WILLIAM TYNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

J Marlow - Chair of Governors

T Watson (Head Teacher, resigned 31/08/2023) *

D Avery B Brodie *

J Brookes (resigned 31/08/2023)

A Cormack C D'Achon

A Doyle (appointed 01/09/2023)

S Gavalda (Head Teacher, appointed 01/09/2023)

O Le Maout *

S Lightfoot (resigned 31/10/2022) J Masraff (appointed 20/03/2023) J Rowe (resigned 16/09/2023) J Session (appointed 01/09/2023)

G Watts (appointed 20/09/2022, resigned 20/09/2023)*

* members of the Finance Committee year ended August 2023

Members

F Bembridge R Crichton-Miller C Desfrancois A Stitt J Weber

Senior Leadership Team

- Head Teacher

- Head Teacher

- Deputy Head Teacher

- Assistant Head Teachers

Tanya Watson (resigned 31/08/2023) Sophie Gavalda (appointed 01/09/2023)

Claire Oliver Olivia Ayers

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The principal activity of William Tyndale Primary School is to provide a state education to boys and girls of different abilities between the ages of 3 to 11. It has a pupil capacity of 450 and had a roll of 448 in the school census on 23rd May 2023.

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 charitable company is known as William Tyndale Primary School.

The trustees of William Tyndale Primary School are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law and they are the governors of the academy. Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details included on page 1 at the front of these accounts.

Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease 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

No indemnity has been given to any third party by the academy trust on behalf of any of the trustees.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

The number of governors shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

In accordance with the articles of association, the Academy Trust shall have the following governors:

- a. up to 6 community governors;
- b. up to 3 staff governors;
- c. up to 4 parent governors;
- d. the Head Teacher;
- e. any additional governors, if appointed; and
- f. and further co-opted members as required, if appointed.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The training and induction provided for new governors will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction will provide training in charity, educational, legal and financial matters. All governors are provided with the information needed (including policies, minutes, budgets, etc.) to undertake their role as governors.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees (the Board), the majority of whom are non-executive, comprises those persons appointed under the articles of association. The Board meets at least three times a year and has several committees, including a Finance Committee (which also acts as the Audit and Risk Committee), Personnel Committee, Premises Committee and Curriculum Committee and (when required) the Discipline, Complaints and Appeal committees.

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All of these committees are formally constituted with terms of reference and comprise appropriately qualified and experienced members. Trustees delegate specific responsibilities to its committees, the activities of which are reported to and discussed at full governing body meetings. Day to day management of the school is undertaken by the Head Teacher, supported by the Senior Management and Leadership Teams.

The Trust has no subsidiaries, joint ventures, or associates.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

There is one member of the Senior Management Team who is also a trustee: the Head Teacher; she receives no pay or other remuneration in respect of her role as trustee. Where staff trustees are in place, they receive remuneration for their role as staff and their pay is determined in the same way as applicable to all other staff. Further details of remuneration paid to staff who are trustees is set out within the notes to the accounts.

The pay of the Head Teacher is set annually by the Salary Committee, having regards to performance against objectives set the previous year. Pay of other SMT members is set by the Head Teacher. Where leadership bands are reassessed and set, the Pay Committee will be privy to this information before agreeing it. Additionally, any Upper Threshold application is assessed, in line with the school's pay policy, and is finally determined by the Salary Committee.

Trade Union Facility Time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
0	0

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of Employees
0%	0
1% - 50%	0
51% - 99%	0
100%	0

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total Cost of facility time	£0
Total Pay bill	£2,474k
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time	0%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities	as	а	0%	
percentage of total paid facility time hours.			076	

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

William Tyndale Charitable Trust (Charity number 1060061) is a related party by virtue of the fact that one of its trustees is also an employee of the school. The William Tyndale Charitable Trust undertakes fund raising solely for the benefit of the academy trust. Its purpose is to provide funds for projects which improve educational outcomes for the children of William Tyndale School.

The William Tyndale School Association (Charity number 1024594) undertakes fund raising for the purpose of the School's advancement, and communicates with parents, carers and staff.

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal object of the company is to advance for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom. It achieves this object through the operation of William Tyndale Primary School, the aim being to provide the highest possible standard of education and pastoral care, maximising the life chances of its pupils.

Objectives: strategies and activities

The headline objectives, and strategies and activities to achieve these for 22 - 23 were:

- · All children to accelerate progress in writing;
 - o Children have high levels of oracy and can use subject specific vocabulary across the curriculum;
 - All curriculum leaders ensure that learners in their subject can recall prior learning and apply it to the next steps in their learning journey;
 - Further embed Assessment for Learning strategies (AfL) to ensure good levels of progress for all children.
- All children to demonstrate and articulate the core values of our school;
 - Rights Respecting Curriculum fully reignited after the pandemic;
 - o All school practices promote equality and diversity;
 - o Further improve punctuality.
- · All children experience ever increasing cultural capital to enrich their learning;
 - o ensure that curriculum enhancements are re-established to levels pre-pandemic;
 - o All children are applying the either essential skills:
 - o To further extend children's leadership opportunities;
 - Achieve Healthy Schools Gold, Gold School travel plan award, School Games Platinum award and Primary Science Quality Mark.
- All children to benefit from an even sharper focus on increasing staff capacity, alongside greater involvement of the wider school community;
 - Further enhance staff wellbeing;
 - o Further enhance teaching and learning through reflective practice and robust CPD programme;
 - o Effective communication with parents and the wider school community;
 - Further develop our outreach offer;
 - o Improve energy efficiency and sustainability.

