## Checklist for School Fund & PTA Independent Check

★ Please ensure all data is uploaded to your dedicated secure Google Drive provided by Unity School Services.

we will test several invoices at random and request this via email.

## The Independent checker of the School Fund / PTA\* should have access to:

- Bank statements for the last Academic Year 01/09/\_\_\_\_- 31/08/\_\_\_\_\_ OR your school fund / PTA open and year end dates. Download your statements from your online banking.
- Accounting Records (e.g. excel spreadsheets) used to record all transactions during the year and, if relevant, the amounts held for each project. Excel is preferred.
- Invoices / payment vouchers to evidence payments processed throughout the year – We will contact you and ask for a sample of invoices during the independent check.
- A copy of the School's Finance Policy, School Fund Policy or PTA finance policy, if this is separate from the Finance Policy in PDF format.

<u>Please note:</u> During our remote testing we will ask for samples of trips and debits and credit relating to this particular activity / trip. We will advise you to send this during our check of your school fund.

**★** ALL DOCUMENTS REQUESTED SHOULD BE UPLOADED TO YOUR DEDICATED SECURE GOOGLE DRIVE PROVIDED BY UNITY SCHOOL SERVICES.

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**PTA's** for an independent examination of your accounts you must fall into the follow criteria as per guidance from the Charities Commission.

\*The trustees will usually be able to choose an <u>independent examination</u> instead of an audit if your charity's gross income is:

More than £25,000, but not more than £1 million. ~ Source Charities Commission

