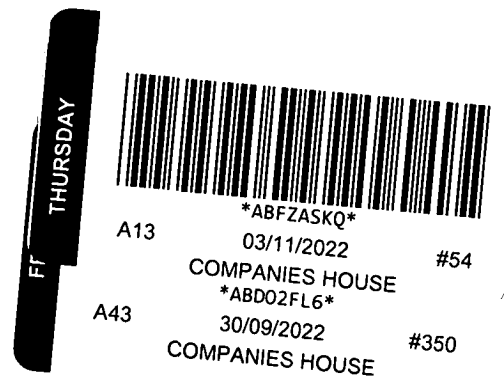


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GOVERNORS' REPORT
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The Governors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2022. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Governors' report and a Directors' report under company law.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

New Islington Free School is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity.

The charitable company's Memorandum of Association is the primary governing document of the Academy Trust. The charitable company is known as New Islington Free School (NIFS).

NIFS has entered into a funding agreement with the Department for Education, which provides a framework within which the School must operate. The principal object of the Academy is to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom by leading and developing a school offering a broad and varied curriculum.

The Governors of NIFS are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law.

Details of the Governors who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative section.

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.

Governors' indemnities

The Academy Trust has purchased insurance to cover Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. Details of the costs can be found in note 12 of the accounts.

Recruitment, Induction and Training of new Governors

Governors are appointed for a four year period, however, this time limit does not apply to the Head Teacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Governor, any Governor can be re-appointed or re-elected.

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Parent Governor

On re-election or appointment the vacancy is advertised by the School and all parents of pupils at the School can apply. If more than one nomination is received, an election by secret ballot is held so that all of the academy parents can choose who will represent them on the Board of Governors. The term of office is 4 years. There were no new Parent Governors appointed in the period 2021/22.

Staff Governor

On re-election or appointment the vacancy is advertised by the School and all staff at the School can apply. If more than one nomination is received a secret ballot takes place. The term of office is 4 years. There were no new Staff Governors appointed in the period 2021/22.

New Governors

Existing Governors make recommendations to the Board. The Chair of Governors will then invite the candidate to discuss his/her nomination. The Chair will forward the nomination to the Board who will then hold a ballot. The newly appointed Governor will be introduced to the Board and the following procedures will take place.

New Governors are provided with an induction pack and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Governors. Induction tends to be done informally by the Head Teacher and is tailored specifically to the individual. New Governors have a bespoke tour of the school, and are given the opportunity to ask questions about the role and remit of the committees.

Governors can attend 'New Governor Induction' training and other courses relevant to their specific areas of interest and the committees they sit on or wish to join.

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Organisational structure

The Governors, as Governors of the Academy Trust, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the Academy Trust and the full governing body meets at least four times a year.

There were two Extra-Ordinary Governing Body meetings held in December 2021 to review the Due Diligence process, and to vote to join the Co-op Academies Trust (CAT), and again in May 2022 to inform all Governors about the final organizational and legal requirements related to the transfer to the CAT and to agree the relevant documentation.

The work of implementing most of the School's policies is carried out by four sub committees:

- The Finance, Resources, Health and Safety and Audit Committee (FRHS&A) which meets approximately two weeks before each meeting of the full Governing Body
- The Teaching & Learning / Pupil Performance Review Group
- The Remuneration Committee
- The Communication and Marketing Committee

All these sub committees meet at least termly, with the exception of the Communications and Marketing Committee, which did not meet in this reporting period.

The day to day running of the Academy Trust is delegated to the Head Teacher supported by a staff team with defined areas of responsibility.

Connected organisations including related party relationships

The principal proposer of NIFS was The Manchester Grammar School (MGS) (registered charity number: 529909). NIFS shares a Chairman and Governor with MGS. Whilst the Trusts are separate and operate independently, the ethos and values of MGS are transferred to NIFS via this relationship. MGS provides educational support and guidance to NIFS at governance, management, teacher and pupil level as part of its public benefit activities as a charity.

Pay policy for key management personnel

The remuneration of the School's Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher is determined annually by the Remuneration Committee and follows the School Teachers Review Body recommendations. The salary awarded is informed by: appraisal outcomes; the progress of children; benchmarking with other schools; the size of the school and the need to recruit the best people.

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Vision and Mission Statement

NIFS Vision Statement

To empower our children to approach all challenges and opportunities presented to them with confidence and resilience.

NIFS Mission

We aim to achieve this by developing learners who:

- Understand the importance of our core values of respect, resilience, kindness and cooperation.
- Celebrate the cultural, religious and social diversity of our school community.
- Are enthusiastic, who are determined to excel, who rise to new challenges and embrace new experiences.
- Are confident, who have a sense of self respect, who feel secure and safe, and who have a sense of well-being – both physical and emotional.
- Are responsible and accountable, who understand their role within our school and the wider community.

NIFS Strategy

We aim to achieve this through:

- Having a common understanding of what 'excellence' looks like here at New Islington, and striving for nothing short of excellence in everything that we do.
- Ensuring that our children are safe and secure at all times, and that all adults fully understand the role that they play in safeguarding our children.
- Encouraging the school community (adults, children, parents, and Governors) to show high levels of trust, respect and understanding, and to promote the school values.
- Developing a curriculum for excellence: ambitious, aspirational, relevant, and varied – a curriculum that supports all our pupils regardless of ability.
- Delivering this curriculum within a high quality and safe environment.
- Having high expectations for positive behaviour, supporting and encouraging those with additional needs through restorative approaches.
- Having a strong and well informed Governing Board.

