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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015 **FOR**

CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

MEMBERS

S Pollard

M Carrington (resigned 01/09/14)

P A Barnard C Bateman A Shakespeare J Kelly

GOVERNORS

P A Barnard C Bateman * J Kelly * S Pollard *

A Shakespeare (Chair of Governors) *

M Adams-Thomas

J Genas (resigned 30/9/14)

A Snuggs *
A Price *
T Henry *

D Thompson (appointed 15/1/15)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

C Bateman - Headteacher S Pollard - Deputy Headteacher W Rowe - Deputy Headteacher J Kelly - Assistant Headteacher J Lloyd - Assistant Headteacher

ADVISERS

BANKERS

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The governors who are also directors of the academy trust for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the academy trust for the year ended 31 August 2015. The governors have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency.

The Academy Trust's principal activity is the provision of primary education for children aged 4-11 in Lewsey Farm, Luton and the surrounding areas in accordance with section 78 of the Education Act of 2002. In addition to this we also provide early years education for children aged 3-4. It has a pupil capacity of 540 + 78 Nursery places and had a roll of 531 children in the main school and 61 Nursery pupils in the January 2015 Census.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The trustees of Chantry Primary Academy Trust Limited are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Chantry Primary Academy.

Details of the trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

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 Governors are indemnified in respect of their duties on behalf of Chantry Primary Academy to the extent that they are covered within the specific provisions contained within the Insurance Policy arranged through Zurich Insurance Brokers.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Governors

Any new Governors will be appointed in accordance with guidelines set out in the Funding Agreement. The Headteacher shall be treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Governor.

Parent Governors are invited for nomination and if required are elected by secret Ballot by parents of registered pupils at the Academy. The arrangement made for the election of a Parent Governor provides for every person who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so by having his/her ballot paper returned to the Academy Trust by a registered pupil at the Academy

Staff Governors are invited for nomination and if required are elected by secret Ballot of all staff employed under a contract of employment or a contract of service or otherwise engaged to provide services to the Academy (excluding the Headteacher). All arrangements for the calling and the conduct of the election and resolution of questions as to whether any person is an eligible candidate is determined by the Governors. If a Staff Governor ceases to work for the Academy then he/she is deemed to have resigned and shall cease to be a Governor automatically on termination of his/her work at the Academy.

Community Governors are appointed to ensure that there is representation from the wider community on the board of Governors. These Governors are often selected for their particular skills, knowledge or expertise. Appointments are made by the members.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Governors

A Governor Induction Policy has been approved by the Governing Body and an Induction File is provided with all necessary documents. In this file Governors are provided with information from Governor Support, recent minutes, school finance manual, school development plan and other key documents. New Governors are offered support prior and during meetings. Governor Induction Courses as provided through Luton Borough Council's Governors Services are recommended to all Governors.

Organisational Structure

The board of trustees is made up of twelve members. The board provides the strategic direction overall on school matters and is seen as a critical friend for the Headteacher (Accounting Officer). The board has two main sub committees, Resources and Curriculum. Each committee reports back to the main board of trustees. The board are responsible for the teaching and learning delivery throughout the school. There is a further sub-committee for Pay, which meets as required and makes decisions in accordance with the pay policy.

The Headteacher, together with her Strategic Leadership Team, is tasked with the operational running of the school on a day to day basis and reports back through the governance structure outlined in the terms of reference.

Connected Organisations including Related Party Relationships

Chantry Primary Academy is part of the West Area Partnership. This is a group of schools organised geographically, by the Local Authority, to manage Local Authority funding delegated to the partnership for purposes of behaviour management within the group of schools. The partnership fund Chantry's New Horizons Behaviour Provision budget, which for 2014-15 was £220,000 with an additional £18,000 for additional outreach work. The behaviour support provided through this is monitored by the head teachers of the schools in the partnerships. Chantry has a three year Service Level Agreement in place with regard to the funding.

Chantry works in a partnership with the Local Authority to provide educational provision for pupils with Visual Impairment across Luton. The academy is funded for 12 pupil places at £10,000 per place plus £5,669 per place, with any additional places funded on a top-up basis at the combined rate of £15,669. In addition to this, the Local Authority funds the Academy at a rate of £38,000 to provide outreach work to schools and families across Luton. The Local Authority monitors the quality of provision and outreach. The academy has a Service Level Agreement in place for this provision.

As a National Support School, Chantry has supported the improvement of Whitefield Primary School in Luton. The support included deployment of the Headteacher, a National Leader of Education, the Deputy Headteacher, a Specialist Leader of Education, our second Deputy Headteacher and our Leading Practitioner for Mathematics who is also a Specialist Leader in Education. This work attracted payments totalling £23,404 for this work. In addition, the Academy seconded a teacher into the school to provide further support.

Risk Management Policy

A risk register has been completed and the board of governors have established a pattern for reviewing the register in order to monitor the activities of the school and the actions being taken to mitigate risk to the organisation. A diarised meeting structure for the governing body, along with agendas and minutes support a clear accountability framework.

Notable areas of risk include a significant drop in pupil numbers (due to demographic change or reputation risks), a drop in funding, or potential loss of the ICT infrastructure. All risks are monitored as part of the governors' cycle of monitoring and reporting.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and Objectives

At Chantry we make it our mission to provide a safe, structured, supportive environment for children to learn, flourish and grow as individuals. This is achieved through collaboration between all staff and pupils, through Chantry's Values Programme and a caring 'family' approach.

