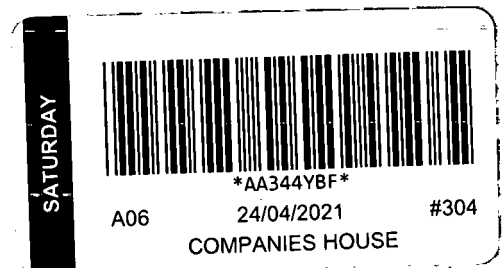


ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	Mr C Culpin Mr A Llewellyn (resigned 12 December 2019) Mrs T Harrison Mrs Kitchiner (appointed 12 December 2019) Mr J Stalley (appointed 12 December 2019) Mr M Woodlock (appointed 12 December 2019)
Trustees	Mr C Culpin, Chair ^{1,2} Mrs A Bennett ² Mr D Chainey, 2 until 23/3/2020, then 1 from 23/3/2020 Mr S Flanagan (resigned 6 February 2020) ² Mr P Gane ¹ Mr S Green (appointed 12 December 2019) ¹ Mrs T Harrison (resigned 8 July 2020) ² Mr J Holt ¹ Ms S Lewis (resigned 3 September 2019) Mr A Llewellyn ¹ Ms A Maistrello (appointed 12 December 2019) Ms A Martin (appointed 12 December 2019) ² Mrs L Mosley ² Mrs S Pilgrim Mr D Robertson (resigned 13 November 2019) ² Mr P Spencer ² Mrs A Stephens ¹ Mrs L Sutherland (appointed 11 March 2020, resigned 23 March 2020) ¹ Ms C Watson ¹ ¹ Finance, Business and Audit Committee Member ² Curriculum and Standards Committee Member
Company registered number	07657806
Company name	Ansford Academy Trust
Principal and registered office	Maggs Lane Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7JJ
Company secretary	Mrs S Graham
Accounting officer	Mrs S Pilgrim
Senior Leadership Team	Mrs S Pilgrim, Principal Mrs R Comyns, Chief Operating Officer Mr K Musson, Vice Principal Mrs E King, Assistant Principal Mr S Roberts, Assistant Principal

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Independent auditors Bishop Fleming LLP
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2020. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an Academy for pupils aged 11 to 16 in east Somerset. It has a pupil capacity of 760 and had a roll of 599 in the school census in October 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Academy is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy.

The Trustees of Ansford Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on pages 1 to 2.

Members' Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' Indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The insurance provides unlimited cover.

TRUSTEES

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Articles of Association set out that the Academy shall ordinarily have the following Trustees:

- up to 8 Community Trustees
- up to 2 Staff Trustees
- a minimum of 2 and up to 7 Parent Trustees
- the Principal

At any one time there may be more than 18 Trustees because the Governing Body can make use of the power to co-opt other suitable persons as allowed by the Academy's Articles of Association.

Trustees are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Principal. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy's development. Parent Trustees are elected by parents of students at the Academy. Other Trustees are suggested by existing members and are then interviewed by either the Chair of Trustees or the Principal. They are then recommended to the full Governing Body which makes the final decision.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The Academy provides for Trustee recruitment, induction and training. The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but would always include a tour of the Academy and a chance to meet staff and pupils. New Trustees are provided with copies of key reference / information documents at the time of appointment. All Trustees can access copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets six times a year. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

There are sub committees as follows:

- Finance, Business and Audit Committee: this meets at least three times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements, receiving reports on internal audit processes and drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels. It also incorporates the role of an audit committee.
- Curriculum and Standards Committee: this meets at least three times a year to monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting and assessment, examinations and all pastoral issues.

The following decisions are reserved to the Members: to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman and to appoint the Principal and Clerk to the Trustees.

The Trustees are responsible for establishing the ethos of the school and monitoring its implementation, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Members and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Academy to the Senior Leadership Team. These individuals implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance.

The Principal and Chief Operating Officer are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets; a summary of this is in the Finance Policy. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Finance Policy. The Principal is responsible for the appointment of staff, apart from Vice Principals, within a broad staffing structure approved by Trustees.

The Principal is the Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Trustees of the Board do not receive remuneration but are able to reclaim at cost any expenses incurred in connection with their Trustee duties.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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The Senior Leadership Team has significant delegated responsibility for the day to day running of the Academy. Pay and remuneration of the Senior Leadership Team has been implemented in line with the following:

- Conditions of Service for School Teachers in England And Wales, 2000.
- School teachers' pay and conditions document 2016 and guidance on school teachers' pay and conditions.
- Somerset County Council's Model Pay Policy for Schools.
- Contractual obligation and terms and conditions of staff under the Transfer of Undertakings legislation.
- Benchmarking against Somerset Academy staff structures and national trends.

The pay and remuneration of the Principal and Vice Principal are agreed by the Trustees.

The pay and remuneration of the Assistant Principals, Associate Principals and Chief Operating Officer are delegated to the Principal and reported to the Pay Committee.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships
1610 Ltd has use of part of the Academy's leisure facilities and a shared use agreement and lease between them and the Academy has been signed.

