



Online Annual Accounts Submission User Manual

**Step by step guide to
making the online annual
accounts submission**

Internet Browser

Please note that our online portal cannot be accessed with Internet Explorer.

Instead of using Internet Explorer, please download one of the following browsers:



Edge

Microsoft



Firefox

Mozilla Foundation



Chrome

Google



Opera

Opera Software

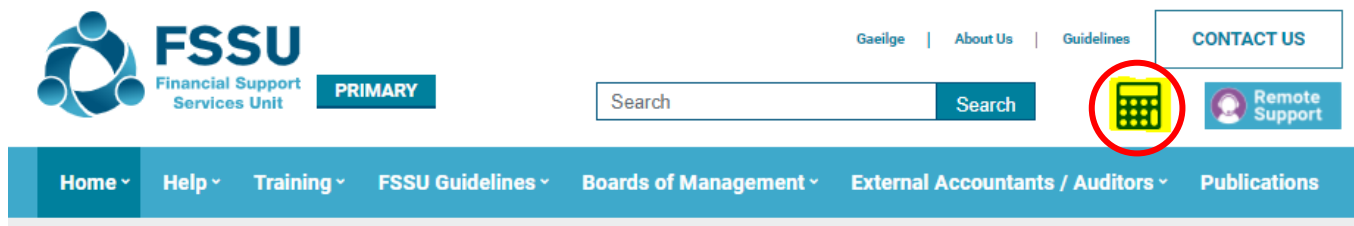
Engagement Partner Page 2 to Page 11

The Engagement Partner is the main point of contact in an accountancy firm. This person has authority to assign permissions to an Additional User.

Additional User Page 12 to Page 18

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

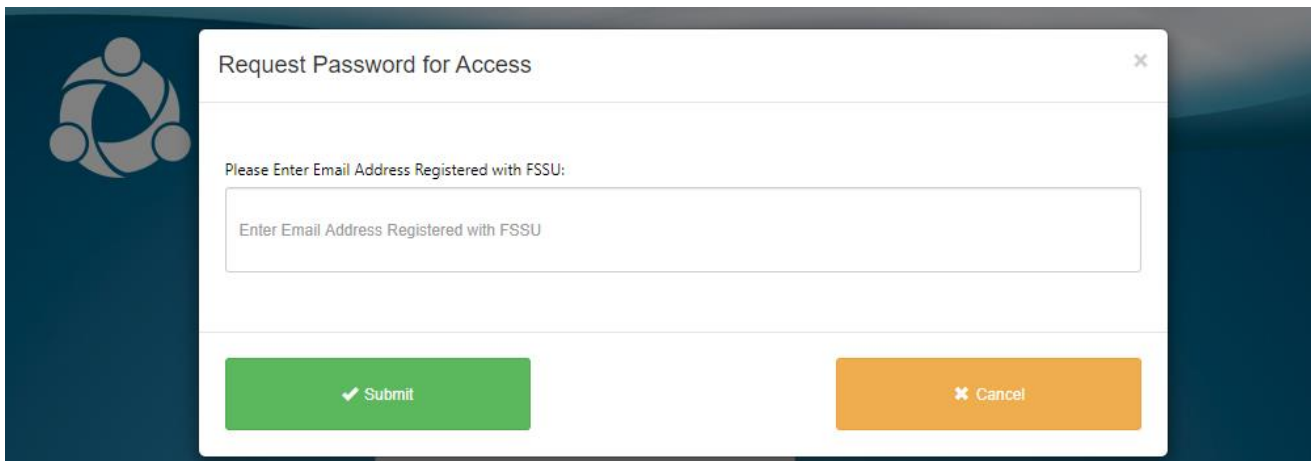
1. Follow the icon on the homepage to access the Login Page



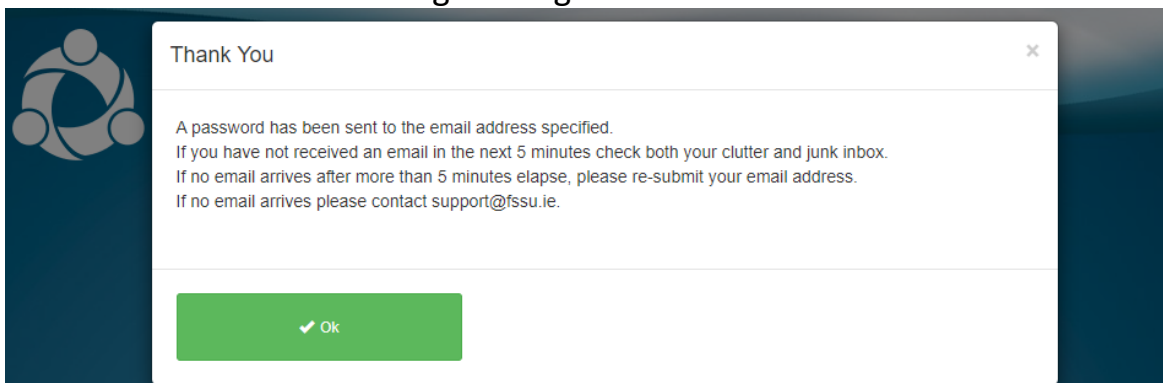
2. Click **Request Password**



3. Enter the **Email Address Registered with FSSU** and click **Submit**



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



4. Go to your email Inbox to access your Password.
Follow the [Click here to access portal](#) link

As requested, please find below your password for the FSSU portal.

For security reasons this password will expire in 72 hours after which you will need to send another password request from the login screen by clicking 'Request Password'.

Access to the portal is now available using the email address you have provided and the password below.

Password:	pR1xx
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[Click here to access portal](#)

If you have difficulty accessing the portal please email support@fssu.ie

Financial Support Services Unit

5. 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**.

Request Password

Email Address

Password

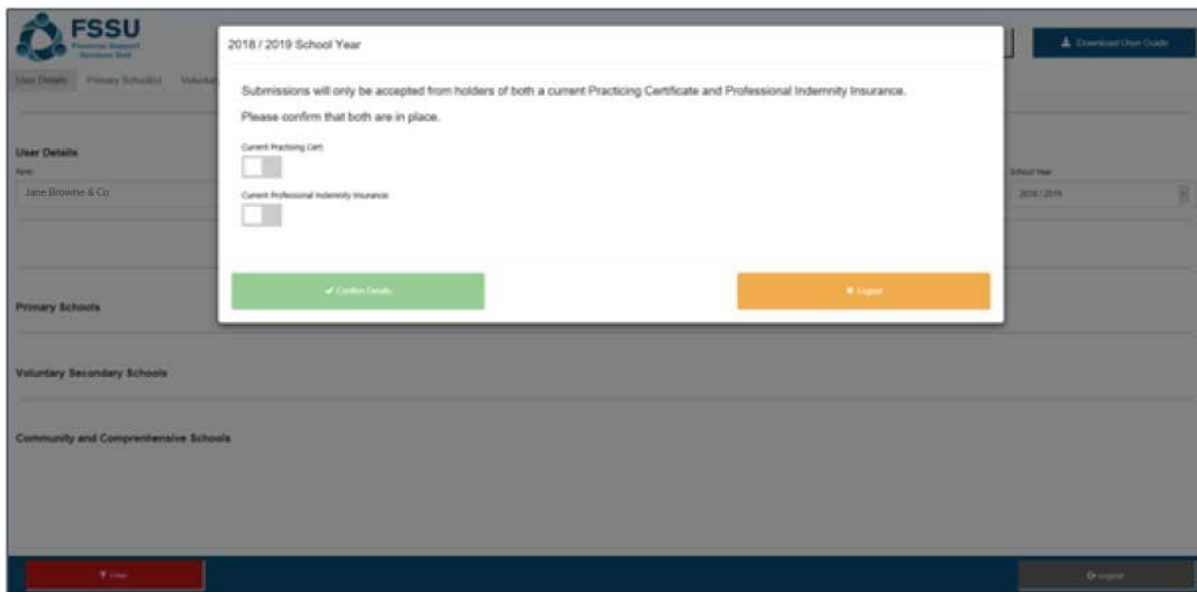
What is 6 + 9?

