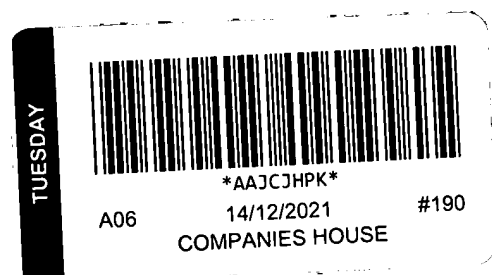


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NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021



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Company Registration Number	08142572	
Members	Mrs S Loy Mr N Cornish Mr P G Dick Mr A Tubbs	
Trustees/Directors	Mrs S Loy (Chair) Dr A Mitchell (Chair) Miss S Brown Mr M Burroughs Mr F Hayton Mr F Johnsen Mr T Morrison Dr M Paule Dr C Wilson	Retired August 2021 Resigned May 2021
Local Governing Body - Trinity	Mrs P Hoskins (Chair) Mrs H Bird Dr S Carvalho Mrs A Creed Mr W Johnson Miss L Kangethe Mrs M Tebble Dr C Wilson	 Term ended October 2020 Resigned October 2020
Local Governing Body – Primary	Dr A Mitchell (Chair) Miss S Brown (Chair) Miss K Greenwood Mr F Hayton Mr O Joyce Mrs J Sheridan Mrs J Wheeler Mrs N Williams Dr C Wilson	Appointed to Chair of Trustees/Retired from LGB August 2021 Appointed October 2020 Resigned November 2020 Appointed February 2021 Appointed September 2020/Resigned July 2021
Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee	Mr F Johnsen (Chair) Miss D Bird Mr F Hayton Miss L Kangethe Mr T Morrison Dr C Wilson	Resigned January 2021 Resigned October 2020

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Senior Leadership Team

Dr C Wilson - Executive Headteacher
Mr N Awbery – Trust Business Manager (Trinity)
Mr J Bastable - Deputy Headteacher (Trinity)
Mrs S Choudhury (Kingsman) – Assistant Headteacher (Speenhamland)
Ms A Duxbury – Assistant Headteacher (Trinity)
Mr B Hanlon - Deputy Headteacher (Trinity)
Mrs C Hayter – Assistant Headteacher (Fir Tree)
Mrs S Kemp – Deputy Headteacher (Trinity)
Mr S Kenneally - Assistant Headteacher (Trinity)
Mr D McLaughlin – Associate Assistant Headteacher (Trinity)
Mrs E Parish - Associate Headteacher (Speenhamland) Resigned Dec 20
Miss J Penman – Assistant Headteacher (Speenhamland)
Mrs N Purcell – Deputy Headteacher (Fir Tree)
Mrs K Osmond - Deputy Headteacher (Speenhamland)
Mrs H Shayler – Assistant Headteacher (Trinity)
Mr R Watkins - Assistant Headteacher (Trinity)
Mrs L Wood - Associate Headteacher (Fir Tree)

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
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The members of the Newbury Academy Trust Governing Body present their Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2021. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

Newbury Academy Trust is an academy for pupils aged 4 to 18 serving a catchment area in north and central Newbury as well as the outlying rural areas to the North of Newbury.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Newbury Academy Trust (NAT) is a company limited by guarantee and is an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Funding Agreement are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Charitable Company was incorporated on 13th July 2012 and NAT converted to an Academy on 1st August 2012.

There are 12 trustees who act as Directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of Company law. The Charitable Company is incorporated as Newbury Academy Trust.

Members' Liability

Each Member of the Charitable Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Charitable Company in the event of it being wound up, while they are a Member or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Trustees ('Directors') Indemnities

As disclosed in note 11, professional indemnity insurance is paid on behalf of the directors of the Academy.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees/ Directors

The Academy's Board of Trustees is subject to retirement by rotation. Trustees are eligible for re-election at the meeting at which they retire. The trustees to retire are those who have served the longest in office since their appointment or re-election. New trustees are recruited in accordance with the Articles of Association and 'A Guide to the Law for School Governors.' The term of office for any director is 4 years, although this time limit does not apply to the Headteacher.

The Trustees who were in office on 31 August 2021 and served since 1 September 2020, the period of these accounts, are listed on Page 1.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Governors

The Trust is a member of the National Governors Association (NGA), receiving up to date information and guidance. It also subscribes to the NGA's online governor training platform and The Key for School Governors, School Leaders and Trust Leaders. The Clerk provides a comprehensive induction programme for all new Governors and Trustees, in addition to arranging and supporting internal and external training opportunities when required. External advice and support are commissioned where necessary.

