ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019





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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

T Bateman (appointed 2 October 2018) Members

P Taylor (appointed 2 October 2019)

EDEN representative and foundation member

A Williams

K Lowther (resigned 2 October 2019) S Thompson (resigned 2 October 2019) S Peniston-Bird (appointed 2 October 2019)

S Thompson1 **Trustees**

K Lowther2

T Bateman, Vice Chair1 W Gilmour-White1

C Hellawell, Principal (appointed 1 September 2018)1,2

S Peniston-Bird, Chair of Trustees (appointed 2 October 2018)1 C Ainsworth (appointed 2 October 2018, resigned 26 March 2019)2

R Bulmer2

C West (appointed 29 April 2019)2

A Williams²

P Taylor (appointed 14 May 2019)2 D Webb (appointed 10 July 2019)1

C Maddams (appointed 28 September 2018, resigned 10 May 2019)2

S Holloway (resigned 23 July 2019)2

¹ Resources Committee

² Teaching & Learning Committee

Company registered

number

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Company name

Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2019. 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 4 to 7 in Stockland and Yarcombe. It has a pupil capacity of 120 and had a roll of 107 in the school census on 1 January 2019.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Academy Trust 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 Trust.

The Trustees of Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust.

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

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust. The limit of this indemnity is £10,000,000.

TRUSTEES

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

On 1 September 2011 the Trustees appointed all those governors that served the predecessor school to be Trustees of the newly formed academy. These Trustees were appointed on a term of office that would end when their original term at the predecessor school would have ended, thus ensuring a staggered re-election or replacement process.

The Academy Trust's Trustee Board comprises of the Principal, 4 parent trustees, 2 staff trustees (including the Principal), 3 foundation trustees (of which one is the current incumbent) and 3 trustees appointed by the members.

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

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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

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. All trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. As there are normally only two or three new Trustees a year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by Devon Local Authority (through Babcock Learning and Development Partnership governor support), the Exeter Diocesan Board of Education, as well as the National Governors Association and Honiton Learning Community. Details of all courses and events are circulated to all trustees by the Clerk and trustees are encouraged to attend. Relevant newsletters, publications and guidance are circulated by the clerk to keep the trustees informed of statutory requirements and changes in legislation.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets once each half term. 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 minutes of their meetings. The board may from time to time establish working groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

There are 3 committees as follows;

- Resources Committee this meets at least 6 times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating
 and reviewing policy and performance in relation to HR, Premises, Health & Safety, financial
 management, compliance with regulatory requirements and reporting. Furthermore, the Resources
 committee receives results from internal control inspections, and drafts the annual budget including setting
 staffing levels. It also incorporates the role of an audit committee.
- Teaching and Learning Committee this meets once per half term 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.
- Pay & Performance Committee this meets twice a year to monitor the outcomes of pay decisions and performance management and to annually review and approve salaries of staff.

The following decisions are reserved for the Board of Trustees; 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, to appoint the principal and clerk to the governors, to approve the annual development plan and budget.

The Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the academy to the Principal.

The Principal is the Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the Principal comprise the key management personnel of the academy in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the trust on a day to day basis. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of the key management personnel is reviewed by the Principal Appraisal Panel in accordance with their terms of reference and with the support and advice of the schools improvement partner.

Any award is subject to the outcome of the Principal appraisal and the range paid for similar roles in other academies of a similar size.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

E Williams, spouse of A Williams appointment was made in open competition and A Williams was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. E Williams is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a trustee.

C Gilmour-White, spouse of W Gilmour-White, a trustee, is employed by the academy trust as a teacher. C Gilmour-White's appointment was made in open competition and W Gilmour-White was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. C Gilmour-White is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a trustee.

There are no sponsors, but there is a parent teacher association within the academy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

Key activities and targets were identified in the academy development plan and were influenced by the significant challenges and opportunities arising from national changes in education policy and funding, including the conversion to academy status.