Answer

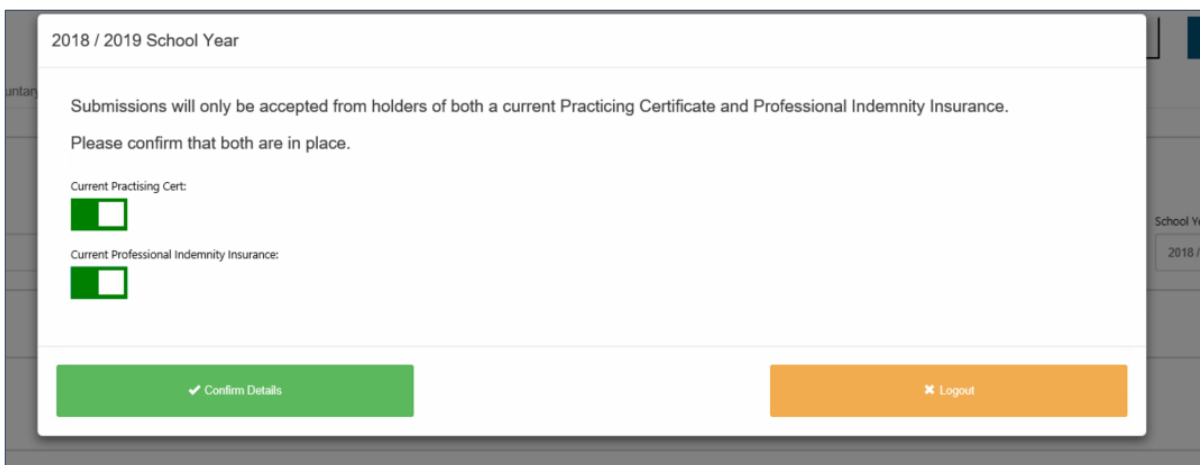
OK Clear

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

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



7. Slide the Green Tab to confirm and click **Confirm Details**



Engagement Partner Settings Landing Page

Update **Practice Details** as necessary

The screenshot shows the 'Practice Details' section of the Engagement Partner settings. It includes fields for Practice Name (Jane Browne & Co), Current Practising Certificate (checked), Current Professional Indemnity Insurance (checked), Address Line 1-3, City (City 04), Country (Co. Cork), and Practice Status (Active). Below this is the 'Engagement Partner' section with First Name (Jane), Last Name (Browne), and eMail (janebrowne@accountant.com). A 'Change Engagement Partner' button is present. At the bottom, it shows '[26] Active School(s)' and a 'Request New School Link' button.

Update **Engagement Partner** as necessary

The screenshot shows the 'Engagement Partner' section of the Engagement Partner settings. It includes fields for First Name (Jane), Last Name (Browne), and eMail (janebrowne@accountant.com). A 'Change Engagement Partner' button is present.

Use **School Link** to search for schools or add schools

The screenshot shows the 'School Link' modal form. It includes fields for Roll Number, School Name, School Type (dropdown), and Status (dropdown). A 'Save' button and a 'Cancel' button are at the bottom. Below the form, there is a note: 'To link a School Please enter the schools' Roll Number and press 'Save'. If you link a School in this screen it is automatically set to status 'Waiting for Activation'. The FSSU needs to Activate this school before you can administer its accounts. You will receive an email confirming activation.'

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

The screenshot shows the FSSU (Financial Support Services Unit) interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Practice Details, Engagement Partner, School List, and User List. Below the tabs, it indicates "[18] Active User(s)" and provides an "Add User" button. A table lists the following users:

Username	Status	Name	Registered
tom@accountant.com	Active	Tom Brown	07/08/2019 13:25:47
joan@accountant.com	Please Remove	Joan Brown	08/08/2019 11:03:09
gerry@accountant.com	Active	Gerry Brown	07/08/2019 11:00:59

New User Window

The "Add New User" form includes the following fields:

- First Name: [Text input]
- Last Name: [Text input]
- email Address: [Text input]
- Status: [Dropdown menu, currently set to "Active"]
- Engagement Partner: [Checkbox]
- Office Phone: [Text input]

Buttons at the bottom: Save (green) and Cancel (orange).

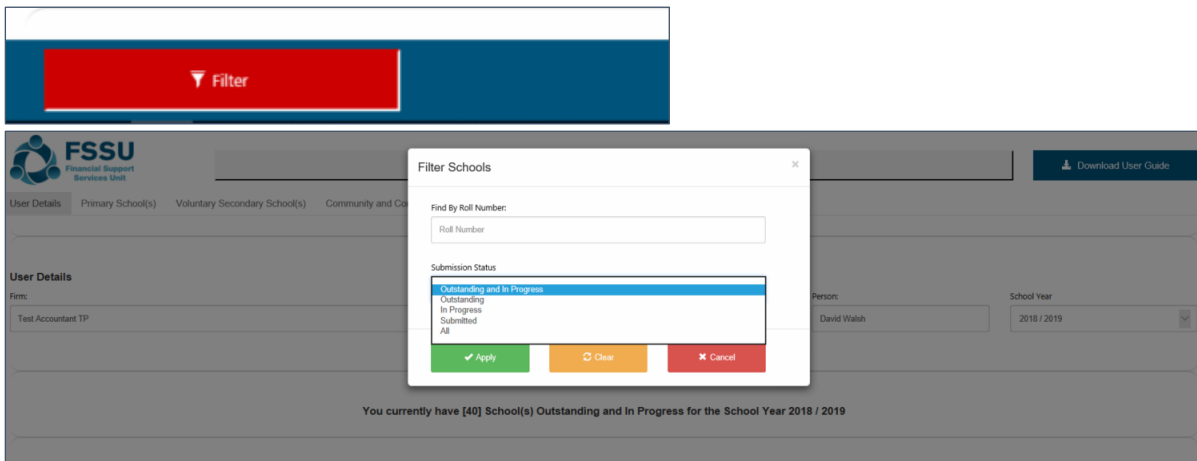
8. You will be brought to the **User Details** page where you can view all Schools

