buildings e.g State Grants, Fund Raising, Parents' Contributions, Donations, Trustee Contributions etc. This is a change in accounting policy and gives rise to a prior year adjustment.

The accounting treatment is as follows

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Transfer the cost of Land and Building to Building Fund Account	DR	3995	Building Fund Account
	CR	1400	Capital: Land and Buildings

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Write back depreciation to	DR	1410	Accumulated Depreciation on Land and Buildings
Retained Surplus	CR	2710	Surplus brought forward

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Transfer the contributions to the cost of	DR	3900	DES Capital Building grant income
Land and Buildings to Building Fund Account	CR	3995	Building Fund Account

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Write back amortisation to	DR	2710	Surplus brought forward
Retained Surplus.	CR	3906	Accumulated Amortisation Capital Building Income

8.2 ICT, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment Grant

When ICT grant monies received:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Grant Monies	DR	1800	Current Bank Account
Received	CR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent

When ICT item is purchased:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Item	DR	1460	Capital Computer Equipment
Purchased	CR	1800	Current Bank Account
Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Transfer of Grant to	DR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent
Capital Reserves	CR	3921	ICT Capital Grant Income

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Amortisation	DR	3926	Accumulated Amortisation of ICT Capital Grant Income
of grant	CR	3840	Amortisation of grants

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Depreciation of Capital	DR	8060	Depreciation of Capital Computer Equipment
Computer Equipment	CR	1470	Accumulated Depreciation Computer Equipment

Note 1: ICT Grant spent should be amortised to the I&E over 3 years Note 2: ICT Depreciation Policy. Items depreciated over 3 years

Other Equipment Grants

As part of a large-scale project, a board may receive a large one-off grant for Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment. In this instance, the below is the accounting treatment

When grant monies received:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
	DR	1800	Current Bank Account
Grant Monies Received	CR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Item	DR	1420	Capital: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment
Purchased	CR	1800	Current Bank Account

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Transfer of	DR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent
Grant Spent to Capital Reserves	CR	3920	DES Equipment Grants Income

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
	DR	3925	Accumulated Amortisation of Capital Equipment Income
Amortisation of grant	CR	3840	Amortisation of grants

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Depreciation of Fixtures,	DR	8020	Annual Depreciation: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment
Fittings and Equipment	CR	1430	Accumulated Depreciation: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment

Note 1: Grant spent should be amortised to the I&E over 5 years

Note 2: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment Depreciation Policy. Items depreciated over 5 years

9 Current Assets

9.1 Debtors and Prepayments

This section includes service contracts, insurance claims due

9.2 Grants Due from State Exams Commission or Retention monies due on Capital projects

9.3 Bank Accounts

The number of school bank accounts must be kept to a minimum. All monies received for the benefit of the school should be lodged in the main school bank account. The maintenance of proper books and records in a standardised format will facilitate the analysis of the sources of income and patterns of expenditure. This reduces the need for separate bank accounts for the various sources of funding. All school bank accounts should be addressed to the secretary of the board at the school address.

All school bank accounts are to be included in the annual accounts, including:

- School Current and Deposit Accounts
- Credit Union Accounts
- Credit Card Accounts
- Fundraising Accounts
- Building Project Accounts
- Linked/common Bank Accounts
- Student Council Accounts
- All accounts held by the Parents Association/Council

9.4 Parents Association/Council Bank Accounts

Where a Parents' Association/Council raises funds in the name of the school, the board must ensure that the Association has adequate procedures in place to safeguard these funds.

All funds expended by the Parents' Association/Council for the benefit of the school should be channelled through the school bank account. The funds should first be transferred from the Parents' Association/Council to the school bank account and then paid out by the school.

The Parents' Association/Council should present an income and expenditure report at the end of the year and the bank statements for incorporation into the annual school accounts. The Parents' Association/Council bank accounts with supporting documentation should be provided to the board within a month of year end and passed over to the school's external accountant/auditor.

Parents' Association/Council transactions should be recorded as follows:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Parents' Association/Council	DR	1820	Parents' Association Bank Account
Fundraising Income (Non-Capital)	CR	3700	Income from Parents Association

Fundraising expenses incurred are treated as follows:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Parents' Association/Council	DR	4925	Unrestricted school fund raising expenditure
Fundraising Expenditure (Non- Capital)	CR	1820	Parents Association Bank Account

10 Current Liabilities

10.1 School Generated Income received in advance

Schools may receive income for the following school year in advance for example, Transition Year charges, school administration charges and book rental income etc. This should be posted to code 2105 'School Income received in advance'.

10.2 Grants Received in Advance

Any grants received in the current school year that relates to the following school year and should be accounted for in code 2150 'Grants Received in Advance' when received. E.g. Book Grant

10.3 Ringfenced Grants Unspent

The portion of unspent ringfenced grant balances must be accounted for at the end of the year using the relevant balance sheet code (2160-2180) in the chart of accounts. The following grants are examples of ringfenced grants;

- a. Book Grant
- b. Supervision and Substitution Grant
- c. ICT Grant
- d. Minor Works Grant
- e. HSCL Grant
- f. Summer Works Grant
- g. All Capital Grants
- h. Specialised Equipment Grants
- i. Non-teacher Pay Grant
- j. State Exam income
- k. Bus Escort Grant
- I. Schools Meal Grant
- m. Standardised Testing Grant

10.4 Special Equipment Grants received for specific student

When grant monies received:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Special Equipment	DR	1800	Current Bank Account
Equipment Grant Received	CR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent

When item is purchased:

Action	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
	DR	4919	Special Educational Equipment
	CR	1800	Current Bank Account Expense
Special Equipment	DR/CR	Nominal Code	Description
Purchased	DR	2171	Other ringfenced grants unspent
	CR	3140	Special Education Equipment Grant

11. Long term liabilities

If a board has a long-term loan with a financial institution or patron, it is accounted for in this section.

12. Contribution to Fixed Assets

- **12.1** Other Capital Grants eg ICT, Furniture and Equipment grants
- **12.2** Land and Buildings summary of capital income and expenditure for land and buildings as outlined above
- **12.3** Building Fund Account Accumulated Capital Income and Expenditure for land and buildings brought forward



Circular Number: 0060/2017

To: The Management Authorities of recognised Primary Schools

Roll out and operation of the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) at Primary Level

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this circular is to inform school management authorities of recognised Primary schools of the roll out and operation of the FSSU at Primary level with effect from September 2017.

The FSSU will provide advice and support to schools in financial governance and strengthen the existing arrangements at primary level including standardising arrangements for compliance with accounting requirements under Section 18 of the Education Act 1998.

The expansion of the FSSU to include primary level is referenced in the *Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2015-2019* and is included in the Department of Education & Skills Action Plan for 2017.

2. Role of the FSSU.

The role of the FSSU includes:

- Provision of advice and support to schools on financial governance matters including compliance with the requirements of this circular.
- Development of templates for use by schools in relation to financial matters including a standardised national template for annual school accounts.
- Acting as a central repository for receipt of annual school accounts prepared by an external accountant/auditor registered with a recognised accountancy body in the State.
- Carrying out such audits as may be required.
- Preparation of an annual report for the Department.
- Liaison with the Department in relation to financial matters pertaining to Primary schools.
- Submission of financial information to the Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA) which will also satisfy the financial reporting obligations placed on schools by the Charities Act 2009.
- Provision of statistical information to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) in relation to its requirements for financial information in respect of the school system.

Further details in relation to the FSSU can be obtained on its website www.fssu.ie.

The FSSU is hosted by the Joint Managerial Body (JMB).

3. FSSU Advisory Committee.

An FSSU Advisory Committee is in place to advise and support the operation of the FSSU at primary level so as to reflect the needs of the primary sector. This Committee includes representatives from the Department, School Management Bodies and the FSSU.

4. What will the FSSU mean for each Primary School?

- a) The FSSU will be an important source of advice and support for primary schools on financial governance matters primarily provided via on-line and telephone support. Further details are available at www.fssu.ie.
- b) The FSSU have developed a suite of templates for use by schools as follows:
 - Templates for use internally by schools for monitoring monthly income, expenditure, budget management, cash flow etc. The use of the FSSU internal templates is optional for schools who may wish to continue to use the IPPN Airgead Bunscoile/Financial Template, CPSMA Accounts templates etc. for their internal use.
 - A standardised national template for the submission to the FSSU of annual school accounts, prepared by an external accountant/auditor registered with a recognised accountancy body in the state, will be introduced on a phased basis. The national template will be the standardised method for accountants/auditors to prepare annual school accounts in accordance with the requirements of Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998.
 - A standard template report for use when providing summary financial information to parents will be available as part of the standardised national template for annual school accounts.
- c) It is the responsibility of the Board of Management to ensure financial accounts are submitted to the FSSU by its external accountant/auditor. This will satisfy the requirement under Section 18 of the Education Act 1998 for schools to make available their accounts for inspection by the Minister.

Schools will be required to submit accounts to the FSSU in respect of the 2018/19 school year and annually thereafter in the prescribed format and by the relevant deadline.

The following is the timeline for same:

2017/18 school year	FSSU will focus on provision of advice and support as part of
	preparations for the phased introduction of the standardised
	national template for annual school accounts.
2018/19 school year	This will be the first year for annual school accounts to be
	prepared using the standardised national template. This will
	be the required format for schools to fulfil obligations under
	Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998.
End February 2020	This will be the latest date for annual school accounts for the
	2018/19 school year to be submitted to the FSSU.
Annually thereafter	Annual School Accounts to be submitted to the FSSU in the
	prescribed format by the end of February (6 months after the
	end of the school year).

The completed accounts must be accompanied by such other information as the FSSU may require.

The above requirements are in addition to any specific requirement of the patron in relation to the submission of annual accounts.

d) The submission of annual school accounts to the FSSU, in the prescribed format and by the relevant deadline, will also satisfy the financial reporting obligations placed on schools by the Charities Act 2009.

