

KAA Intrepidus Trust Ethical Investment Policy

Overview

The KAA Intrepidus Trust (KIT) was established to develop and fund extra-curricular activities that broaden the horizons and raise the aspirations of the c1,200 pupils at Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA), a diverse inner-city secondary school established in 2014 in London's North Kensington. The extra-curricular activities funded by KIT depend on grants awarded by trusts and foundations and donations made by individuals and companies.

In addition, KIT has an endorsed policy to establish an endowment to secure its long-term future. The Intrepidus Trust Endowment Fund Appeal was launched in the aftermath of the Grenfell tragedy to provide long-term financial security for our work.

An endowment fund is a self-sustaining source of funding where the capital is invested to produce income. Whereas the principal investment remains intact in perpetuity, or over a long-term period, the income is granted annually, in part or in full, to support the fund's purpose. Any undistributed earnings are reinvested to grow the fund. In this way, our endowment fund will provide an annual income for ongoing delivery of educational enrichment programmes at Kensington Aldridge Academy, and will enable donors to create a longstanding legacy.

It is the intention of the Trustees to keep the capital of the endowment fund intact in perpetuity. However, the Trustees reserve the right if necessary to convert part of the endowed capital to unrestricted income in furtherance of the Trust's objectives.

Ethical Investment Policy

While conscious of the need to protect and enhance the capital and income of the Charity the Trustees wish to reflect their ethical sensitivities in the Charity's investment portfolio.

Excluded Investments

Arms Industry

The trustees do not wish to hold an investment in a company that manufactures nuclear weapons or their components or that manufactures cluster munitions or their components.

Gambling Industry

The trustees do not wish to hold investments in companies that provide gambling services whether online or in casinos.

Tobacco Industry

The trustees do not wish to hold investments in the tobacco industry although the retailing of tobacco products as an ancillary activity is acceptable.

Pornography Industry

The trustees do not wish to invest in the pornography industry.

Mining, Mineral & Fossil Fuel Extraction

The trustees do not wish to invest in a company where its principal activity is mining or the extraction of minerals or fossil fuels. This does not include companies that provide materials or services to such companies or assist in the storage, distribution or sale of such products.

Environment

Where companies held in the Charity's investment portfolio are carrying on activities which involve the depletion of the natural environment, the Trustees would expect such companies to address in their accounts the issue of sustainability and to be actively pursuing best practices to maintain and improve the long term future of the resources they consume.

Alcohol Industry

The Trustees do not wish to invest directly in companies producing alcohol. The retailing of alcoholic beverages as an ancillary activity is acceptable.

Fund Holding Threshold

Where from time to time a fund within the Charity's portfolio may hold an investment in a company, or a number of companies, which fall into an excluded category, the Trustees would accept this position provided that the aggregate value of these companies is not more than 7.5% of the value of the fund.

Agreed at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees on: 3rd July 2020

Signed by Lucy Morris, Chair of Trustees



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