The "User Details" page for Jane Browne & Co. shows the following information:

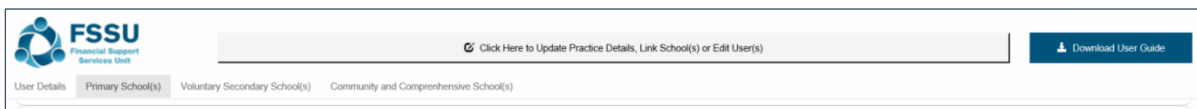
- Update Practice Details, Link School(s) or Edit User(s)** (orange button)
- Download User Guide** (blue button)
- Navigation tabs: User Details, Primary School(s), Voluntary Secondary School(s), Community and Comprehensive School(s)
- User Details:**
 - Firm: Jane Browne & Co
 - User: janebrowne@accountant.com
 - Person: Jane Browne
 - School Year: 2018 / 2019
- You currently have [26] Active School(s) Linked to Your Organisation**
- You currently have [8] School(s) Outstanding and In Progress for the School Year 2018 / 2019**
- [5] Primary School(s) Outstanding and In Progress**

Roll	School	Locality	Status	Type	Details
10011T	Sample School 1		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com
10013T	Sample School 2		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com
10014T	Sample School 3		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com

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



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

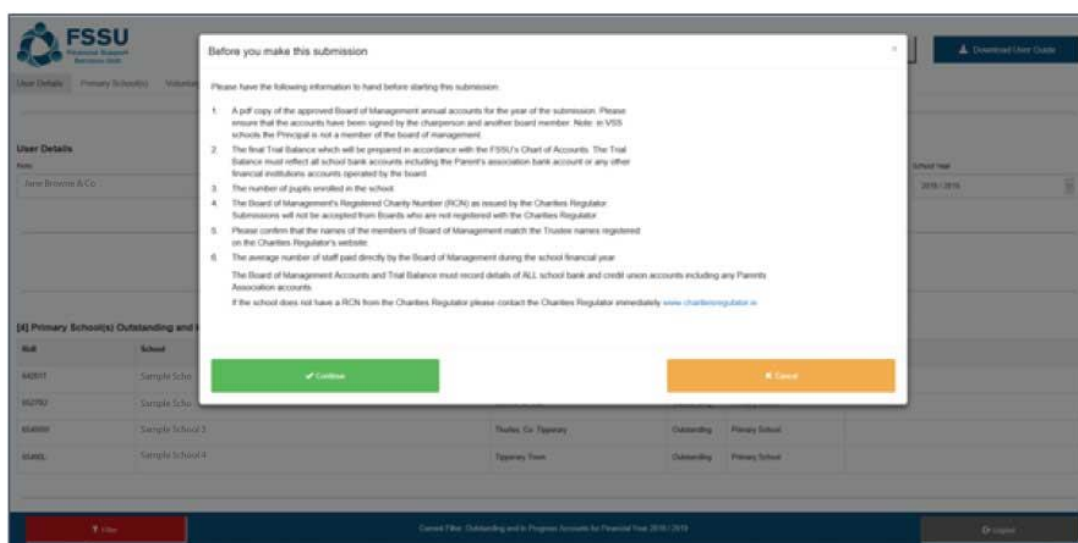


9. Select the relevant school by double clicking on the School Roll Number or School Name

[5] Primary School(s) Outstanding and In Progress

Roll	School	Locality	Status	Type	Details
10011T	Sample School 1		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com
10013T	Sample School 2		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com
10014T	Sample School 3		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com
10015T	Sample School 4		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com
10007T	Sample School 5		In Progress	Primary School	Last Saved janebrowne@accountant.com

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



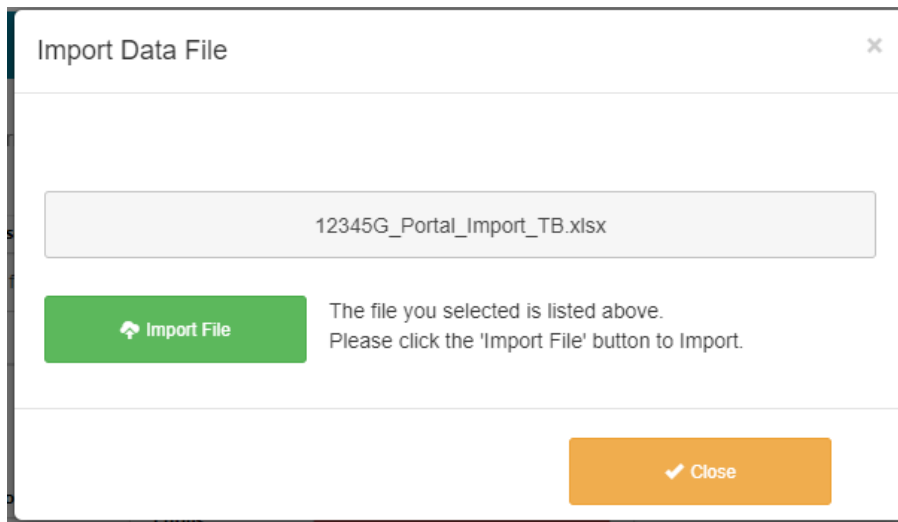
11. Begin by entering the **School Details**

School Details		
School Name:	Roll Number:	Audited Accounts:
<input type="text" value="Test Primary School 41"/>	<input type="text" value="4001T"/>	<input style="border: none; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px;" type="text" value="Not Audited"/>

12. Option 1 – Import **Trial Balance**



- Click on the **Import Button**
- Browse to excel data file e.g. '12345G_Portal_Manual_Import.xlsx'
- Select the populated **Portal file** for the school and **Open**
- Click **Import File** to populate the **Trial Balance**



Option 2 – Manually complete the **Trial Balance** including:

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

13. Complete the Charities Regulator Report

Registration with the Charities Regulator is mandatory for all schools



User Details School Details Fixed Asset Current Asset Current Liability Long Term Liabilities Capital & Reserves Income Expenditure Charities Regulator Covid Supports

Final Accounts Upload

Charities Regulator Report

Registered Charity Number (RCN):

0

Total School Income:

€ 0

Total School Expenditure:

€ 0

Total Salary Amount paid by the Board of Management:

€

Average Number of Employees paid directly by the Board of Management:

0

The board confirms it operates under its Governance Document(s).



As per the board of management authorisation letter completed by the board of management and provided to us, the board confirms that the Trustee details for the school are registered correctly with the Charity Regulator.



As per the board of management authorisation letter completed by the board of management and provided to us, the board confirms that, where applicable, the Income and Expenditure and bank balance of the Parents Association, Student Council and all other bank accounts relating to school activities are included in these accounts.



Indicate the number of individuals who have volunteered for the board of management and the school for the year. (e.g. BOM members, parent's association, parents that helped out at bake sale etc.)