Teaching and Learning

The Governors and staff of NIFS endeavour to deliver an inspirational curriculum for all pupils. The school received its first Ofsted inspection in June 2015 and was judged Outstanding in all areas. The leadership team works tirelessly to ensure the school is self-reflective, and continues to develop in all areas.

The main focus of the School Development Plan (SDP) in the academic year 2021/22 was driven by the need to manage the impact of COVID-19 on pupil outcomes and wellbeing.

To this end, a 'live and learn well alongside COVID-19' plan of action was developed, demonstrating our capacity to improve with a determined focus to address the impact of the pandemic.

SDP Priority 1:

To ensure we have 'Quality First Teaching' consistently across all classes, to reinforce, re-establish and regroup after the inconsistent education of 2020/21 due to COVID-19 pandemic

SDP Priority 2:

To develop and implement an effective program to support the social, emotional and behavioural needs of

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individual pupils

SDP Priority 3:

To develop middle leaders and subject leaders who are competent, confident and accountable through a system of distributed leadership, developing professional skills and understanding.

The Co-Curriculum: Enriching our Learners

The staff and Governors understand the importance of providing rich and varied experiences for our pupils, both within lessons and outside the classroom.

The period 2021/22 has seen renewed attention on enhancing the curriculum, following two years of COVID restrictions.

Our pupils have experienced a wonderful range of musical activities; we have sung in Manchester Cathedral, in the Memorial Hall of The Manchester Grammar School, as well as performing at The Hallé St Peter's. Our younger pupils performed here at school to their parents. We have had a performance from Manchester University Music Department's Orchestra, as well as masterclasses from Hallé musicians. Music and drama came to life with a Pantomime for all pupils.

A wide range of drama based workshops have enthused our pupils; bringing to life the Stone Age, the Ancient Greeks, Florence Nightingale as well as a whole school focus on the Queen's Jubilee. Our pupils have attended science workshops and a lecture day at The Manchester Grammar School.

Sport has played a renewed part in our schedule – with a boys' and a girls' football team training each week and taking part in competitions and tournaments. We have also taken a group of players to the Manchester United training sessions.

Our pupils took part in a range of activities as part of Anti-Bullying Week and Pupil Mental Health Week. A WPC came in and talked to our pupils about keeping safe online. Our Year 5 pupils have had a ten week programme entitled 'Project Chameleon' which focused attention on citizenship. Our Forest School provision continues to thrive, with the school dog a valued addition to the team. We are also well on the way to achieving the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award.

Parents have been into school for termly parent forum sessions, EYFS information sessions on maths and writing. Parents have also had a workshop to give hints and tips on how they can keep their children safe online. The Book Fair has been available for our families. The PTA has continued to raise funds throughout the year, with new initiatives being driven forward by parents.

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Governance

During the reporting period, the Board of Governors has continued to support and challenge the Headteacher and leadership team through all meetings, which have been held via a hybrid model of both virtual and face-to-face meetings.

Support and Challenge within the Finance, Health and Safety and Audit framework continued by:

- Rigorous monitoring of the budget and income and expenditure lines paying particular attention to any variances
- Ensuring that the remit of the Academy Trust Handbook and any changes therein are carried out.
- Analysing bench-marking data, key financial performance indicators and measuring performance against these regularly, to ensure that everything that the school spends is focused on improving the outcomes for its pupils and therefore providing value for money.
- Ensuring that the Health and Safety Policy is maintained and that the school is a safe environment for its pupils, staff and visitors.
- Ensuring there is a robust internal control framework in place – the Academy Trust Handbook requires Academy Trusts to put in place sound internal control, risk management and assurance processes; the Academy Trust therefore has processes in place to check financial systems, controls, transactions and risks. The system of internal control includes the review and scrutiny by members of the FRHSA committee of, but not limited to:
- Review of inspections, audit reports and assessments (Ofsted; external and internal audit, responsible officer / Governor reports)

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Objectives, Strategies and Activities during the period to June 2022

New Islington Free School is a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for all the children, their families and the community. All children are encouraged to believe in themselves, discover their own strengths and be the best that they can be through a stimulating, rich and varied curriculum.

The school has continued the journey of school development throughout 2021/22. Alongside the School Development Plans, further priorities this year have been:

To devise and implement a 'catch up' programme to identify and mitigate gaps in learning and progress for pupils where learning was significantly disrupted as a result of the pandemic, using national funding where available.

To improve the personal development and welfare of staff and pupils by providing support for the mental health and well-being of all staff and children in school

To enhance teaching and learning by replacing all our whiteboards.

To conduct a process of due diligence with the Co-op Academies Trust, and then to work on a smooth and successful transition process.

In September 2021, the Head Teacher strengthened the Academy Trust's future position by amalgamating two classes. This was a short term change to the classing structure, but one that ensures staffing costs are kept down and class sizes more even.

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Objectives, Strategies and Activities during the period to June 2022 (continued)

Public benefit

The Governors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission (on their website at www.charitycommission.gov.uk) in exercising their powers or duties.