The aims of the academy during the period ended 31st August 2019 are summarised below:

- Continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of all pupils
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including extra-curricular activities
- Develop students as more effective learners
- Provide value for money for the funds expended

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 Trust's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and Performance

KS2 - 94% of the children achieved expected standard and above in Reading and Writing and Maths.

Reading - 94% achieved expected standard

Spelling punctuation and Grammar - 88% achieved expected standard

Writing - 81% achieved expected standard

Maths - 94% achieved expected standard

These measures are comfortably above the National Average Attainment.

KS1 - 73% of the children achieved expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths

Reading - 87% achieved expected standard

Writing - 73% achieved expected standard

Maths - 80% achieved expected standard

These measures are all comfortably above the National Average Attainment

Phonics Screening - 81% passed the test

Early Years Foundation Stage - 64% achieved a Good Level of Development.

Key Performance Indicators

The Academy achieved results above national averages in nearly every measure The Academy self evaluates itself as a 'Good' school using Ofsted criteria and the Babcock Devon 'Excellence for All' criteria. The Academy

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

finished the year with a GAG carry forward as targeted.

The Academy reduced ratio of staff costs per pupil ratio.

The Academy finished the period with less NOR than targeted.

The main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the Balance Sheet date. In particular the management of spending against General Annual Grant (GAG) requires special attention as the amount of carry forward is restricted. In the period under review £32,230 was carried forward representing 7% of GAG.

Another key financial performance indicator is staffing costs as a percentage of GAG which has remained at 81%.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust 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 EFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year end 31 August 2019 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE and are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the Fixed Asset Fund. The Restricted 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 2019, the Academy Trust received total income (excluding pension and fixed assets) of £593,199 (2018: £542,197) and incurred total expenditure of £533,406 (2018: £542,197), the excess of income over expenditure was £59,793 (2018: excess of expenditure over income was £34,851).

At 31 August 2019 the net book value of fixed assets was £48,105 (2018: £62,328) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 15 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The Academy Trust has taken on the deficit in the local government pension scheme in respect of its non-teaching staff transferred on conversion.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the finance policy which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the board, principal and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending.

The Academy Trust no longer has a responsible officer role, the role of internal control has instead been incorporated into the remit of the resources committee together with regular feedback and reports provided by an external auditor.

Reserves Policy

The level of reserves is reviewed regularly by the resources committee, and recommendations are put forward to the full Board of Trustees annually. The review incorporates detailed analysis into the nature of income and expenditure streams and the request to match specific income to commitments. The Trustees consider future plans of the academy trust, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

The Academy trust is currently holding free reserves of approximately £96k (excluding restricted fixed asset reserves and pension reserves).

The Trustees have determined that the remaining balance of free reserves should be maintained both to cover unforeseen circumstances such as urgent maintenance, supply costs to cover staff absence and reductions in pupil numbers and also to address items on the school improvement plan.

A minimal amount of reserves that the trust considers to be acceptable is £30k, this equates to approximately one month of salary costs.

Investment Policy

Due to the nature of funding, the Academy Trust may at times hold cash balances surplus to its short term requirements. The trustees have authorised the opening of additional short term bank investment accounts to take advantage of higher interest rates. No other form of investment is authorised.

Principal Risks And Uncertainties

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

Financial – The Academy Trust has considerable reliance on continued government funding through the EFA. In the last year 89% of the academy trust's incoming resources were government funded (with a minimal amount from PTA fundraising and donations) and whilst this 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.

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

Reputational - The continuing success of the academy trust 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 and safety and discipline.

Staffing – The success of the Academy Trust 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 Trust has appointed a management accountant who continually reviews internal controls to minimise this risk.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

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. A risk register has been compiled and is monitored regularly. Any alterations to the amount of risk is recorded in minutes

The Trustees examine the financial health formally every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular updated reports at all full board and resources committee meetings. The

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure significant funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the year end, the Academy Trust had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors where there would be a significant effect on liquidity.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Academy Trust will continue to further improve internal controls and financial processes. The Academy Trust is also reviewing work undertaken by each of the governing board committees with the objective of ensuring they work most effectively.