Chantry aims to be the best provider of education that it can be, with a strong emphasis on basic skills whilst educating the whole child with the focus being - 'Learning for Life'. This motto encompasses our commitment to developing social skills, citizenship and strong values, while also promoting achievement and enjoyment through our book based creative curriculum. We also often add the word 'Values' to our motto - 'Learning Values for Life'.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

School Priorities 2015-16

- Improve outcomes in Early Years Foundation Stage 'Good level of Development'
- Raise attainment in Writing
- Raise attainment in Maths
- Raise attainment and achievement of disadvantaged pupils
- Improve teacher subject knowledge in mathematics and writing

Public benefit

As a non-selective state-funded school, Chantry Primary Academy's work is in the public's benefit. The academy offers a broad and balanced curriculum and a wealth of extra-curricular and enrichment activities to all its students of all abilities and from varied socio-economic backgrounds. The academy also has regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit beyond the core provision of education to its students, and endeavours to be at the heart of its community and fosters many collaborative links with community and other stakeholder groups.

The Board also ensure the school fully complies with the conditions of grant laid down within its Funding Agreement and will also pursue alternative sources of funding as appropriate, consistent with the school's core aims and values.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

The Achievement of Pupils is good. Our 2015 data is very positive overall with some areas for further development. Our current pupil data shows all cohorts are making good progress with some making accelerated/outstanding progress.

Using the EYFS assessment 'emerging', 'expected' and 'exceeding' descriptors teachers made assessments of pupil achievement which was moderated by the local Authority. We know that our pupils have a low starting point but teachers plan carefully to support children's early learning. This year has seen improvements in our outcomes in many areas. 69% of pupils reaching the expected level or better in Reading (equal to last year), 60% in Writing (an increase of 9% from last year) and 70% in Numbers (an increase of 5% from last year). Our pupils' early strength areas are in Moving and Handling (89%), Health and Self Care (84%) and Technology (90%). Despite these strengths, only 51% of our pupils have entered Key Stage 1 performing at a 'good level of development' (reaching 'expected or better in all three prime areas and the specific areas of maths and literacy). This is an increase on last year's 44% but is still below the national average (2014) of 60%.

In Key Stage 1, the outcomes from the Year 1 phonics screening show that 80% of children are working at the required standard and we now have 88% of our Year 2 cohort performing at the expected level. Both of these figures as improved from 2014's results.

Key Stage I data shows that the Average Point Score (APS) has increased in all subjects, from 14.7 - 14.8 in writing, 15.9 to 16.1 in reading and 15.6-15.8 in maths. Reading was one of our main priorities last year remains at the heart of our curriculum. The Pupil Premium funded, school-wide 'Read-on' initiative had a major impact in closing the gap for individual pupils. Our RED (Read Every Day) initiative had further impact across the school by promoting regular daily practice of reading.

Key Stage 2 trend data shows that children make good progress in reading, writing and maths. Excellent progress has been made by learners in Reading with 95% of pupils making expected progress and 27% making better than expected. In Mathematics progress was good with 87% of pupils making expected progress and 30% making better than expected. In writing 98% of pupils made expected progress and 22% made better than expected. We were very pleased to have 90% of our pupils reaching level 4 in Reading, with 88% achieving this in Writing and 89% in Maths. Although this is a slight decrease on last year's outcomes, it represents excellent progress for the pupils who had lower KS1 outcomes than the cohort from 2014. Pupil performance in the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test was highly positive with 85% or pupils achieving level 4 (9% higher than the 2014 national average), a significant 63% of pupils achieved level 5 (9% higher than the national average) and 7% of pupils achieved level 6 (3% higher than national).

The results for reading, although lower than last year, indicate great progress by pupils. We believe that this is due to the continuation of 'Read-on' as an intervention across the school, addressing underachievement and the RED Award initiative which ensured that daily practise of reading is promoted and encouraged. These types of approaches have been developed to promote progress in writing through 'The Daily Write' and we will soon be launching a programme to rehearse known facts and practise aspects of mathematics, such as times tables.

Our Pupil Premium spend shows impact over time with results indicating that eligible pupils have made better than expected progress over time. In reading our disadvantaged pupils have a value added score of 13.2 APS since KS1 compared to 13.4 by 'other' pupils, in writing 13.1 compared to 13.5 and in Maths 12.7 compared to 13.4.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Financial performance

The Resources Committee monitors financial performance including actual income and expenditure against the budget plan ensuring that adequate reserves are held to cover unexpected or unforeseen expenditure. Management accounts are submitted to the Board of Governors for review.

The following ratios are monitored by the Finance & Business Manager on a monthly basis.

- Performance of actual income/expenditure against profile
- Surplus/deficit of income over expenditure (expressed as a monetary value and also as a % of total income)

The academy trust benchmarks financial data against other similar sized primary schools and a review of 2014/2015 financial data concluded that overall, income and expenditure was broadly average for similar schools.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Governing Body has been satisfied that the School has adequate resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the school continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing financial statements. Further details of the going concern can be seen in the Statement of Accounting Principles.