The charity Eatcary has a lease on an area of land on the school site which is used as a community garden project.

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of Ansford Academy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the charitable company is the operation of Ansford Academy to provide free education and care for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 11 and 16.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Academy's priority aims during the year ended 31 August 2020 are summarised below:

Priority 1: To build a culture of empathy, trust and belonging where individuals are valued for who they are, feel comfortable to be themselves and are inspired to explore the possibilities of who they might become.

Priority 2: To have a curriculum, with creativity at its heart, that is rich and varied; that meets the needs of all students; challenges them to make outstanding progress and prepares them for the next phase of their lives.

Priority 3: To have a relentless focus on equipping individuals to take their place in society; to secure useful and rewarding work; to form and maintain meaningful relationships and to contribute to the local and global community.

Priority 4: To secure teaching that leads to outstanding learning and progress for all.

Priority 5: To invest in the personal development of all members of the academy community, supporting and challenging each individual as they strive to excel.

Priority 6: For all members of the academy community to share a fierce pride in our achievements; to know we are the best place to learn.

Priority 7: To be highly regarded locally and nationally as an academy with a trusted brand identity underpinned by a strong moral purpose.

Priority 8: To contribute fully to the 'self-improving' schools system locally, nationally and internationally.

Priority 9: To actively seek out intellectual capital from sources such as stakeholders, business partners, academic research, local labour market information, to become and remain a centre of educational excellence.

Priority 10: To provide strong moral stewardship of academy resources.

Priority 11: To have premises that facilitate 21st century learning.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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A key business priority was to submit bids for funding to the Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) for roofing works and a replacement water main. Both bids were successful.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

In addition, in partnership with 1610 Ltd, the Academy provides facilities for recreational and other leisure time occupation for the community at large in the interests of social welfare and with the interest of improving the life of the said community.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and Performance

Our Academy motto in the year to 31 August 2020 was 'Learning together to lead our lives' which reflects our commitment to help students to be independent thinkers with the knowledge, skills and attributes to be in control of their own lives. Our focus is therefore on raising expectations and maintaining our high academic standards through supporting and nurturing the happy young people in our care.

In line with other Somerset Secondary Schools, Ansford Academy is not publishing exam performance data for the summer 2020 season due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

The Academy has established close links with other Academies in Somerset through the establishment of 5SG, an informal self-improvement alliance between 5 schools including Ansford Academy, as well as teaching and business forums. It is also part of the Ansford Learning Partnership, working closely with six local primary schools.

Curriculum

The Key Stage 3 curriculum is designed around the belief that students are most successful when they are autonomous learners who are able to take responsibility for their learning. English, Maths, Science and Languages are timetabled and taught as distinct subjects. Online resources have been developed that allow students to access work which is appropriate to where they are and allows them to see the learning journey ahead. Humanities, Arts and Technology subjects are taught in 10 weekly 'Themes' which connect distinct subject learning delivered by subject specialists. In all subjects students experience a mixture of traditional taught lessons, lectures and workshops. Workshops are lessons where students work independently on tasks they have agreed with their teachers. All students have regular coaching meetings with their tutor which are designed to support them to organise their work and reflect on what has gone well and next steps. An online learning platform gives students access to course outlines, learning goals for every topic in every subject and tasks to consolidate their learning. Independent learning tasks may be completed in workshop time and at home.

At Key Stage 4 students study a broad range of core subjects. In addition they are able to express preference for further subjects to support their individual interests and aspirations.

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Key Performance Indicators

The Academy Trust's comments on its KPIs are.

1. Maintenance of a level of reserves above £100,000 with the aim of building towards £180,000. This figure indicates the ability for the Academy to stay within budget and to have a contingency fund available for unexpected issues. £100,000 is considered to be the minimum amount needed to provide a cushion. At levels above £150,000 it will be possible to increase investment in revenue spending and capital.
2. Student attendance to be at or above national average. During Sept 2019 to March 2020 the Academy continued to improve on its attendance figures. As a consequence of lock down from March 2020 this KPI is not applicable for the purposes of monitoring.
3. Intake at Year 7 to be 120 and a school roll maintained at around 600. This indicates that the popularity of the school and its reputation are secure. It also provides a sound basis for financial planning.
4. The budget is able to maintain a capital investment programme for IT and buildings. This shows that the Academy is confident in its position and is able to invest money in capital projects in order to further develop the facilities and infrastructure on offer for pupils. A year of low investment would show that staffing levels are taking an unusually high proportion of revenue. This will principally be around funding levels not matching staffing costs.
5. Teaching to non-teaching (FTE) staff ratio drops from 1.06:1 to 0.8 - Somerset median end of Sept 2019 = 0.9:1. Some support functions have increased in 19/20 including administration and cleaning.
6. Pupil to teacher (FTE) ratio. Rising from 17.3:1 in 2019 to 19.9:1 in 2020 which is identified as broadly in line with similar schools.
7. Pupil Premium students: The Senior Leaders and Trustees continue to monitor and seek to close the gap between their progress and that of the cohort as a whole. Data for 2020 is not being published due to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic and lack of comparability.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Going Concern policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2020 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE and are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income. This includes a Condition Improvement Grant awarded in June 2020 for roofing works and a replacement water main. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned, as defined in the Academy's accounting policies.