The Academy will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The particular focuses for 2019-20 are

- a) Improving outcomes in writing across the school and
- b) Developing the curriculum across the school

The Academy will continue to work with partner schools in the Exeter Consortium TSA and the Honiton Learning Community to improve the educational opportunities for students, in particular developing joint moderation exercises and collaboration around the Cornerstones Curriculum.

The Academy also intends to further develop its outdoor learning provision and will commence work to improve the polytunnel and pond area so that it can be fully utilised for children's learning.

Full details of our plans for the future are given in our Academy Development Plan, which is available on our website or from the Clerk to the Trustees.

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.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on S 1211 and signed on their behalf by:

S Peniston-Bird Chair of Trustees

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited 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.

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 Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of 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 has formally met 6 times during the year.

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

Trustee M	eetings attended C	Out of a possible
S Thompson	6	6
K Lowther	4	6
T Bateman, Vice Chair	6 .	6
W Gilmour-White	4	5
C Hellawell, Principal	6	6
S Peniston-Bird, Chair of Trustees	5	5
C Ainsworth	1	3
R Bulmer	2	6
C West	2	2
A Williams	5	6
P Taylor	2	2
D Webb	0	1
C Maddams	2	4
S Holloway	3	6

The key changes in the composition of the board were as follows: Resignations during the period:

Caroline Maddams
Caroline Ainsworth
Simon Holloway

10 May 2019
26 March 2019
23 July 2019

Appointments during the period:

Clive Hellawell 1 September 2018
Caroline Maddams 28 September 2018
Caroline Ainsworth 2 October 2018
Simon Peniston-Bird 2 October 2018
Paul Taylor 14 May 2019
Claire West 29 April 2019
David Webb 10 July 2019

Governance Reviews

The Board of Trustees has undertaken a commitment to deliver outstanding governance practice. This is being achieved through an annual process of self- evaluation, from which a comprehensive action plan has been

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

developed to be delivered across the academic year which integrates the leadership and management standards of the new Ofsted framework. All Trustees have completed an individual skills audit to assess the skills, knowledge and experience contained within the board. The assessment highlighted where the board lacked a particular skill or knowledge base, and as a result new governors and directors were recruited over the autumn of 2018 and summer of 2019.

Governance arrangements were further strengthened by the following actions:

 Review and update of delegated powers, followed by a revision of the Scheme of Delegation in June 2019 to reflect the operation of the Board and its committees
 Regular meetings of the Chair of Trustees with the CEO and committee Chairs

Priorities and challenges for the next academic year include:

- Drafting of new Articles of Association. The revised Articles should show total separation across the two layers of governance (members and trustees) to ensure clear lines of accountability.
- The revised Articles will be brought into line with DFE guidance around the appointment and composition of the Board.
- Revision of the Scheme of Delegation and governance documents to bring these into line with the new Articles of Association.

The Resources Committee is a sub- committee of the main Board of Trustees and meets six times a year. The Resources Committee is responsible for;

- monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management
- compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements
- reviewing and monitoring reports from the Responsible Officer
- drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels
- authorising spending within agreed budgets
- performing the role of an audit committee
- receiving and recommending statutory accounts to the trust board
- human resources
- asset management, facilities management & health & safety

Attendance at the meetings of the Resources Committee was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
C Hellawell	. 6	6
T Bateman	6	6
S Peniston-Bird	5	5
S Thompson	6	6
B Gilmour White	6	6

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

As accounting officer, the Principal has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust 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 Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The accounting officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Making comparisons with other schools and Academies via benchmarking of staff costs and annual grant expenditure against educational results for children
- Carrying out a review of contracts and subscriptions, to ensure that all these continue to meet the needs
 of the school and provide value for money. As a result of this exercise, the school ceased to subscribe to
 Jurassic Coast TSA but instead subscribed to Exeter Consortium & TSA which provides a much greater
 range of CPD and school improvement resources at half the previous cost to the school

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 Trust 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 Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited for the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 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 Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

The Academy Trust'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 General Purposes 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
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- · identification and management of risks

The board of has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Mr James Sullivan as internal auditor.