Key financial performance indicators

The main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the Balance Sheet date. In particular the management of spending against the GAG (General Annual Grant) requires specific attention as the amount of carry forward is restricted to 12% amounts exceeding this are clawed back by the department of education. In the period under review there was no breach in the terms of funding in relation to the General Annual Grant, as stated within the Funding Agreement.

Another key performance indicator is staffing costs as a percentage of the GAG and this was 77.58% (2014: 78.16%) for the period against which this report is submitted.

The school has made extensive use of solar panels and energy performance statistics are consistently monitored. The Academy's Display Energy Certificate rating has improved to 78 from 99 in 2014 and in addition, the electricity produced from the solar panels contributes approximately 19% of the total electricity used.

The school looks to maintain consistent levels of staffing, and this is borne out by the school's ability to quickly fill vacancies as they arise. In 2015 there was 23 starters (2014: 27) and 20 leavers (2014: 8).

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees intend to build up a prudent level of reserves over a period of time and will review the reserves policy annually.

The target level of reserves is 7% of total income (£275,000) to provide against unexpected emergencies or sudden changes to roll.

The Trustees review the reserve policy of the Academy Trust annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees determine what the appropriate level of uncommitted reserves should be. The aims are (i) to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants, (ii) to provide contingency funding for unexpected emergencies, (iii) to remain appropriately funded over the medium term in order to deliver the Academy Trust's Plan and (iv) to provide funding capacity for future estate maintenance and planned capital investment.

As part of its annual business planning the Academy Trust runs a sensitivity analysis to ensure the school remains appropriately funded over the medium term based on a number of scenarios. The Trustees have reviewed these reserve levels and believes that they should provide sufficient working capital to cover its stated aims. Under normal circumstances the Trustees would aim to maintain available reserves (combining GAG related and unrestricted reserves) equivalent to no less than 6 weeks of annual expenditure. This level will be reviewed annually in light of prevailing risks and Plan developments. In addition to this the reserves will also be used toward improving sporting facilities at the School for Curriculum based activities.

Funds in deficit
Local Government Pension Scheme

Due to the accounting rules for the Local Government Pension Scheme under FRS17, the Academy is recognising a significant pension fund deficit of £887,000 (2014: £767,000). This does not mean that an immediate liability for this amount crystallises and that such a deficit generally results in a cash flow effect in the form of increased employer contributions over a number of years. The recognition of this deficit has no direct impact on the free reserves of the Academy Trust.

Principal funding sources

The Academy has total reliance on continued government funding through the EFA.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Investment policy and objectives

The school does not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity; rather it is the result of good stewardship as and when circumstances allow.

The purpose of the policy is to:

- Ensure adequate cash balances are maintained in the current account to cover day-to-day working capital requirements.
- Ensure there is no risk of loss in the capital value of any cash funds invested" Protect the capital value of any invested funds against inflation.
- Optimise returns on invested funds.
- Invest surplus cash funds to optimise returns, but ensuring the investments are such that there is no risk to the loss of these cash funds. Any cash funds surplus to requirements may be invested in instant access interest-bearing accounts held with named providers.
- Cash flow and account balances must be monitored to ensure financial commitments can be met
- Accounts should not be allowed to go overdrawn.
- Funds surplus to immediate cash requirements should be transferred to an account with a higher interest rate
- Interest rates and investment opportunities should be reviewed at least annually.
- Funds should only be invested in risk-free, easily accessible accounts.
- Investments must be recorded in sufficient detail to identify them and enable their current market value to be calculated.

The Board of Trustees is conscious of the need to safeguard public monies and speculative investment is not permitted. The Academy has a policy of investing its cash balances with a view to maximising returns, but where greater weight is assigned to the safety of the investment. The Academy aims to manage its cash balances to provide for the day-to-day working capital requirements of its operations, whilst protecting the real long-term value of any surplus cash balances against inflation. In addition, the Academy aims to invest surplus cash funds to optimise returns, but ensuring the investments are such that there is no risk to the loss of these cash funds.

Where the cash flow identifies a base level of cash funds that will be surplus to requirements these are transferred to the liquidity account linked to the current account providing a higher rate of interest for reserve funds. This account is held with Natwest Bank

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the School, and its finances. The Governors have implemented a number of systems, including the Risk Register, to assess risks that the school faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and school trips) and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced systems including operational procedures (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors) and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risks still remain they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. They are satisfied that these systems are consistent with guidelines issued by the Charities Commission.

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The School has undertaken work during the year to develop and embed the system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management of the School which is designed to protect the School's assets and reputation.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

STRATEGIC REPORT

Plans for future periods

The primary driver for Chantry Primary Academy Trust is to enhance the educational experience and outcomes of the pupils. The Accounting Officer, Trustees and Governors of the Trust constantly monitor its outcomes benchmarked against similar schools and look to improve the quality of what we provide. Our aim is always to improve the quality of learning experience for all of our pupils and to ensure that each pupil reaches their full potential in the hope of entering the next phase of their education with the skills and attributes needed to secure their future success.

Chantry enjoys a positive relationship with parents and it is essential that this is both fostered and developed in order to secure the best outcomes for our pupils.