Measures used to assess success in 22 - 23 include:

- All children making good progress in writing;
- · All children including SEN, making progress;
- · AfL strategies embedded in lessons across the curriculum;
- Sustaining Rights Respecting Gold award;
- Equaliteach diversity and inclusion award;
- Classes regularly achieving whole class punctuality awards;
- Achieve Skills Builder Flagship status;
- Leadership positions for children established across the school:
- Awards achieved as above;
- Develop two new business links to Skills Builder Framework;
- · Links established with other schools.

Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the associated activities, governors have been given careful consideration to the Charity's Commission's general guidance on public benefit. A review of the significant activities undertaken by the charity has taken place in this year to ensure that the charity is furthering its charitable purposes for the public benefit. The review is detailed and agreed within the School Development Plan.

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The School's mission is to provide an "exceptional education for all" children within School. The School's community is extremely diverse, both in terms of cultural, religious and ethnic groups represented but also from a socio-economic basis. The Free School Meals (FSM) proportion (Spring Census) was 25.7% versus a national figure of 23.8%. The English as Additional Language (EAL) figure was 42.1% against a national figure of 22% (primary pupils).

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The school has enjoyed another full and successful year. KS2 SATs results were impressive; we wait for final confirmation of this as yet unvalidated data:

KS1 Results (national score in brackets where available)

KS1	Achieving expected 2023	Achieving expected (disadvantaged pupils) 2023	Achieving a higher standard 2023	Achieving a higher standard (disadvantaged pupils) 2023
Reading	88% (68%)	76% (73%)	53% (19%)	35% (22%)
Writing.	77% (60%)	53% (65%)	13% (8%)	0% (10%)
. Maths .	82% (70%)	_ 53% (75%)	33% (16%)	18% (19%)

Key Stage 2 provisional results (National in brackets where available)

Key Stage 2 Progress

Reading: +2.14 (0.04) Writing: +0.5 (0.04) Maths: +4.56 (0.04)

Average Scaled Scores

Reading: 109.0 national: 105.1 Maths: 110.4 national: 104.2 EGPS: 109.8 national: 104.9

All pupils	Achieving expected 2023	Achieving a higher standard 2023
RWM combined	78% (60%)	22% (8%)
Reading	90% (73%)	54% (29%)
Writing	80% (71%)	26% (13%)
Maths	96% (73%)	54% (24%)
EGPS	88% (72%)	54% (30%)

Disadvantaged Pupils

KS2 Results for disadvantaged pupils (national average for disadvantaged pupils in brackets)

FSM Ever 6	Achieving expected 2023	Achieving a higher standard 2023
RWM combined	47% (44%)	0% (3%)
Reading	82% (60%)	18%
Writing	53% (58%)	0%
Maths	94% (59%)	6%
EGPS	82%	12%

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Average Scaled Scores for disadvantaged pupils - national comparison is for all pupils

Reading: 104 national: 105 Maths: 105 national: 104 EGPS 103 national: 105

Key performance indicators

The trustees have not formally set financial performance targets for the school as the main performance measures are non-financial. They have however noted the following financial indicators which were observed for 2022/2023 (all calculations exclude the effect of the FRS 102 valuation resulting from valuation of the LGPS scheme; Income excludes capital income; non staff costs exclude depreciation):

Staff Costs as a % of Revenue Income: 76.7% (2022 76.2%)
Non-Staff Costs as a % of total Revenue Income: 22.3% (2022: 22.8%)
Ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities: 2.6:1 (2022: 3.2:1).

The school continues to provide a full and varied curriculum for its pupils. Current awards include Sing Up Gold; Skills Builder Gold; Unicef Gold Rights Respecting School; Youth Sports Trust Quality Mark Gold; School Games Gold; Healthy Schools Gold; School Travel Plan TfL Gold; Investors in People Gold. The School is a BDA Dyslexia Friendly School.

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 Accounting Policies.

Financial review

We receive our income from a number of different sources. The majority of our income comes from central government via the Education and Skills Funding Agency who provide us with grant, based largely on our student numbers to cover our staffing and other general running costs (General Annual Grant - GAG). The ESFA may provide us with additional grants which are earmarked for specific purposes (such as Pupil Premium which must be used to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils). These appear in the accounts as DfE/ESFA grants. Where we receive grant or other funding from the Local Authority (such as where we undertake responsibilities on their behalf in respect of our students) this appears in the accounts as Other government grants. Such income is collectively referred to as "Restricted Funds". Other income is received from parents (for example as contributions to trips, clubs or other costs) and from third parties (for example from our bank for interest on our account balances, or from others who are charged for their use of our facilities). Such other income may be restricted or unrestricted, depending on whether it comes to us with conditions as to its use or whether it is available for spending at the discretion of the trustees.

We hold funds in two broad categories, funds which are available for spending and other funds which are not available for spending.

Spendable funds are in turn sub-categorised between those which are available for spending at the discretion of trustees ("Unrestricted Funds") and those which are subject to condition or restriction, ("Restricted Funds").