The internal auditor's 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 systems
- -Testing of purchase system
- -Testing of control accounts/bank reconciliations

On a quarterly basis, the internal auditor reports to the board of through the resources committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

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 auditor;
- the work of the external auditors:
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust 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 resources 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 3 12 19 and signed on their behalf by:

S Peniston-Bird Chair of Trustees C Hellawell Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust 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 Trust, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust 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 2018.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2018.

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.

C Hellawell Accounting Officer

Date: 3. 12.2019

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

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 & 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 SQRP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019;
- make judgments 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 and signed on its behalf by:

S Peniston Bird Chair of Trustees

Date: 3.12.2019

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF STOCKLAND (C OF E) PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited (the 'Academy Trust') for the year ended 31 August 2019 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 31 August 2019 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education & 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 Trust 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 Trust'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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF STOCKLAND (C OF E) PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED (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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has 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 Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust 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 Trust'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 Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF STOCKLAND (C OF E) PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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 Trust'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 Trust'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 Trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Tim Borton FCA DChA (Senior statutory auditor)

18 December 2019

for and on behalf of Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 2nd Floor Stratus House Emperor Way Exeter Business Park Exeter

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Date:

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO STOCKLAND (C OF E) PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 7 October 2016 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited during the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 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 Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited 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 Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF STOCKLAND (C OF E) PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 September 2011 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2018, 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 2018 to 2019. 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 2018 to 31 August 2019 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 2018 to 2019 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 Trust'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 Academy 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 non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO STOCKLAND (C OF E) PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED 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 2018 to 31 August 2019 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Tim Borton FCA DChA (Reporting Accountant)

18 December 2019

Bishop Fleming LLP 2nd Floor Stratus House Emperor Way Exeter Business Park Exeter EX1 3QS

Date:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

•	Note	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and capital grants	3	3,299	59,310	_	62,609	59,537
Charitable activities		33,325	496,762	-	530,087	482,611
Other trading activities		447	_	-	447	-
Investments	6	56	-	-	56	49
TOTAL INCOMĖ		37,127	556,072	•	593,199	542,197
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		255	-	-	255	166
Charitable activities:						•
Other charitable activities		17,171	545,842	6,162	569,175	606,456
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		17,426	545,842	6,162	569,430	606,622
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE OTHER				·		
RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)		19,701	10,230	(6,162)	23,769	(64,425)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit						
pension schemes	24	- ,	(29,000)	-	(29,000)	31,000
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		19,701	(18,770)	(6,162)	(5,231)	(33,425)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought	٠					
forward		50,678	(92,000)	48,266	6,944	40,369
Net movement in funds	•	19,701	(18,770)	(6,162)	(5,231)	(33,425)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		70,379	(110,770)	42,104	1,713	6,944

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 23 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

STOCKLAND (C OF E) PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER:07717215

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019

	Nista		2019		2018
FIXED ASSETS	Note		£		£
Intangible assets	14		199		398
Tangible assets	15		48,105		61,930
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CURRENT ASSETS			48,304		62,328
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Debtors	16	7,531		6,248	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,751		74,832	
	-	143,282	_	81,080	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(46,873)		(44,464)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			96,409	-	36,616
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	144,713	·	98,944
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24	•	(143,000)		(92,000)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		-	1,713	<u>-</u>	6,944
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY TRUST Restricted funds:					
Fixed asset funds	19	42,104		48,266	
Restricted income funds	19	(110,770)		(92,000)	
Total restricted funds	19		(68,666)		(43,734)
Unrestricted income funds	19		70,379		50,678
TOTAL FUNDS		-	1,713		6,944
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The financial statements on pages 20 to 48 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf, by:

S Peniston-Bird Chair of Trustees

3.12.2019.

The notes on pages 23 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Note	2019 £	2018 £
21	60,863	(34,941)
22	56	49
	60,919	(34,892)
	74,832	109,724
23	135,751	74,832
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The notes on pages 23 to 48 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 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 Trust 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 Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 INCOME

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy Trust 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.

• Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of financial activities in the year in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions) where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

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 Trust has provided the goods or services.

1.4 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 is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Academy Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.6 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets costing £100 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Intangible assets are amortised over 5 years, which si considered to be their useful economic life.

1.7 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 and assets under construction, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property - 2% straight-line Furniture and equipment - 20% straight-line Computer equipment - 33% straight-line

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

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.

The Academy Trust has been granted use of the school buildings from the Diocese of Exeter under a Supplemental Agreement, which grants the Academy Trust a license to occupy the land and buildings.

The Academy Trust's occupation for the period is recognisable as a notional donation (since it pays no actual rent) and a notional rental expense for its use of the premises. The value of the donation is the amount that the Academy Trust would otherwise have to pay to secure the premises for its operations.

Capital improvements to the Diocesan property occupied by the Academy Trust is recognised as grant expenditure.

Where the Academy Trust has been granted use of the school buildings from the Diocese under Supplemental Agreements, the Academies Accounts Direction prescribes that under this agreement the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the Diocese. A dontation from the Diocese has been recognised equal to the deemed rental expense, based on the rateable value of the buildings.

1.8 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.

1.9 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.

1.10 LIABILITIES

Liabilities 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 Trust 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Academy Trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy Trust and their measurement bases are as follows:

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.12 TAXATION

The Academy Trust 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 Trust 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.

1.13 PENSIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust 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 Trust 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 Trust 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.14 FUND ACCOUNTING

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

1.15 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. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT

Estimates and judgments 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 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 24, 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 2019. 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 judgment:

The Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND	CAPITAL	GRANTS
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	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Donations	3,299	42,195	45,494	54,266
Capital Grants	-	17,115	17,115	5,271
TOTAL 2019	3,299	59,310	62,609	59,537
TOTAL 2018	12,386	47,151	59,537	

4. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATION

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
DFE/ESFA GRANTS				
General Annual Grant	-	452,597	452,597	416,149
Other DfE/EFSA grants	-	44,165	44,165	36,145
	-	496,762	496,762	452,294
Other funding				
Internal catering income	15,816	-	15,816	16,067
Sales to students	16,032	· -	16,032	14,175
Other	1,477	-	1,477	75
TOTAL 2019	33,325	496,762	530,087	482,611
TOTAL 2018	30,317	452,294	482,611	

5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Consultancy	447	447
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

5.	INCOME FROM	OTHER TRADING	ACTIVITIES	(CONTINUED)	

There was no income from other trading activities in the prior year.

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

		Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
	Bank interest	56	56	49
7.	ANALYSIS OF GRANTS			
		Grants to Institutions 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
,	Improvements to diocesan property occupied by the Academy Trust	-	-	14,236
	TOTAL 2018	14,236	14,236	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

8.	EXPENDITURE					
		Staff Costs 2019 £	Premises 2019 £	Other 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
	EXPENDITURE ON RAISING VOLUNTARY INCOME:	•				
	Direct costs EDUCATION:	-	-	255	255	166
	Direct costs	319,646	14,024	51,626	385,296	413,916
	Allocated support costs	48,409	-	135,470	183,879	178,304
	TOTAL 2019	368,055	14,024	187,351	569,430	592,386
	TOTAL 2018	379,563	70,996	141,827	592,386	
9.	ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE	BY ACTIVITIES	S			
		Activities undertaken directly 2019 £	Grant funding of activities 2019 £	Support costs 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
	Education	385,296		183,879	569,175	606,456
	TOTAL 2018	413,916	14,236	178,304	606,456	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Pension finance cost	2,000	3,000
Staff costs	319,646	349,088
Depreciation and amortisation	12,560	14,427
Educational supplies	14,965	14,202
Staff development	2,055	3,808
Other costs	25,583	21,864
Supply teachers	3,030	4,165
Security and transport	2,998	3,362
Technology costs	2,459	-
TOTAL 2019	385,296	413,916