Maintaining and extending an outstanding curriculum and extra-curricular offer to our pupils remains at the heart of what we do. The Chantry curriculum and enhancement programme is developing all the time to be relevant and responsive to pupil needs and curriculum developments. We aim to increase participation rates in all of our out of hour's activities and to ensure that the most challenged children have the chance to take part in a broad range of activities.

As a National Support School and member of the Luton First Teaching School Alliance, Chantry aims to look outward as much as looking inward, to share knowledge and expertise to benefit schools and educational establishments outside of our own school. In this way, the Trust can act as a hub of good practice whilst being challenged to perform at its very best, having a positive impact on the practice and expertise of our own team.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The Governors have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware. Each of the Governors have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Governors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Landers Accountants Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the governors, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of governors, as the company directors, on 26 November 2015 and signed on the board's behalf by:

A Shakespeare - Chair of Governors

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

Scope of Responsibility

As governors, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) 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 of loss.

The board of the governors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) and the Secretary of State for Education. They are 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 Report of the Governors and in the Statement of Governors Responsibilities. The board of governors has formally met 6 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of governors was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible	
A Shakespeare	5	6	
C Bateman	5	6	
P Barnard	6	6	
S Pollard	6	6	
J Kelly	6	6	
A Snuggs	5	6	
A Price	6	6	
T Henry	6	6	
M Adams-Thomas	4	6	
D Thompson	1	2	

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a sub-committee of the main governing body. Its purpose is to monitor, review the financial position and reports presented to the committee and to make recommendations to the Governing Body.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
A Shakespeare	4	5
C Bateman	5	5 .
P Barnard	5	5
S Pollard	5	5
J Kelly	4	5
T Henry	5	5
D Thompson	3	4

An internal audit of Governor Skills took place in November 2014 and the actions arising from this exercise are to be determined.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

Review of Value for Money

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

- The combining of a number of smaller jobs into an overall project using the same project manager as already on site for our continued expansion which is being funded by the LA. By using the same project management company at a competitive rate, we were able to achieve value for money in terms of time spent on CAD planning and drawings and economy of time in terms of project meetings. With a known list of contractors to go out to tender for the overall project, best value was achieved in a number of ways.
- Developing a strategy to provide for an effective delivery of PE in our limited accommodation through our governors. With one school hall to deliver assemblies, lunch service and a PE curriculum to 617 pupils, the Academy has been exploring the feasibility of building a sports hall on the school grounds. Alongside this feasibility, governors have worked with the LA to consider the option of refurbishing the hall in the adjacent building which has already been accommodating our additional classes in the expansion. Completing the project in this way allows for additional PE and hall space at a fraction of the cost of a new build.
- Collaborating with a partnership of schools to improve behaviour and to raise standards. We have been able to achieve best value in providing joint training for teachers by bringing teams together with a speaker or trainer paid for jointly across schools, therefore reducing the cost to each individual school.
- Carefully considering advertising options. As a large school with distinct features such as special provision for Visual Impairment and special provision for Behaviour, Chantry has a very high level of staffing to meet the demands of a large school with high levels of need in its pupils. As staff leave over time, we need to advertise for replacements. Each time we place an advertisement for a new member of staff we give time to consider whether low cost or free options such as social media would reach the desired audience. In addition, we combine advertising for multiple posts as often as possible in order to achieve best value.

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 Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

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 on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 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's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability In particular, it includes:

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

The board of governors has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided:

- not to appoint an internal auditor. However the governors have appointed Landers Accountants Ltd, the external auditor, to perform additional checks.

The auditors role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial statements. On a quarterly basis, the auditor reports to the board of trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Review of Effectiveness

As accounting officer the head teacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of responsible officer;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the senior leadership team within the Academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the finance and general purposes committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

Approved by order of the members of the board of Governing Body on 26 November 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

A Shakespeare - Chair of Governors

C Bateman - Accounting Officer

STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

As accounting officer of Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of governors and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.

I confirm that I and the academy trust board of governors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook.

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 EFA.

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C Bateman - Accounting Officer

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The governors (who act as trustees of Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Governors and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education 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 academy trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the academy trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the governors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP 2005;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the academy trust will continue in business.

The governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the academy trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the academy trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the academy trust 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 academy trust 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 the EFA have been applied for the purposes intended.

The governors are required to state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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Approved by order of the board of governors on 26 November 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

A Shakespeare - Chair of Governors

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

We have audited the financial statements of Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) for the year ended 31 August 2015. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

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

Respective responsibilities of governors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Governors Responsibilities, the governors (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the academy trust's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the governors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Governors to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Basis for qualified opinion on financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework when reporting in accordance with a compliance framework except for the possible effects of the matter reported by exception.

Qualified opinion on financial statements

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Matters on which we are required to report by exception paragraph, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy trust's affairs as at 31 August 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the EFA.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Governors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

The auditor is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to conclude that the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to the non-existence of an adequate lease agreement being in place for the new building from the appropriate local authority.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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.