It will also meet any financial reporting requirements of the Central Statistics Office.

e) Schools may be subject to audit by the FSSU as part of its ongoing programme of work.

5. What will the FSSU mean for school patrons?

The Board of Management is required to manage the school on behalf of the patron. In this regard:

- a) The FSSU will, where requested, provide patrons with a list of their schools indicating if they are compliant in relation to the submission of annual school accounts.
- b) Patrons may, where appropriate, contact the FSSU to request that an audit of a school be carried out.

6. What will the FSSU mean for Parents?

A standardised national approach will be in place for provision of summary financial information to parents. This will be done for the 2018/19 school year onwards as part of the standardised national template for annual school accounts.

7. Legislative Context.

Education Act, 1998.

Boards of Management are reminded of their responsibility to ensure appropriate accounting and financial procedures are in place in line with Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998 which requires that:

- 18.—(1) Except in the case of a school established or maintained by a vocational education committee, a board shall keep all proper and usual accounts and records of all monies received by it or expenditure of such monies incurred by it and shall ensure that in each year all such accounts are properly audited or certified in accordance with best accounting practice.
- (2) Accounts kept in pursuance of this section shall be made available by the school concerned for inspection by the Minister and by parents of students in the school, in so far as those accounts relate to monies provided in accordance with section 12.

Charities Act 2009.

The Charities Act 2009 requires each Board of Management to have its school registered with the CRA and to verify its registration details once a year. It is an offence for an unregistered charitable organisation to carry on activities in the State.

Furthermore, all organisations on the Register of Charities are required to provide summary details of all income and expenditure to the CRA on a yearly basis. It is envisaged that this will be done in respect of schools via the FSSU. Schools who submit their accounts to the FSSU in the prescribed format and within the required timeframe will benefit from not having to separately return this financial information to the CRA.

Queries to the CRA should be addressed to: <u>info@charitiesregulator.ie</u>. Further information is also available on its website at www.charitiesregulator.ie.

8. Compliance with the terms of this circular.

All Boards of Management of recognised schools are required to comply with the requirements of this circular including in relation to the use of the standardised national template for annual school accounts and submission of same to FSSU in the prescribed format and within the required timeframe. Schools that fail to comply with these requirements will be at higher risk of audit.

9. Circulation and Queries.

This Circular includes an FAQ section that will be updated as appropriate over time.

Please ensure that this Circular is brought to the attention of the Board of Management and the Parents Association (if any).

Queries from schools in relation to this Circular should be addressed to the FSSU. The relevant contact details are published on its website at www.fssu.ie.

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September 2017



Circular Number: 0002/2018

To: The Management of Authorities of each Voluntary Secondary,

Community and Comprehensive School.

Operation of the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU)

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this circular is to replace circular M36/05 for Voluntary Secondary Schools and to inform school management authorities of Community and Comprehensive schools of the roll out and operation of the FSSU.

The FSSU has been operating in the Voluntary Secondary Sector since 2005 providing advice and support to schools in financial governance. It is now appropriate to update the Department Circular in order to remind Boards of Management of Voluntary Secondary Schools of their responsibilities in line with Section 18 of the Education Act 1998.

The supports provided by the FSSU will be rolled out to schools in the Community and Comprehensive Sector with effect from 1 January 2018. (Further information is available at Appendix 1 to this circular). This will include standardising arrangements for compliance with accounting requirements under Section 18 of the Education Act 1998 and enhancing current financial support structures for schools.

2. Role of the FSSU.

The role of the FSSU includes:

- Provision of advice and support to schools on financial governance matters including compliance with the requirements of this circular.
- Development of templates for use by schools in relation to financial matters including a standardised national template for annual school accounts.
- Acting as a central repository for receipt of annual school accounts prepared by an external accountant/auditor registered with a recognised accountancy body in the State.
- Carrying out such audits as may be required.
- Preparation of an annual report for the Department.
- Liaison with the Department in relation to financial matters pertaining to schools.
- Submission of financial information to the Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA) which will also satisfy the financial reporting obligations placed on schools by the Charities Act 2009.
- Provision of statistical information to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) in relation to its requirements for financial information in respect of the school system.

Further details in relation to the FSSU can be obtained on its website www.fssu.ie.

The FSSU is hosted by the Joint Managerial Body (JMB).

3. What does the FSSU mean for Schools?

- a) The FSSU is an important source of advice and support for schools on financial governance matters primarily provided via on-line and telephone support. Further details are available at www.fssu.ie.
- b) The FSSU have developed a suite of templates for use by Schools as follows:
 - Templates for use internally by schools for monitoring monthly income, expenditure, budget management, cash flow etc.
 - A standardised national template for the submission to the FSSU of annual school accounts, prepared by an external accountant/auditor registered with a recognised accountancy body in the state. The national template is the standardised method for accountants/auditors to prepare annual school accounts in accordance with the requirements of Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998.
 - A standard template report for use when providing summary financial information to parents is also available as part of the standardised national template for annual school accounts.

These templates are already in place for Voluntary Secondary Schools and will be introduced on a phased basis for Community and Comprehensive Schools (Further information is available at Appendix 1 to this circular). The use of the FSSU Internal template for monitoring monthly income, expenditure, budget management, cash flow etc. is optional for schools who may wish to continue to use existing templates.

c) It is the responsibility of the Board of Management to ensure financial accounts are submitted to the FSSU by its external accountant/auditor. This satisfies the requirement under Section 18 of the Education Act 1998 for schools to make available their accounts for inspection by the Minister.

Arrangements are already in place for the submission of accounts to the FSSU by Voluntary Secondary Schools, including fee-charging schools, where teachers are paid from public funds. The date for submission of the annual accounts to the FSSU remains 28th February following the end of the financial year.

Community and Comprehensive Schools will be required to submit accounts to the FSSU in respect of the 2019/20 school year and annually thereafter in the prescribed format and by the relevant deadline (Further information is available at Appendix 1 to this circular).

The completed accounts must be accompanied by such other information as the FSSU may require.

The above requirements are in addition to any specific requirement of the patron in relation to the submission of annual accounts.

d) The submission of annual school accounts to the FSSU, in the prescribed format and by the relevant deadline, also satisfies the financial reporting obligations placed on schools by the Charities Act 2009.

It also meets any financial reporting requirements of the Central Statistics Office.

e) Schools may be subject to audit by the FSSU as part of its ongoing programme of work. In the case of the Community and Comprehensive Sector, this function is being transferred from the Department's Internal Audit Unit to the FSSU from January 2018.

4. What does the FSSU mean for school patrons?

The Board of Management is required to manage the school on behalf of the patron. In this regard:

- a) The FSSU will, where requested, provide patrons with a list of their schools indicating if they are compliant in relation to the submission of annual school accounts.
- b) Patrons may, where appropriate, contact the FSSU to request that an audit of a school be carried out.

5. What does the FSSU mean for Parents?

A standardised national approach is currently in place in Voluntary Secondary Schools for provision of summary financial information to parents.

This will be introduced in Community and Comprehensive schools for the 2019/20 school year onwards as part of the standardised national template for annual school accounts.

6. Legislative Context.

Education Act, 1998.

Boards of Management are reminded of their responsibility to ensure appropriate accounting and financial procedures are in place in line with Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998 which requires that:

- 18.—(1) Except in the case of a school established or maintained by a vocational education committee, a board shall keep all proper and usual accounts and records of all monies received by it or expenditure of such monies incurred by it and shall ensure that in each year all such accounts are properly audited or certified in accordance with best accounting practice.
- (2) Accounts kept in pursuance of this section shall be made available by the school concerned for inspection by the Minister and by parents of students in the school, in so far as those accounts relate to monies provided in accordance with section 12.

Charities Act 2009.

The Charities Act 2009 requires each Board of Management to have its school registered with the CRA and to verify its registration details once a year. It is an offence for an unregistered charitable organisation to carry on activities in the State.

Furthermore, all organisations on the Register of Charities are required to provide summary details of all income and expenditure to the CRA on a yearly basis. It is envisaged that this will be done in respect of schools via the FSSU. Schools who submit their accounts to the FSSU in the prescribed format and within the required timeframe will benefit from not having to separately return this financial information to the CRA.

Queries to the CRA should be addressed to: <u>info@charitiesregulator.ie</u>. Further information is also available on its website at <u>www.charitiesregulator.ie</u>.

7. Compliance with the terms of this circular.

All Boards of Management of Voluntary Secondary, Community and Comprehensive schools are required to comply with the requirements of this circular including in relation to the use of the standardised national template for annual school accounts and submission of same to FSSU in the prescribed format and within the required timeframe. Schools that fail to comply with these requirements will be at higher risk of audit.

8. Data Protection.

The FSSU operates a strict policy on data protection in compliance with the existing Data Protection legislation.

9. Circulation and Queries.

This Circular includes an FAQ section that will be updated as appropriate over time.

Please ensure that this Circular is brought to the attention of the Board of Management and the Parents Association (if any).

Queries from schools in relation to this Circular should be addressed to the FSSU. The relevant contact details are published on its website at www.fssu.ie.

Jill Fannin Acting Principal Officer Schools Division Financial

January 2018

Community and Comprehensive Schools Roll out and operation of the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU)

FSSU Advisory Committee

An FSSU Advisory Committee is in place to advise on and support the rollout and operation of the FSSU for the Community and Comprehensive Sector. This Committee includes representatives from the Department, ACCS and the FSSU.

FSSU Templates.

As indicated at Section 3 b) above, the FSSU have developed a suite of templates for use by Schools. These will be introduced on a phased basis for Community and Comprehensive Schools as outlined at 3 below. The use of the FSSU Internal template for monitoring monthly income, expenditure, budget management, cash flow etc. is optional for schools who may wish to continue to use existing templates.