All new Governors and Trustees are offered a mentor as part of their induction and ongoing development.

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Principal Activities

Newbury Academy Trust is a Trust incorporating three schools: Trinity School, a converter Academy, Fir Tree School, a sponsored Academy and Speenhamland School, a converter Academy. We are committed to improving the life chances of everyone in our community, preparing them for adult life and demanding that they be the very best they can be.

The object of Newbury Academy Trust is set out in the Company's Articles of Association, namely "to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining and carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum".

Objects and Aims of the Trust

As described, the object of Newbury Academy Trust is set out in the Company's Articles of Association.

Each Governing Body continues to set each Schools' strategic aims through the School Development Plans. These aims are monitored closely by the Directors/Trustees Board by way of Executive Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team Reports and through the work of the Local Governing Bodies.

The aims and objectives for the Trust are derived from the Trust's motto which is 'Inspiring Futures, Realising Ambitions'.

In setting objectives and planning the Trust's activities, the Board of Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to pay due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission regarding the principle of public benefit.

Organisational Structure

The structure of the Trust consists of four senior levels; the Members, The Board of Directors/Trustees, Local Governing Bodies, the Executive Headteacher and Associate Headteachers at Trinity, Fir Tree and Speenhamland Schools and the wider Senior Leadership Teams in each school. An aim of this management structure is to distribute responsibility and accountability and to encourage involvement in the decision making process at all levels.

The setting and monitoring of budgets are undertaken by the Trust's Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee which now includes audit and risk functions.

The Executive Headteacher and Senior Leadership Teams control the Schools at an executive level, implementing the policies set by the NAT and the Governing Bodies and reporting back to them.

The Trust has a Scheme of Delegation listing the responsibilities delegated to each tier of governance. Each Local Governing Body and Committee has its own detailed terms of reference setting out the responsibilities discharged to it. The terms of reference and meeting frequency is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors/Trustees annually.

Groups of directors or governors may be formally organised outside of the sub-committee structure to support the School as required, to consider:

- Headteacher recruitment.
- Performance management of the Executive Headteacher
- Pupil Discipline
- Staff Discipline
- Complaints

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Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Pay and remuneration of key management personnel is determined by a variety of contributory factors, such as, the school group size, Internal Schools Review, the pay scales for each role e.g. Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, and the level of experience of the staff member. In addition to this, levels of pay may be affected by any nationally agreed pay awards, the ability to recruit key management personnel and retain them in post, which all coincides with the schools' appointment and pay policies. All amendments to key management personnel's pay and remuneration is discussed and agreed by the Board of Directors/Trustees.

Risk Management

The Board of Directors/Trustees has considered the major risks to which it is exposed, in particular those relating to governance, finance, insurance, attainment, attendance, behaviour, health and safety, organisation, operations, safeguarding, reputation, HR and ICT.

The Board of Directors/Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and reduce risks that the academies face, especially in operational areas in relation to teaching, health and safety (including school trips and the school's minibus), behaviour management, and in relation to the control of finances. They have introduced policies and systems for the recruitment, selection and vetting of new staff, continual professional development of staff, safeguarding and child protection, supervision of students and pupils around the school sites and internal financial controls to minimise financial risk. Adequate insurance is in place where significant financial risk remains.

The main risks facing the NAT at present as outlined in the September update of our Risk Register are as follows:

The impact of the continued Coronavirus pandemic leads to: a significant staff shortage leading to an inability to open a school, disruption to public exams, temporary short term or long term closure of a school due to necessity for cleaning or on Government directive.

There is a financial loss from the Aspens Catering contract as a result of reduced uptake across all three schools and poor ongoing mobilisation due to staffing issues.

The Academic achievement of pupils/students in any school falls below acceptable levels as a result of COVID 19.

Fundraising

The Trust Schools are not involved with large fundraising projects. There are some fundraising events run by the schools which raise a small amount of money from commission e.g. school photographs, Christmas CDs and Christmas Cards.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Mission Statement

We are very proud of all we achieve in the Newbury Academy Trust. Our mission is to provide excellent education for all and dramatically improve the lives of our children and young people by providing high-quality education and experiences.

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Principles

To achieve our mission we expect our children and young people to:

- have high expectations in all they do
- respond positively to challenges
- develop a love of learning that remains a lifelong legacy
- take increasing responsibility for their own learning
- show respect for each other and their environment.