In providing education to children in an area of Manchester with a basic needs (places) deficit, the Academy Trust is providing Public Benefit. Children can access the facilities and provisions of the Academy Trust at no charge to their families. The only admissions criteria that differentiate between applicants are based on place of residence (distance from the Academy Trust) and siblings already on the school roll.

Pupil Attainment

Due to the absence of formal testing in 2020 and 2021, and the fact that the 2022 data set will not be published, our 2019 Key Stage 2 data set remains in line with National Average.

The school had a full Ofsted inspection in June 2015 with an overall 'Outstanding' grading.

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Strategic report

Key performance indicators

The Academy Trust monitors its key financial performance indicators and compares with other comparator schools using the Department for Education Benchmarking Report Card. This is to enable the Academy Trust to understand how it is performing, and to monitor its performance when compared with peer organisations, and to ensure that the Academy Trust continues to provide value for money.

Key Performance Indicators	2021/22	2020/21
Total Staff Costs to EFA Revenue Income (%)	84%	86%
Total Staff Costs to Total Income (%)	75%	75%
Total Staff Costs as Proportion of Total Expense (%)	75%	77%
Pupil Teacher Ratio	22	23
Average Teacher Cost (£)	44,680	44,337

Achievements are reported by the Head Teacher in the Academy Trust's Value for Money statement.

Most of the Academy Trust's income is obtained from the Department for Education in the form of grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the Department for Education during the period ended 30 June 2022 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

The Academy Trust also received grants for fixed assets from the Department for Education. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2015), such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charged over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

During the period ended 30 June 2022, total expenditure of £1,915,666 was covered by grant funding from the Department for Education together with other incoming resources.

The operating surplus for the year (excluding restricted fixed asset funds, pension charges of £100,000 and transfers to the restricted fixed asset fund) was £57,553.

At 30 June 2022 the net book value of fixed assets was £5,665,549 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the accounts. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Trust.

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a. Going concern

The academy transferred its trade, assets and liabilities to a multi academy trust on 30 June 2022. The school continued as part of Co-Op Academies Trust but New Islington Free School ceased trading from this date. As required by UK accounting standards, the directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is no longer a going concern. No material adjustments arose as a result of ceasing to apply the going concern basis. All assets and liabilities were transferred to Co-Op Academies Trust at their carrying amounts. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Additional Funding Streams: COVID-19

The Academy Trust has received £8,100 for National Tutoring. This was used to employ a dedicated tutor who worked with specific children throughout the year. We received Free School Meal vouchers to the value of £6,300 which supported our families during each holiday period.

Reserves policy

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

Academies are expected to create contingency reserves from their annual GAG funding or other income. During the early years of operation GAG Funding levels create little opportunity to achieve a surplus to add to reserves.

Currently, the DfE provides minimal funding by way of Devolved Formula Capital Grant. In addition academies are able to bid for a share of the Academies Capital Maintenance Fund.

The Governors consider the appropriate level of restricted and unrestricted revenue reserves for New Islington Free School to be £150,000. The balance at 30 June 2022 was £342,476.

Investment policy

A formal investment policy has not been adopted by the Trustees. The Academy Trust does not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity, rather as a result of good stewardship and as and when circumstances allow.

Fundraising

The Academy had no fundraising activities requiring disclosure under S162A of the Charities Act 2011.

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Going Concern – Plans for the Future

The New Islington Free School Board of Governors voted to join the Co-op Academies Trust at the Full Governing Body Meeting in December 2021.

After a rigorous process of due diligence, New Islington Free School converted on 1 July 2022 and become Co-op Academy New Islington, with all assets and liabilities transferring over to the CAT on this date.

The Trustees are confident that NIFS is able to transfer to the CAT in a strong and secure position.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

During the year of operation, the Academy Trust's source of income is grant income from the ESFA and voluntary income and income from lettings. The only liabilities are the payroll, capital and educational costs associated with it operating a school at New Islington, Manchester. Revenue funding is provided on a formulaic basis by ESFA and paid in monthly instalments. Thus, potential inadequate cash flow represents a minimal risk. The Trust's General Annual grant for 2021/22 was estimated on the basis of the Academy Trust having 352 pupils on roll (through the revenue funding data collection) – the census in October 2021 confirmed the pupil count at 351. We did have a negative Pupil Number Adjustment of 1 pupil, equating to £4,293. This PNA was as a direct result of mobility caused by the pandemic, with pupils returning to their homes overseas, or relocating due to work.

Funds held as custodian on behalf of others

The Academy Trust does not hold any funds as Custodian on behalf of others.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors maintain a Risk Register which informs management decisions and the provisions in the Business Continuity Plan. Risks are categorised as follows:

Strategic	Strategic Governance Projects
People	Staff Pupils Third parties Safeguarding
Resources	Premises ICT Supply chain
Financial	Value for money Irregularity Reliability Statutory
Information	Freedom of Information Act Data Protection Act Statutory records
Health and Safety	Policy Management
Environmental	COVID-19 Critical Incident Plan and Business Continuity Plan Acts of God

On this basis, the most significant risks identified by the Governors are:

- Failure to plan for Acts of God and other significant external risks
- Failure to comply with all safeguarding duties
- Failure to comply with General Data Protection Legislation (GDPR)
- Failure to maintain site security at appropriate levels
- Failures associated with computers and associated software
- Failure to ensure that the financial systems of the school are secure

The Risk Register remains a working and live document and Governors work with the Senior Leadership Team to analyse whether there might be new risks that the Trust needs to consider.