During the year ended 31 August 2020, the Academy received total income of £3,633,615, which consisted of recurrent grant funding from the DfE and other incoming resources.

At 31 August 2020 the net book value of fixed assets was £6,357,381 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 14 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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The Academy is responsible for the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of its non teaching staff. The deficit is incorporated within the Statement of Financial Activities with details in note 23 to the financial statements. The Governing Body recognises that the scheme deficit represents a significant potential liability. However as the Trustees consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, the risk from this liability is minimised.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the period include the Finance Policy which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, Principal, Business Manager, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending. Other policies reviewed and updated included Charges and Lettings and Treasury Management.

The Trustees have appointed an Internal Audit service via Somerset County Council. During the year, the Trustees received reports from the Internal Audit service which contained no matters of significance.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy regularly. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves should be approximately £180,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient funds to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. Reserves may be needed to cushion against falling school roll, meeting costs of redundancy and maintaining the ability to balance the budget. However, at levels above £150,000 Trustees may approve the release of funds to enable targeted capital investment or to meet specific staffing needs.

The Academy has an infrastructure plan in place detailing the cost of works that are expected to need to be completed in the future. The Academy recognises the importance of the reserve in delivering ongoing maintenance. The reserve will not be sufficient to support significant capital investment due to other financial pressures. The Academy will continue to rely on the lottery of the Condition Improvement Fund in order to maintain and improve the estate.

The defined benefit pension scheme reserve has a negative balance. The effect of the deficit position of the pension scheme is that the Academy is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Academy's budgeted annual income. Whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund, nor any direct impact on the free reserves of the Academy. The current level of reserves at 31 August 2020 was £311,404.

Investment Policy

A return on cash should be optimised whilst allowing easy access of the funds. In balancing risk against return the Academy policy is clearly geared towards avoiding risk rather than maximising return.

The Academy operates an interest bearing current account with a bank approved by the Governing Body and maintain a balance in that account that is sufficient to cover immediate and forthcoming financial commitments (payroll and payment runs) and sufficient contingency (cash buffer) for unexpected payments.

Monies identified to fund future development shall be invested. Monies will only be paid into approved bank deposit accounts allowing access to funds within a term not exceeding six months. Periodically, at least annually, the Business Manager will review interest rates and compare with other business opportunities.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Principal Risks And Uncertainties

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are as follows:

Fluctuation in pupil numbers - a key risk is fluctuations in pupil numbers, namely risks to revenue funding from a falling roll. Demographic projections show only slight fluctuations in numbers at feeder primary schools for year 7 intake in 2021. Admissions from outside of catchment are not predictable, but have remained fairly consistent at around 20 students. In total, the fall in intake could be up to 25 pupils. This will result in financial strain if staffing cannot be restructured in a timely manner and scaled in line with the roll. This area will be closely monitored. There continues to be uncertainties around funding for increasing staff costs.

Financial - the Academy has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In the last year 95% of the Academy's incoming resources was ultimately Government funded and whilst this high level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. Somerset is still one of the lowest funded local authorities despite the initial implementation of the National Funding Formula.

Financial Impact of the Pandemic - During lockdown the Academy incurred increased costs in certain areas including provision of free school meals and vulnerable groups support, increased cleaning costs, increasing staff cost to bolster cleaning and supervision across bubbles. There is also an ongoing impact including reduced income from other sources including lettings, connected party transactions as 1610 are not currently operating at the Caryford Leisure Centre. The Academy is also seeking to bolster supplies of IT in case of the need for digital delivery.

Failures in governance and/or management - the risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Academy's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Academy is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

Safeguarding and child protection - the Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Staffing - the success of the Academy is reliant on the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds - The Academy has appointed an Internal Audit service to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academies Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Academy has agreed a Risk Management Strategy, a Risk Register and a Risk Management Plan. These have been discussed by Trustees and include the financial risks to the Academy. The register and plan are constantly reviewed in the light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

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The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Trustees examine the financial health of the Academy every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all full Trustees' and Finance Committee meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

The Governing Body recognises that the defined benefit scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in note 23 to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However as the Trustees consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

FUNDRAISING

The Academy participates in fundraising in order to raise funds for its own activities but also to contribute to other recognised charities. Each year the student council of the Academy nominates the charities money is collected for.

Fundraising carried out within the academy seeks donations from students, staff, parents and carers. No commercial participators or professional fundraisers are used. Fundraising is carried out only for recognised charities and in accordance with charity law. Fundraising is monitored by the Finance Director and Accounting Officer. No complaints have been received into fundraising activities.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Academy will continue to strive to provide an excellent and broad education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels.

The Academy will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff in order to deliver its objectives.

The Academy will continue to work with partner schools to improve the educational opportunities for students in the wider community.

The Business Manager maintains a 5-year maintenance and development plan for the school site. Delivery of capital projects will be dependent on successful bids under the CIF.