Timeframe for submission of Accounts to the FSSU.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Management to ensure financial accounts are submitted to the FSSU by its external accountant/auditor. This satisfies the requirement under Section 18 of the Education Act 1998 for schools to make available their accounts for inspection by the Minister.

Community and Comprehensive Schools will be required to submit accounts to the FSSU in respect of the 2019/20 school year and annually thereafter in the prescribed format and by the relevant deadline.

The following is the timeline with regard to introduction of these arrangements for Community and Comprehensive Schools:

January 2018 to August	FSSU will focus on provision of advice and support as part of	
2019	preparations for the phased introduction of the standardised	
	national template for annual school accounts.	
2019/20 school year	This will be the first year for annual school accounts to be	
	prepared using the standardised national template. This will be	
	the required format for schools to fulfil obligations under	
	Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998.	
End February 2021	This will be the latest date for annual school accounts for the	
	2019/20 school year to be submitted to the FSSU.	
Annually thereafter	Annual School Accounts to be submitted to the FSSU in the	
	prescribed format by the end of February (6 months after the	
	end of the school year).	

The completed accounts must be accompanied by such other information as the FSSU may require.

The above requirements are in addition to any specific requirement of the patron in relation to the submission of annual accounts.

Financial Information to Parents.

The standardised national approach for provision of summary financial information to parents will be introduced in Community and Comprehensive schools for the 2019/20 school year onwards as part of the standardised national template for annual school accounts.

Transfer of functions.

As indicated at Section 3 e) above, schools may be subject to audit by the FSSU as part of its ongoing programme of work. In the case of the Community and Comprehensive Sector, this function is being transferred from the Department's Internal Audit Unit to the FSSU from January 2018.

Frequently asked Questions

Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) Voluntary Secondary, Community and Comprehensive Schools

FSSU

Where can I get more information about the FSSU?

Information in relation to the FSSU is available on its website at www.FSSU.ie.

FSSU TEMPLATES

What is the benefit of using the FSSU internal templates for monitoring monthly income, expenditure, budget management, cash flow etc.?

The format of the FSSU internal templates is consistent with the standardised national template for annual school accounts. Therefore, use of the internal FSSU templates may result in lower accountancy fees for certifying or auditing annual school accounts (as required under Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998) as the information presented to an Accountant will be in a format that will facilitate relevant data for the annual school accounts to be extracted more readily.

Are there alternative internal templates for monitoring monthly income, expenditure, budget management, cash flow etc. that may be used?

The use of the FSSU Internal template for monitoring monthly income, expenditure, budget management, cash flow etc. is optional for schools who may wish to continue to use existing templates.

However, the standardised national template for annual school accounts must be used by all schools in line with the timeline set out in this circular.

Can the FSSU internal templates be tailored to suit the needs of individual schools?

The FSSU internal templates have been developed to cater for all schools. They can be revised so as to tailor them to the needs of individual schools. You may contact the FSSU if you require assistance in relation to this.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

What is the timeframe for the introduction of the standardised national template for annual school accounts by Community and Comprehensive schools?

The following is the timeline:

January 2018 to August 2019	FSSU will focus on provision of advice and support as part of preparations for the phased introduction of the standardised national template for annual school accounts.		
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2019/20 school year	This will be the first year for annual school accounts to be prepared using the standardised national template. This will be the required format for schools to fulfil obligations under Section 18 of the Education Act, 1998.		
End February 2021	This will be the latest date for annual school accounts for the		
,	2019/20 school year to be submitted to the FSSU.		
Annually thereafter	Annual School Accounts to be submitted to the FSSU in the		
	prescribed format by the end of February (6 months after the		
	end of the school year).		

Can the accounts be sent directly to the FSSU?

Once the annual school accounts have been certified or audited and approved by the Board of Management they should be sent electronically to the FSSU by the external accountant/auditor. This is in addition to any specific requirement of the patron in relation to the submission of annual accounts.

Appendix C

Education Act, 1998

Section 15.

Functions of a board.

- (1) It shall be the duty of a board to manage the school on behalf of the patron and for the benefit of the students and their parents and to provide or cause to be provided an appropriate education for each student at the school for which that board has responsibility.
- (2) A board shall perform the functions conferred on it and on a school by this Act and in carrying out its functions the board shall -
 - (a) do so in accordance with the policies determined by the Minister from time to time,
 - (b) uphold, and be accountable to the patron for so upholding, the characteristic spirit of the school as determined by the cultural, educational, moral, religious, social, linguistic and spiritual values and traditions which inform and are characteristic of the objectives and conduct of the school, and at all times act in accordance with any Act of the Oireachtas or instrument made thereunder, deed, charter, articles of management or other such instrument relating to the establishment or operation of the school,
 - (c) consult with and keep the patron informed of decisions and proposals of the board,
 - (d) publish, in such manner as the board with the agreement of the patron considers appropriate, the policy of the school concerning admission to and participation in the school, including the policy of the school relating to the expulsion and suspension of students and admission to and participation by students with disabilities or who have other special educational needs, and ensure that as regards that policy principles of equality and the right of parents to send their children to a school of the parents' choice are respected and such directions as may be made from time to time by the Minister, having regard to the characteristic spirit of the school and the constitutional rights of all persons concerned, are complied with,
 - (e) have regard to the principles and requirements of a democratic society and have respect and promote respect for the diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life in society, (f) have regard to the efficient use of resources (and, in particular, the efficient use of grants provided under section 12), the public interest in the affairs of the school and accountability to students, their parents, the patron, staff and the community served by the school, and
 - (g) use the resources provided to the school from monies provided by the Oireachtas to make reasonable provision and accommodation for students with a disability or other special educational needs, including, where necessary, alteration of buildings and provision of appropriate equipment.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Act shall confer or be deemed to confer on the board any right over or interest in the land and buildings of the school for which that board is responsible.

Section 18.

Keeping of accounts and records.

- (1) Except in the case of a school established or maintained by a vocational education committee, a board shall keep all proper and usual accounts and records of all monies received by it or expenditure of such monies incurred by it and shall ensure that in each year all such accounts are properly audited or certified in accordance with best accounting practice.
- (2) Accounts kept in pursuance of this section shall be made available by the school concerned for inspection by the Minister and by parents of students in the school, in so far as those accounts relate to monies provided in accordance with section 12.

FSSU Chart of Accounts

A/C No	Description	Туре	Category
3010	Capitation/Non Pay Budget	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3020	DEIS Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3030	Non Teachers Pay Budget	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3050	Ancillary/School Support Services Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3100	Secretarial Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3130	Caretaker Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3140	Special Education Equipment Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3150	Book Grant Income	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3160	Book Rental Scheme Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3170	Special Subject Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3190	JCSP Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3200	Transition Year Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3210	Leaving Certificate Applied Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3220	Grant for Traveller Students	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
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3240	ICT Grant Non Capital	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
	Supervision and Substitution Grant Physics/Chemistry Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
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3255	State Exam Income	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3270	Sports Complex Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3275	Minor Works Grant-Non Capital	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
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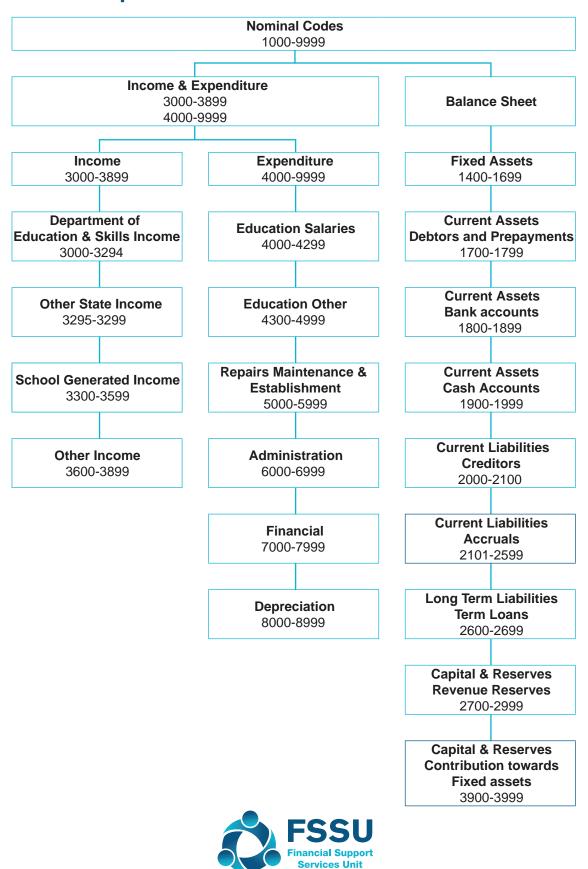
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5010	Caretaker Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5020	Caretaker Sports Complex Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5030	Caretaker Pension Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5110	Cleaners Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5112	Cleaners' Pension Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5150	Contract Cleaners Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5170	Cleaning Materials Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5310	Repairs to Buildings and Grounds Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5315	Minor Works Grant (Non Capital) Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5350	Repairs to Furniture, Fittings & Equipment Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5400	Security Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5450	Insurance Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5510	Heating Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5550	Light and Power Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5551	Rent Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5610	Water Rates and Refuse Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5700	Licence Fee to Patron/Trustee Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5710	Repairs to Sports Complex	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5800	Other Repairs and Maintenance Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
6010	Clerical Officers/Secretarial Wages Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6050	Clerical Officers/Secretarial Pension Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6100	Recruitment Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6150	Advertising / Public Relations Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6210	Postage Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6250	Telephone Expense / SMS Text	Expenditure	Administration
6300	Printing and Stationery Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6305	Photocopying Expense	Expenditure	Administration
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A/C No	Description	Туре	Category
6350	Office Equipment (Non Capital) Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6355	Computer Equipment (Non Capital) Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6400	Accounting / Auditing Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6450	Other Professional Fees Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6500	Travel and Subsistence Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6600	Principals Expenses	Expenditure	Administration
6650	Board of Management Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6700	Annual Subscriptions Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6730	InSchool Administration System Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6731	Accounting / Payroll Software Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6750	Donations to Charity	Expenditure	Administration
6755	Medical and First Aid Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6780	Staff Room Expenses	Expenditure	Administration
6800	Hospitality Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6830	Tuck Shop Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6860	Canteen Expense	Expenditure	Administration
6900	Other Administration Expenses	Expenditure	Administration
7300	Leasing Expenses	Expenditure	Financial
7320	Loan Charges Expense	Expenditure	Financial
7400	Bank Interest Expense	Expenditure	Financial
7450	Bank Charges Expense	Expenditure	Financial
7500	Pensioners Payroll Expense	Expenditure	Financial
7800	Reimbursable Expenses	Expenditure	Financial
7850	Discounts Received	Expenditure	Financial
8000	Annual Depreciation: Buildings	Expenditure	Depreciation
8020	Annual Depreciation: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	Expenditure	Depreciation
8040	Annual Depreciation: Motor Vehicles	Expenditure	Depreciation
8060	Annual Depreciation: Computer Equipment	Expenditure	Depreciation
8080	Annual Depreciation: Other	Expenditure	Depreciation