Funds not available for spending include the book value of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. These have a value and are therefore included as assets in the accounts but clearly, we cannot spend this value. In common with all academies and Local Authorities, our share of the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit must also be reflected in our accounts and as this is not a conventional liability, it does not need to be deducted from spendable funds. We meet our obligations in respect of the LGPS by paying over pension contributions due as calculated by the scheme's actuaries.

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The following balances held were hel	ld at 31 August:		
Fund	Category	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
GAG	Restricted General Funds		, -
Other Grants	Restricted General Funds	•	
Other Income	Restricted General Funds	70	17
	Sub-total General Restricted Funds	70	17
Unspent Capital Grants	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	1	9
Other Income	Unrestricted General Fund	468	490
	Sub-Total Spendable Funds	539	516
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	5,325	5,387
Share of LGPS Deficit	Restricted Pension Reserve	(203)	(573)
	Total All Funds	5 661	5 330

During the year under review there was an increase of £53k (2022: decrease of £84k) on general restricted funds, a decrease of £22k (2022: increase of £135k) on unrestricted funds and after LGPS valuation adjustments, depreciation and capital income and expenditure, an overall increase of £331k (2022: increase of £845k).

Effect of significant events on financial performance:

In 2022 / 2023 gas costs increased by 240% and electricity costs were 160% higher, despite measures to mitigate the extra costs (for example installation of LED lighting, roof insulation renewed, staff reminders regarding switching off equipment).

Reserves policy

The principal policy on reserves is that accumulation of unspent GAG balances should not breach any limits thereon set out in the funding agreement. The level of reserves should never be in deficit.

According to the School's reserves policy, reserves are held in order to contribute to the following:

- unforeseen premises, emergency and maternity cover costs;
- unfunded costs associated with SEN children;
- a "sink fund" for replacement of the astroturf pitch carpet;
- capital commitments listed within the School's 3-year plan.

The policy also states the minimum level of reserves held. Any reserves above this minimum level must be allocated to a planned commitment within the School's medium-term forecast.

The governors have judged the level of reserves as appropriate at this time, in line with the policy highlighted above.

Investment policy

There are no investments held beyond cash deposits retained with banks and building societies covered by the FSCS compensation scheme. Speculative investments are not permitted.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those relating to finances, health and safety and IT security. The risk management process has been documented in the Risk Register, implemented by the Leadership Team and reviewed by trustees. The trustees have implemented systems to mitigate these risks, including the following:

- Effective system of internal financial controls following the Academy Trust Handbook guidance;
- Comprehensive insurance cover through the RPA;

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- H&S audit every three years;
- Preventative Planned Maintenance program in place and actioned by the Premises Manager;
- · Full set of risk assessments published on staff drive;
- H&S incidents raised in weekly staff Business Meeting;
- Maintenance log in place and monitored daily by Premises Manager;
- Annual staff training in Cyber Security and GDPR;
- External IT expert attends school weekly;
- Protection from cyber-attacks through the school's LGFL broadband provider;
- Recent Cyber Security audit and recommendations by external consultant;
- Emergency plan and Business Continuity plan in place.

The key factors likely to affect the trust's financial performance going forward are:

- · ongoing central grant funding pressures;
- increased staff salary costs due to inflationary rises in 2023;
- More staff required as a result of increasing numbers of children on roll with special educational needs.

These factors contribute to the risk of a deficit budget next year. The rigorous budgeting and reporting process, including monthly scrutiny of actual financial performance by the trustees, mitigates the risk.

As the nature of the financial instruments dealt with by the company is relatively simple (bank balances, debtors and "trade" creditors), trustees consider the associated risk in this area to be minimal.

The risk resulting from the company's share of the LGPS deficit is managed by following the advice of the scheme's actuaries, specifically as regards the level of contributions payable, ensuring that annual budgets are drawn up to reflect the actuary's advice.

Most of the company's income is obtained from the DfE (via the Education and Skills Funding Agency) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the period ended 31 August 2023 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

Our fundraising practices

- The trust organises fundraising events and appeals and co-ordinate the activities of our supporters both in the academy and in the wider community on behalf of the trust.
- The trust does not use professional fundraisers or involve commercial participators.
- There have been no complaints about fundraising activity this year.
- The trust complies with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice.
- All fundraising is undertaken by the trust in a manner that seeks to ensure that it is not unreasonably intrusive
 or persistent. Contact is made through email, school newsletters, our website and via students. All fundraising
 material contains clear instructions on how a person can be removed from mailing lists.

Plans for future periods

The principal task facing the company is to maintain and continue to improve excellent educational standards within the confines of upcoming budget restrictions.

The aims, objectives and activities for the next 12 months are set in the School Development Plan for 2023/2024. These are:

All children to accelerate progress in writing;

- Embed strategies such as word aware, sentence stacking, box it up strategies (Pie Corbett) into the curriculum;
- Debating curriculum to be put in place and monitored;
- o Embed reading events such as half termly paired reading opportunities;
- IRIS Connect implemented;
- o New outdoor EYFS area in place.

All children to demonstrate and articulate the core values of our school;

o Launch and implement Global Equality Collective to encourage equality and diversity;

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- o Develop Emotional Literacy Support Assistants Programme.
- All children experience ever increasing cultural capital to enrich their learning;
 - Skills Builder Curriculum explicitly taught and assessed in weekly lessons;
 - o Introduce systematic teaching into Reception using the Skills Builder hub;
 - o Leadership positions for children established across the school;
 - o Reinstate Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM).
- All children to benefit from an even sharper focus on increasing staff capacity, alongside greater involvement of the wider school community;
 - Further develop the staff wellbeing offer;
 - o Twilight CPD programme established;
 - o New communication strategy with parents and the wider school community.
- · Further improve energy efficiency and sustainability in line with the school's Green Strategy
 - Achieve Eco Schools Award;
 - Replacement of windows in main school building with energy efficient, double glazed alternatives.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The school is not acting as custodian trustee for any other organisation.

Auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 18th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J Marlow

Chair of Trustees

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Scope of responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that William Tyndale Primary School 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 has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Head Teacher, 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 William Tyndale Primary School and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board 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 has formally met 5 times during the year. Although the Board has met fewer than six times this year, the management accounts are provided to the trustees monthly in order to maintain effective oversight of funds.

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

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
J Marlow (Chair of Governors)	4	5
T Watson (Head Teacher)	5	5
D Avery	4	5
B Brodie	5	5
J Brookes	4	5
A Cormack	4	5
C D'Achon	5	5
O Le Maout	5	5
J Masraff	2	2
J Rowe	5	5
G Watts	2	5

Changes to governance arrangements

The following changes to the Board occurred in the academic year September 2022 to August 2023:

- G Watts Community governor appointed September 2022, resigned September 2023
- J Masraff Co-opted governor appointed March 2023
- J Brookes Staff governor resigned July 2023
- T Watson Head Teacher, resigned August 2023

Governance reviews

The Board has considered its strengths and skills omissions as part of its ongoing self-evaluation. The Board agreed that two new parent governors should be elected in the Autumn Term of 2023. Elections for two new staff governors were held in Summer Term 2023, and these new governors began their term of office in September 2023.

Committees

Finance Committee

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to ensure sound oversight is exercised over the management of the Academy's finances and resources. The Finance Committee also acts as the Audit and Risk committee. The Audit and Risk committee agrees a program of internal scrutiny according to an analysis of the School's risks, and monitors any actions arising.

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Attendance during the year at meetings of the Finance Committee was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
B Brodie (Chair of Finance)	4	4
O Le Maout	4	4
T Watson (Head Teacher)	4	4
G Watts	2	4

Personnel Committee

The purpose of the Personnel Committee is to ensure that the best staff are recruited and well supported in terms of induction, professional development and performance management procedures.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Personnel Committee was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
D Avery (Chair of Personnel)	3	3
C D'Achon	3	3
T Watson (Head Teacher)	3	3
ଧ Masraff ୍	1	1

Premises Committee

The purpose of the Premises Committee is to consider all matters relating to the premises and grounds, including security, Health & Safety and risk management matters.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Premises Committee was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
O Le Maout (Chair of Premises)	3	3
J Rowe	3	3
T Watson (Head Teacher)	3	3
G Watts	· 2	3

Curriculum Committee

The purpose of the Curriculum Committee is to ensure that the curriculum planned and taught in the school is balanced, broadly based, and that quality of teaching and learning is monitored. The Committee also monitors standards of attainment, and ensures that all statutory requirements for reporting and publishing information are met.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Curriculum Committee was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
C D'Achon (Chair of Curriculum)	4	4
D Avery	4	4
T Watson (Head Teacher)	4	4
A Cormack	2	4
J Rowe	4	4

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Conflicts of interest

The Board maintains an up-to-date and complete register of interests for its trustees, members and senior staff. Governors are asked to disclose business interests at every committee meeting. Any potential business interests are referenced when new contracts are awarded by the school.

Review of Value for Money

As Accounting Officer, the Head Teacher 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 educational and wider societal outcomes, as well as estates safety and management, achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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

- Moving to a new web-based MIS system which is more cost effective;
- Increasing income generation from bank interest on our cash reserves through a cash savings portal;
- Increasing income generation from lettings through increased number of bookings;
- Increasing income generation from after school clubs, increasing the number and variety of clubs on offer;
- Installing new LED lighting throughout the school to reduce electricity usage.

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 William Tyndale Primary School for the period 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board 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 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 period 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board.

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 Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting KPIs 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 has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. Instead, the trustees appointed a bought-in internal audit service from Juniper Education, as this method of delivery of internal scrutiny was deemed to be impartial and value for money.

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Juniper Education visits the school, conducts a programme of supplementary checks and reports to the Board, through the chair of the finance committee.

The report reviews the operation of the systems of control, which includes recommendations of changes to processes where necessary.

Checks carried out include:

- testing aspects of regularity and compliance including financial planning, monitoring and management
- scheme of delegation and high value purchases
- · electronic payments and bank reconciliations
- testing of payroll systems
- · testing of purchase systems
- testing of non-grant income

The governing body are satisfied that the internal checking function has been fully delivered in line with the agreed programme of work.

Following a review of the School's risk register, the trustees identified Health and Safety processes as a supplementary area to review by Juniper Education in school year 2023 / 2024.

Review of effectiveness

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

- the supplementary programme of work conducted by the internal scrutineer;
- the audit work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the senior management team 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 finance 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 18th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J Marlow

Chair of Trustees

S Gavalda

Accounting Officer

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

As accounting officer of William Tyndale Primary School, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2022, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust's Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

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.