In support of this quest for excellence the Newbury Academy Trust:

- provides the highest standards of teaching and learning
- expects high performance and have high aspirations for all
- provides personalised support for children and young people where it is needed
- provides outstanding facilities and the best environment for learning
- works in partnership across the Trust
- combats disadvantage through effective use of pupil premium funding
- works with parents and carers to engage them in their children's education

The ethos of the Newbury Academy Trust

The Newbury Academy Trust (NAT) provides high-quality learning in a safe, caring and purposeful environment that supports children and young peoples' personal and academic development. We value the diversity that exists within our Trust. We recognise the worth of each individual, helping them to develop a positive self-image and a 'can-do' attitude.

We equip our children and young people with the skills and knowledge that will enable them to achieve success throughout their education. We prepare our children and young people for roles as tomorrow's leaders. We inspire them to reach for their dreams, act responsibly on their beliefs and be ready for future success.

Strategies to Achieve the Primary Objectives

There is an overarching 3 year Trust Development plan and each school has a School Development Plan (SDP) that is a result of staff, student/pupil and parent review. All schools have the same framework with the main Key Performance Indicators which are as follows:

Quality of Education

Key Performance Indicator 1 - Further improve the progress and attainment across our schools, in particular that of disadvantaged students, so that they are broadly in line with FFT estimates national benchmarks.

Key Performance Indicator 2 - By Summer 2023 all schools to be validated good with outstanding leadership (self- evaluation and external judgements)

Key Performance Indicator 3 - Attendance across all schools will show an improvement and will have closed the gap on national averages for overall and for similar students

Key Performance Indicator 4 – Improvements in behaviour will lead to learners who have positive attitudes to learning and are motivated, show resilience and enjoy learning. The quality of opportunities available are exceptional and learners take full advantage of the offer.

Key Performance Indicator 5 –Meaningful and effective engagement takes place with learners and parents to ensure they feel supported and issues which arise are dealt with consistently, appropriately and quickly.

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Business Operations

Key Performance Indicator 1 - Numbers on roll in all schools continue to grow so they are full.

Key Performance indicator 2 - Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning implemented

Key Performance indicator 3 – All staff structures provide best value for money across the Trust

Key Performance Indicator 4 – Risk reporting will be closely aligned with all SDPs to ensure accurate measure of risk and targets

Key Performance Indicator 5 – Trust has a three-year costed capital plan which allows Trust estate and infrastructure to develop to ensure excellent provision for all

Key Performance Indicator 6 – Trust is providing good quality food which gives best value for money and excellent nutritional value for all

Governance

Key Performance Indicator 1 – Governance is effective and holds senior leaders to account

Staff wellbeing

Key Performance Indicator 1 - The quality of teaching and learning across the Trust is good or better

Key Performance Indicator 2– Meaningful and effective engagement takes place with all staff to ensure they feel supported and issues which arise are dealt with consistently, appropriately and quickly

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Achievements and Performance

Newbury Academy Trust was legally formed on midnight of the 13th July 2012. The following provides a summary of each school's performance in the Summer 2020 examination season and highlights the academic achievements as well as an overview of wider success.

Trinity School

The School was rated as Good by Ofsted in July 2018.

There were 1097 students on roll, (including 142 in the sixth form), on 31st August 2021. The roll is increasing as Trinity is becoming the school of choice for families in the catchment increasing our PAN to 210 ongoing with the plan to take a bulge year of 240 in 22/23 due to local population growth.

The school holds an Investor in Careers Award, Anti Bullying Accreditation - Silver accreditation and is an Arts Mark Platinum School. Trinity is the lead school in the Newbury Academy Schools Direct Partnership working with Reading University.

The school works with a core group of feeder primary schools as part of the Excel group to enhance provision and provide a range of opportunities for all young people in the community including Music, Dance, Drama and PE provision.

The school partakes in a wide range of external events and enjoys success particularly in the areas of Public Speaking, Enterprise and Performing Arts.