Full details of our plans for the future are given in our School Improvement Plan.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

The Academy and its Trustees do not act as the Custodian Trustees of any other Charity.

TRUSTEES INDEMNITIES

There were no third party indemnity provisions during the year ending 31 August 2020.

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AUDITORS

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 10.12.2020 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr C Culpin
Chair of Trustees



Mrs S Pilgrim
Accounting Officer

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Ansford Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

As Trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Ansford Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 8 times during the year.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr C Culpin, Chair	7	8
Mrs A Bennett	2	8
Mr D Chainey	7	8
Mr S Flanagan	0	3
Mr P Gane	6	8
Mr S Green	2	7
Mrs T Harrison	5	8
Mr J Holt	2	8
Ms S Lewis	0	0
Mr A Llewellyn	6	8
Ms A Maistrello	5	7
Ms A Martin	5	7
Mrs L Mosley	7	8
Mrs S Pilgrim	7	8
Mr D Robertson	0	1
Mr P Spencer	5	8
Mrs A Stephens	3	8
Mrs L Sutherland	1	1
Ms C Watson	7	8

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Governance report for 2018-2019 noted the changes to governance following a review which took place in that year. These reduced the number of committees and the number of committee meetings and were operating during the first half of the year, up to mid-March 2020. The Full Board met three times, the Finance, Business and Audit Committee once and the Curriculum and Standards Committee three times. Our objectives, of avoiding repetition and having fewer, better-focused meetings, were being met.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

All this changed from March 20th, 2020. Since then the Full Board has met five times and the Finance, Business and Audit Committee twice. From March onwards the Board fully supported the Principal's determination to keep the school operating as normally as possible, whether fully or partly open, or remotely. The Principal kept parents and governors fully informed about situations as they changed, with explanations based explicitly on following government advice.

Governors viewed, questioned and approved the detailed Risk Assessments at two points: when the school was opening for the children of key workers and some vulnerable students (May 13th meeting) and then for Year 10 students (June 19th meeting). In addition, governors questioned the Principal as usual, assuring themselves, for example, whether there was adequate technology for all students working remotely, whether Special Needs students were received appropriate teaching, the workload and welfare of staff, arrangements for Centre Assessments for the cancelled GCSE examinations. We noted the growing closer relations and trust with parents, and it was useful to have parent-governors to give their perspective on this to the Board. It became clear that there were positive aspects to this difficult situation on which the school could build, rather than looking simply waiting to go back to the *status quo ante*.

All meetings were conducted remotely, using Google Meet. This worked satisfactorily, with good attendance. Governors' facility with the technology improved. Meetings were of shorter duration and more formal. With fewer governors speaking there was some loss of a sense of a corporate body.

The Finance, Business and Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to work closely with the Principal to:

- Provide guidance to the governing body on key financial matters.
- In consultation with the Principal and Chief Operating Officer, present a budget to the Board for approval
- To consider a budget position statement including virement decisions at least termly and to report significant anomalies from the anticipated position to the Board
- To work with Accountants and Auditors to prepare an Annual Report for the Trustees on the Academy finances
- Provide assurance to the Board of Trustees over the suitability of, and compliance with, the Academy's financial systems and controls by ensuring that an appropriate checking process is in place and remedial works are carried out if risks are identified.
- To monitor the implementation of relevant parts of the Academy Improvement Plan
- Propose an appropriate level of financial delegation to the Principal and ensure this delegation is minuted by the Board
- Monitor income and expenditure for all public funds for which the academy is responsible
- Respond appropriately to audit report recommendations
- Ensure non-public funds are audited
- Consider matters relating to the buildings and grounds, including security and health and safety matters.
- Inspect the premises at least annually and agree a statement of priorities for maintenance and development.
- Be made aware of relevant contracts, including those for cleaning and grounds maintenance.
- Ensure the academy complies with health and safety regulations, in collaboration with the DFE through the Principal.
- Consider insurance arrangements annually
- To monitor energy use and policy
- To monitor the community use of the academy.
- Ensure compliance with financial regulations manual.
- Monitor the marketing and additional fundraising activities of the Academy.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr P Gane	3	3
Mr A Llewellyn	2	3
Mr S Flanagan	0	1
Mr S Green	0	2
Mr D Chainey	2	2
Mr J Holt	1	3
Ms C Watson	3	3
Ms L Sutherland	0	1
Ms A Stephens	0	3
Mr C Culpin	3	3

REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Academy has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- **Collaboration:** The trust engages with other educational providers. There is an alliance between the Academy and 5 other secondary schools named 'The 5 Schools Group' designed to raise standards by sharing data and skills. The Academy is also a member of the Whole Education partnership and been able to benefit from events that it runs. This has included low cost opportunities for pupils to attend aspiration raising events. This collaboration is a principle driver for change within the school, contributing to the self improving system. The Academy staff participate in county wide groups for Heads, Deputy Heads and Business Managers. This allows us to share knowledge of delivery, good practice, and to drive up standards for the least cost. The Academy shares resources with local primary schools including shared Parent and Family Support Advisor, provision of PE events and professional development opportunities.
- **Better Purchasing:** All contracts are appraised or renegotiated in a timely manner to get the best mix of quality and effectiveness. The length of each contract will vary according to the cost of the contract and familiarity with the provider. Three-year contracts have been entered into where contractor performance is known and the reduced cost was felt to benefit the trust. At times there is a balance to be had between the urgency of procurement and time to gather quotations. Preferred suppliers, based on customer service and reliability, have also been identified.
- **Benchmarking:** The trust benchmarks its costs against similar organisations. It also does this through the FD Forum discussions, Somerset Association of School Business Managers and in partnership with other schools in Somerset. We keep a register of all contracts to ensure best value and to identify areas for making further savings. Opportunities for joint procurement are considered.