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Financial

The Academy Trust has considerable reliance on continued government funding through the ESFA. Whilst there had been some concerns that the economic impact of COVID-19 might impact on school budgets generally, we maintained tight and careful control over our budgeted expenditure and monthly budget monitoring. NIFS produces monthly management reports so that Governors can monitor its financial results and have a more realistic outlook as to whether the budget will be met.

The Academy Trust Handbook sets out what the Academy Trust's internal framework must include. In terms of aspects relating to finances this includes:

- co-ordinating the planning and budgeting processes
- applying discipline in financial management, including managing banking, debt and cash flow, with appropriate segregation of duties
- preparation of monthly budget monitoring reports

Management accounts allow the Academy Trust to compare actual results to budgets and to establish where we might have over / under spent during the period. Regular re-forecasts enable the Academy Trust to look ahead and determine where costs are too high, and therefore may need reducing, together with where there may be opportunities to capitalise on a better-than-expected income stream. Other benefits include:

- an understanding of why variances have arisen
- providing information about the level of costs, such as staff costs in relation to income and whether this is at a reasonable and sustainable level
- the provision of information to Trustees on the current financial performance of the Academy Trust.

NIFS also has access to an experienced Treasurer.

Funding arrangements for special educational needs and increasing employment and premises costs mean that budgets will continue to be tight in coming years.

The Governors examine the financial health formally every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all full Governors' and Finance and Resources, Health and Safety and Audit (FRHSA) Committee meetings. The Governors also ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments. At the period-end, the Academy Trust had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors where there would be a significant effect on liquidity.

Pension liability

The Board of Governors recognises that the defined benefit scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However, the Governors consider that the Academy Trust is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments at present and the risk is to be kept under close review.

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Other risks

Failures in governance and/or management - the risk in this area arises from potential failure to manage effectively the Academy Trust's finances, internal controls and compliance with regulations and legislation. The Governors continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks. A rigorous internal controls framework has been implemented and Tridan Business Concepts monitors the controls and procedures annually.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Academy Trust is dependent on continuing to attract pupils in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Governors ensure that pupil success and achievement are closely monitored by the Teaching and Learning / Pupil Progress Committee, as well as a concerted effort to promote the Academy Trust amongst the community.

Safeguarding and child protection - the Governors continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline. The Single Central Register is maintained by the Head Teacher and checked by the designated Safeguarding Governor. Systems and structures are in place to ensure Governors are fully informed of case studies, giving an overall picture of the needs of families and children.

Staffing - the continued success of the Academy is reliant on the quality of its staff and so the Governors work with the Head Teacher to monitor and review policies and procedures ensuring the very best staff are appointed. Once on the staff team, there is continued development and training. Succession planning is discussed by the Governing Body.

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

Future plans

The New Islington Academy Trust will discontinue operations when the transfer to the Co-op Academies Trust takes place on 1 July 2022.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who is a Governor at the time when this Governors' report is approved has confirmed that:

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

The audit firm Crowe U.K. LLP has been appointed as the Academy Trust's auditor. The audit report has therefore been issued by Crowe U.K. LLP.

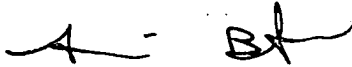
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Auditor

Following the transfer of the School into the Co-op Academies Trust on 1 July 2022, the responsibility for the appointment of the auditors in the future will be with the Co-op Academies Trust.

The Governors' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Governors, as the company directors, on 20 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr M A Boulton
Chair of Governors

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As Governors, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that New Islington Free 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.

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

The Board of Governors 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 New Islington Free School and the Secretary of State for Education. The Head Teacher is also responsible for reporting to the Board of Governors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' report and in the Statement of Governors' responsibilities. The Board of Governors has formally met 6 times during the period.

Attendance during the period at meetings of the Board of Governors was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Dr M A Boulton *, Chair of Governors	6	6
Mr S Foster *	6	6
Mrs L A Hamilton	3	6
Mrs M C Bolton *	6	6
Mrs L Ritchie	5	6
Mrs A Ryan	4	6
Dr N Bhayankaram	4	6
Mr A Shan *	2	3
Mr R Goodaire	3	6
Mr I Ussenuh	6	6
Mrs T Smith, (Ex Officio/CEO) Head Teacher	6	6

The Finance Resources Health & Safety and Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Governors. Its purpose is to establish and monitor appropriate financial policies and procedures; to hold the Academy Trust's management to account for the proper conduct of the Academy Trust's financial activities; to ensure that all financial accounting and auditing is carried out properly. The Finance Resources Health and Safety and Audit Committee reports to the Board of Governors.