Please Select

14. Complete Final Accounts Upload

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



User Details School Details Fixed Asset Current Asset Current Liability Long Term Liabilities Capital & Reserves Income Expenditure Charities Regulator Covid Supports Final Accounts Upload

Final Accounts Upload

Please Upload Final Signed Accounts in PDF Format (Max size 10MB)

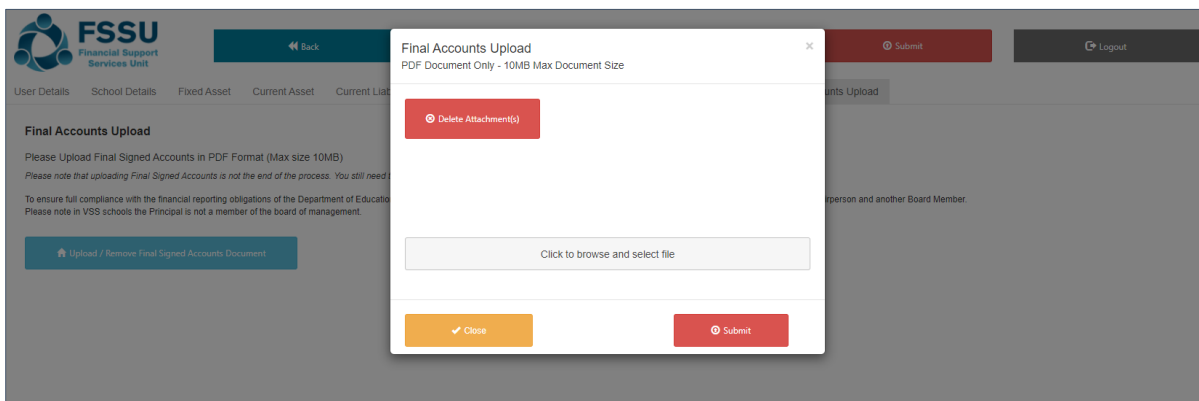
Please note that uploading Final Signed Accounts is not the end of the process. You still need to click 'Submit' once all the mandatory fields are completed.

You can upload up to 3 PDF documents including 'Board of Management Authorisation Letter', 'Signed Annual Accounts' and 'Trial Balance'. Please ensure that these documents include 'Approved and Signed Annual Accounts'.

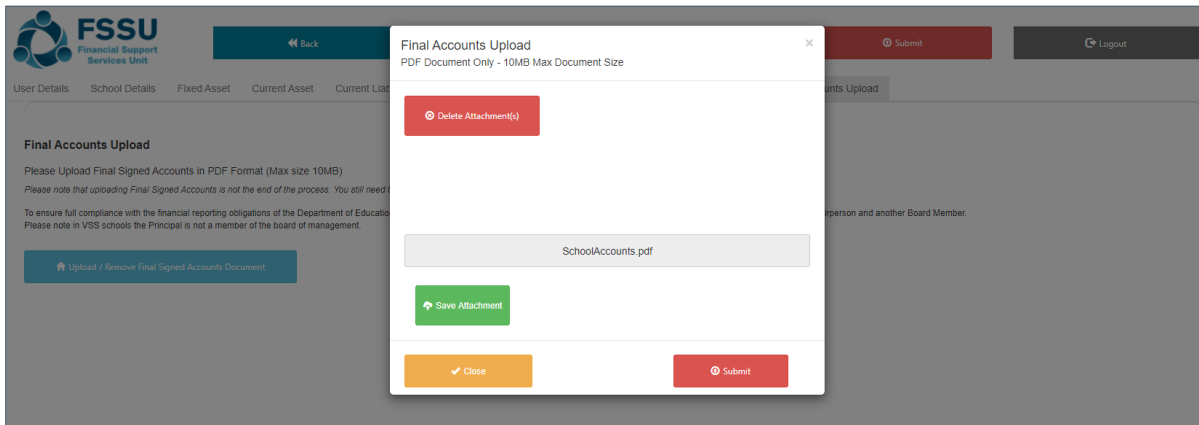
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Upload / Remove Final Signed Accounts Document

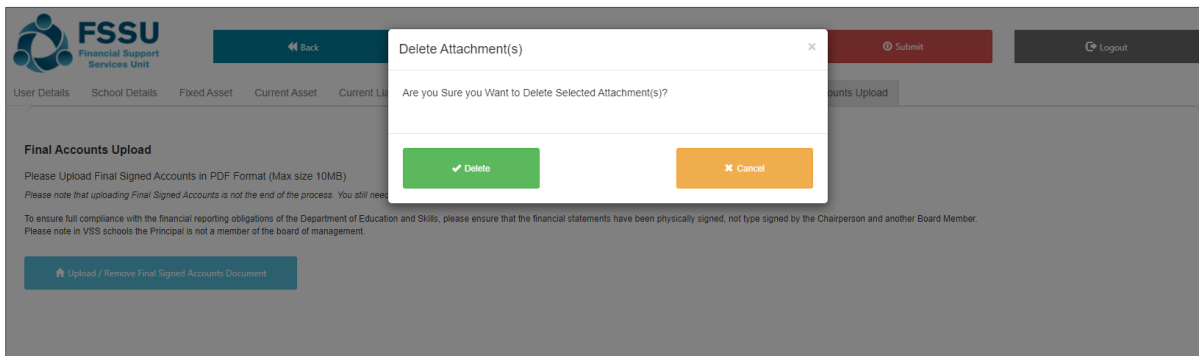
Click on **Click to browse and select file** and select relevant files



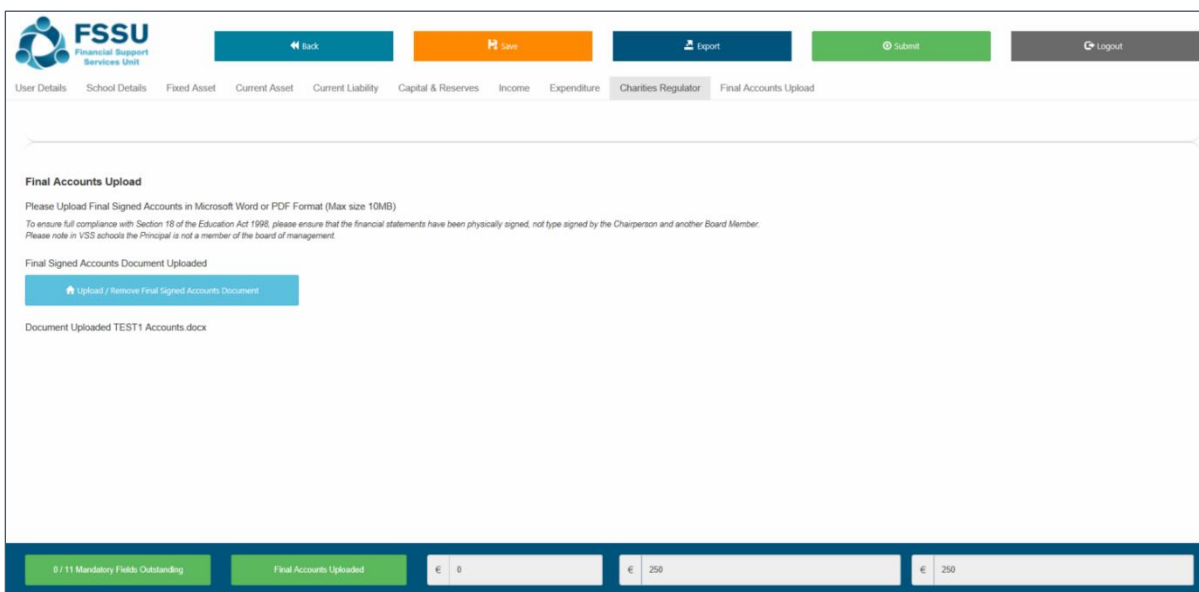
Chosen document will appear. Click **Save Attachment**



Saved Documents can also be removed



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



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

Confirm Submit

Are you Sure you Want to Submit School Data?