R Brown (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Landers Accountants Ltd (Statutory Auditor)
Church View Chambers
38 Market Square
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Bedfordshire
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26 November 2015

Note:

The maintenance and integrity of the Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) website is the responsibility of the trustees; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA), as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 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 Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) and the EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) and the EFA 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 Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee) and the EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee)'s accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Chantry Primary Academy Trust (company limited by guarantee)'s funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2014, 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 2014 to 2015. 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 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the EFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- reviewing the Minutes of the meetings of the Governing Body and other evidence made available to us, relevant to our consideration of regularity
- a review of the objectives and activities of the Academy, with reference to the income streams and other information available to us as auditors of the Academy
- testing of a sample of payroll payments to staff
- testing of a sample of payments to suppliers and other third parties
- testing of a sample of grants received and other income streams
- evaluating the internal control procedures and reporting lines, testing as appropriate and making appropriate enquiries of the Accounting Officer

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Landers Accountants Ltd Church View Chambers 38 Market Square Toddington Bedfordshire

26 November 2015

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

					2015	2014
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Not es	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES Incoming resources from						
generated funds Voluntary income	3	1,173	_	9,999	11,172	11,183
Activities for generating funds	4	79,832	-	-	79,832	60,372
Investment income	5	1,372	-	-	1,372	2,387
Incoming resources from charitable activities		,			,	,
Academy's educational operations	6	_	3,723,465	23,405	3,746,870	3,366,716
Other incoming resources	U	3,334	73,693		77,027	60,999
Total incoming resources		85,711	3,797,158	33,404	3,916,273	3,501,657
RESOURCES EXPENDED Costs of generating funds Costs of generating voluntary						
income Charitable activities Academy's educational	8	53,988	-	-	53,988	57,734
operations	9	14,573	3,471,908	115,589	3,602,070	3,441,501
Governance costs	10		50,004	-	50,004	33,223
Other resources expended			995		995	10,898
Total resources expended	7	68,561	3,522,907	115,589	3,707,057	3,543,356
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		17,150	274,251	(82,185)	209,216	(41,699)
Gross transfers between fund	s 21	•	(106,840)	106,840	•	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses		17,150	167,411	24,655	209,216	(41,699)
Other recognised gains/losses Actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit schemes		-	(67,000)	-	(67,000)	(121,000)

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

				Restricted	2015	2014
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	fixed asset funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Not es	£	£	£	£	£
Net movement in funds		17,150	100,411	24,655	142,216	(162,699)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		212,438	(685,967)	3,426,886	2,953 <u>,</u> 357	3,116,056
						,
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		229,588	(585,556)	3,451,541	3,095,573	2,953,357

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All of the Academy Trust's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) (REGISTERED NUMBER: 08133360)

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	14	3,451,541	3,426,886
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	15	185,889 721,428	163,990 406,878
		907,317	570,868
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one		(20, 20, 5)	(274.7(0)
year	16	(376,285)	(274,768)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		531,032	296,100
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,982,573	3,722,986
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	-	(2,629)
PENSION LIABILITY	22	(887,000)	(767,000)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		3,095,573	2,953,357
FUNDS Unrestricted funds:	21	*	
General fund Restricted funds:		229,589	212,438
Restricted pension fund General Annual Grant (GAG)		(887,000) 301,443	(767,000) 81,033
Endowment funds:		(585,557)	(685,967)
Restricted fixed asset funds		3,451,541	3,426,886
TOTAL FUNDS	•	3,095,573	2,953,357

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED AT 31 AUGUST 2015

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Governors on 26 November 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

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C Bateman -Governor

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

Net cash inflow from operating activities	Notes	2015 £ 443,795	2014 £ 133,719
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	(702)	366
Capital expenditure and financial investment	2	(128,543)	(162,658)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period		314,550	(28,573)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	3		
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period		314,550	(28,573)
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		314,550	(28,573)
Movement in net debt in the period Net debt at 1 September		314,550 406,878	(28,573) 435,451
Net debt at 31 August		721,428	406,878

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOMING\(OUTGOING\) RESOURCES TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2015	2014
	£	£
Net incoming\(outgoing\) resources	209,216	(41,699)
Depreciation charges	113,968	101,709
Capital grants from EFA	(10,080)	(9,721)
Interest received	(1,372)	(2,387)
Interest paid	2,074	2,021
Increase in debtors	(21,899)	(84,167)
Increase in creditors	98,888	138,963
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	53,000	29,000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	443,795	133,719

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2015 £	2014 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received	1,372	2,387
Interest paid	(2,074)	(2,021)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	<u>(702)</u>	366
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(138,623)	(172,379)
Capital grants from EFA	10,080	9,721
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure and financial investment	(128,543)	(162,658)

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.9.14 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.15 £
Net cash: Cash at bank and in hand	406,878	314,550	721,428
			
Total	406,878	314,550	721,428

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, the Charity Commission 'Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities' ('SORP 2005'), the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by EFA and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently is set out below.

Going concern

The Governors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy to continue as a going concern. The Governors make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised when the academy has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- Grants receivable

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 entitlement of receipt its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the year for which it is receivable and any unspent amount is reflected as a balance in the restricted fund.