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of support costs

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	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Staff costs	45,379	31,919
Depreciation	1,464	1,147
Staff development	99	28
Other costs	885	779
Recruitment and support	505	5,510
Maintenance of premises and equipment	11,204	7,183
Cleaning	9,264	8,769
Rent and rates	34,720	34,362
Energy costs	4,835	5,303
Insurance	4,613	2,309
Security and transport	942	2,822
Catering	32,480	34,702
Technology costs	6,021	. 11,057
Office overheads	6,072	4,157
Legal and professional	18,357	19,269
Bank interest and charges	147	89
Educational consultancy	6,892	8,899
TOTAL 2019	183,879	178,304
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:		
	2019 £	2018 £
Operating lease rentals	561	561
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	13,825	15,374
Amortisation of intangible assets	199	199
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	4,565	4,475
- other services	1,165	1,383
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a. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

,	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	281,643	303,660
Social security costs	18,812	21,530
Pension costs	64,570	55,817
	365,025	381,007
Agency staff costs	3,030	4,165
	368,055	385,172

b. STAFF NUMBERS

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

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Management	1	1
Administration and support	9	9
Teachers	5	6
	15	16
The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:		
	2019 No.	2018 No.
Management	1	1
Administration and support	4	3
Teachers	4	5
	9	9

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

11. STAFF COSTS (CONTINUED)

c. HIGHER PAID STAFF

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

d. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for their role as Trustees) and the Principal. 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 Trust was £68,818 (2018: £64,786).

As staff Trustees are not remunerated in respect of their role as a Trustee, where staff Trustees do not form part of the Key Management Personnel other than in their role as Trustee, their remuneration as set out in note 12 has not been included in the total benefits received by Key Management Personnel above.

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2018 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2019, expenses totalling £19 (2018: £15) were reimbursed to 1 Trustees (2018:1).

The Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments from the Academy Trust in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows: C Hellawell: Remuneration £50,000 - £55,000, Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000, C West: Remuneration £25,000 - £30,000, Employer's pension contributions £0 - £5,000.

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out in Note 28.

13. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The Academy Trust 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

14.	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	
		Website £
	COST	
	At 1 September 2018	995
	At 31 August 2019	995
	AMORTISATION	
	At 1 September 2018	597
	Charge for the year	199
	At 31 August 2019	796
	NET BOOK VALUE	
	At 31 August 2019	199
	At 31 August 2018	398

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

15.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
	COST OR VALUATION				
	At 1 September 2018	41,438	65,000	22,752	129,190
	At 31 August 2019	41,438	65,000	22,752	129,190
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1 September 2018	2,514	51,188	13,558	67,260
	Charge for the year	829	8,399	4,597	13,825
	At 31 August 2019	3,343	59,587	18,155	81,085
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 31 August 2019	38,095	5,413	4,597	48,105
	At 31 August 2018	38,924	13,812	9,194	61,930
16.	DEBTORS				
				2019 £	2018 £
	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
	Trade debtors			-	568
	VAT recoverable			2,481	2,591
	Prepayments and accrued income			5,050	3,089
	•		-	7,531	6,248

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

17.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2019 £	2018 £
	Trade creditors	13,092	7,723
	Other taxation and social security	5,973	6,033
	Other creditors	5,703	5,491
	Accruals and deferred income	22,105	25,217
		46,873	44,464
18.	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS		
		2019 £	2018 £
	FINANCIAL ASSETS		
	Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	135,751	74,832
	Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,944	567
		137,695	75,399
		2019	2018
		£	£
	FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(25,675)	(19,076)
			(10)00

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash at bank and in hand.