By clicking submit, I confirm that the figures submitted are the final financial accounts as approved by the Board of Management/Governors.

I also confirm that by submitting these data that the Board of Management have approved the transfer of the relevant information contained in this submission to the Charities Regulator and the Central Statistics Office, to satisfy the annual reporting obligations.

Final Accounts Upload

Please Upload Final Signed Accounts

To ensure full compliance with Section 10(1) of the Charities Act 2009, please note in VSS schools the Final Signed Accounts Document must be uploaded.

Final Signed Accounts Document Uploaded

Document Uploaded TEST1 Accounts.docx

0 / 11 Mandatory Fields Outstanding | Final Accounts Uploaded | € 0 | € 250 | € 250

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

FSSU Financial Support Services Unit

User Details | School Details | Fixed Asset | Current Liability | Capital & Reserves | Income | Expenditure | Charities Regulator | Final Accounts Upload

User Details

User Name: Jane Browne & Co | User Name: janebrowne@accountant.com | School Year: 2019/2019 | Submission Status: Submitted

School Details

School Name: Sample School 2 | Roll: 10013T | No. Pupils: 100 | Audited / Certified: Audited | Data Status: No

Trial Balance

Number	Description	Type	Debit	Credit
1000	Capital: Land and Buildings	Fixed Asset	€ 100	€

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17. A confirmation email will be forwarded on completion:

Confirmation of Submission of Financial Accounts for 2022 / 2023

- 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 submission 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

To: Jane Browne <janebrowne@accountant.com>
Subject: FSSU Accountants User Activation

Dear Ms Jane Browne,

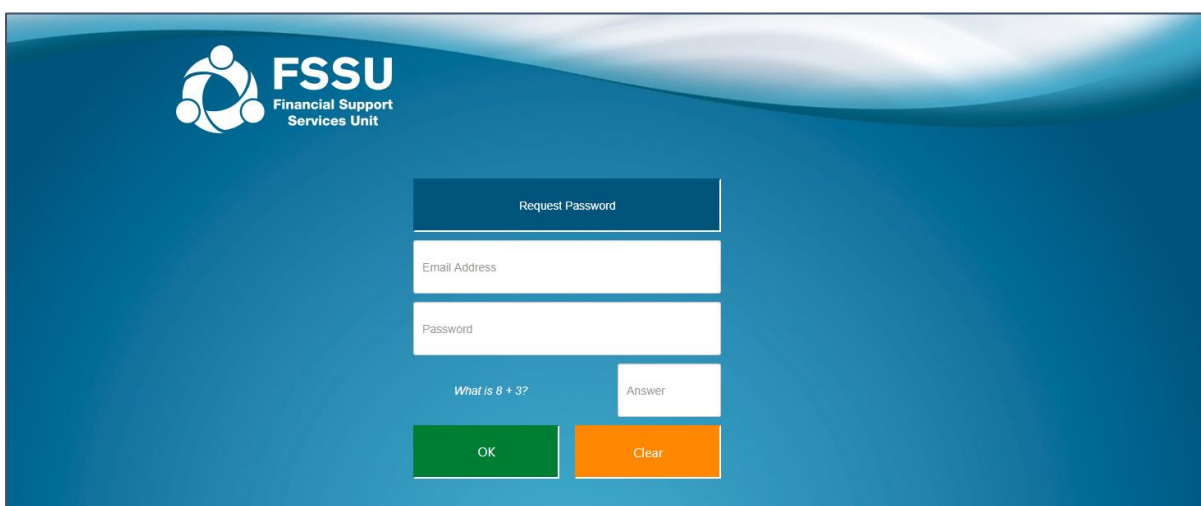
You have been set up to use our Accounts Portal. Your details are listed below.

Name:	Jane Browne,
Username:	janebrowne@accountant.com
Password:	Request from Portal

To request your password please browse to www.fssucloud.net and click 'Request Password'.

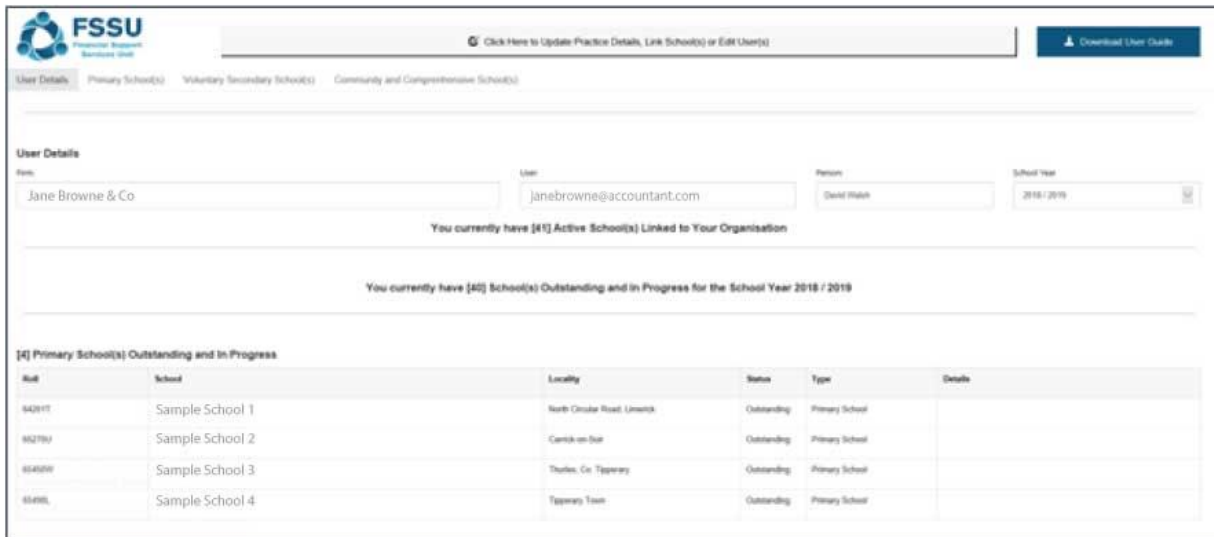
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- Enter the **Password** that was emailed to this account
- Enter the result of the equation in the third box.
- Click **OK**.