Balance Sheet Codes

A/C No	Description	Туре	Category
1400	Capital: Land and Buildings	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1410	Accumulated Depreciation: Land and Buildings	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1420	Capital: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1430	Accumulated Depreciation: Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1440	Capital: Motor Vehicles	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1450	Accumulated Depreciation: Motor Vehicles	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1460	Capital: Computer Equipment	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1470	Accumulated Depreciation: Computer Equipment	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1480	Capital: Other	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
1490	Accumulated Depreciation Other	Fixed Asset	Fixed Asset
4700	Octor Ladrag Octor	O	Dahlara 0 Days sures and
1700	Sales Ledger Control	Current Asset	Debtors & Prepayments
1710 1720	Stock	Current Asset	Debtors & Prepayments
	Prepayments Create Due	Current Asset	Debtors & Prepayments
1730	Grants Due	Current Asset	Debtors & Prepayments
1800	Current Account 1	Current Asset	Bank
1801	Current Account 2	Current Asset	Bank
1802	Current Account 3	Current Asset	Bank
1803	DEASP School Meal Bank Account	Current Asset	Bank
1810	Deposit Account	Current Asset	Bank
1820	Parents Council/Association Bank Account	Current Asset	Bank
1850	Credit Card Account	Current Asset	Bank
1870	Online Payment Solution Clearing Account	Current Asset	Bank
1900	Petty Cash Account	Current Asset	Bank
1950	Cash Control Account	Current Asset	Bank
2100	Creditors Control Account	Current Liability	Creditors
2105	School Income Received in Advance	Current Liability	Accruals
2150	Grants Received in Advance	Current Liability	Accruals
2160	Book Grant Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2170	Supervision and Substitution Grant Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2171	Other Ringfenced Grants Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2172	Other Ringfenced Income Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2180	School Excellence Fund Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2200 2210	Net Wages Control Account Union Fees Control Account	Current Liability Current Liability	Accruals Accruals
2220	Single Public Service Pension Scheme Control Account	Current Liability	Accruals
2230	ASC Control Account	Current Liability	Accruals
2250	PAYE/PRSI/USC/LPT Control Account	Current Liability	Accruals
2260	Reverse VAT Control Account	Current Liability	Accruals
2270	RCT Control Account	Current Liability	Accruals
2310	Bank Loans	Current Liability	Accruals
2320	Other Loan	Current Liability	Accruals
2330	Leasing	Current Liability	Accruals
2440	Accruals	Current Liability	Accruals
2700	Retained Surplus	Capital & Reserves	Retained Profit
2710	Surplus Brought Forward	Capital & Reserves	Retained Profit
3900	DES Capital Building Grant Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3901	Capital Building Fundraising Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3902	Parents Contribution to Capital Projects Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3903	Patron/Trustee Contribution to Fixed Asset Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3906	Accumulated Amortisation of Capital Building Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3920	DES Equipment Grants Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
2CF21	ICT Grant Capital Income Accumulated Amortisation of Capital Equipment Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3921	Accumulated Amortication of Capital Edulinment Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3925		Conital O Dec	Contribution Fire I A 1
3925 3926	Accumulated Amortisation of ICT Grant Capital Income	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3925 3926 3940	Accumulated Amortisation of ICT Grant Capital Income DES Capital Building Grant Expense	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets
3925 3926 3940 3960	Accumulated Amortisation of ICT Grant Capital Income DES Capital Building Grant Expense Capital Building Fund Raising Expense	Capital & Reserves Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets Contribution Fixed Assets
3925 3926 3940	Accumulated Amortisation of ICT Grant Capital Income DES Capital Building Grant Expense	Capital & Reserves	Contribution Fixed Assets

Nominal Groups



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EXAMPLE

Sample School

Accountant's Report FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

For the Year September 1, 20XX TO August 31, 20XX

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General Information	
School Name	Enter School Name Here
School Address	
Roll Number	
RCN Number	
Pupil Enrolment for the Year	
Patron	Name
	Address
Trustee (where applicable)	Name
	Address
Accountant/Auditor	Name
	Address
Bankers	Name
	Address

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20XX

- Objectives and Activities;
- Achievements and Performance;
- Financial Review and Responsibility for Finances;
- Structure, Governance and Management;
- Reference and Administrative details;
- Names of Board Members;

On behalf of the board;

Chairperson	Board Member
Date	

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS TO THE BOARD

OR

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO TRUSTEE/PATRON

Income and Expenditure Account for the year	ended	August 31,	20XX
	Actual 20XX/20XX		Actual 20XX/20XX
Total Income	0.00		0.00
Total Expenditure	0.00		0.00
Surplus / Deficit	0.00		0.00
Opening Balance			
Closing Balance			
On behalf of the board;			
Chairperson 1	Board Memb	er	
Date			

Enter School Name Here			
Balance Sheet as at	August 31,	20XX Actual 20XX/20XX	Actual 20XX/20XX
1. Fixed Assets	Note 2	20111/20111	2011/1/2011/1
Fixtures and Fittings ICT Infrastructure			
2. Current Assets	Note 3		
Debtors and prepaid expenses Cash at bank and in hand			
3. Current Liabilities	Note 4		
Creditors and accrued expenses			
4. Net Current Assets (2 - 3)			
5. Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	(1 + 4)		
Financed by: 6. Long Term Liabilities			
7. Contribution towards the Cost of Fixed Assets	Note 5,6		
8. Surplus/Deficit on Income and Expenditure Account			

On behalf of the board;

Enter School Name Here			
Cash Flow Statement for the year ended (Optional) Note	August 31, 20XX €	20XX	20XX €
Cash flow from operating			
(Deficit) for the year			
Adjustments:			
Depreciation			
Amortisation of Capital Grants			
Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors			
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors			
Net cash inflow from school			
Cash flow from investing		_	
Capital Expenditure			
Future Funds Contributions			
Net cash inflow from investing			
Increase in cash			
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st September 20XX		_	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st September 20XX Cash and cash equivalents at 31st August 20XX		_	
Cush and cush equivalents at 31st Magust 20111		_	
proved on behalf of the Board:			

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies: Depreciation, Unspent Government Grants, etc. Depreciation Policy

Items are valued at cost less depreciation based upon the straight-line methor Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment are depreciated over a five-year useful life. Computer/ICT equipment is depreciated over a three-year useful life.

Unspent Grants

Specific Government Grants are deferred only if fulfilment of the condition

2. Fixed Assets: Cost, Additions, Depreciation, Net Book Value

Example:

	Fixtures, Fittings Computer & Equipment		Total
	20XX/20XX	20XX/20XX	
Opening Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX
Additions	XXX	XXX	XXX
Disposals	XXX	XXX	XXX
Closing Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX
Accumulated Depreciation			
Opening Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX
Current Year Depreciation	XXX	XXX	XXX
Depreciation on Disposal	xxx	xxx	XXX
Closing Balance Depreciation	XXX	XXX	XXX
Net Book Value	XXX	XXX	XXX

3. Debtors and Prepaid Expenses

4. Creditors and Accrued Expenses

Example:

Unspent Grants	Unspent 01- Sep-XX	Government Grants Received	Recognised in I & E	Transfer to Capital Reserves	Unspent 31- Aug-XX
			Account		
DEIS Grant	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Book Grant	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
ICT Grant	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Special Education Equipment	XXX	xxx	XXX	XXX	XXX
DSP Grants - School Meals Grant	XXX	xxx	XXX	XXX	XXX
	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

5. Contribution towards the cost of fixed assets: DES Capital Grants, Fund-raising, Donations, Patron/Trustee Contributions, etc

Example:

•	Capital Building	Capital Building	Capital Building	Capital Building	
	DES Grant Contribution	Fundraising Contribution	Parents Contribution	Patron/Trustee Contribution	Total
Income					
Opening Balance	XXX	XXX	xxx	XXX	XXX
Received during the year	xxx	xxx	xxx	XXX	xxx
Closing Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Expenditure					
Opening Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Expended during the year	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Closing Balance	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Net contribution land & buildings	<u>xxxxx</u>	<u>xxxxx</u>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX

5.1 Amortisation of non-building Capital Grants

Equipment ICT Capital Total	Equipment	ICT Capital	Total	
Grants received				
Opening Balance	XXX	XXX	xxx	
Received during the year	XXX	XXX	XXX	
Closing Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX	
Amortisation				
Opening Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX	
Amortisation for the year	XXX	XXX	XXX	
Closing Balance	XXX	XXX	XXX	
Net Contribution	XXX	XXX	XXX	

5.2 Summary

Contribution towards the cost of Fixed Assets

	20XX	20XX
Contribution towards the cost of Land and Buildings	XXX	XXX
Building Fund Account	XXX	XXX
Other Capital Grants	XXX	XXX
	XXX	XXX