Capital grants are recognised when receivable and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

- Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where there is certainty of receipt 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 goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

- Donated Services and Gifts in Kind

The value of donated services and gifts in kind provided to the academy are recognised at their open market value in the period in which they are receivable as incoming resources, where the benefit to the academy can be reliably measured. An equivalent amount is included as expenditure under the relevant heading in the Statement of Financial Activities, except where the gift in kind was a fixed asset in which case the amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with academy's policies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED:31 AUGUST 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

- Costs of generating funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

- Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the Academy's educational operations.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the academy's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Governors' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long term leasehold land and buildings - Straight line over 50 or 125 years

Fixtures and fittings - 10% on cost Computer equipment - 20% on cost

Assets costing £500 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. 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 such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy trust's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Assets transferred at inception have been included at the estimated depreciated replacement cost. Land and buildings have been recorded at fair value.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

The academy trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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 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 Education Funding Agency.

Pension benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust.

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 quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in the notes, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

The LGPS is a funded 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 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 gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on straight line basis over the term of the lease.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

2. GENERAL ANNUAL GRANT

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State the academy trust was subject to limits at 31 August 2015 on the amount of GAG that could be carried forward from one year to the next. An amount equal to 12% of GAG could be carried forward, of which up to 2% could be used for general recurrent purposes, with any balance being available for premises/capital purposes.

The academy trust has not exceeded these limits during the year ended at 31 August 2015.

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

		2015 £	2014 £
	Gifts Donations	11,172	11,183
		11,172	11,183
4.	ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Other income	1,272	2,001
	Hire of facilities	1,864	1,665
	Uniform sales	1,842	8,028
	Before and after school clubs	74,854	48,678
		79,832	60,372
5.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
		2015	2014
		£	£
	Deposit account interest	1,372	2,387

6. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

			Restricted	2015	2014
	Unrestricted	Restricted	fixed asset	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions to visits	-	38,896	-	38,896	41,388
Grants		3,684,569	23,405	3,707,974	3,325,328

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

6. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS - continued

		3,723,465	23,405	3,746,870	3,366,716				
An analysis of grants received is given below:									
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds	2015 Total funds £	2014 Total funds £				
EFA revenue grant									
General Annual									
Grant(GAG)	. -	2,532,253	-	2,532,253	2,445,577				
Pupil premium	-	315,446	•	315,446	259,134				
Other EFA grants		102,266		102,266	610,896				
	-	2,949,965	-	2,949,965	3,315,607				
EFA capital grant Capital funding EFA	•	-	10,080	10,080	9,721				
Other government grant									
Other grant funding	-	259,526	13,325	272,851	-				
Local authority grants	-	475,079		475,079					
		734,605	13,325	747,930					
	•	3,684,570	23,405	3,707,975	3,325,328				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

7. RESOURCES EXPENDED

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		Non-pay expenditure Premises Other costs		2015 Total	2014 Total
	Staff costs				
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating funds Costs of generating voluntary income	40,570	_	13,418	53,988	57,734
voluntary income	40,570	_	15,416	33,966	37,734
Charitable activities Academies educational operations					٠.
Direct costs	2,851,283	-	302,003	3,153,286	2,884,020
Allocated support costs	116,204	171,122	161,458	448,784	557,481
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	3,008,057	171,122	476,879	3,656,058	3,499,235
Governance costs including			50.004	50.004	22.222
allocated support costs	-		50,004	50,004	33,223
	3,008,057	171,122	526,883	3,706,062	3,532,458
	3,000,057		320,003	3,700,002	3,332,130
Net resources are stated after c	harging/(crediting	g):			
				2015	2014
				£	£
Auditors' remuneration				8,744	8,308
Auditors' remuneration for non	-audit work			2,195	2,113
Depreciation - owned assets Operating leases - plant and machinery			113,968 7,013	101,709 7,013	
Operating leases - plant and in	acimiei y				
COSTS OF GENERATING	VOLUNTARY I	NCOME	٠		
				2015	2014
				£ 2013	£
Staff costs				40,570	38,999
Sundries				8,736	9,000
Uniform costs				2,608	7,714
Interest payable and similar cha	arges			2,074	2,021
				53,988	57,734

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

9. RESOURCES EXPENDED FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds	2015 Total funds £	2014 Total funds £
Direct costs					
Teaching and educational					
support staff	•	2,851,283	-	2,851,283	2,532,334
Technology costs	568	53,276	-	53,844	54,963
Educational supplies	10,087	188,327	-	198,414	232,561
Staff development	-	40,248	-	40,248	45,319
Goods and services	-	5,497	-	5,497	4,843
Other direct costs		4,000		4,000	14,000
	10,655	3,142,631	-	3,153,286	2,884,020
Allocated support costs		•			
Support staff costs	1,772	114,432	-	116,204	120,725
Depreciation	-	-	113,968	113,968	101,709
Recruitment and support Maintenance of premises	-	12,170	-	12,170	7,652
and equipment	-	31,410	1,621	33,031	147,648
Cleaning	-	13,456	, <u>-</u>	13,456	14,162
Rent and rates	-	9,578	-	9,578	9,484
Light and heat	-	31,901	-	31,901	41,175
Insurance	-	17,503	-	17,503	20,130
Security and transport	-	12,747	-	12,747	12,208
Catering	2,146	86,080	-	88,226	82,588
	3,918	329,277	115,589	448,784	557,481
				 	
	14,573	3,471,908	115,589	3,602,070	3,441,501
GOVERNANCE COSTS					
				2015	2014
				£	£
Auditors' remuneration	8,744	8,308			
Auditors' remuneration for no	2,195	2,113			
Governor support				1,311	1,750
Legal and professional fees				37,754	21,052
				50,004	33,223

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

11. GOVERNORS' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

C Bateman (Headteacher and trustee)

Remuneration £85,000 - £89,999 (2014: £80,000 - £84,999)

Contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme £10,000 - £14,999 (2014: £10,000 - £14,999).