S Gavalda

Accounting Officer

18 December 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of William Tyndale Primary School for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- 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 that grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 18 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J Marlow

Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WILLIAM TYNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of William Tyndale Primary School for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the Financial Statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

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 'Auditor's 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 UK, including the FRC'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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the Financial Statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the Financial Statements themselves. 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WILLIAM TYNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements; and
- the Trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the 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, including the incorporated strategic report.

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees 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 charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing internal assurance reports.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WILLIAM TYNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company's Members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charitable company and the charitable company's Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Louise Hallsworth FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Baxter & Co

Chartered Certified Accountants Statutory Auditor

19 December 2023

Lynwood House Crofton Road Orpington Kent BR6 8QE

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WILLIAM TYNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 24 May 2022 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by William Tyndale Primary School during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 William Tyndale Primary School and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the William Tyndale Primary School 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 William Tyndale Primary School and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of William Tyndale Primary School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of William Tyndale Primary School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 October 2016 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. 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 period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts 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.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- · Review of payments to staff;
- Review of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- · Review of grant and other income streams;
- · Review of some key financial control procedures;
- · Discussions with finance staff;
- . Consideration of the record maintained by the Accounting Officer of the oversight they have exercised;
- Consideration of the programme of internal scrutiny implemented by the Academy Trust in order to comply with its obligations under 3.1 of the Academy Trust Handbook 2022, issued by the ESFA.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WILLIAM TYNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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Reporting Accountant

Baxter & Co Lynwood House Crofton Road Orpington Kent BR6 8QE

Dated: ..19.December 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		Unrestricted funds		ricted funds: Fixed asset	Total 2023	Total 2022
•	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income and endowments from:	110103	2 000	2.000	2,000	2 000	2,000
Donations and capital grants	4	6	¹ €	_ 28	34	9
Charitable activities:			•	-		
- Funding for educational operations	5	19	3,078	-25	3,097	3,243
Other trading activities	6	434	28	*	462	117
Investments	7	5	•	<u>4.</u>	5	1
			<u></u>	2		
Total		464	3,106	28 ·	3,598	3,370
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Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8.	. 6	:•	14,	6	5
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	9	480	3,093	103	3,676	3,588
Total	8	486	3,093	103	3,682	3,593
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Net income/(expenditure)		(22)	13	(75)	(84)	(223)
Transfers between funds	17	-	(5)	5	√.ger	÷
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit						
pension schemes	19	*	415	:s	415	1,068
Net movement in funds		(22)	423	(70)	331	845
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		490	(556)	5,396	5,330	4,485
Total funds carried forward		468	(133)	5,326	5,661	5,330

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Comparative year information		Unrestricted		ed funds:	Total 2022
Year ended 31 August 2022		funds	General Fi		
	Notes	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	4	÷	-	9	9
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	5	261	2,982	÷,	3,243
Other trading activities	6	91	26	. • *	117
Investments	7	1	-	:-	1
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Total		353	3,008	9	3,370
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Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	5	· -	÷.	· 5
Charitable activities:		•			
- Educational operations	9	213	3,270	105	3,588
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Total	8	218	3,270	105	3,593
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Net income/(expenditure)		135	(262)	(96)	(223)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			•		
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	19	-	1,068	-	1,068
Net movement in funds		135	806	(96)	845
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		355	(1,362)	5,492	4,485
Total funds carried forward		490	(556)	5,396	5,330
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023	}	2022	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		5,325		5,387
Current assets			r		
Debtors	14	119		59	
Cash at bank and in hand		763		690	
		882		749	*
Current liabilities		40.40			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	r 15	(343)		(233)	
Net current assets		*	539		516
Net assets excluding pension liability			5,864		5,903
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19		(203)		(573)
Total net assets			5,661		5,330
Funds of the Academy Trust:					
Restricted funds	17				
- Fixed asset funds	••		5,326		5,396
- Restricted income funds			70		17
- Pension reserve			(203)		(573)
Total restricted funds			5,193		4,840
Unrestricted income funds	17		468		490
Total funds			5,661		5,330
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The Financial Statements on pages 21 to 44 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 December 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

J Marlow

Chair of Trustees

Company registration number 07774109 (England and Wales)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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		2023	,	2022	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by operating activities	20		81		58
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investme	nts	5		1	
Capital grants from DfE Group		28		9	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(41)		-	
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing	activities		(8)		10
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent reporting period	ts in the		73	٠	68
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of t	the year		690		622
					
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the	year		763		690

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical 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 Financial Statements 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 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company 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.

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 period for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Donations

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

Other income

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donated fixed assets

Donated fixed assets are measured at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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.

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.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £5,000 or more per item (or less if they form part of a larger purchase or project where the total cost exceeds £25,000) 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 that require 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. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired / funded by other income, the fixed asset fund is also credited. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line balance basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold land & buildings2%Computer equipment20%Fixtures, fittings & equipment20%

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 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 of services it must provide.

1.7 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 basis are as follows.

Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. 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. 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.

1.8 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 chapter 3 part 11 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.

1.9 Pensions benefits

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 and the assets and the liabilities are held separately from those of the Academy Trust.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated 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 based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The 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 are recognised in the period to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Accounting policies

(Continued)

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 net income or expenditure 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.

1.10 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 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.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, will impact on 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 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2023. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees have not needed to exercise any subjective judgements that would be critical to the Academy Trust's Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

3 General Annual Grant (GAG)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was subject to limits at 31 August 2023 on the amount of GAG that could be carried forward from one year to the next. An amount equal to 12% of GAG could be carried forward, of which up to 2% could be used for general recurrent purposes, with any balance being available for premises/capital purposes.