During lockdown, the Academy financially supported the catering provider as an essential contractor. The Academy reimbursed the contractor for the member of staff that remained in school providing food to the key worker students. The Academy also considered it was value for money to continue to pay the monthly management fee as the kitchen remained operational.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Ansford Academy Trust for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of Trustees.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

The Academy's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance and Business Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have chosen to appoint Somerset County Council, as internal assurance officer.

On an annual basis, the Somerset County Council reports to the Board of Trustees through the Finance and Business committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Trustees' financial responsibilities. No matters of significance were reported during the year.

The Internal Assurance Officer role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included testing of payroll, purchasing, income and general accounting practices.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the Internal Assurance Officer;
- the work of the external auditors;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and Business Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on
their behalf by:

December 10, 2020

and signed on



Mr C Culpin
Chair of Trustees



Mrs S Pilgrim
Accounting Officer

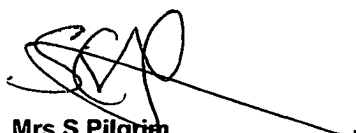
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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Ansford Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that I and the Academy Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.



Mrs S Pilgrim
Accounting Officer
Date:

**ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on *December 10, 2020* and signed on its behalf by:



Mr C Culpin
Chair of Trustees

**ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST**

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Ansford Academy Trust (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Academy in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Academy's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)**

OTHER INFORMATION

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Other information includes the Reference and Administrative Details, the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report, and the Governance Statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the Academy's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



David Butler FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bishop Fleming LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

10 Temple Back

Bristol

BS1 6FL

Date: 16 March 2020

**ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 5 November 2019 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Ansford Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Ansford Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Ansford Academy Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Ansford Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Ansford Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 24 June 2011 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2019, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

APPROACH

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the Academy's income and expenditure.

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the Trust complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and noncompliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

**ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ANSFORD
ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



David Butler FCA DChA
Bishop Fleming LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
10 Temple Back
Bristol
BS1 6FL

Date: 16 Decmbr 2020

ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and capital grants	4	3,348	31,879	402,999	438,226	74,041
Charitable activities	5	22,365	3,156,574	-	3,178,939	3,024,446
Other trading activities	6	6,847	9,372	-	16,219	27,894
Investments	7	231	-	-	231	243
TOTAL INCOME		32,791	3,197,825	402,999	3,633,615	3,126,624
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		3,453	-	-	3,453	300
Charitable activities	8	14,589	3,297,696	169,279	3,481,564	3,320,539
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		18,042	3,297,696	169,279	3,485,017	3,320,839
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		14,749	(99,871)	233,720	148,598	(194,215)
Transfers between funds	17	-	(15,874)	15,874	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)		14,749	(115,745)	249,594	148,598	(194,215)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	23	-	(378,000)	-	(378,000)	(269,000)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		14,749	(493,745)	249,594	(229,402)	(463,215)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought forward		147,232	(1,627,832)	6,368,468	4,887,868	5,351,083
Net movement in funds		14,749	(493,745)	249,594	(229,402)	(463,215)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		161,981	(2,121,577)	6,618,062	4,658,466	4,887,868

The notes on pages 27 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER:07657806

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	14	6,357,381	6,368,468
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	346,663	83,547
Cash at bank and in hand		500,240	358,855
		<u>846,903</u>	<u>442,402</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(274,818)	(182,002)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>572,085</u>	<u>260,400</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,929,466</u>	<u>6,628,868</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	23	(2,271,000)	(1,741,000)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>4,658,466</u></u>	<u><u>4,887,868</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	17	6,618,062	6,368,468
Restricted income funds	17	149,423	113,168
		<u>6,767,485</u>	<u>6,481,636</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	17	6,767,485	6,481,636
Pension reserve	17	(2,271,000)	(1,741,000)
Total restricted funds	17	<u>4,496,485</u>	<u>4,740,636</u>
Unrestricted income funds	17	<u>161,981</u>	<u>147,232</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>4,658,466</u></u>	<u><u>4,887,868</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 24 to 50 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 10.12.2020 and are signed on their behalf, by:



Mr C Culpin
Chair of Trustees



Mrs S Pilgrim
Accounting Officer

The notes on pages 27 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	19	(101,448)	36,779
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	20	242,833	(14,146)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		141,385	22,633
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		358,855	336,222
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	21, 22	500,240	358,855

The notes on pages 27 to 50 form part of these financial statements

**ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ansford Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Maggs Lane, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7JJ.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Ansford Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Department for Education Group.