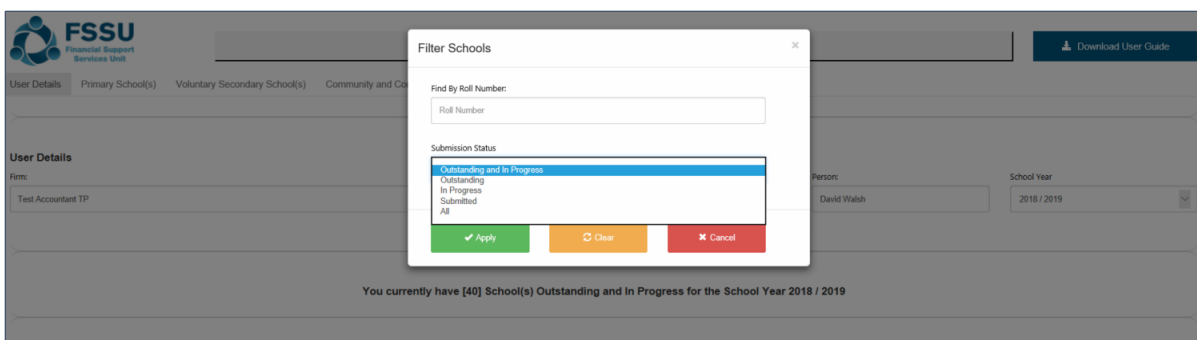


The screenshot shows the FSSU (Financial Support Services Unit) Request Password form. The form is set against a blue background with the FSSU logo in the top left. The form fields include: a title bar 'Request Password', an 'Email Address' input field, a 'Password' input field, a security question 'What is 8 + 3?' with an 'Answer' input field, and two buttons at the bottom: a green 'OK' button and an orange 'Clear' button.

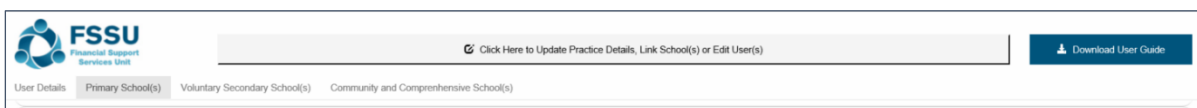
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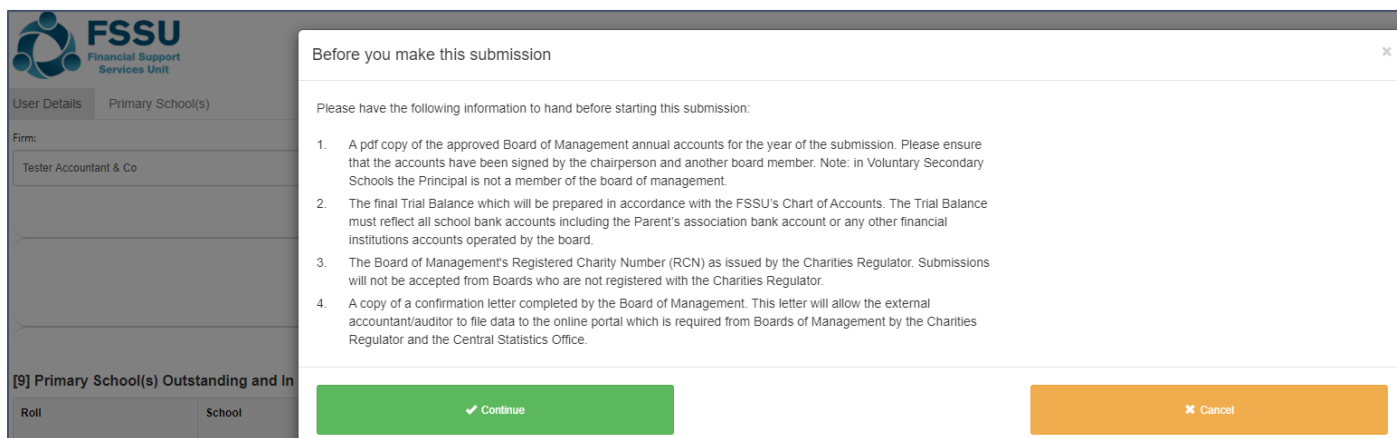
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4. Select the relevant school by double clicking on the School Roll number or School Name

Roll	School	Locality	Status	Type	Details
64291T	Sample School 1	North Circular Road, Limerick	Outstanding	Primary School	
65279U	Sample School 2	Carraig-on-Suir	Outstanding	Primary School	
65468W	Sample School 3	Thurles, Co. Tipperary	Outstanding	Primary School	
65468L	Sample School 4	Tipperary Town	Outstanding	Primary School	

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



Before you make this submission

Please have the following information to hand before starting this submission:

1. A pdf copy of the approved Board of Management annual accounts for the year of the submission. Please ensure that the accounts have been signed by the chairperson and another board member. Note: in Voluntary Secondary Schools the Principal is not a member of the board of management.
2. The final Trial Balance which will be prepared in accordance with the FSSU's Chart of Accounts. The Trial Balance must reflect all school bank accounts including the Parent's association bank account or any other financial institutions accounts operated by the board.
3. The Board of Management's Registered Charity Number (RCN) as issued by the Charities Regulator. Submissions will not be accepted from Boards who are not registered with the Charities Regulator.
4. A copy of a confirmation letter completed by the Board of Management. This letter will allow the external accountant/auditor to file data to the online portal which is required from Boards of Management by the Charities Regulator and the Central Statistics Office.

6. Begin by entering the **School Details**

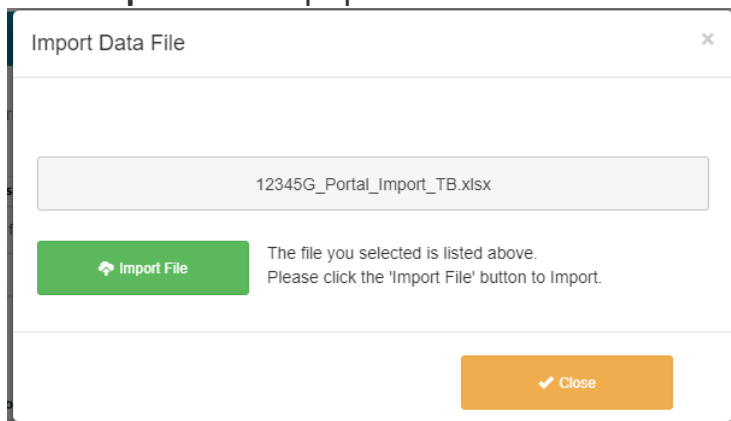
School Details

School Name:	Roll Number:	Audited Accounts:
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7. Option 1 – Import **Trial Balance**



- Click on the **Import Button**
- Browse to excel data file e.g. '12345G_Portal_Manual_Import.xlsx'
- Select the populated **Portal file** for the school and **Open**
- Click **Import File** to populate the **Trial Balance**



Import Data File

12345G_Portal_Import_TB.xlsx

The file you selected is listed above.
Please click the 'Import File' button to Import.