Enter School Name Here			
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year	ended	August 31,	20XX
Income	Actual		Actual
	20XX/20XX		20XX/20XX
1. Department of Education & Skills Income			
3010 Capitation/Non Pay Budget			
3020 DEIS Grant			
3030 Non Teachers Pay Budget			
3050 Ancillary/School Support Services Grant			
3100 Secretarial Grant			
3130 Caretaker Grant			
3140 Special Education Equipment Grant			
3150 Book Grant Income			
3160 Book Rental Scheme Grant			
3170 Special Subject Grant			
3190 JCSP Grant			
3200 Transition Year Grant			
3210 Leaving Certificate Applied Grant			
3220 Grant for Traveller Students			
3230 ICT Grant Non Capital			
3240 Supervision and Substitution Grant			
3245 Physics/Chemistry Grant			
3255 State Exam Income			
3270 Sports Complex Grant			
3275 Minor Works Grant-Non Capital			
3290 Other Non Capital DES Grants Income			
3291 Scoileanna Lan Ghaeilge Grant			
3292 Standardised Testing Grant			
3293 July Provision Grant			
3294 Bus Escort Grant			
Total Department of Education & Skills Income	0.00		0.00
2. Other State Income			
3295 Department of Children and Youth Affairs Income			
3296 DEASP School Meals Grant			
3297 Erasmus Income			
3298 HSE Funding			
3299 Other State Funding			
Total Other State Income	0.00		0.00

Enter School Name Here		
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the	e year ended Augu	st 31, 20XX
Income	Actual	Actual
	20XX/20XX	20XX/20XX
3. School Generated Income		
3300 Education Fees (Fee paying schools)		
3310 Transition Year Income		
3330 Book Rental Scheme Income		
3335 Classroom Books Income		
3350 Hire of Facilities Rental Income		
3360 Sports Complex Income		
3370 Locker Income		
3375 Journals and Year Book Income		
3390 School Administration Charges		
3410 Adult Education Income		
3420 Canteen Income		
3430 Tuck Shop Income		
3440 Uniforms Income		
3450 Religion/Ethos Income		
3490 After School Study/Club Income		
3495 Mock Exam Income		
3500 Games Income		
3510 Bus Income		
3520 School Musical/Drama Income		
3530 School Tours Income		
3531 School Swimming Income		
3535 Student Insurance Income		
3540 Pre-School Income		
3550 Reimbursable Income		
3570 Other School Generated Income		
3572 School Arts and Crafts Income		
3573 School Irish Dance Income		
3574 Restricted School Fundraising (Non Capital)		
3575 Unrestricted School Fundraising (Non Capital)		
3580 Discounts Given		
Total School Generated Income	0.00	0.0
4. Other Income		
3650 Voluntary Contributions		
3700 Income from Parents Association		
3770 Insurance Claim Income		
3800 Bank Interest Received		
3840 Amortisation of Grants		
3850 Other Income		
3851 Designated Income (Non Capital)		
3852 Restricted External Fundraising (Non Capital)		
-		
3853 Unrestricted External Fundraising (Non Capital)	0.00	
<u>Total Other Income</u>	0.00	0.0
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.0
IUIAL INCUME	0.00	0.0

Enter School Name Here			
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year	ar ended	August 31, 20XX	
Expenditure	Actual	Actual	
	20XX/20XX	20XX/20XX	
5. Education Salary			
4110 Substitute Teachers Expense			
4111 Privately Paid Teachers Expense			
4150 Supervision and Substitution Salaries Expense			
4155 State Exam Aides Salaries Expense			
4170 Adult Education Salaries Expense			
4190 After School Study/Club Salaries Expense			
4194 July Provision Expense			
4196 Bus Escort Salary Expense			
<u>Total Education Salary</u>	0.00	0.00	
6. Education Other Expenditure			
4310 Teaching Aids Expense			
4330 Religion/Ethos Expense			
4350 Art Expense			
4370 Home Economics Expense			
4390 Science Expense			
4410 Non Capital Computers / IT Expense			
4430 Woodwork / Building Construction Expense			
4450 Metalwork / Engineering Expense			
4470 Technology Expense			
4490 Other Subjects Expense			
4550 Leaving Cert Applied Expense			
4570 LCVP Expense			
4590 Transition Year Expense			
4610 Learning Support Expense			
4620 Teacher Inservice and Training Expense			
4630 Career Guidance Expense			
4640 Library Expense			
4650 Physical Education Expense			
4670 Games (excl. travel) Expense			
4671 Travel Games Expense			
4690 Bus Hire Expense			

Enter School Name Here			
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the yea	r ended	August 31	, 20XX
Expenditure	Actual		Actual
	20XX/20XX		20XX/20XX
6. Education Other Expenditure Cont'd			
4710 School Tours Expense			
4720 School Musical/Drama Expense			
4730 Book Grant Expense			
4740 Book Rental Scheme Expense			
4750 Mock Examinations Expense			
4760 School Yearbook/Journal Expense			
4770 Trophies and Prizes Expense			
4780 Uniform Expense			
4810 Home School Liaison Expense			
4815 School Excellence Fund- Step up Project Expense			
4850 Student Council Expense			
4910 Other Educational Expense			
4911 Department of Children and Youth Affairs Activities Expe	nse		
4912 DEASP Grants - School Meals Grant Expense			
4913 Erasmus Expense			
4914 Other Non Capital DES Grants Expense			
4916 Student Insurance Expense			
4917 Standardised Testing Expense			
4918 Designated Expenditure (Non Capital)			
4919 Special Educational Equipment (Non Capital) Expense			
4920 School Irish Dance Expense			
4921 School Swimming Expense			
4922 Restricted School Fundraising Expenses (Non Capital)			
4923 Restricted External Fundraising Expenses (Non Capital)			
4924 Unrestricted External Fundraising Expenses (Non Capital)			
4925 Unrestricted School Fundraising Expenses (Non Capital)			
4926 Other Educational Wages Expense			
4930 Pre-School Expense			
Total Education Other Expenditure	0.00		0.00

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the	•	August 31,	
Expenditure	Actual		Actual
	20XX/20XX		20XX/20XX
7. Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment			
5010 Caretaker Wages Expense			
5020 Caretaker Sports Complex Wages Expense			
5030 Caretaker Pension Expense			
5110 Cleaners Wages Expense			
5112 Cleaners' Pension Expense			
5150 Contract Cleaners Expense			
5170 Cleaning Materials Expense			
5310 Repairs to Buildings and Grounds Expense			
5315 Minor Works Grant (Non Capital) Expense			
5350 Repairs to Furniture, Fittings and Equipment Expense			
5400 Security Expense			
5450 Insurance Expense			
5510 Heating Expense			
5550 Light and Power Expense			
5551 Rent Expense			
5610 Water Rates and Refuse Expense			
5700 Licence Fee to Patron/Trustee Expense			
5710 Repairs to Sports Complex			
5800 Other Repairs and Maintenance Expense			
Total Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment	0.00		0.00
8. Administration			
6010 Clerical Officers/Secretarial Wages Expense			
6050 Clerical Officers/Secretarial Pension Expense			
6100 Recruitment Expense			
6150 Advertising / Public Relations Expense			
6210 Postage Expense			
6250 Telephone Expense / SMS Text			
6300 Printing and Stationery Expense			
6305 Photocopying Expense			
6350 Office Equipment (Non Capital) Expense			
6355 Computer Equipment (Non Capital) Expense			
6400 Accounting / Auditing Expense			
6450 Other Professional Fees Expense			
6500 Travel and Subsistence Expense			
6600 Principals Expenses			
6650 Board of Management Expense			
6700 Annual Subscriptions Expense			
6730 InSchool Administration System Expense			
6731 Accounting / Payroll Software Expense			
6750 Donations to Charity			
6755 Medical and First Aid Expense			
6780 Staff Room Expenses			
6800 Hospitality Expense			
6830 Tuck Shop Expense			
6860 Canteen Expense			
0000 Canteen Eapense			
6900 Other Administration Expenses			

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended August 20XX			
	Actual	Actual	
	20XX/20XX	20XX/20XX	
9. Financial			
7300 Leasing Expenses			
7320 Loan Charges Expense			
7400 Bank Interest Expense			
7450 Bank Charges Expense			
7500 Pensioners Payroll Expense			
7800 Reimbursable Expenses			
7850 Discounts Received			
Total Financial Expenses	0.00	0.00	
40.75			
10. Depreciation			
8000 Annual Depreciation: Buildings			
8020 Annual Depreciation: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment			
8040 Annual Depreciation: Motor Vehicles			
8060 Annual Depreciation: Computer Equipment			
8080 Annual Depreciation: Other			
Total Depreciation	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00	
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	0.00	0.00	
SOM LOUI DEFICIT	0.00	0.00	

N.B. All schools are required to classify all items of income and expenditure in accordance with the layout shown above. Netting off Income and Expenditure is not permissible.