Attendance during the period at meetings was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs T Smith	3	3
Mrs M C Bolton	3	3
Mr S Foster	3	3
Dr M A Boulton	3	3
Mr A Shan	1	1

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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 the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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

- Continuous and rigorous appraisal of options for all purchases and negotiation of services has been used to secure the best deal in terms of quality, effectiveness and cost in line with our procurement policy and best practice, and as required, alternative suppliers were sought during the year. Extensive research into all aspects of school managed procurement for the new school premises has resulted in excellent value for money.
- Additional sources of income have been investigated including letting the school.
- Service Level Agreements are reviewed by the Head Teacher and the School Business Manager to ensure the best service at the best price.
- Establishment and maintenance of sound systems of financial governance, including sound and rigorous spending controls, up to date financial records, continuous financial monitoring and timely reporting. Every transaction is scrutinised to establish need and priority of the order as well as overall value for money; only then are orders placed with suppliers.
- The school offers a daily 'Wraparound Care' service to parents which is chargeable. Operating from the school hall from 7.45 am until school lessons start at 8.50 pm, and then from the end of the school day until 6.00 pm, this is a much appreciated and extremely well used facility for the working families that the school serves. Prices are reviewed annually.

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 New Islington Free School for the period 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Governors has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Governors 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 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Governors.

The risk and control framework

The Academy Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The risk and control framework (continued)

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 Governors
- regular reviews by the FRSH&A Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks

The Board of Governors has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has continued to use Tridan Business Concepts Ltd as our Internal Auditor.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems.

On an annual basis, the reviewer reports to the Board of Governors through the FRHSA committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Governors' financial responsibilities and prepares a summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

During the period Tridan Business Concepts Ltd undertook one visit, which included a high level review of existing controls.

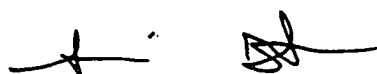
Review of effectiveness

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

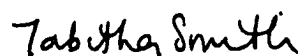
- the work of the reviewer;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the results of the review of the internal control report by the FRHSA Committee and also the plans to address any weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Governors on and signed on their behalf by:



Dr M A Boulton
Chair of Governors



Mrs T Smith
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of New Islington Free School I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Governors and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy Trust, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trusts Handbook 2021.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Governors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trusts Handbook 2021.

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 Governors and ESFA.

Tabitha Smith

Mrs T Smith
Accounting Officer
Date: 20 September 2022

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Governors 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 Governors are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The Governors 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 Governors on 20 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr M A Boulton
Chair of Governors

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of New Islington Free School (the 'academy trust') for the period ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 30 June 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to note 1.2 of the financial statements, which explains that the financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the company is no longer a going concern; as the company transferred its trade, assets and liabilities to an Academies Trust on 1 July 2022 and ceased trading. Our opinion is not modified in this respect. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in note 1.2.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

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 Governors 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW
ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement, the Governors (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors either intend to liquidate the Academy Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Academy Trust operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Academies Accounts Direction and the Academy Trust Handbook. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the Academy Trust's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Academy Trust for fraud. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were General Data Protection Regulation, health and safety legislation, Ofsted and employee legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquire of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing and completeness of income recognition and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Board about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the ESFA, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

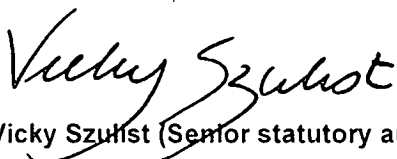
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy Trust's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy Trust's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 Academy Trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Vicky Szulist (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
Crowe U.K. LLP

Statutory Auditor

3rd floor

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Date: 28 September 2022

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO NEW
ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 21 July 2015 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by New Islington Free School during the period 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2022 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 New Islington Free School and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to New Islington Free 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 New Islington Free School and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of New Islington Free School's Accounting Officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of New Islington Free School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 21 May 2013 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, 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 2021 to 2022. 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 2021 to 30 June 2022 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the 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 our conclusion includes a review of the design and implementation of the Academy's internal controls and review processes on regularity, supported by detailed tests on samples of costs incurred by the Academy and specific transactions identified from our review.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO NEW
ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2022 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Crowe UK LLP

Reporting Accountant
Crowe U.K. LLP

Statutory Auditor

Date: *28 September 2022*

NEW ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

		Unrestricted funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Restricted funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
	Note					
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	2,912	-	7,578	10,490	20,766
Other trading activities		98,874	-	-	98,874	74,052
Charitable activities		-	1,634,460	-	1,634,460	1,792,951
Total income		101,786	1,634,460	7,578	1,743,824	1,887,769
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	101,786	1,676,907	136,973	1,915,666	2,078,889
Total expenditure		101,786	1,676,907	136,973	1,915,666	2,078,889
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		-	(42,447)	(129,395)	(171,842)	(191,120)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	23	-	579,000	-	579,000	(10,000)
Net movement in funds		-	536,553	(129,395)	407,158	(201,120)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		-	(193,077)	5,803,629	5,610,552	5,811,672
Net movement in funds		-	536,553	(129,395)	407,158	(201,120)
Total funds carried forward		-	343,476	5,674,234	6,017,710	5,610,552

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

The notes on pages 34 to 61 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	5,665,549	5,802,522
		<u>5,665,549</u>	<u>5,802,522</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	14	80,895	75,070
Cash at bank and in hand		356,451	289,688
		<u>437,346</u>	<u>364,758</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(86,185)	(78,728)
Net current assets		<u>351,161</u>	<u>286,030</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>6,016,710</u>	<u>6,088,552</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset / liability		<u>6,016,710</u>	<u>6,088,552</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / liability	23	1,000	(478,000)
Total net assets		<u><u>6,017,710</u></u>	<u><u>5,610,552</u></u>
Funds of the Academy Trust			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	16	5,674,234	5,803,629
Restricted income funds	16	342,476	284,923
Pension reserve	16	1,000	(478,000)
Total restricted funds	16	<u>6,017,710</u>	<u>5,610,552</u>
Unrestricted income funds	16	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u><u>6,017,710</u></u>	<u><u>5,610,552</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 30 to 61 were approved by the Governors, and authorised for issue on 20 September 2022 and are signed on their behalf, by:

 
Dr M A Boulton
Chair of Governors


Mrs T Smith
Accounting Officer

The notes on pages 34 to 61 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	18	59,185	40,763
Cash flows from investing activities	19	7,578	(81,990)
		<u>66,763</u>	<u>(41,227)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period		66,763	(41,227)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		289,688	330,915
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	20, 21	<u><u>356,451</u></u>	<u><u>289,688</u></u>

The notes on pages 34 to 61 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

1. Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

As explained in note 26, the academy transferred its trade, assets and liabilities to an Academies Trust on 1 July 2022. The school continued as part of Co-op Academies Trust but New Islington Free School ceased trading from this date. As required by UK accounting standards, the directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is no longer a going concern. No material adjustments arose as a result of ceasing to apply the going concern basis. All assets and liabilities were transferred to Co-op Academies Trust at their carrying amounts.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

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

- **Grants**

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of financial activities in the 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.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

- **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

1.6 Taxation

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

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

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold property	- 50 years straight line
Furniture and equipment	- 7 years straight line
Computer equipment	- 3 years straight line

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

1.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.10 Liabilities

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

1.11 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. 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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Pensions

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

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

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

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

1.13 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 Governors.

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

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

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 23, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 30 June 2022. 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.

In the view of the Governors there are no further assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets or liabilities at the balance sheet date that are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £
Donations	2,912	-	2,912
Capital Grants	-	7,578	7,578
	<u>2,912</u>	<u>7,578</u>	<u>10,490</u>

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3. Income from donations and capital grants (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted fixed asset funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>
Donations	13,256	-	13,256
Capital Grants	-	7,510	7,510
	<u>13,256</u>	<u>7,510</u>	<u>20,766</u>

4. Funding for the Academy Trust's funding for educational operations

	<i>Restricted funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £</i>
DfE/ESFA grants		
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,395,157	1,395,157
Other DfE	25,607	25,607
Pupil Premium	73,770	73,770
PE Grant	18,710	18,710
UIFSM	50,851	50,851
	<u>1,564,095</u>	<u>1,564,095</u>
Other Government grants		
Local authority grants	70,365	70,365
	<u>70,365</u>	<u>70,365</u>
	<u>1,634,460</u>	<u>1,634,460</u>

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4. Funding for the Academy Trust's funding for educational operations (continued)

	<i>Restricted funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>
DfE/ESFA grants		
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,458,143	1,458,143
Other Dfe Grants	15,330	15,330
Pupil Premium	75,789	75,789
PE Grant	18,510	18,510
UFSM	62,244	62,244
Teachers Pay grants	56,348	56,348
	<u>1,686,364</u>	<u>1,686,364</u>
Other Government grants		
Local Authority grant	76,098	76,098
	<u>76,098</u>	<u>76,098</u>
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)		
Catch-up Premium	25,760	25,760
	<u>25,760</u>	<u>25,760</u>
COVID-19 additional funding (non-DfE/ESFA)		
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	4,729	4,729
	<u>4,729</u>	<u>4,729</u>
Total 2021	<u><u>1,792,951</u></u>	<u><u>1,792,951</u></u>

The Academy received £0 (2021: £25,760) of funding for catch-up premium and costs incurred in respect of this funding totalled £0 (2021: £25,670).

The Academy furloughed some of its wraparound staff under the government's CJRS. The funding received of £0 (2021: £4,729) relates to staff costs in respect of 2 staff members which are included within note 10 below as appropriate.

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5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £
Catering income	17,930	17,930
Trip income	5,772	5,772
Wrap-around income	67,853	67,853
Other income	5,459	5,459
Lettings income	1,860	1,860
	<u>98,874</u>	<u>98,874</u>
	Unrestricted funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £	Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Catering income	12,847	12,847
Trip income	1,205	1,205
Wrap-around income	34,290	34,290
Other income	25,710	25,710
	<u>74,052</u>	<u>74,052</u>

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6. Expenditure

	Staff Costs Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Premises Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Other Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total Period Ended 30 June 2022 £
Funding for Educational Operations:				
Direct costs	714,875	-	107,861	822,736
Allocated support costs	553,759	285,075	254,096	1,092,930
	<u>1,268,634</u>	<u>285,075</u>	<u>361,957</u>	<u>1,915,666</u>

	Staff Costs Year Ended 31 August 2021 £	Premises Year Ended 31 August 2021 £	Other Year Ended 31 August 2021 £	Total Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Funding for Educational Operations:				
Direct costs	779,954	-	62,696	842,650
Allocated support costs	705,004	319,134	212,101	1,236,239
	<u>1,484,958</u>	<u>319,134</u>	<u>274,797</u>	<u>2,078,889</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Restricted funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £
Funding for Educational Operations	<u>101,786</u>	<u>1,813,880</u>	<u>1,915,666</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>
Funding for Educational Operations	<u>87,308</u>	<u>1,991,581</u>	<u>2,078,889</u>