The Academy Trust has not exceeded these limits during the year ended 31 August 2023.

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	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Capital grants	-	28	28	. 9
Other donations	6	• .	6	-
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	6	28	34	9
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5 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

### DIFE/ESFA grants General annual grant (GAG)		Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Cover of the funding Cover of the funding	DfE/ESFA grants	2000	2000	_ 555	
- UIFSM	General annual grant (GAG)	÷	2,242	2,242	2,223
- Pupil premium		_•	59	59	52
- Others - 127 127 - 2,615 2,615 2 Other government grants Local authority grants - 193 193 SEN local authority grants - 216 216 - 409 409 COVID-19 additional funding DfE/ESFA Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding - 35 35 Other funding Other incoming resources 19 19 38		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		=	164
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COVID-19 additional funding DFE/ESFA Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding Other funding Other incoming resources 19 19 38	SEN local authority grants		216	216	237
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	Other funding				
T-4-16::4:-	Other incoming resources	19	19		275 ———
lotal funding 19 3,078 3,097 3	Total funding	19	3,078	3,097	3,243

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

5 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

(Continued)

The Academy Trust has been eligible to claim additional funding in the year from government support schemes in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown under "COVID-19 additional funding".

The funding received for Coronavirus funding relates to £17k National Tutoring Programme and £18k Recovery Premium

•	Other trading activities		Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
	Hire of facilities		119	-	119	91
	Catering income		- ,	1	1	-
	Income from facilities and services		314	21	335	17
	Other income		1	-	1	-
	Supply teacher insurance			6	6	9
			434	28	462	117
			===		====	· ·
7	Investment income					
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			funds	funds	2023	2022
			£.000	£.000	£'000	£'000
	Short term deposits		5 ——.	• <u>•</u> •	5	1
8	Expenditure					
			Non-pay	expenditure	Total	Total
	•	Staff costs	Premises	Other	2023	2022
		£'000	€,000	£,000	£'000	£'000
	Expenditure on raising funds					
	- Direct costs	-		6	6	5
	Academy's educational operations					
	- Direct costs	2,344	82	320	2,746	2,632
	- Allocated support costs	412	302	216	930	956
		2,756	384	542	3,682	3,593
			===	====		==

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

8	Expenditure		(Continued)
	Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Fees payable to auditor for:	103	105
	- Audit	. 9	9
	- Other services	6	7
	Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	20 ====	<u>24</u>
	Included within expenditure are the following transactions:	-	
		Total .	Individual items over £5,000
		2023	2023
	·.	£	£
	Gifts made by the Academy Trust - total	1,041	
			

Clarification – While the majority of disclosure in these accounts are rounded to £'000, the disclosure of gifts made is not. The value of gifts for the year is £1,041 (and not £1,041k).

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Charitable activities	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	To 20 £'0
Direct costs				
Educational operations	378	2,368	2,746	2,6
Support costs				
Educational operations	102	828	930	9
	480	3,196	3,676	3,5
	-	==		
Analysis of costs			2023 £'000	20 £'0
Direct costs			2 000	
Teaching and educational support staff of	costs		2,344	2,2
Staff development			11	
Depreciation			82	
Technology costs			45	
Educational supplies and services			64	
Educational consultancy			132	
Other direct costs			68	
			2,746	2,6
Support costs			·	
Support staff costs			387	3
Defined benefit pension scheme - staff of	osts (FRS102 adjustmen	t)	25	
Depreciation		•	21	
Technology costs			9	
Maintenance of premises and equipmen	t	- Mag	56	
Cleaning			88	
Energy costs			62	
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs			61	
Insurance			9	
Security and transport			5	
Catering	• .		126	•
Defined benefit pension scheme - finance	e costs (FRS102 adjustm	nent)	20	
Other support costs			45	
Governance costs			16	_
·			930	
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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			-
,	Staff		
	Staff costs		
	Staff costs during the year were:		
	•	2023	2022
		£'000	£,000
	Wages and salaries	1,869	1,682
	Social security costs	188	162
	Pension costs	392	341
	Defined benefit pension scheme - staff costs (FRS102 adjustment)	25	154
	Staff costs - employees	2,474	2,339
	Agency staff costs	282	377
	Total staff expenditure	2,756	2,716
		===	===
	Staff numbers		
	The average number of persons employed by the Academy Trust during the year	was as follows:	
		2023	2022
		Number	Number
	Teachers	17	17
	Administration and support	31	30
	Management	5	5
	-		
		53	52
			====
	The number of persons employed, expressed as a full time equivalent, was as follows:		
		2023	2022
		Number	Number
	Teachers	16	16
	Administration and support	18	19
	Management	4	4

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

10 Staff (Continued)

Higher paid staff

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

	2023	2022	
	Number	Number	
£60,000 - £70,000	A	1	
£70,001 - £80,000	•	1	
£80,001 - £90,000	*1	-	
£120,001 - £130,000	•	1	
£130,001 - £140,000	4	-	
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Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £580,401 (2022: £558,869).

11 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy Trust. The Head Teacher and other Staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Head Teacher and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees.