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.4 INCOME

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

- **Grants**

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the year is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the Balance Sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

- **Donations**

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

- **Other income**

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the year it is receivable and to the extent the Academy has provided the goods or services.

2.5 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

- **Expenditure on raising funds**

This includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

- **Charitable activities**

These are costs incurred on the Academy's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Academy apportioned to charitable activities.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of, depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Furniture and equipment	-	20% straight line
Plant and machinery	-	4% straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% straight line

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.7 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.8 TAXATION

The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the Academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11, chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2.9 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid

2.10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.11 LIABILITIES

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Academy anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

2.12 PENSIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance Sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

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3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Academy trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 23, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2020. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement:

The Academy obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

4. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Donations	3,348	31,879	2,205	37,432	29,702
Capital Grants	-	-	400,794	400,794	44,339
	<u>3,348</u>	<u>31,879</u>	<u>402,999</u>	<u>438,226</u>	<u>74,041</u>
Total 2019	<u>170</u>	<u>29,532</u>	<u>44,339</u>	<u>74,041</u>	

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5. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
DFE/ESFA Grants				
General Annual Grant	-	2,755,200	2,755,200	2,701,877
Other DfE Group grants	-	271,794	271,794	146,201
	-	3,026,994	3,026,994	2,848,078
Other Government grants				
High Needs	-	91,871	91,871	93,656
Other non-capital government grants	-	37,709	37,709	43,344
	-	129,580	129,580	137,000
Other funding				
Sales to students	6,836	-	6,836	7,282
Trip Income	15,529	-	15,529	32,086
	22,365	-	22,365	39,368
	22,365	3,156,574	3,178,939	3,024,446
Total 2019	39,368	2,985,078	3,024,446	

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6. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Lettings	3,780	-	3,780	2,420
Consultancy	1,222	-	1,222	4,124
Fees Received	1,845	-	1,845	2,162
Other	-	-	-	664
1610 rate relief	-	9,372	9,372	18,524
	<u>6,847</u>	<u>9,372</u>	<u>16,219</u>	<u>27,894</u>
Total 2019	<u>9,370</u>	<u>18,524</u>	<u>27,894</u>	

7. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Bank interest	<u>231</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>243</u>
TOTAL 2019	<u>243</u>	<u>243</u>	

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8. EXPENDITURE

	Staff Costs 2020 £	Premises 2020 £	Other 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Expenditure on fundraising activities					
Direct costs	-	-	3,453	3,453	300
Education					
Direct costs	2,187,972	133,317	218,344	2,539,633	2,406,774
Support costs	590,201	213,202	138,528	941,931	913,765
	<u>2,778,173</u>	<u>346,519</u>	<u>360,325</u>	<u>3,485,017</u>	<u>3,320,839</u>
TOTAL 2019	<u><u>2,553,465</u></u>	<u><u>348,597</u></u>	<u><u>418,777</u></u>	<u><u>3,320,839</u></u>	

9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Education	<u>2,539,633</u>	<u>941,931</u>	<u>3,481,564</u>	<u>3,320,539</u>
Total 2019	<u><u>2,406,774</u></u>	<u><u>913,765</u></u>	<u><u>3,320,539</u></u>	

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9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Pension finance costs	13,000	13,000
Staff costs	2,171,592	2,009,345
Depreciation	133,317	138,166
Educational supplies	129,817	115,946
Examination fees	43,221	45,963
Staff Development	8,032	9,645
Trips, achievement gifts and pupil support	19,274	41,794
Supply teachers	16,380	26,442
Technology costs	5,000	6,473
	<u>2,539,633</u>	<u>2,406,774</u>

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9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Pension finance costs	20,000	22,000
Staff costs	590,201	517,678
Depreciation	35,962	35,597
Recruitment and support	242	372
Maintenance of premises and equipment	90,119	92,850
Cleaning	4,275	4,749
Rent and rates	30,534	23,018
Energy costs	39,043	40,217
Insurance	13,229	14,444
Security and transport	13,269	19,610
Catering	14,226	22,593
Technology costs	10,099	13,878
Office overheads	41,974	48,358
Legal and Professional	37,531	50,821
Bank Interest and Charges	1,155	188
Governance	72	7,392
	941,931	913,765

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2020 £	2019 £
Operating lease rentals	16,571	15,293
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	169,279	173,763
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	8,345	8,100
- other services	1,660	1,660

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11. STAFF

a. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	2,005,032	1,914,969
Social security costs	197,408	185,309
Pension costs	559,353	426,745
	<u>2,761,793</u>	<u>2,527,023</u>
Agency staff costs	16,380	26,442
	<u><u>2,778,173</u></u>	<u><u>2,553,465</u></u>

b. STAFF NUMBERS

The average number of persons employed by the Academy during the year was as follows:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Teachers	36	36
Administration and support	44	46
Management	5	5
	<u>85</u>	<u>87</u>

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Teachers	32	29
Administration and support	29	33
Management	5	5
	<u>66</u>	<u>67</u>

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11. STAFF (CONTINUED)

c. HIGHER PAID STAFF

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	-	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	-

d. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy was £411,674 (2019: £375,991).