This school year 2020-21 was hugely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the school operating under new Government guidance in the autumn term with restrictions such as year group bubbles, reduced movement, face masks, a lock down in the spring term and a return to school in the summer term with restrictions. As a result, students did not sit their exams for a second year running in the Summer Term instead grades were awarded based on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) and were as follows:

GCSE Results

Measure	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual
English and Maths A*-C% (4-9)	50	51	57	66%	69%
5+English and Maths A*-C% (5-9)	45	26	37	39%	45%
Progress 8 Figure (all)	-0.34	-0.13	-0.06	+0.14	+0.35
Non-PP/PP Progress 8	Gap = -0.24	Gap = -0.47	Gap = -0.62	Gap = -0.72	Gap=-0.63

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A Level Results

The school achieved an ALPS grade of 1 for progress for the second year running.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Overall Pass Rate - (A*-A)%	33.5%	29.0%	25.3%	24%	40.5%	45%
Overall Pass Rate - (A*-B)%	64.6%	54.0%	57.0%	51%	62%	71%
Overall Pass Rate - (A*-C)%	88.2%	83.0%	78.0%	83%	94%	90%
Overall Pass Rate - (A*-E)%	99.3%	99.3%	98.54%	99%	100%	100%

Fir Tree School

The school was rated as Require Improvement in October 2018 following a period of turbulent staffing and inconsistent results. A Local Authority monitoring visit in Summer 2019 indicated that significant improvements have been made in the school over the last year.

There were 210 students on roll (31st August 2021). There were also 20 children in nursery

The school works closely with Trinity and Speenhamland to enhance provision and provide a range of opportunities for the children including music, dance, drama, MFL and PE provision. It achieved Anti Bullying accreditation in the Summer 2018. Pupils participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities including local and regional sporting events and arts projects e.g. Choir performances at the Anvil in Basingstoke. The pupils also participate in the Junior Arts Award.

Good use is made of Trust links to provide staff continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities e.g. moderation, placements, sharing best practice.

This school year 2020-21 was hugely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the school operating under new Government guidance for the autumn term; bubbled classes, restricted movement, no assemblies, after school clubs or events. In the spring term there was a national lockdown and in the summer term there were continued restrictions in place. As a result, pupils did not sit any SATs or take any phonics tests. Therefore, no teacher assessments were made due to the time out of formal schooling and disruption to learning.

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Key Performance Indicators

Fir Tree Key Stage 2 - Year 6

Attainment

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined
2017	74%	72 %	53%	47%
2018	57%	62%	24%	19%
2019	46%	73%	59%	36%
2020	73%	73%	69%	65%

Progress	Reading	Writing (TA)	Maths
2017	-0.59	-3.46	-5.14
2018	-5.6	-2.6	-7.8
2019	-4.5	-1	-3.2
2020*	-2.8	-2.3	-2.2

(*2020 – National Data not collected so progress data not compared to national figures)

EYFS % of pupils achieving level of Good Development (GLD)

Year	GLD
2017	73% (Nat 69%)
2018	76.7% (Nat 71.5%)
2019	79% (Nat 71.8%)
2020	62%

Speenhamland School

Speenhamland is a converter academy. The school was rated as Requires Improvement in December 2019 with the main areas for development being curriculum planning. The substantive Headteacher left the school in December 2020 and the school recruited a new substantive Headteacher to take up post in September 2021. In the interim the school was led by the Executive Headteacher supported by the leadership team.

There were 303 students on roll (31st August 2021).

The school works closely with Trinity and Fir Tree to enhance provision and provide a range of opportunities for the children including music, dance, drama, MFL and PE provision.

Pupils participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities including local and regional sporting events and arts projects e.g. Choir performances at the Royal Albert Hall. The pupils also participate in the Junior Arts Award. Steel drum workshops have become a regular feature of the curriculum and the school has invested in its own set of steel pans this year. The school have been involved with various projects run by the Corn Exchange and the Watermill in Newbury.

This school year 2020-21 was hugely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the school operating under new Government guidance for the autumn term; bubbled classes, restricted movement, no assemblies, after school clubs or events. In the spring term there was a national lockdown and in the summer term there were continued restrictions in place. As a result, pupils did not sit any SATs or take any phonics tests. Therefore, no teacher assessments were made due to the time out of formal schooling and disruption to learning.

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Speenhamland – KS2 Data Analysis
Attainment

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined
2016	69%	66%	66%	52%
2017	64 %	69%	67%	64%
2018	69%	69%	67%	61%
2019	67%	74%	54%	47%
2020	73%	65%	61%	55%

Progress

	Reading	Writing (TA)	Maths
LA 2019	0.3	0	-0.5
Nat 2019	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	-1.32	-3.8	-2.18
2018	0.7	1.0	0.8
2019	1.1	2.6	-2.4
2020*	0.5	0.4	0.2

(*2020 – National Data not collected so progress data not compared to national figures)

EYFS

Year	GLD
2016	52%
2017	70% (Nat 69%)
2018	67.4% (Nat 71.5%)
2019	72% (Nat 71.8%)
2020	55%

Going Concern

After consideration of the Trust's financial position and its financial plans, the Board of Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has and will continue to have adequate resources to enable it to be a sustainable going concern in 2021/22 and for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Trust continues to adopt the Going Concern principle in preparing its financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the Going Concern basis can be found in the statement of accounting policies.