Enter School Name Here		
Detailed Balance Sheet for the year ended	August 31,	20XX
	Actual	Actual
	20XX/20XX	20XX/20XX
Fixed Asset		
1400 Capital: Land and Buildings		
1410 Accumulated Depreciation: Land and Buildings		
1420 Capital: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment		
1430 Accumulated Depreciation: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment		
1440 Capital: Motor Vehicles		
1450 Accumulated Depreciation: Motor Vehicles		
1460 Capital: Computer Equipment		
1470 Accumulated Depreciation: Computer Equipment		
1480 Capital: Other		
1490 Accumulated Depreciation Other		
Current Asset		
1700 Sales Ledger Control		
1710 Stock		
1720 Prepayments		
1730 Grants Due		
1800 Current Account 1		
1801 Current Account 2		
1802 Current Account 3		
1803 DEASP School Meal Bank Account		
1810 Deposit Account		
1820 Parents Council/Association Bank Account		
1850 Credit Card Account		
1870 Online Payment Solution Clearing Account		
1900 Petty Cash Account		
1950 Cash Control Account		
Current Liability		
2100 Creditors Control Account		
2105 School Income Received in Advance		
2150 Grants Received in Advance		
2160 Book Grant Unspent		
2170 Supervision and Substitution Grant Unspent		
2171 Other Ringfenced Grants Unspent		
2172 Other Ringfenced Income Unspent		
2180 School Excellence Fund Unspent		
2200 Net Wages Control Account		
2210 Union Fees Control Account		
2220 Single Public Service Pension Scheme Control Account		
2230 ASC Control Account		
2250 PAYE/PRSI/USC/LPT Control Account		
2260 Reverse VAT Control Account		
2270 RCT Control Account		
2310 Bank Loans		
2320 Other Loan		
2330 Leasing		
2440 Accruals		
	0.00	0.00

Detailed Balance Sheet for the year ended	l August 31,	20XX
	Actual	Actual
	20XX/20XX	20XX/20XX
Capital & Reserves		
2700 Retained Surplus		
2710 Surplus Brought Forward		
3900 DES Capital Building Grant Income		
3901 Capital Building Fundraising Income		
3902 Parents Contribution to Capital Projects Income		
3903 Patron/Trustee Contribution to Fixed Asset Income		
3906 Accumulated Amortisation of Capital Building Income		
3920 DES Equipment Grants Income		
3921 ICT Grant Capital Income		
3925 Accumulated Amortisation of Capital Equipment Income		
3926 Accumulated Amortisation of ICT Grant Capital Income		
3940 DES Capital Building Grant Expense		
3960 Capital Building Fund Raising Expense		
3970 Parents Contribution to Capital Project Expense		
3990 Patron/Trustee Contribution to Fixed Asset Expense		
3995 Building Fund Account		
	0.00	0.00

Financial Report to Parents

Summary Financial Statement for the School Year 20XX/20XX

Income Department of Education and Skills Funding Other State Funding		€
School Income	Parent Voluntary Contributions Rental School Property Fundraising Parents Association Other Income	
Total Income		0
Expenditure Education Expenditure	Classroom Materials and Teaching Aids All Other Education Related Expenditure	
School Maintenance	Light, Heat and Power Insurance Cleaning and waste disposal Rent, Rates and Local Charges All Other Caretaking and Maintenance	
School Administration	Printing, Postage and Stationary In-School Administration Systems Telephone/SMS All other Administration Expenses	
Financial	Bank Charges, Interest, Leasing	
Total Expenditure		0
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0

Financial Report to Parents

Summary Financial Statement for the School Year 20XX/20XX

Capital Projects

		€
Income	Department Capital Grants Income	
	Other Capital Income	
		0
Expenditure	Department Capital Grants Expenditure	
	Other Capital Expenditure	
		0
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0





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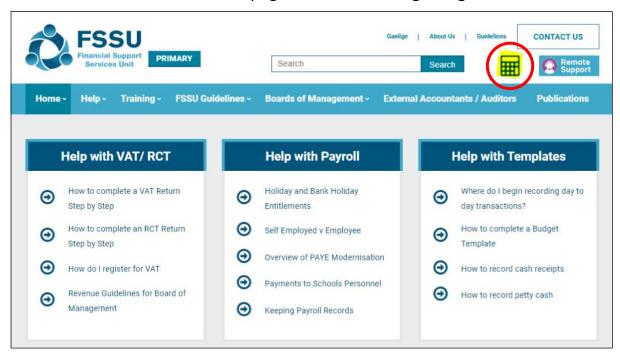
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1. Follow the icon on the homepage to access the Login Page



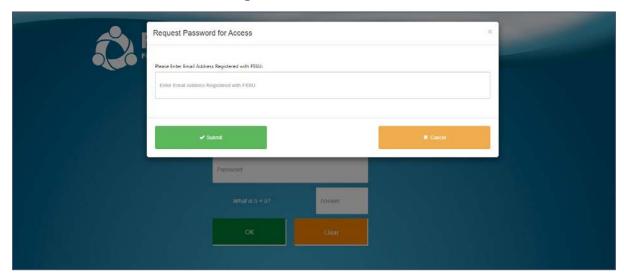
2. Click Login



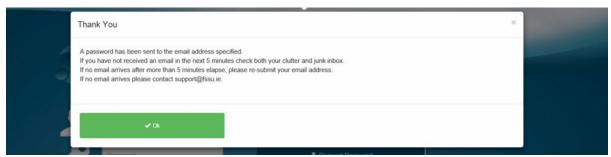
3. Click Request Password



4. Enter the Email Address Registered with FSSU and click Submit



You will receive the following message. Click **OK**.



5. Go to your email Inbox to access your Password. Follow the Click here to access portal link



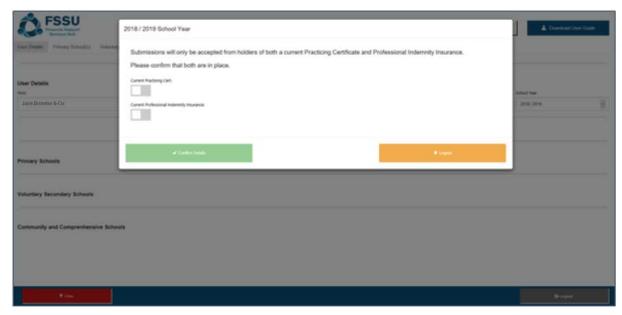
6. Login using your Username and Password

- Your **Username** is the email address you used to access your Password
- Enter the **Password** that was emailed to this account
- Enter the result of the equation in the third box.
- Click OK.

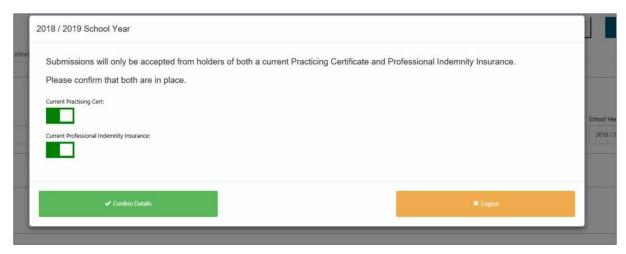


7. You must confirm you hold a **Current Practicing Certificate** and **Current Professional Indemnity Insurance** to progress.

If you do not you may not make a submission on behalf of a school.

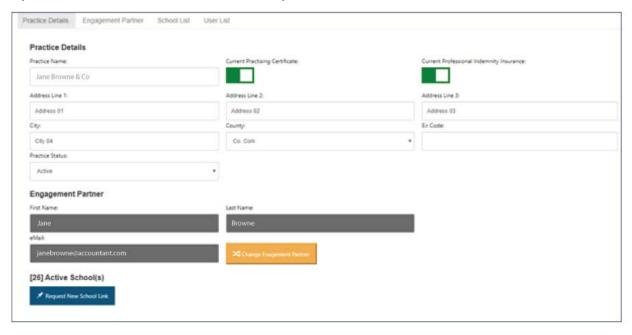


8. Slide the Green Tab to confirm and click Confirm Details



Engagement Partner Settings Landing Page

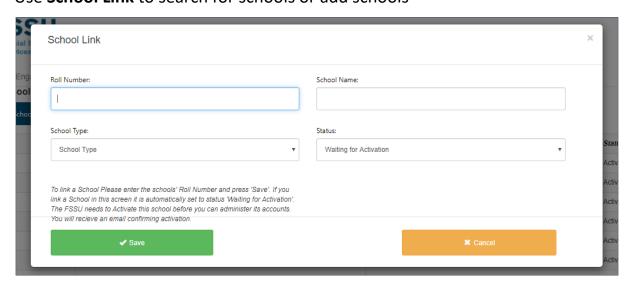
Update Practice Details as necessary



Update **Engagement Partner** as necessary



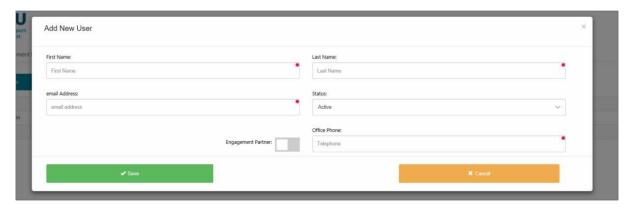
Use School Link to search for schools or add schools



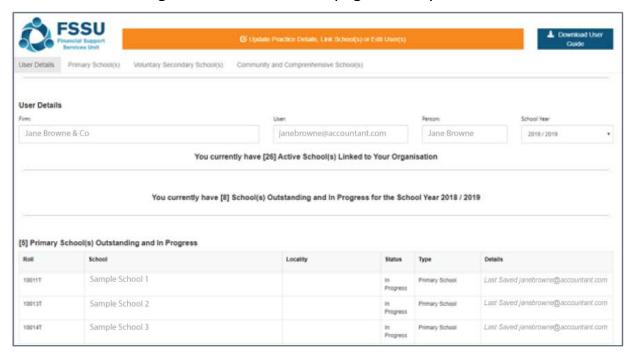
Under **User List** user can add or remove school access