The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

T Watson (Head Teacher - resigned 31 August 2023):

- Remuneration: £130,000 £135,000 (2022: £125,000 £130,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £nil £5,000 (2022: £nil £5,000)

J Rowe (Staff Trustee - resigned 16 September 2023):

- Remuneration: £35,000 £40,000 (2022: £30,000 £35,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £5,000 £10,000 (2022: £5,000 £10,000)

J Brookes (Staff Trustee - resigned 31 August 2023):

- Remuneration: £50,000 £55,000 (2022: £50,000 £55,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £10,000 £12,000 (2022: £10,000 £15,000)

During the year, travel, subsistence and other payments totalling £318 (2022: £50) were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 Trustees in respect of expenses incurred in performing their duties of employment (2022: 1 Trustee).

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out within the related parties note.

12 Trustees' and officers' insurance

The Academy Trust has opted into the Department for 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 Trust 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.

		Leasehold land & buildings	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Tota
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Cost				
	At 1 September 2022	5,915	194	113	6,222
	Additions	•··	•	41	41
	At 31 August 2023	5,915	194	154	6,263
	Depreciation				
	At 1 September 2022	591	150	94	835
	Charge for the year	70	20	. 13	103
	At 31 August 2023	661	170	107	938
		; ;;=== ,	1.2	1 1927	
	Net book value		0.4	4-	
	At 31 August 2023	5,254 ====	<u> </u>	47	5,325
	At 31 August 2022	5,324 ——	44	19 =====	5,387
14	Leasehold land is included above with a value of £	2,43UK.			
	Debtors	•		2023	2022
••	Debtors	• .		2023 £'000	2022 £'000
•	VAT recoverable	•		€'000 72	£'000
		•		£'000	£'000
	VAT recoverable			£'000 72 47 —————————————————————————————————	£'000
	VAT recoverable Prepayments and accrued income			£'000 72 47	£'000 16 43 59
15	VAT recoverable			72 47 119	£'000
	VAT recoverable Prepayments and accrued income			£'000 72 47 —————————————————————————————————	£'000 16 43 59
	VAT recoverable Prepayments and accrued income			£'000 72 47 119	£'000 16 43 59
	VAT recoverable Prepayments and accrued income Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			£'000 72 47 119 2023 £'000	£'000 16 43 59 2022 £'000
	VAT recoverable Prepayments and accrued income Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Trade creditors			£'000 72 47 119 2023 £'000	£'000 16 43 59 2022 £'000
	VAT recoverable Prepayments and accrued income Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Trade creditors Other taxation and social security			£'000 72 47 119 2023 £'000 221 46	£'000 16 43 59 2022 £'000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

16	Deferred income		
		2023	2022
		£'000	£,000
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	58	60
			==
	Deferred income at 1 September 2022	60	54
	Released from previous years	(60)	(54)
	Resources deferred in the year	58	60
		·	-
	Deferred income at 31 August 2023	58	60

Deferred income comprises Universal Infant Free School Meals grant £36k (2022: £32k), and Nursery income of £22k (2022: £28k).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

17	Funds				•	
		Balance at			Gains,	Balance at
		1 September			losses and	31 August
	·	2022	Income	Expenditure	transfers	2023
		£.000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
	Restricted general funds					
	General Annual Grant (GAG)	÷	2,242	(2,237)	(5)	₹.
	UIFSM	ä	59	(59)	- ·	
	Pupil premium	-	187	(187)	. 4	÷
	Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19					
	funding	,-	35	(35)	≟ ′	 ,
	Other DfE/ESFA grants	•	127	(127)	•.	•
	Other government grants	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	409	(409)	÷.	
	Other restricted funds	17	47	6	<u> </u>	70
	Pension reserve	(573)		(45) ——	415	(203)
	•	(556)	3,106	(3,093)	410	(133)
				==		=
	Restricted fixed asset funds					
	Inherited on conversion	4,498	'- .	(52)	₹,	4,446
	DfE group capital grants Capital expenditure from GAG	31	28	(10)	•	49
	and other funds	856	=	(37)	5	824
	Donated fixed assets (DfE /					
	ESFA)	4	÷-,	(2)	- .	2
	Donated fixed assets (other)	7	7.	(2)	-	.5
		5,396	28	(103)	5	5,326
			· ,			
	Total restricted funds	4,840	3,134	(3,196)	415	5,193
		· 		====	·====	
•	Unrestricted funds					
	General funds	490	464	(486)	-	468
			-		===	===
	Total funds	5,330	3,598	(3,682)	415	5,661
		<u> </u>	====	==		

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

The Restricted General Funds are used to fund the general operating costs of the Academy.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2023. Note 3 discloses whether the limit was exceeded.

The Restricted LGPS Fund represents the Academy's share of the LGPS Pension Fund deficit.

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund represents the net book value of fixed assets plus the unspent element of Capital funds. When assets are purchased the fund is increased and depreciation charges reduce the fund.