S Pollard (staff trustee)

Remuneration £55,000 - £59,999 (2014: £55,000 - £59,999)

Contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme of £5,000 - £9,999 (2014: £5,000 - £9,999)

J Kelly (staff trustee)

Remuneration £45,000 - £49,999 (2014: £40,000 - £44,999)

Contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme of £5,000 - £9,999 (2014: £5,000 - £9,999)

A Snuggs (staff trustee)

Remuneration £20,000 - £24,999 (2014: £20,000 - £24,999)

Contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme of £5,000 - £9,999 (2014: £nil - £4,999)

A Price (staff trustee)

Remuneration £10,000 - £14,999 (2014: £5,000 - £9,999)

Contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme of £nil - £4,999 (2014: £nil - £4,999)

T Henry (staff trustee)

Remuneration £5,000 - £9,999

Contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme of £Nil - £4,999

J Genas (staff trustee)

Remuneration £nil - £4,999 (2014: £5,000 - £9,999)

Contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme of £nil - £4,999 (2014: £nil - £4,999)

Governors' expenses

There were no governors' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2015 nor for the year ended 31 August 2014.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

12. STAFF COSTS

	2015 £	2014
Wages and salaries	2,487,114	2,212,145
Social security costs	145,125	140,147
Other pension costs	374,107	325,164
Supply teacher costs	3,006,346 1,711	2,677,456 14,602
	3,008,057	2,692,058

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the academy trust during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2015	2014
Teachers	31	33
Administrative staff	8	8
Educational support	42	43
Midday supervisors	3	3
Out of school hours supervisors	2	. 2
Premises staff	4	4
	90	93
The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:		
	2015	2014
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	
•	2	1

The above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

13. GOVERNORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy has purchased insurance to protect Governors and Officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £1,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long term leasehold land and buildings £	Improvement s to property	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 September 2014 Additions	3,262,000	70,343 51,527	160,311 29,988	130,896 57,108	3,623,550 138,623
At 31 August 2015	3,262,000	121,870	190,299	188,004	3,762,173
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2014	129,367	1,109	27,484	38,704	196,664
Charge for year	62,096	1,732	20,551	29,589	113,968
At 31 August 2015	191,463	2,841	48,035	68,293	310,632
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2015	3,070,537	119,029	142,264	119,711	3,451,541
At 31 August 2014	3,132,633	69,234	132,827	92,192	3,426,886

Included within the value of long term leasehold land and buildings is a net book value amount of £255,537 (2014: £257,633) relating to leasehold land and £2,815,000 (2014: £2,875,000) relating to leasehold buildings with a lease term over 50 years.

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade debtors	97,333	78,246
VAT	17,421	28,748
Prepayments and accrued income	71,135	56,996
	185,889	163,990

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade creditors	77,267	101,533
Social security and other taxes	83,902	75,533
Other creditors	2,629	2,629
Accruals and deferred income	212,487	95,073
	376,285	274,768
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Deferred income		
		2015
	•	£
Deferred Income at 1 September 2014		81,691
Resources deferred in the year		170,476
Amounts released from previous years	•	(81,691)
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Deferred Income at 31 August 2015		170,476

As at the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for grant income relating to the 2016 financial year.

A further provision of £2,629 has been made within other creditors (less than one year), in respect of double funding of the SEN block LACSEG paid to the Academy.

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2015	2014
	£	£
Other creditors		2,629

18. **OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

	Other operati	Other operating leases	
	2015 £	2014 £	
Expiring:			
Between one and five years	<u>7,013</u>	7,013	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

19. **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.

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	2015. Total funds	2014 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		-	3,451,541	3,451,541	3,426,886
Current assets	229,589	677,726	-	907,317	570,868
Current liabilities	-	(376,283)	-	(376,285)	(274,768)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	(2,629)
Pension liability	<u>-</u>	(887,000)		(887,000)	<u>(767,000</u>)
	229,589	(585,557)	3,451,541	3,095,573	2,953,357
MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
			Net movement in	Transfers between	

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	At 1.9.14 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.15 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	212,438	17,151	-	229,589
Restricted funds				
Restricted pension fund	(767,000)	(120,000)	-	(887,000)
General Annual Grant (GAG)	81,033	327,250	(106,840)	301,443
	(685,967)	207,250	(106,840)	(585,557)
Restricted fixed asset funds	3,426,886	(82,185)	106,840	3,451,541
TOTAL FUNDS	2,953,357	142,216	-	3,095,573

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	85,711	(68,560)	-	17,151
Restricted funds				
Other restricted funds	317,927	(317,927)	-	-
General Annual Grant (GAG)	2,532,250	(2,205,000)	_	327,250
Pupil premium	315,447	(315,447)	-	•
Educational visits	38,023	(38,023)	-	-
Other government grants	593,511	(593,511)	-	-
Restricted pension fund		(53,000)	(67,000)	(120,000)
	3,797,158	(3,522,908)	(67,000)	207,250
Restricted fixed asset funds	33,404	(115,589)	-	(82,185)
TOTAL FUNDS	3,916,273	(3,707,057)	(67,000)	142,216

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

General Annual Grant (GAG)

This represents funding from the EFA to cover the costs of recurrent expenditure.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2015. Note 2 discloses whether the limit was exceeded.