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Principal and Staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the Academy in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration in the year was as follows: Mrs S Pilgrim Remuneration £80,000 - £85,000 (2019: £75,000 - £80,000), Employee's pension contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2019: £10,000 - £15,000).

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2019 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2020, expenses totalling £797 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2019 - £1,249 to 1 Trustee).

13. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The Academy has opted into the Department of Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme membership.

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST OR VALUATION					
At 1 September 2019	7,172,983	156,337	16,353	237,977	7,583,650
Additions	128,516	11,935	-	17,741	158,192
At 31 August 2020	<u>7,301,499</u>	<u>168,272</u>	<u>16,353</u>	<u>255,718</u>	<u>7,741,842</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2019	945,489	64,614	3,185	201,894	1,215,182
Charge for the year	118,746	30,550	552	19,431	169,279
At 31 August 2020	<u>1,064,235</u>	<u>95,164</u>	<u>3,737</u>	<u>221,325</u>	<u>1,384,461</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2020	<u>6,237,264</u>	<u>73,108</u>	<u>12,616</u>	<u>34,393</u>	<u>6,357,381</u>
At 31 August 2019	<u>6,227,494</u>	<u>91,723</u>	<u>13,168</u>	<u>36,083</u>	<u>6,368,468</u>

Included in Land and Buildings is freehold land at valuation of £1,238,057 which is not depreciated.

15. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	5,037	2,450
Prepayments and accrued income	318,622	67,502
Tax recoverable	23,004	13,595
	<u>346,663</u>	<u>83,547</u>

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16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	107,699	18,046
Other taxation and social security	44,704	45,047
Other creditors	53,876	41,193
Accruals and deferred income	68,539	77,716
	<u>274,818</u>	<u>182,002</u>
	2020 £	2019 £
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September	48,057	36,958
Resources deferred during the year	14,771	48,057
Amounts released from previous periods	(48,057)	(36,958)
Deferred income at 31 August	<u>14,771</u>	<u>48,057</u>

Included within deferred income is funding received in advance for a Parent and Family Support Advisor as well as income received for trips taking place in the 2019/20 academic year.

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General funds	147,232	32,791	(18,042)	-	-	161,981
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	113,168	2,755,200	(2,703,071)	(15,874)	-	149,423
Pupil Premium	-	92,867	(92,867)	-	-	-
High Needs	-	91,871	(91,871)	-	-	-
Donations	-	31,079	(31,079)	-	-	-
Other ESFA Grants	-	178,927	(178,927)	-	-	-
Educational trips	-	800	(800)	-	-	-
1610 rates rebate	-	9,372	(9,372)	-	-	-
Other	-	37,709	(37,709)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,741,000)	-	(152,000)	-	(378,000)	(2,271,000)
	<u>(1,627,832)</u>	<u>3,197,825</u>	<u>(3,297,696)</u>	<u>(15,874)</u>	<u>(378,000)</u>	<u>(2,121,577)</u>
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
Transferred on conversion	6,024,019	-	(114,838)	-	-	5,909,181
Purchased from GAG and other restricted funds	246,233	15,824	(50,625)	15,874	-	227,306
Condition Improvement Funding	98,216	387,175	(3,816)	-	-	481,575
	<u>6,368,468</u>	<u>402,999</u>	<u>(169,279)</u>	<u>15,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,618,062</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>4,740,636</u>	<u>3,600,824</u>	<u>(3,466,975)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(378,000)</u>	<u>4,496,485</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,887,868</u>	<u>3,633,615</u>	<u>(3,485,017)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(378,000)</u>	<u>4,658,466</u>

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

General Annual Grant - Income from the ESFA which is to be used for the normal running costs of the Academy, including education and support costs. During the year, £15,874 (2019: £13,164) was transferred to the restricted fixed asset fund to represent fixed assets purchased from GAG.

Pupil Premium - Pupil Premium represents funding received from the ESFA for children that qualify for free school meals to enable the Academy to address the current underlying inequalities between those children and their wealthier peers.

High needs - Funding received from the Local Authority to fund further support for students with additional needs.

Donations - Voluntary income received for a specific purpose.

Other ESFA Grants - Funding received from the ESFA for a Year 7 catch up grant

Educational trips - Income received in relation to educational trips.

1610 rates rebate - Funds received from 1610 Limited specifically for the upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the leisure centre.

Other - Various sources of restricted grants including income from Somerset County Council to fund the position of Pupil and Family Support Advisor.

Pension reserve - This represents the Academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy.

Fixed assets transferred on conversion - This represents the building and equipment donated to the school from the Local Authority on conversion to an Academy.

Fixed assets purchased from GAG and restricted funds - This represents the net book value of fixed assets purchased using GAG, Devolved Formula Capital and other donations.

Fixed assets purchased from Condition Improvement Funding - This represents the net book value of fixed assets purchased using CIF funding.

OTHER INFORMATION

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2020.