Option 2 – Manually complete the **Trial Balance** including:

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

8. Complete the Charities Regulator Report

Registration with the Charities Regulator is mandatory for all schools

The screenshot shows the 'Charities Regulator Report' form. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FSSU logo and buttons for Back, Save, Export, Import TB, and Submit. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for User Details, School Details, Fixed Asset, Current Asset, Current Liability, Long Term Liabilities, Capital & Reserves, Income, Expenditure, Charities Regulator (selected), and Covid Supports. The main form area contains several input fields and checkboxes:

- Registered Charity Number (RCN):** Input field with '0'.
- Total School Income:** Input field with '€ 0'.
- Total School Expenditure:** Input field with '€ 0'.
- Total Salary Amount paid by the Board of Management:** Input field with '€'.
- Average Number of Employees paid directly by the Board of Management:** Input field with '0'.
- The board confirms it operates under its Governance Document(s):** Checkbox (unchecked).
- As per the board of management authorisation letter completed by the board of management and provided to us, the board confirms that the Trustee details for the school are registered correctly with the Charity Regulator.** Checkbox (unchecked).
- As per the board of management authorisation letter completed by the board of management and provided to us, the board confirms that, where applicable, the Income and Expenditure and bank balance of the Parents Association, Student Council and all other bank accounts relating to school activities are included in these accounts.** Checkbox (unchecked).
- Indicate the number of individuals who have volunteered for the board of management and the school for the year. (e.g. BOM members, parent's association, parents that helped out at bake sale etc.)** Dropdown menu with 'Please Select'.

9. Complete Final Accounts Upload

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

The screenshot shows the 'Final Accounts Upload' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FSSU logo and buttons for Back, Save, Export, Import TB, and Submit. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for User Details, School Details, Fixed Asset, Current Asset, Current Liability, Long Term Liabilities, Capital & Reserves, Income, Expenditure, Charities Regulator, Covid Supports, and Final Accounts Upload (selected). The main form area contains the following text and a button:

Final Accounts Upload

Please Upload Final Signed Accounts in PDF Format (Max size 10MB)

Please note that uploading Final Signed Accounts is not the end of the process. You still need to click 'Submit' once all the mandatory fields are completed.

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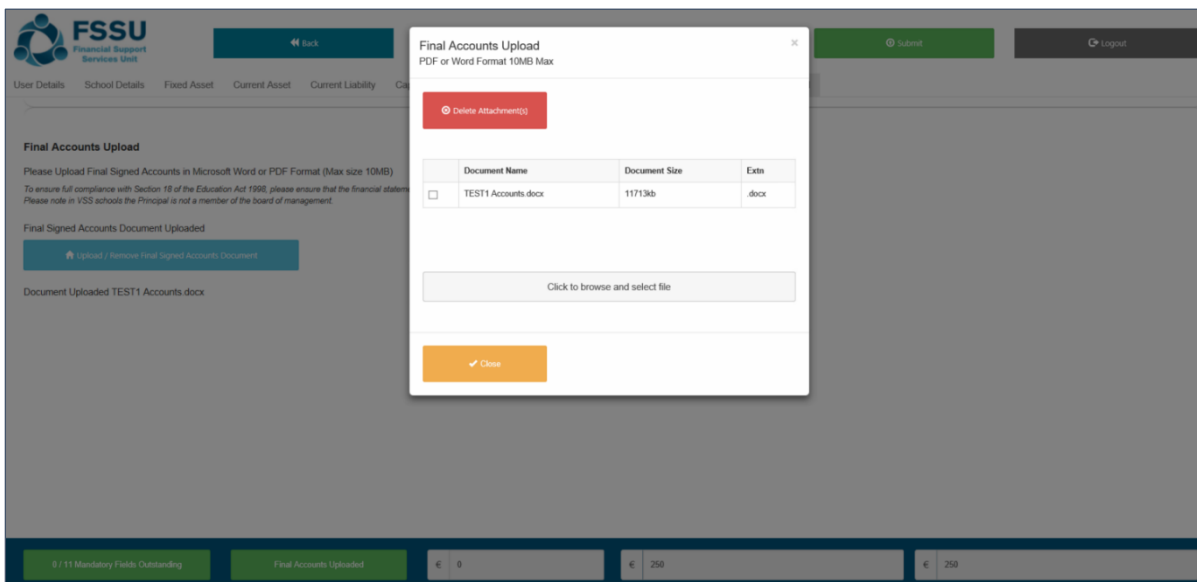
Click on **Click to browse and select file** and select relevant files

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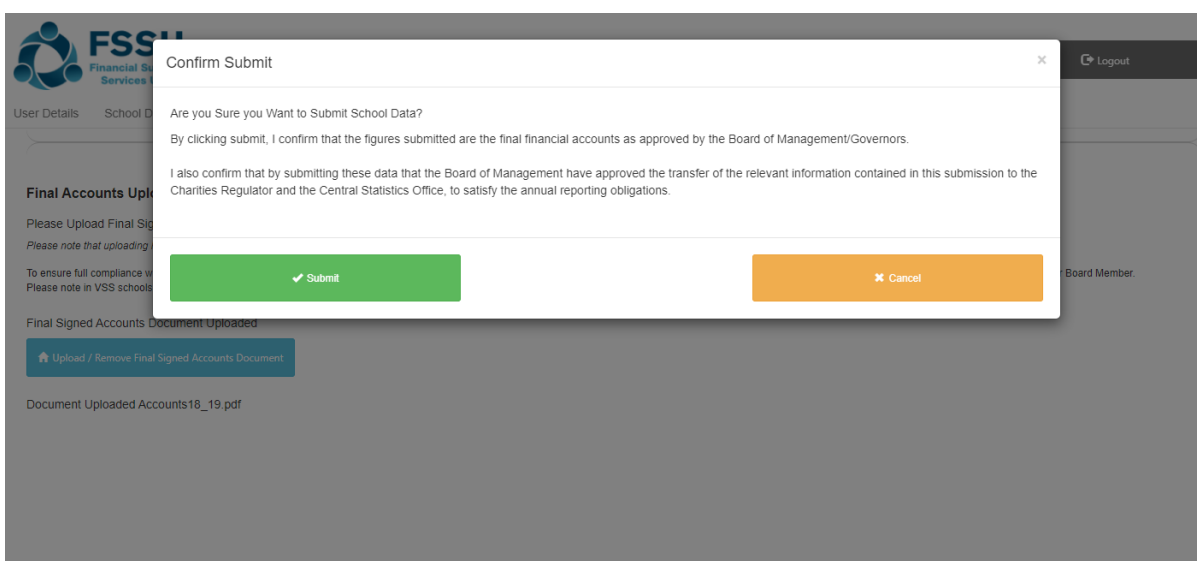
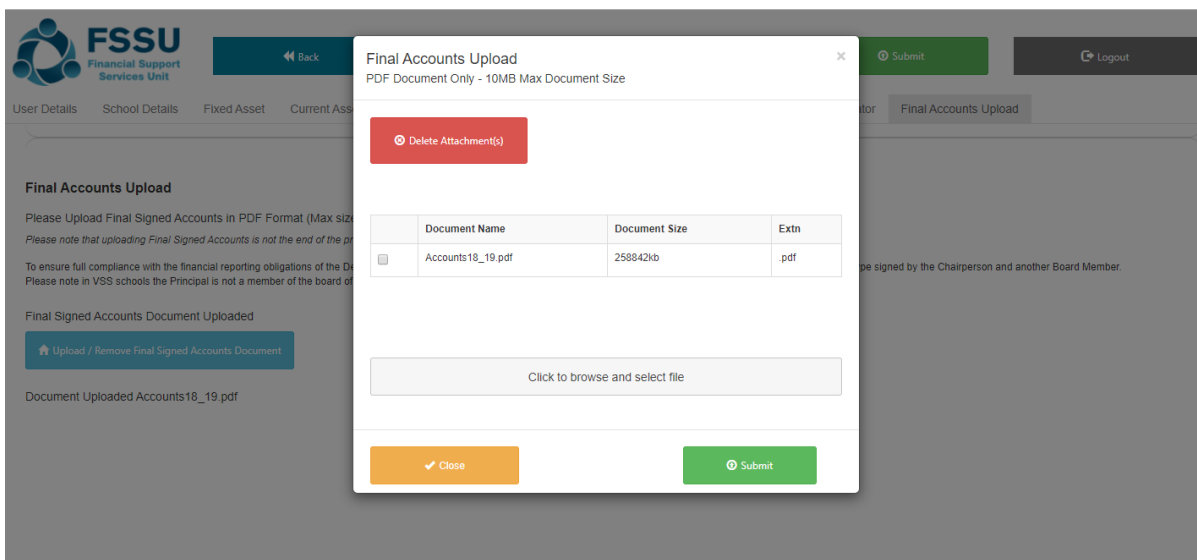
- Delete Attachment(s)** button (red).
- Input field containing the filename 'Accounts18_19.pdf'.
- Save Attachment** button (green).
- Close** button (orange) and **Submit** button (red) at the bottom.