Other Restricted Funds

The other restricted funds relate to various school and educational activities which are not funded by the General Annual Grant. This includes items such as school trips for which income received is used to cover the costs in association with these activities.

Pupil Premium

This funding is to be used to raise achievement and improve outcomes for pupils from low-income families who are eligible for school meals.

Educational Visits

This represents contributions made by parents to the running of educational visits for the pupils of the academy and the associated costs of running the trips.

Pension Reserve

This fund represents the academy's share of the deficit of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) transferred to the academy on conversion from being a state controlled school.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds

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

Capital Grants

The academy may use the capital grants to maintain and improve its buildings and facilities.

22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2013.

Contributions amounting to £41,901 (2014: £37,144) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2015 and are included within creditors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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Teachers' pension scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

Not less than every four years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

During the year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at March 2016, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £145,024 (2014: £144,213).

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

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits, the TPS is a multiemployer pension scheme. The trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2015 was £241,000, of which employer's contributions totalled £190,000 and employees' contributions totalled £51,000. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22% for employers and between the ranges of 5.5% - 12.5% for employees.

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

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans		
	2015 £	2014 £	
Present value of funded obligations	(2,515,000)	(2,144,000)	
Fair value of plan assets	1,628,000	1,377,000	
	(887,000)	(767,000)	
Deficit	(887,000)	(767,000)	
Liability	(887,000)	(767,000)	

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans		
	2015 £	2014 £	
Current service cost	239,000	180,000	
Interest cost	84,000	80,000	
Expected return	(80,000)	(66,000)	
	243,000	194,000	
Actual return on plan assets	33,000	136,000	

The actuarial gains and losses for the current year are recognised in the statement of financial activities. The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the statement of financial activities since the adoption of FRS 17 is a £179,000 loss (2014: £112,000 loss).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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The estimated employers contribution for the year to 31 August 2016 is approximately £204,000 (2015: £177,000).

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension		
	plans		
	2015	2014	
	£	£	
Defined benefit obligation	(2,121,000)	(1,647,000)	
Current service cost	(239,000)	(180,000)	
Contributions by scheme participants	(51,000)	(46,000)	
Interest cost	(84,000)	(80,000)	
Actuarial losses/(gains)	(20,000)	_(191,000)	
	(2,515,000)	(2,144,000)	

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension	
	plans	
	2015	2014
	£	£
Fair value of scheme assets	1,354,000	1,030,000
Contributions by employer	190,000	165,000
Contributions by scheme participants	51,000	46,000
Expected return	80,000	66,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	(47,000)	70,000
	1,628,000	1,377,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

Defined benefit pension plans

	2015	2014
Equities	67%	69%
Bonds	18%	19%
Property	11%	9%
Cash	4%	3%

The academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the expected rates of return were:

	Expected return at 31 August 2015	Fair value at 31 August 2015 £	Expected return at 31 August 2014	Fair value at 31 August 2014 £
Equities Bonds Property Cash	3.7% 3.7% 3.7% 3.7%	1,084,000 291,000 178,000 65,000	6.3% 3.3% 4.5% 3.3%	934,000 257,000 122,000 41,000
Total market value of assets Present value of scheme liabilities - Funded		1,354,000 (2,505,000)	_	1,354,000 (2,121,000)
Deficit in the scheme	-	(887,000)		(767,000)

The expected return on assets is based on the long-term future expected investment return for each asset class as at the beginning of the period.

The actual return on scheme assets was £33,000 (2014: £126,000).

Principal actuarial assumptions at the balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages)

	2015	2014
Discount rate	3.7%	3.7%
Expected return on scheme assets	3.7%	5.4%
Future salary increases	3.5%	3.4%
Future pension increases	2.6%	2.6%

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

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	2	2015	2014
Retiring today: Males		22.4	22.4
Females		24.3	24.3
Retiring in 20 years:			
Males		24.4	24.4
Females	26.8		26.8
Amounts for the current and previous two periods are as follows:	2015 £	2014 £	2013 £
Defined benefit pension plans			
Defined benefit obligation	(2,515,000)	(2,144,000)	(1,647,000)
Fair value of scheme assets	1,628,000	1,377,000	1,030,000
Deficit	(887,000)	(767,000)	(617,000)
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	2,000	(72,000)	-
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	(47,000)	70,000	47,000

23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Owing to the nature of the academy trust's and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures. The following related party transaction took place in the period of account.

During the year a close family member of the head teacher was employed by the trust, J Bateman. This individual was fairly recruited and their performance is managed in the normal way, their employment is a benefit to the trust in providing specialist knowledge and support in educating the pupils of the Academy. J Bateman was an employee of the school prior to the conversion into an Academy.

J Bateman's remuneration for the year was £10,189 (2014: £10,087).

J Bateman's employer pension contributions for the year were £1,437 (2014: £1,422).

24. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no ultimate controlling party.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

25. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The Academy is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.