Financial Review

Newbury Academy Trust received income into its Unrestricted Fund, Restricted General Funds and Fixed Asset Fund during 2020/21:

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Restricted General Fund

The majority of the Trust's income was received through Education Funding Agency (ESFA) recurrent revenue grants into the Restricted General Fund, the use of which is restricted to the Trust's charitable activities, its educational operations. These revenue grants and the associated revenue expenditure made against them are detailed in the SOFA. General Restricted Fund income for the period was £9,934,970 (2020: £8,867,558); expenditure against the fund was £10,159,487 (2020: £9,340,544), resulting in a deficit of £224,517 (2020: deficit £472,986) before transfers to the Restricted Fixed Fund and accounting for the pension deficit.

Unrestricted Funds

Income received into the Unrestricted Fund was £252,105 (2020: £279,931). This was attributable to lettings income and fundraising. Expenditure against the fund was £21,148 (2020: £30,996) for the period resulting in surplus of £230,957 (2020: £248,935).

Restricted Fixed Asset (Capital) Fund

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund balance is reduced by an annual depreciation charge over the expected useful life of the assets concerned in line with the Trust's depreciation policy.

Income received into the fund Academies Capital Maintenance Funding and Formula Capital Funding of £2,264,170 (2020: £34,802).

The SOFA details a £12,086,929 (2020: £205,068) Restricted Fixed Asset Fund period end surplus after transfers between funds. This is detailed in note 16 to the accounts.

Summary of Financial Performance

Fund balances as at 31 August 2021 totalled £11,149,331 (2020: £10,082,413). This is comprised of £1,615,858 (2020: £1,384,901) of Unrestricted Funds, deficit of £6,442,364 (2020: £5,191,396) in Restricted General Funds, after accounting for a loss on the pension of £828,000 (2020: £1,379,000) and £15,975,837 (2020: £13,888,908) of Restricted Fixed Asset.

Balance Sheet

The Trust's assets were predominantly used for providing education to school students. Some assets were let to the local community, predominately for sports activities and a holiday activity club.

The net book value of the Trust's tangible fixed assets was £15,829,326 (2020: £13,778,018) as at 31 August 2021. The movement in this account is detailed in note 12. Cash in hand at 31 August 2021 was £1,958,373 (2020: £1,545,656). The Reserves and Investment Policies are detailed below.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Directors reviews the Trust's Reserve Policy annually. The Board of Directors have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be a minimum of 2.5% of total funding. The policy of the Trust is to carry forward a prudent level of resources designed to meet the long-term cyclical needs of renewal and any other unforeseen contingencies, subject to the constraint that the level of resources does not exceed the level permitted by the ESFA. The Trust's free reserves as at 31st August 2021 were £1,615,858 (2020: £1,384,901). These free reserves represent 13% of total incoming resources in the year. The reason for this reserve is to provide sufficient working capital and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies. In future years capital maintenance and development projects may be considered in the reserves policy review.

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The level of funds held on 31st August 2021:

Unrestricted		1,615,858
Restricted:	Fixed asset funds	15,975,837
	Pension reserve	(6,441,000)
	Other general funds	<u>(1,364)</u>
		11,149,331

Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

The valuation of the defined benefit pension scheme is a liability of £6,411,000 (2020: £4,980,000) on the balance sheet, this is offset by the Trust's reserves.

In respect of any surplus or deficit recognised in relation to the Trust's share of the Local Government Pension Scheme, this would generally result in a cash flow effect for the Trust in the form of an increase or decrease in employer's pension contributions over a number of years. This period a deficit of £6,411,000 (2020: £4,980,000) has been recognised as a liability in the accounts; this does not present an immediately repayable debt.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others

Neither Newbury Academy Trust nor the Board of Directors/Trustees are acting as third-party custodial trustees.

Investment Policy

The Trust does not have any investments.

Plans for Future Periods

Newbury Academy Trust strives to continually provide quality lifelong education for all its learners, preparing them for their next steps at every stage. Ultimately preparing them to be well rounded people with the skills to be the very best they can be in whatever they choose to do.