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<i>Activities undertaken directly Period Ended 30 June 2022 £</i>	<i>Support costs Period Ended 30 June 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £</i>
Funding for Educational Operations	<u>822,736</u>	<u>1,092,930</u>	<u>1,915,666</u>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Support costs Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>
Funding for Educational Operations	<u>842,650</u>	<u>1,236,239</u>	<u>2,078,889</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Funding for Education Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £
Staff costs	714,875	714,875
Educational supplies and services	99,881	99,881
Staff development	7,980	7,980
	<u>822,736</u>	<u>822,736</u>

	<i>Funding for Education Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £</i>
Wages and salaries	779,954	779,954
Educational supplies and services	56,024	56,024
Staff development	6,672	6,672
	<u>842,650</u>	<u>842,650</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Funding for Education Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Total funds Period Ended 30 June 2022 £
Wages and salaries	553,759	553,759
Other support costs	127,758	127,758
Technology costs	20,271	20,271
Premises costs	148,103	148,103
Professional services	98,346	98,346
Legal costs	7,720	7,720
Depreciation	136,973	136,973
	<u>1,092,930</u>	<u>1,092,930</u>
	Funding for Education Year Ended 31 August 2021 £	Total funds Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Wages and salaries	703,004	703,004
Other support costs	113,914	113,914
Technology costs	19,342	19,342
Premises costs	153,079	153,079
Professional services	70,204	70,204
Legal costs	10,641	10,641
Depreciation	166,055	166,055
	<u>1,236,239</u>	<u>1,236,239</u>

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9. Net expenditure

Net expenditure for the period includes:

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	136,973	166,055
Fees paid to auditor for:		
- audit	6,900	6,360
- other services	1,400	2,190
	<u>136,973</u>	<u>166,055</u>

10. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the period were as follows:

	Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Wages and salaries	898,979	1,080,217
Social security costs	77,480	98,707
Pension costs	247,946	280,562
	<u>1,224,405</u>	<u>1,459,486</u>
Agency staff costs	44,229	23,472
	<u>1,268,634</u>	<u>1,482,958</u>

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

	Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Severance payments	-	46,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>46,000</u>

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10. Staff (continued)

b. Staff numbers

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

	Period Ended 30 June 2022 No.	Year Ended 31 August 2021 No.
Teachers	16	16
Education support	23	21
Administration and clerical support	11	7
	<u>50</u>	<u>44</u>

c. Higher paid staff

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

	Period Ended 30 June 2022 No.	Year Ended 31 August 2021 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

The above employee participated in the Teachers' Pension scheme. During the period ended 30 June 2022 pension scheme contributions amounted to £15,778 (2021 - £18,470).

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Governors and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £193,292 (2021 - £233,214).

11. Governors' remuneration and expenses

One or more Governors has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy Trust. The Head Teacher and other staff Governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Head Teacher and staff members under their contracts of employment. The value of Governors' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

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11. Governors' remuneration and expenses (continued)

		Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Mrs T Smith, Head Teacher	Remuneration	65,000 - 70,000	75,000 - 80,000
	Pension contributions paid	15,000 - 20,000	15,000 - 20,000
Mrs L Ritchie	Remuneration	30,000 - 35,000	30,000 - 35,000
	Pension contributions paid	5,000 - 10,000	5,000 - 10,000

During the period ended 30 June 2022, no Governor expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

12. Governors' 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 membership.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2021	6,293,906	224,223	210,801	6,728,930
At 30 June 2022	6,293,906	224,223	210,801	6,728,930
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2021	626,701	105,093	194,614	926,408
Charge for the period	104,898	21,436	10,639	136,973
At 30 June 2022	731,599	126,529	205,253	1,063,381

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13. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Net book value				
At 30 June 2022	5,562,307	97,694	5,548	5,665,549
At 31 August 2021	5,667,205	119,130	16,187	5,802,522

14. Debtors

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	19,378	7,251
Prepayments and accrued income	61,517	67,819
	<u>80,895</u>	<u>75,070</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
Trade creditors	38,054	2,123
ESFA creditor: abatement of GAG (pupil number adjustment)	4,293	-
Accruals and deferred income	43,838	76,605
	<u>86,185</u>	<u>78,728</u>

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16. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	-	101,786	(101,786)	-	-
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	241,141	1,395,157	(1,337,604)	-	298,694
Pupil premium	-	73,770	(73,770)	-	-
Other grants	43,782	165,533	(165,533)	-	43,782
Pension reserve	(478,000)	-	(100,000)	579,000	1,000
	(193,077)	1,634,460	(1,676,907)	579,000	343,476
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Restricted fixed asset fund	5,802,522	-	(136,973)	-	5,665,549
Devolved formula capital	1,107	7,578	-	-	8,685
	5,803,629	7,578	(136,973)	-	5,674,234
Total Restricted funds	5,610,552	1,642,038	(1,813,880)	579,000	6,017,710
Total funds	5,610,552	1,743,824	(1,915,666)	579,000	6,017,710

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

Restricted general funds are those that have been set by the grant provider in meeting the objects of the Academy and are restricted to both the day to day running of the Academy and capital expenditure.