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost comprise trade debtors, other debtors and accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors & accruals.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

19.	STATEMENT OF FUNDS					
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
	O a manual from de	26 647	27 427	(0 EGA)		C4 400
	General funds Unrestricted fixed assets	36,617 14,061	37,127 -	(9,564) (7,862)	-	64,180 6,199
		50,678	37,127	(17,426)		70,379
	RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS					
	General Annual Grant (GAG)	· -	452,597	(420,367)	-	32,230
	Pupil Premium	-	7,413	(7,413)	•	-
	Sports grant	•	16,960	(16,960)	-	•
	Universal infant free school					
	meals	-	15,301	(15,301)	· -	-
	Other government grants		4,491	(4,491)	-	-
	Educational visits	-	10,799	(10,799)	-	-
	Devolved formula capital grant	-	17,115	(17,115)	-	-
	Diocesan property rental	-	31,396	(31,396)	-	-
	Pension reserve	(92,000)	-	(22,000)	(29,000)	(143,000)
		(92,000)	556,072	(545,842)	(29,000)	(110,770)
	RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS					
	Fixed assets purchased from GAG and other restricted	07.045		/F 704		
	funds	27,948	-	(5,721)	-	22,227
	DfE/ESFA Capital Grants	20,318	-	(441)	-	19,877

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

48,266

(43,734)

6,944

Restricted Funds

TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS

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.

556,072

593,199

(6,162)

(552,004)

(569,430)

(29,000)

(29,000)

42,104

(68,666)

1,713

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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.

Sports Grant - This represents funding received from the ESFA and must be used to fund improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, so that they develop healthy lifestyles.

Universal Infant Free School Meals - Income from the ESFA which is to be used in the provision of free school meals for all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2.

Educational Visits - This represents the income and expenditure on educational visits and trips during the year.

Diocesan Property Rental - The Academy Trust's occupation of property owned by the Diocese of Exeter for the period is recognisable as a notional donation and a notional rental expense.

Devolved formula capital - This represents funding from the ESFA to cover the maintenance and purchase of the Academy's assets. This fund is in relation to Diocese owned land and buildings being used by the Academy Trust, with grant expenditure being used for improvements made to that property.

Pension Reserve - This represents the Academy's Trust 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 Trust. The Academy Trust is following the recommendations of the actuary to reduce the deficit by making additional contributions over a number of years.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds

DfE/ESFA Capital Grants - These funds are received for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The fixed asset fund balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

OTHER INFORMATION

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2019.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
O an anal founds	20.040	40.750	(25.445)		20.047
General funds	29,010	42,752	(35,145)	-	36,617
Unrestricted fixed assets	17,574	-	(3,513)	-	14,061
	46,584	42,752	(38,658)	-	50,678
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	42,458	416,149	(458,607)	-	•
Pupil Premium	-	735	(735)	-	-
Sports grant	-	17,580	(17,580)	-	-
Universal infant free school	,				
meals	-	16,825	(16,825)	-	
Other government grants	-	1,005	(1,005)	-	-
Educational visits	-	10,484	(10,484)	-	-
Devolved formula capital grant	-	5,271	(5,271)	-	-
Diocesan property rental	-	31,396	(31,396)	-	-
Pension reserve	(109,000)	-	(14,000)	31,000	(92,000)
	(66,542)	499,445	(555,903)	31,000	(92,000)
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS					
Fixed assets purchased from GAG and other restricted			(2.222)		
funds	34,931	-	(6,983)	-	27,948
DfE/ESFA Capital Grants	25,396		(5,078)	-	20,318
	60,327	-	(12,061)		48,266
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	(6,215)	499,445	(567,964)	31,000	(43,734)
TOTAL FUNDS	40,369	542,197	(606,622)	31,000	6,944

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,001	-	42,104	48,105
Intangible fixed assets	199	-	-	199
Current assets	111,052	32,230	-	143,282
Creditors due within one year	(46,873)	-	-	(46,873)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(143,000)	-	(143,000)
TOTAL	70,379	(110,770)	42,104	1,713

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2018	Restricted funds 2018	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018	Total funds 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets	13,664	-	48,266	61,930
Intangible fixed assets	398	-	-	398
Current assets	81,080	-	-	81,080
Creditors due within one year	(44,464)	-	-	(44,464)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(92,000)	-	(92,000)
TOTAL	50,678	(92,000)	48,266	6,944