Chosen document will appear. Click **Save Attachment**

Saved Documents can also be removed by clicking **Delete Attachment**



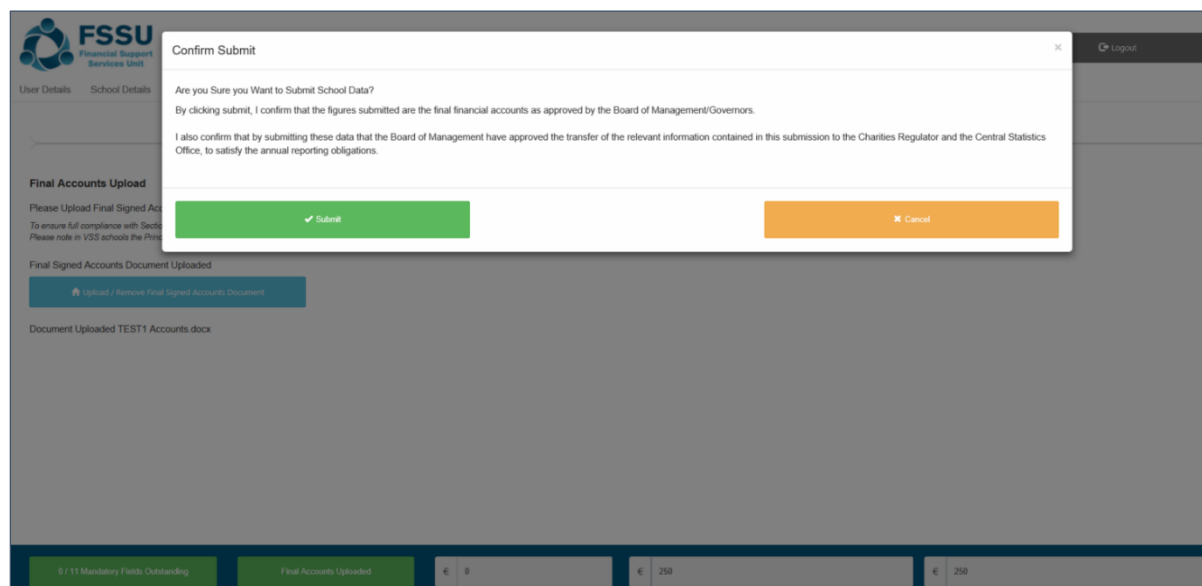
Click **Close** or **Submit**



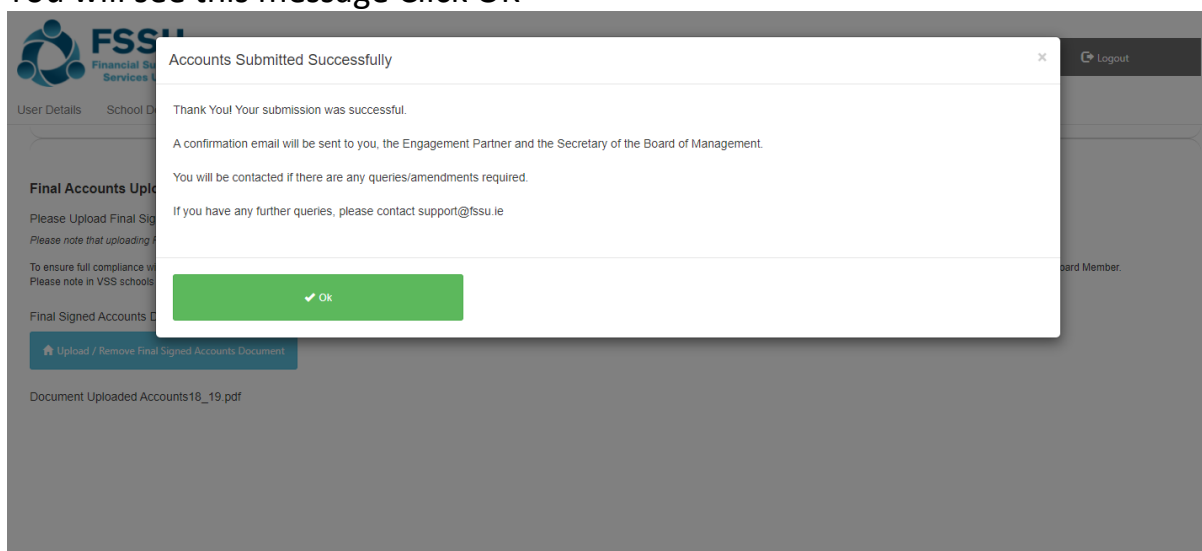
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11. Confirm your Submission by clicking on **Submit**



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

12. Upon completion you will receive a confirmation email

Confirmation of Submission of Financial Accounts for 2022 / 2023 for Roll Number: 10015T

To Jane Browne & Co,

On 13/10/2023 14:55:10 the FSSU received a financial submission for the school year 2022 / 2023 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**