New User Window

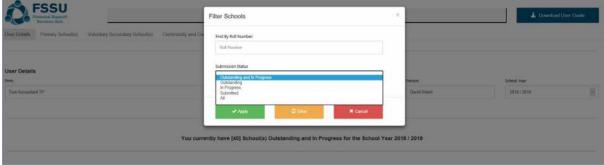


9. You will be brought to the **User Details** page where you can view all Schools



The Filter button allows you to filter schools by Submission Status

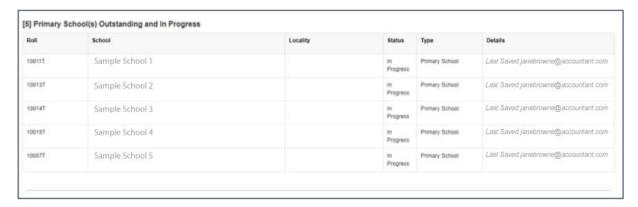




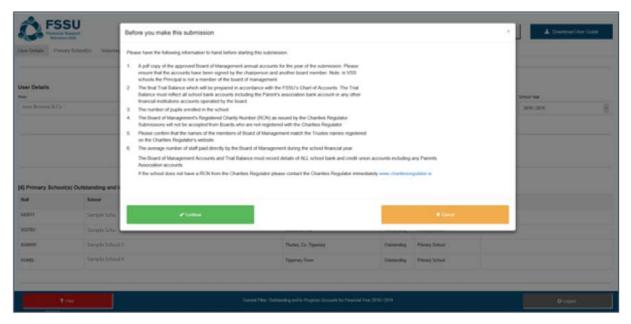
You can use the below tabs to view schools by Primary School, Voluntary Secondary School or Community and Comprehensive School



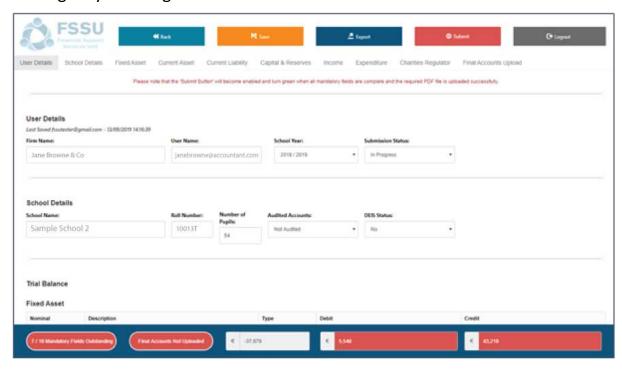
10. Select the relevant school by double clicking on the School Roll Number or School Name



11.Pop Up Advice – Click **Confirm** to begin submission



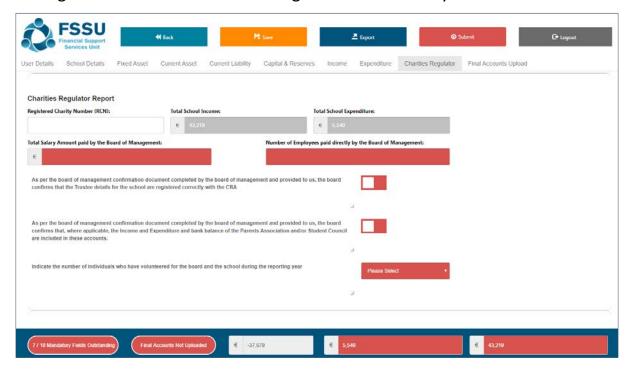
12. Begin by entering the School Details



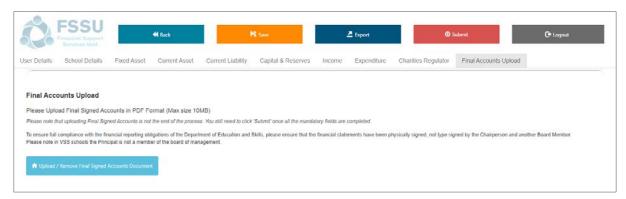
13. Complete the **Trial Balance** including:

- Fixed Assets
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- Current Liabilities
- Capital & Reserves
- Income
- Expenditure

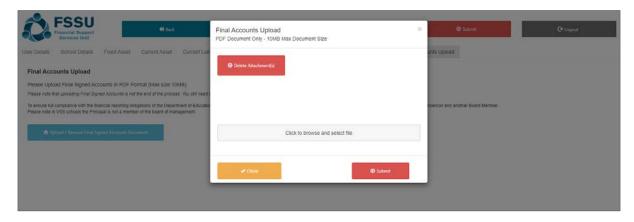
14. Complete the **Charities Regulator Report**Registration with the Charities Regulator is mandatory for all schools



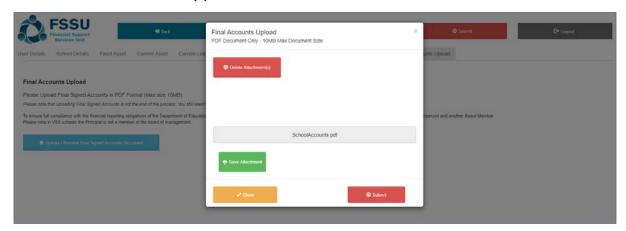
15. Complete Final Accounts Upload Click on Upload / Remove Final Signed Accounts Document



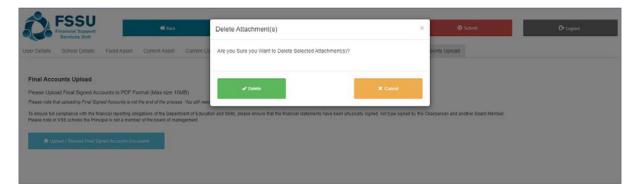
Click on Click to browse and select file and select relevant files



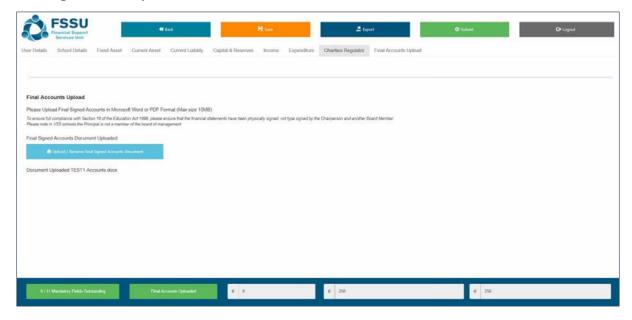
Chosen document will appear. Click Save Attachment



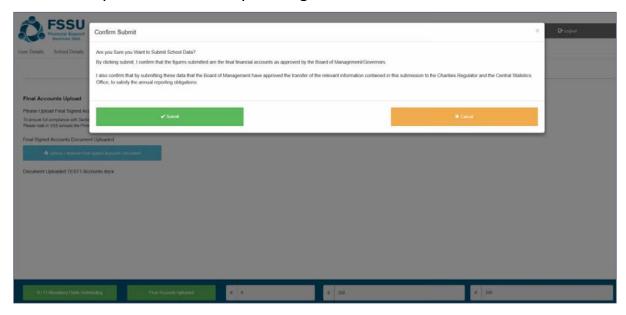
Saved Documents can also be removed



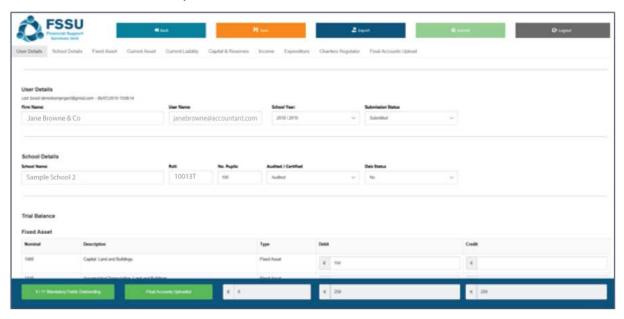
16. Once your School Accounts are ready to submit all buttons will have turned to green and your Trial Balance will have balanced



17. Confirm your Submission by clicking on Submit



Once your accounts are submitted the Submit button can't be re-clicked and data becomes read only



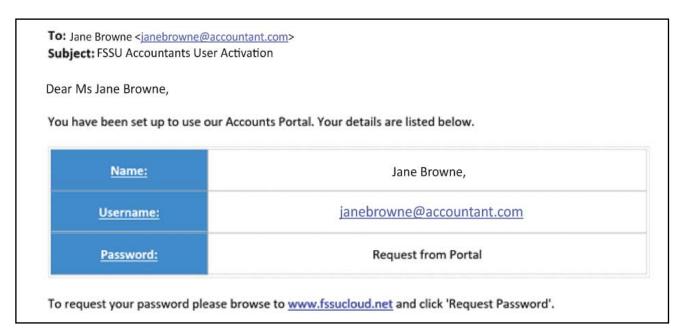
- 18. A confirmation email will be forwarded on completion:

 Confirmation of Submission of Financial Accounts for 2018 / 2019
 - A confirmation email will also be sent to the Secretary to the Board of Management of the school
 - A confirmation email will also be sent to the FSSU

Additional User

An Additional User is an accountant who has been given permissions to make a submition by the Engagement Partner of the firm.

1. You will receive an email notifying you that you have been set up on the Accounts Portal



- 2. Login using your Username and Password
 - Your **Username** is the email address you used to access your Password
 - Enter the **Password** that was emailed to this account
 - Enter the result of the equation in the third box.
 - Click OK.