Unrestricted Funds represent balances held at period end that can be applied at the discretion of the Governors, to support any of the Academy's charitable purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

17 Funds (Continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2021	İncome	Expenditure	Gains, losses and transfers	Balance at 31 August 2022
	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000	£.000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	55	2,223	(2,278)	*:	-
UIFSM	· -	52	(52)	•	•
Pupil premium	~	164	(164)	,•	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19					
funding		29	(29)	.*.	- ,
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	66	(66)	-	÷
Other government grants	•	434	(434)	•.	-
Other restricted funds	46	40	(69)		17
Pension reserve	(1,463) 		(178)	1,068	(573)
	(1,362)	3,008	(3,270)	1,068	(556)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	4,550		(52)	.	4,498
DfE group capital grants	30	9	(8)	••	31
Capital expenditure from GAG			• •		
and other funds	897	•	(41)		856
Donated fixed assets (DfE /					
ESFA)	6	. **	(2)	-	4
Donated fixed assets (other)	9	· -	(2)	•	7
		·	·		
	5,492	9	(105)		5,396
		. =====	(=======================================	
Total restricted funds	4,130	3,017	(3,375)	1,068	4,840
	-				
Unrestricted funds	255	0.50	(0.10)		
General funds	355	353	(218)		490
Total funds	4,485	3,370	(3,593)	1,068	5,330
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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18	Analysis of net assets between funds				
		Unrestricted	Res	tricted funds:	Total
		Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
	¥	£'000	£'000	£.000	£,000
	Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:				
	Tangible fixed assets	.÷	-	5,325	5,325
	Current assets	466	415	1	882
	Current liabilities	2	(345)	-	(343)
	Pension scheme liability	-	(203)		(203)
	•				
	Total net assets	468	(133)	5,326	5,661
				====	<u> </u>
		Unrestricted	Rest	tricted funds:	Total
		Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
		£.000	£'000	£,000	£'000
	Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
	Tangible fixed assets	•	-	5,387	5,387
	Current assets	490	250	9	749
	Current liabilities	_	(233)	-	(233)
	Pension scheme liability	-	(573)	-	(573)
	Total net assets	490	(556)	5,396	5,330

19 Pension and similar obligations

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2022.

Contributions amounting to £46k were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2023 (2022: £43k) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

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19 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2024.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £218k (2022: £209k).

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.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22.2% for employers and 5.5% to 12.5% 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 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Total contributions made	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Employer's contributions	172	130
Employees' contributions	44	36
Total contributions	216	166
	===	===

19	Pension and similar obligations	. (0	Continued)
	Principal actuarial assumptions	2023	2022
		% .	%
	Rate of increase in salaries	4.30	4.40
	Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	3.00
	Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.40	4.30
	CPI Increase	2.80	2.90
	The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:	improvements in mortality	rates. The
	assumed the expectations on retirement age ob are.	2023	2022
		2023 Years	
	Retiring today	Tears	Years
	- Males	21.4	22.7
	- Females	23.7	25.7 25.3
	Retiring in 20 years	23.1	20.0
	- Males	22.4	24.1
	- Females	25.4	27.1
	- Grides		
	Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions	as follows:	
		2023	2022
	·	£,000	£'000
	Discount rate + 0.1%	2,059	2,434
	Mortality assumption + 1 year	2,135	2,436
	Salary rate + 0.1%	2,098	2,389
	Inflation + 0.1%	2,125	2,430
		<u>,≂ = 38</u>	
	Defined benefit pension scheme net liability	2023	2022
		£'000	€'000
	Scheme assets	1,889	1,813
	Scheme obligations	(2,092)	(2,386)
	Net liability	(203)	(573)
	•	* ,*	, ,

19	Pension and similar obligations		(Continued)
	The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme	2023 Fair value £'000	2022 Fair value £'000
	Equities	1,179	841
	Bonds	72	-
	Government bonds	-	131
	Cash	17	230
	Property	283	312
	Other assets	338	299
	Total market value of assets	1,889	1,813
	The actual return on scheme assets was £(23,000) (2022: £(12,000)).		
	Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
	Current service cost	190	280
	Interest income	(80)	(30)
	Interest cost	100	54
	Administration expenses	7	. 4
	Total operating charge	217	308
	Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations		2023 £'000
			•
	At 1 September 2022		2,386
	Current service cost		190
	Interest cost		100
	Employee contributions		44 (519)
	Actuarial (gain) Benefits paid		(518) (110)
	Delicits paid		(110)
	At 31 August 2023		2,092
			·

19	Pension and similar obligations			(Continued)
	Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of	scheme assets		
	G			2023
				£.000
	At 1 September 2022			∞ 1,813
	Interest income			. 80
	Actuarial (loss)	•		(103)
	Employer contributions	•	•	`172 [´]
	Employee contributions			44.
	Benefits paid			(110)
	Administration expenses			(7)
	At 31 August 2023			1,889
				=====
20	Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from op	erating activities		
			2023	2022
		Notes	£'000	£'000
	Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement	of		
	financial activities)		(84)	(223)
	Adjusted for:			
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	_	(28)	(9)
	Investment income receivable	7	(5)	(1)
	Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	19	25	154
	Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	19	20	24
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		103	105
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(60)	16
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors		110 <u></u> -	(8) :
	Net cash provided by operating activities		81	58
21	Analysis of changes in net funds		_	
		1 September 2022	Cash flows	31 August 2023
		£'000	£'000	£'000
	Cash	690	73	763

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22 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the Trustees have an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

Services were purchased during the year from ICTS where a close family member of J Rowe (a trustee) is employed, for the amount of £983 (2022; £3,797). No balance was owed by the Trust at year end.

The son of the school business manager was temporarily employed during the year to assist with admin duties. They were paid within the normal pay for the duties and receives no special treatment as a result of their relationship to the school business manager.

In entering into the above transactions, the Academy Trust has complied with the requirements of ESFA's Academies Trust Handbook 2022.

23 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 or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member.