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Comparative information in respect of the preceding year is as follows:

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General funds	141,131	49,151	(43,050)	-	-	147,232
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	47,224	2,701,877	(2,622,769)	(13,164)	-	113,168
Pupil Premium	-	96,224	(96,224)	-	-	-
High Needs	-	93,656	(93,656)	-	-	-
Donations	-	22,254	(22,254)	-	-	-
Other ESFA Grants	-	49,977	(49,977)	-	-	-
Educational trips	-	7,278	(7,278)	-	-	-
1610 rates rebate	-	18,524	(18,524)	-	-	-
Other	-	43,344	(43,344)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,322,000)	-	(150,000)	-	(269,000)	(1,741,000)
	<u>(1,274,776)</u>	<u>3,033,134</u>	<u>(3,104,026)</u>	<u>(13,164)</u>	<u>(269,000)</u>	<u>(1,627,832)</u>
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
Transferred on conversion	6,138,858	-	(114,839)	-	-	6,024,019
Purchased from GAG and other restricted funds	243,752	44,339	(55,022)	13,164	-	246,233
Condition Improvement Funding	102,118	-	(3,902)	-	-	98,216
	<u>6,484,728</u>	<u>44,339</u>	<u>(173,763)</u>	<u>13,164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,368,468</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>5,209,952</u>	<u>3,077,473</u>	<u>(3,277,789)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(269,000)</u>	<u>4,740,636</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>5,351,083</u></u>	<u><u>3,126,624</u></u>	<u><u>(3,320,839)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(269,000)</u></u>	<u><u>4,887,868</u></u>

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18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	6,357,381	6,357,381
Current assets	161,981	424,241	260,681	846,903
Creditors due within one year	-	(274,818)	-	(274,818)
Pension scheme liability	-	(2,271,000)	-	(2,271,000)
TOTAL	161,981	(2,121,577)	6,618,062	4,658,466

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	6,368,468	6,368,468
Current assets	147,232	295,170	-	442,402
Creditors due within one year	-	(182,002)	-	(182,002)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,741,000)	-	(1,741,000)
TOTAL	147,232	(1,627,832)	6,368,468	4,887,868

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19. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	148,598	(194,215)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Depreciation	169,279	173,763
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(400,794)	(44,339)
Interest receivable	(231)	(243)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	120,000	115,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	32,000	35,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(263,116)	34,414
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	92,816	(82,601)
NET CASH (USED IN)/PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(101,448)	36,779

20. CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	231	243
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(158,192)	(58,728)
Capital grants from DfE Group	400,794	44,339
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	242,833	(14,146)

21. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	500,240	358,855
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	500,240	358,855

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22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1 September 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	358,855	141,385	500,240
	<u>358,855</u>	<u>141,385</u>	<u>500,240</u>

23. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Academy's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Somerset County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £52,906 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2020 (2019 - £40,958) and are included within creditors.

TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

VALUATION OF THE TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI, assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £310,983 (2019 - £206,586).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2019/04/teachers-pensions-valuation-report.aspx>).

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The Academy has set out above the information available on the scheme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £155,000 (2019 - £138,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £122,000 (2019 - £107,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 33,000 (2019 - £31,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 20.9 per cent for employers and 5.5 - 12.5 per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2020	2019
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.75	3.65
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.25	2.15
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65	1.90
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.25	2.15

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23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2020 Years	2019 Years
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	23.3	22.9
Females	24.8	25.2
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	24.7	24.6
Females	26.2	25.8

The Academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	2020 £	2019 £
Equities	901,000	884,000
Bonds	141,000	114,000
Property	95,000	101,000
Cash and other liquid assets	67,000	74,000
Other	91,000	74,000
Total market value of assets	1,295,000	1,247,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £43,000 (2019 - £80,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Current service cost	(241,000)	(191,000)
Past service cost	-	(31,000)
Interest income	24,000	29,000
Interest cost	(57,000)	(64,000)
Total	(274,000)	(257,000)

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23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	2,988,000	2,371,000
Past Service Cost	-	31,000
Current service cost	241,000	191,000
Interest cost	57,000	64,000
Employee contributions	33,000	31,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	265,000	319,000
Benefits paid	(18,000)	(19,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	3,566,000	2,988,000

Changes in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	1,247,000	1,049,000
Expected return on assets	25,000	30,000
Actuarial gains	(113,000)	50,000
Employer contributions	122,000	107,000
Employee contributions	33,000	31,000
Benefits paid	(18,000)	(19,000)
Administrative expense	(1,000)	(1,000)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	1,295,000	1,247,000

24. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2020 the Academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
AMOUNTS PAYABLE		
Within 1 year	13,066	16,571
Between 1 and 5 years	8,438	17,643
Total	21,504	34,214

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25. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the Academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

During the year, the Academy purchased annual membership for £1,000 (2019: £2,000) from the SASH (Somerset Association of Secondary Heads) Education Ltd. By virtue of being a Head Teacher within Somerset, S Pilgrim is a director of SASH Education Ltd. The Academy received £Nil (2019: £2,000) in donations from SASH in relation to English and Computer Science projects. There was no balance owed or owing at the year end.