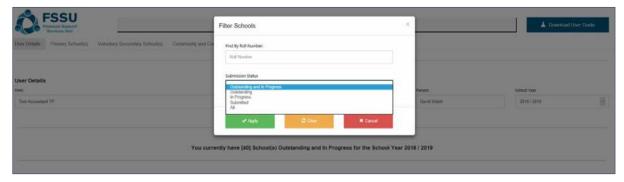


3. You will be brought to the homepage where you can view all Outstanding & InProgress Schools



The **Filter** button allows you to filter schools by Submission Status





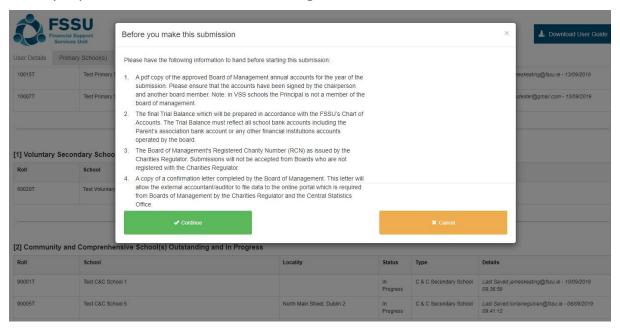
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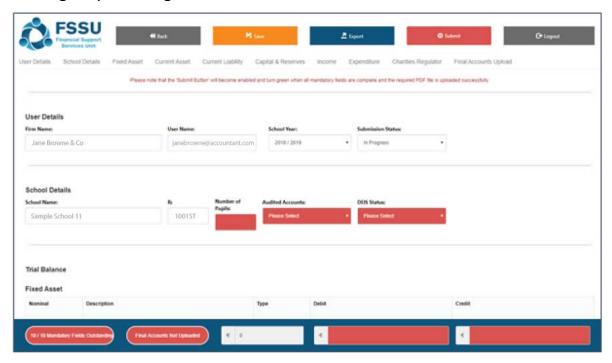
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5. Pop Up Advice – Click **Confirm** to begin submission

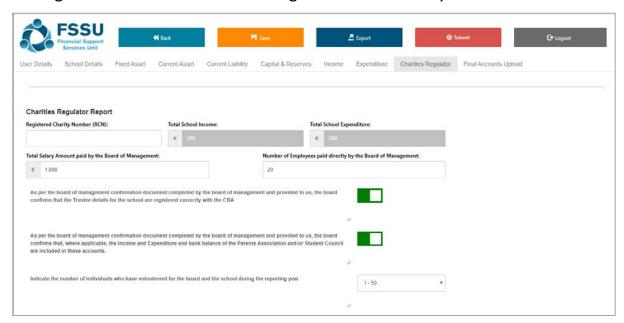


6. Begin by entering the School Details



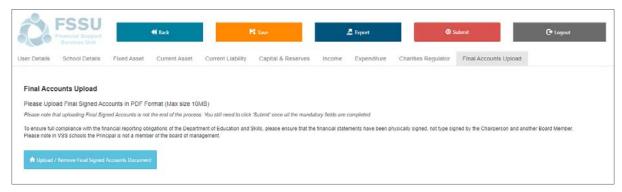
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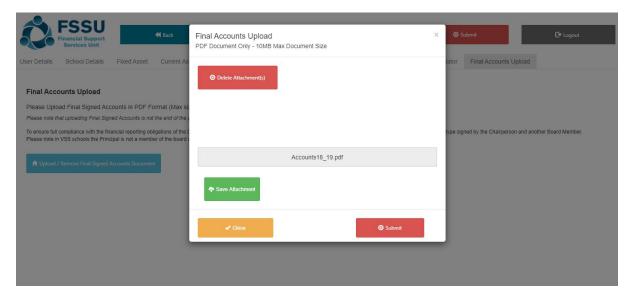


9. Complete Final Accounts Upload

Click on **Upload / Remove Final Signed Accounts Document**

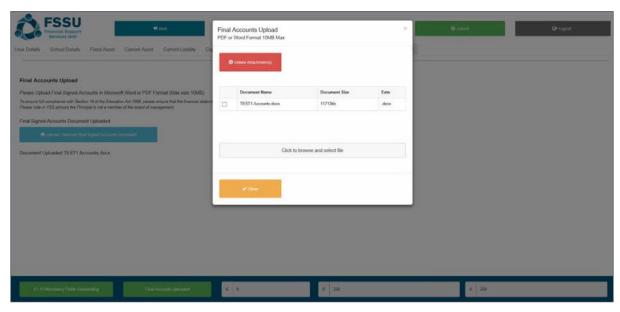


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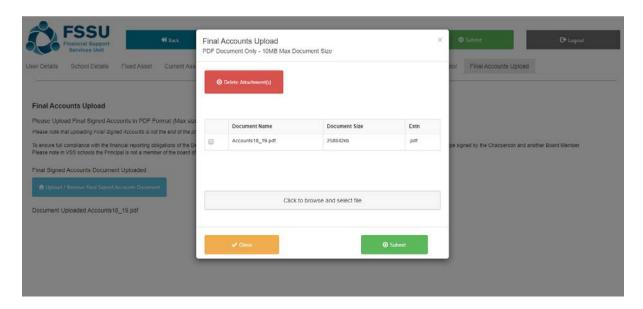


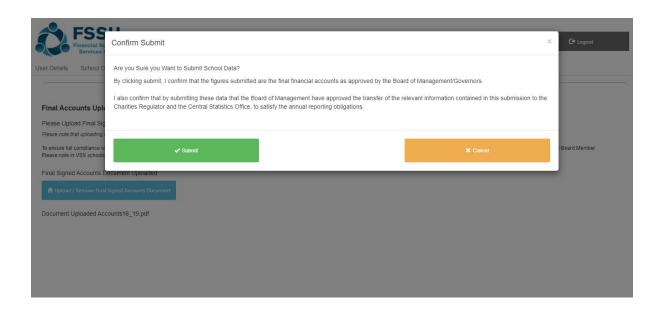
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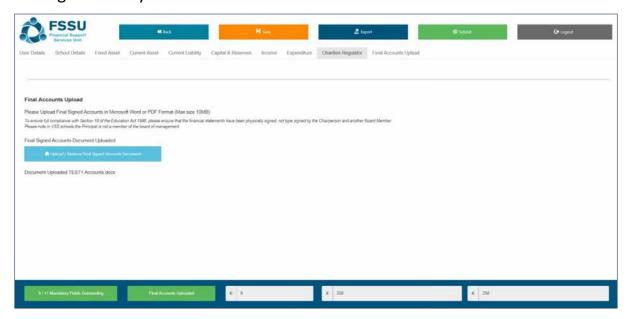


Click Close or Submit

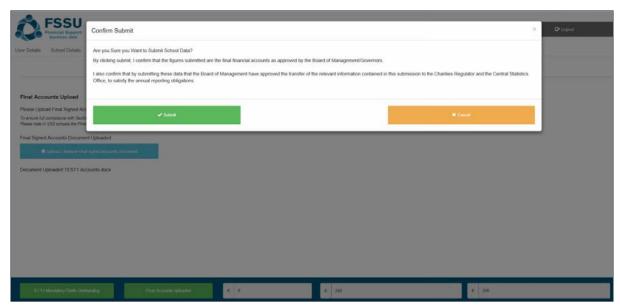




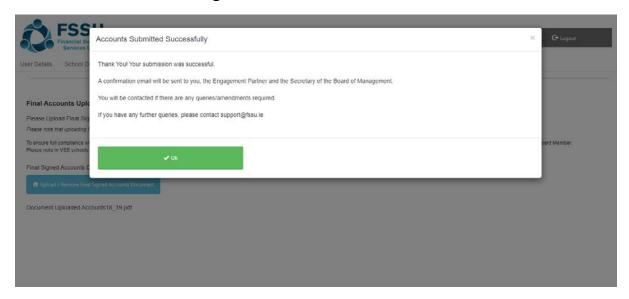
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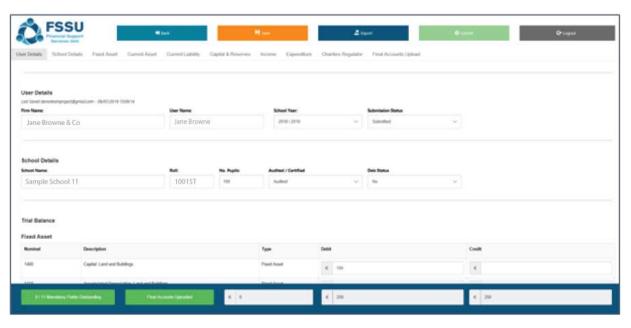
11. Confirm your Submission by clicking on **Submit**



12. You will see this message Click OK



Once your accounts are submitted the Submit button can't be re-clicked and data becomes read only



13. Upon completion you will receive a confirmation email

Confirmation of Submission of Financial Accounts for 2018 / 2019 for Roll Number: 10015T

To Jane Browne & Co,

On 13/09/2019 14:55:10 the FSSU received a financial submission for the school year 2018 / 2019 for school Sample School 11 with roll number: 10015T.

This submission fulfils the financial reporting obligations of the Department of Education & Skills, the Charities Regulator, the Charities Act 2009 and the Central Statistics Office.

Please find attached a full copy of this submission for your records.

Kind Regards,

Financial Support Services Unit



- A confirmation email will also be sent to the Secretary to the Board of Management of the school
- A confirmation email will also be sent to the FSSU

If you require any assistance, please call the FSSU Support Line **01 910 4020** or email **support@fssu.ie**



To be sent to External Accountant/Auditor only

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – CONFIRMATION OF DATA TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FSSU (This document does not form part of the Financial Accounts)

sсноо	L NAME_	ROLL NUMBER
ADDRE	ss	
Account	ants/Audi	tors Name:
Account	ants/Audi	tors Address:
Dear_		, (insert Accountant/Auditors name)
1.	The boa	rd of management of insert school name
	authorise	e insert accountants/auditors name, to transfer
	the relev	ant information contained in the financial accounts to the Financial Support Services
	Unit as p	part of the online submission process.
2.		rd of management approves the transfer of relevant information contained in the board gements annual accounts from the Financial Support Services Unit to:
	a) t	he Central Statistics Office, to satisfy the annual reporting obligations.
		he Charities Regulator, to satisfy the annual reporting obligations set out in Section 52 of the Charities Act 2009.
	c) t	he Patron, where requested
	bank bal	rd of management confirms that, where applicable, the Income and Expenditure and ance of the Parents Association and/or Student Council are included in these accounts.
4.		rd of management confirms that the Trustee details for the school are registered with the CRA.
5.		of pupils enrolled in the school for the year ended 31st August 2019 was insert number
6.		rage number of employees employed directly by the board of management in the
7		or the year ended 31 st August 2019 was insert number Ber of individuals who have volunteered for the board of management and the
7.		or the year ended 31st August 2019 was: (tick thebox)
	None	
	1 - 9	
	10 - 19	
	20 - 49	
	50 - 249	
	250+	
On bel	nalf of the	board of management on(insert date)
	CI	hairperson Board Member

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