We will continually review our working practices to ensure our learners receive the best opportunities by providing a balanced curriculum with opportunities for enrichment and challenge. We will provide high quality teaching to enable all to learn and make progress from whatever their starting points.

Our plans to continually develop will see the Trust looking at areas of curriculum design with a particular focus on Innovation and Technology.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Board of Directors have considered the major risks to which it is exposed, in particular those relating to governance, finance, insurance, attainment, attendance, behaviour, health and safety, organisation, operations, safeguarding, reputation, HR and ICT.

The Board of Directors have implemented a number of systems to assess and reduce risks that the School faces, especially in operational areas in relation to teaching, health and safety, (including school trips), behaviour management, and in relation to the control of finances. They have introduced policies and systems for the recruitment, selection and vetting of new staff, continual professional development of staff, child protection, supervision of students around the school site and internal financial controls to minimise financial risk.

Adequate insurance has been arranged where significant financial risk remains. The School has an effective system of internal financial control as explained in the Statement on Internal Control.

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Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The objective of the Trust's Risk Management procedure is to identify the principal risks facing the Trust so that existing controls may be considered and further action taken if required, including external insurance.

The Board of Directors have a comprehensive risk management process to identify and regularly monitor the risks faced by the Trust.

The financial risks considered include: economic /financial uncertainty, liquidity and solvency, credit risk, the risk of fraud and compliance with financial/statutory requirements.

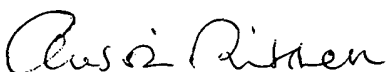
Auditor


In so far as the directors are aware:

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

The auditors, Crowe U.K. LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Report of the Governors has been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006, and was approved by the Directors of Newbury Academy Trust on the date below, including in their capacity as company directors approving the Strategic Report contained therein, and is signed as authorised on its behalf by:


.....
Dr A Mitchell
Chair of Directors


.....
Dr C Wilson
Accounting Officer

8 December 2021

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Scope of Responsibility

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

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

The directors have delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Executive Headteacher, 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 Newbury Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the trustees 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 full governing body has formally met 10 times during the year.

The Board of Directors reviews the terms of reference, constitution, membership and meeting frequency of its committees at least annually.

Newbury Academy Trust's current Articles of Association are dated November 2019.

As a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic Directors have continued with meetings held virtually and adapted its governance to further support the schools whilst continuing to fulfil their statutory duties.

Directors continue to seek to appoint suitably skilled individuals to the Board of Trustees based upon recognised skills gaps.

The number of governance meetings across the Trust for the year ending 31st August 2021 were as follows:

- Members (three meetings)
- Trustees (ten meetings)
- Primary LGB (five meetings)
- Trinity LGB (six meetings)
- Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee (seven meetings)

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Attendance at meetings during the period covered by these accounts was as follows:

Members Meetings		
Member	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr N Cornish	3	3
Mr P Dick	2	3
Mrs S Loy	3	3
Mr A Tubbs	2	1
Trustees Meetings (Board of Directors)		
Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs S Loy (Chair) (<i>retired Aug 21</i>)	9	9
Dr A Mitchell (Chair)	9	10
Miss S Brown	9	10
Mr M Burroughs	8	10
Mr F Hayton	9	10
Mr F Johnsen	9	10
Mr T Morrison	8	10
Dr M Paule (<i>resigned May 21</i>)	2	6
Dr C Wilson	10	10
Trinity Local Governing Body Meetings		
Local Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs P Hoskins (Chair)	6	6
Mrs H Bird	6	6
Dr S Carvalho	5	6
Mrs A Creed (<i>resigned Oct 20</i>)	1	1
Mr W Johnson	6	6
Miss L Kangethe (<i>resigned Oct 20</i>)	0	1
Mrs M Tebble	5	6
Dr C Wilson (EHT)	6	6
Primary Local Governing Body Meetings		
Local Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Dr A Mitchell (Chair)	5	5
Miss S Brown (Chair)	5	5
Miss K Greenwood (<i>appointed Oct 20</i>)	4	4
Mr F Hayton	4	5
Mr O Joyce	5	5
Mrs J Sheridan (<i>resigned Nov 20</i>)	2	2
Mrs J Wheeler (<i>appointed Feb 21</i>)	2	2
Mrs N Williams (<i>app.Sept 20/resigned Jul 21</i>)	4	4
Dr C Wilson (EHT)	5	5
Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee Meetings (including Audit and Risk)		
Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr F Johnsen (Chair)	7	7
Miss D Bird (<i>resigned Jan 21</i>)	1	4
Mr M Burroughs	6	7
Mr F Hayton	5	7
Miss L Kangethe (<i>resigned Oct 20</i>)	1	1
Mr T Morrison	6	7
Dr C Wilson (EHT)	7	7

NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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Review of Value for Money

As Accounting Officer the Executive 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:

1. Attainment and achievement although not as strong as in previous years across all schools progress measures put the schools in the average bands for adding value to learners education from their starting points.
2. In all schools the rolls have continued to grow across the academic year. This is down to positive marketing and the growing reputations of all three schools.