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING 21. ACTIVITIES

		2019 £	2018 £
	Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of financial activities)	23,769	(64,425)
	ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
	Amortisation	199	199
	Depreciation .	13,825	15,374
	Interest receivable	(56)	(49)
	Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	20,000	11,000
•	Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	2,000	3,000
	Increase in debtors	(1,283)	(583)
	Increase in creditors	2,409	543
	NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	60,863	(34,941)
22.	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
		2019	2018
		£	£
	Dividends, interest and rents from investments	56	49
	NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	56	49
23.	ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
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		2019 £	2018 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	135,751	74,832
	TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	135,751	74,832
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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

24. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

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 and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis - these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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. 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 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was prepared 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% employer administration charge
- 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
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the 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 is 4.45%

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The latest valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme has now taken place, in line with directions issued by HM Treasury and using membership data as at 31 March 2016. As a result of this valuation TPS employers will pay an increased contribution rate of 23.68% from 1 September 2019 (this includes the administration levy of 0.8%).

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £30,440 (2018 - £35,618).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

24. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 2019 was £18,000 (2018 - £15,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £14,000 (2018 - £12,000) and employees' contributions totalled £3,000 (2018 - £3,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 15.4 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

	2019 %	2018 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.65	2.65
Rate of increase in pensions for payments/inflation	2.15	2.3
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.9	2.65
Inflation assumptions (CPI)	2.15	2.3

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

	2019	2018
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
Males	22.5	23.5
Females	24.4	25.6
Retiring in 20 years	•	
Males	24.2	25.8
Females	26.2	28
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Sensitivity analysis

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	(8)	(5)
Discount rate -0.1%	8	5
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	9	6
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(9)	(6)
CPI rate +0.1%	7	5
CPI rate -0.1%	(7)	(5)

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	At 31 August 2019 £	At 31 August 2018 £
Equities and gilts	73,000	57,000
Debt instruments	2,000	2,000
Property	10,000	8,000
Cash	1,000	1,000
Target return protfolio	16,000	13,000
Infrastructure and alternative assets	10,000	8,000
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS	112,000	89,000
The actual return on scheme assets was £5,000 (2018 - £4,000).		
The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follow	s:	
	2019 £	2018 £
Current service cost	(28,000)	(23,000)
Interest Income	4,000	2,000
Interest cost	(5,000)	(5,000)
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL		
ACTIVITIES	(29,000)	(26,000)
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:	ws:	
	2019	2018
	£	£
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	181,000	179,000
Current service cost	28,000	23,000
Interest cost	5,000	5,000
Employee contributions	-	3,000
Actuarial gains	31,000	(29,000)
AT 31 AUGUST	245,000	181,000

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2019 £	2018 £
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	89,000	70,000
Interest income	-	2,000
Actuarial gains	2,000	2,000
Employer contributions	14,000	12,000
Employee contributions	<u> </u>	3,000
AT 31 AUGUST	105,000	89,000

25. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2019 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Within 1 year	329	561
Between 1 and 5 years	220	549
	549	1,110

26. 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.

27. GENERAL INFORMATION

Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Stockland (C of E) Primary Academy Trust, Stockland, Nr Honiton, Devon, EX14 9EF.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations 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 a Trustee has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

E Williams, spouse of A Williams, a trustee, is employed by the Academy Trust as a teacher. E Williams' appointment was made in open competition and A Williams was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. E Williams is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a trustee.

C Gilmour-White, spouse of W Gilmour-White, a trustee, is employed by the Academy Trust as a teacher. C Gilmour-White's appointment was made in open competition and W Gilmour-White was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. C Gilmour-White is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a trustee.

In the prior year there were transactions with Rob Millington - the partner of Katherine Hamshere, a Trustee. The transactions in the year ending 31 August 2018 totalled £1,952 for small maintenance jobs. There was a balance of £1,188 outstanding. For the period ending 31 August 2019 there were no transactions and no balance outstanding.

No other related party transactions took place in the period of account other than certain Trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 12.