Restricted fixed asset funds provide for the installation, maintenance and repair of the fixed assets of the Academy.

Unrestricted funds are those which the Board of Governors may use in the pursuance of the Academy's objectives and are expendable at the discretion of the Governors.

The transfer of £0 (2021: £82,750) from Restricted General funds to Restricted Fixed Asset funds relates to assets purchased in the prior year funded from restricted funds and non-capital assets purchased in the year, funded from the Devolved Capital Grant.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 30 June 2022.

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	-	87,308	(87,308)	-	-	-
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	251,468	1,458,141	(1,385,718)	(82,750)	-	241,141
Pupil premium	-	75,789	(75,789)	-	-	-
Other grants	48,780	232,501	(237,499)	-	-	43,782
COVID-19 - Catch up premium	-	25,760	(25,760)	-	-	-
COVID-19 - CJRS	-	760	(760)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(368,000)	-	(100,000)	-	(10,000)	(478,000)
	(67,752)	1,792,951	(1,825,526)	(82,750)	(10,000)	(193,077)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Restricted fixed asset fund	5,878,706	-	(166,055)	89,871	-	5,802,522
Devolved formula capital	718	7,510	-	(7,121)	-	1,107
	5,879,424	7,510	(166,055)	82,750	-	5,803,629
Total Restricted funds	5,811,672	1,800,461	(1,991,581)	-	(10,000)	5,610,552
Total funds	5,811,672	1,887,769	(2,078,889)	-	(10,000)	5,610,552

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 30 June 2022 £	Restricted funds 30 June 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 30 June 2022 £	Total funds 30 June 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,665,549	5,665,549
Current assets	4,293	424,368	8,685	437,346
Creditors due within one year	(4,293)	(81,892)	-	(86,185)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	1,000	-	1,000
Total	-	343,476	5,674,234	6,017,710

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Restricted funds 31 August 2021 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 31 August 2021 £	Total funds 31 August 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	5,802,522	5,802,522
Current assets	363,651	1,107	364,758
Creditors due within one year	(78,728)	-	(78,728)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(478,000)	-	(478,000)
Total	(193,077)	5,803,629	5,610,552

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18. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of financial activities)	(171,842)	(191,120)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	136,973	166,055
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(7,578)	(7,510)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	92,000	93,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	8,000	7,000
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(5,825)	(21,144)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	7,457	(5,518)
Net cash provided by operating activities	59,185	40,763

19. Cash flows from investing activities

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
Purchase of intangible assets	-	(89,500)
Capital grants from DfE Group	7,578	7,510
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	7,578	(81,990)

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
Cash in hand and at bank	356,451	289,688
Total cash and cash equivalents	356,451	289,688

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 30 June 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	289,688	66,763	356,451
	<u>289,688</u>	<u>66,763</u>	<u>356,451</u>

22. Capital commitments

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	<u>46,570</u>	<u>-</u>

23. Pension commitments

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 Manchester City Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2019.

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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23. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £107,388 (2021 - £127,458).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy 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.

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23. Pension commitments (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the period ended 30 June 2022 was £63,000 (2021 - £81,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £48,000 (2021 - £60,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 15,000 (2021 - £20,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18.3% per cent for employers and 5.5% - 12.5% per cent for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

Greater Manchester Pension Fund

	2022 %	2021 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.5	3.5
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.7	2.7
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.0	1.7

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

	2022 Years	2021 Years
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	19.4	19.8
Females	22.4	21
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	20.5	22.7
Females	24.3	24.6

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23. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Discount rate -0.1%	18,000	31,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	23,000	41,000
CPI rate +0.1%	18,000	31,000

Share of scheme assets

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

	Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Equities	397,120	396,890
Debt instruments	75,920	83,850
Property	52,560	39,130
Cash and other liquid assets	58,400	39,130
Total market value of assets	584,000	559,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £8,000 (2021 - £7,000).

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

	Period Ended 30 June 2022 £	Year Ended 31 August 2021 £
Current service cost	(140,000)	(153,000)
Interest income	8,000	7,000
Interest cost	(16,000)	(14,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	(148,000)	(160,000)

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

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
At 1 September	1,037,000	764,000
Current service cost	140,000	153,000
Interest cost	16,000	14,000
Employee contributions	15,000	20,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	(622,000)	89,000
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(3,000)
At 30 June	583,000	1,037,000

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

	30 June 2022 £	31 August 2021 £
At 1 September	559,000	396,000
Interest income	8,000	7,000
Actuarial (losses)/gains	(43,000)	79,000
Employer contributions	48,000	60,000
Employee contributions	15,000	20,000
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(3,000)
At 30 June	584,000	559,000

24. Members' liability

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

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25. Related party transactions

Two of the Academy's Governors acted as Governors for the Manchester Grammar School, which is the sponsor of New Islington Free School.

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

There was also a related party transaction occurring between the School and Denis Kenny, the father of two employees of the school, including a member of the senior management team, who was employed as an emergency plumber during the year.

The total value of the transactions between the School and Denis during the year was £259.36, of which £0 was outstanding at the year end.

26. Post Balance Sheet Events

On 1 July 2022, the entire operations, assets and liabilities of the trust were transferred at nil consideration to Co-op Academies Trust, an exempt charity registered in England and Wales. All staff members were transferred under TUPE regulations to Co-op Academies Trust on the same date.