These good outcomes have been achieved by:

- Continual review of the curriculum in our schools to ensure it matches the needs of our learners.
- The staffing structure is regularly reviewed to ensure staff are efficiently deployed and are appropriately qualified.
- Where relevant, staff expertise is shared between the schools to moderate work and support learning. Staff are held to account through a robust performance management structure ensuring progression through pay scales is subject to review and scrutiny. Analysis will show such progression is not automatic.
- Constant monitoring of performance is undertaken through a programme of senior team lesson observations and reviews in all schools. Staff are supported and coached to secure outstanding teaching and learning outcomes where necessary and best practice is shared throughout the Trust.
- Tracking systems ensure each learner is tracked at key points throughout the year to ensure all learners are making at least expected progress. Intervention programmes are deployed as and when necessary using a toolkit of interventions which include holiday and after school boosters, targeted one to one, withdrawal from lessons, outside agency support and mentoring.
- Pupil Premium spending is monitored and evaluated to avoid spending funding on activities that have little impact on achievement. Funding is spent in ways known to be most effective for learners to maximise attainment in school and reach their potential.

In all schools, refurbishment and building projects are delivered within budget to ensure the learning environment is constantly updated to ensure we provide the very best for our learners. In this Academic Year these projects included the redecoration of Fir Tree School, redecoration of the Speenhamland Library and a small refurbishment of the Trinity canteen and upgrade to lighting systems in the main school hall and sports hall.

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 Newbury Academy Trust for the period ended 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

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Capacity to Handle Risk

The Directors' Board has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Directors' Board 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 ending 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Directors' Board.

The Risk and Control Framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Directors' Board
- regular reviews by the Finance Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting 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 Trustees Board has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided in conjunction with ESFA recommendation to appoint a separate audit company. The Trustees appointed Whitley Stimpson Ltd to review internal control. The reviewer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. In particular, checks carried out in the current period included: Review Finance Manual, ESFA Income, Other Income, Procurement, Payroll, Bank reconciliation and Financial Reporting.

The reviewer reports to the Executive Head and finance committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Directors' Board financial responsibilities. During the period, no material control issues have been identified requiring remedial action.

Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Executive 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 the reviewer;
- the Academies Financial Handbook;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the Finance Manager within the academy trust who has responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance Committees and the Responsible Officer and is pleased to report that no weaknesses have been identified. A programme of further review will however ensure continuous development of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Directors' Board on 8th December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr A Mitchell
Chair of Directors



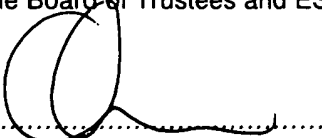
Dr C Wilson
Accounting Officer

NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST
STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETRY AND COMPLIANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

As Accounting Officer of Newbury Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Directors' Board and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA 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 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 Trustees and ESFA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line.

Dr C Wilson
Accounting Officer

NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST
STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Governors (some of whom who are also directors of Newbury Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Directors 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

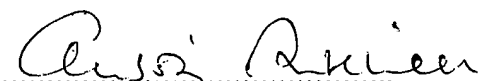
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards FRS 102 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 Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, 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 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

The Directors 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 Directors' Board on 8 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr A Mitchell Chair of Directors

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Newbury Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and 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 2000 to 2021 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 company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its profit/loss 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, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 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 company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST

Other information

The Trustees' are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST

Responsibilities of Trustees

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. 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 charitable company 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 Academies Financial Handbook 2021 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021. 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 charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company for fraud. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were General Data Protection Regulation, health and safety legislation 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, sample testing on income recognised in the accounts, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the ESFA, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

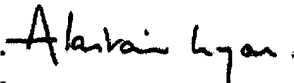
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Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing 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 noncompliance 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.

Use of our report

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



Alastair Lyon (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Aquis House
49-51 Blagrove Street
Reading
Berkshire
RG1 1PL

Date: 9 December 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 22 July 2019 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (ESFA), we have carried out a review to obtain assurance about whether, in all material respects, the expenditure disbursed and income received by the academy trust during the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 the governing body and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Newbury Academy Trust and the 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 the governing body and the ESFA, for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Newbury Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Newbury Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State of Education and the Academies Financial Handbook, 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 2020 to 2021. 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 2020 to 31 August 2021 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- consideration of the evidence supporting the Accounting Officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance;
- analytical procedures on the general activities of the Academy Trust;
- a review of Minutes of Committees and Board Meetings which may be relevant to regularity;
- consideration of discussions with key personnel, including the Accounting Officer and Governing Body;
- tests of control have been carried out on a control activity which are relevant to regularity;
- substantive testing of individual transactions.

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 2019 to 31 August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Crowe U.K. LLP

Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Aquis House
49-51 Blagrove Street
Reading
Berkshire
RG1 1PL

Date: 9 December 2021

NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

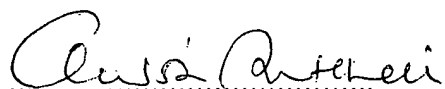
	Note	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds General £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	32,327	2,264,170	2,296,497	66,214
<i>Charitable activities:</i>						
Funding for the Academy's educational operations	4	-	9,902,643	-	9,902,643	8,835,426
Other trading activities	5	252,036	-	-	252,036	278,925
Investments	6	69	-	-	69	1,006
Total		<u>252,105</u>	<u>9,934,970</u>	<u>2,264,170</u>	<u>12,451,245</u>	<u>9,181,571</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		21,148	-	-	21,148	43,141
<i>Charitable activities:</i>						
Academy's educational operations	8	-	10,159,487	375,692	10,535,179	9,694,081
Total	7	<u>21,148</u>	<u>10,159,487</u>	<u>375,692</u>	<u>10,556,327</u>	<u>9,737,222</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		230,957	(224,517)	1,888,478	1,894,918	(555,651)
Gross transfers between funds	16	-	(198,451)	198,451	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses						
Actuarial loss on defined benefit pension schemes	27	-	(828,000)	-	(828,000)	(1,379,000)
Net movement in funds		230,957	(1,250,968)	2,086,929	1,066,918	(1,934,651)
Funds brought forward at 1 September 2020		<u>1,384,901</u>	<u>(5,191,396)</u>	<u>13,888,908</u>	<u>10,082,413</u>	<u>12,017,064</u>
Funds carried forward at 31 August 2021		<u>1,615,858</u>	<u>(6,442,364)</u>	<u>15,975,837</u>	<u>11,149,331</u>	<u>10,082,413</u>

The notes on pages 31 – 50 form part of these financial statements

COMPANY NUMBER: 08142572
NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	<u>15,829,326</u>	<u>13,778,018</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	243,941	196,661
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,958,373</u>	<u>1,545,656</u>
		<u>2,202,314</u>	<u>1,742,317</u>
Current liabilities			
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(441,309)</u>	<u>(457,922)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,761,005</u>	<u>1,284,395</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>17,590,331</u>	<u>15,062,413</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			
Pension scheme liability	27	<u>(6,441,000)</u>	<u>(4,980,000)</u>
Net assets including pension liability		<u>11,149,331</u>	<u>10,082,413</u>
Restricted funds			
General fund		(127,130)	(314,826)
Pension deficit		(6,441,000)	(4,980,000)
Fixed asset fund		15,975,837	13,888,908
Restricted other		<u>125,766</u>	<u>103,430</u>
Total restricted funds	16	9,533,473	8,697,512
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	16	<u>1,615,858</u>	<u>1,384,901</u>
Total funds		<u>11,149,331</u>	<u>10,082,413</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Directors and authorised for issue on 8 December 2021
and are signed on their behalf by



Dr A Mitchell
Chair of Directors

The notes on pages 31 – 50 form part of these financial statements

NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash Flows from operating activities	21	575,478	135,291
Cash Flows from investing activities	22	(162,761)	(91,444)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		412,717	43,847
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>1,545,656</u>	<u>1,501,809</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23	<u>£ 1,958,373</u>	<u>£ 1,545,656</u>

All the Academy's cash flows are derived from acquisitions and continuing operations in the current financial period.

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NEWBURY ACADEMY TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The principal activity of the Newbury Academy Trust is to provide secondary education for pupils aged 4 to 18. The Trust is an exempt charity and a company limited by guarantee (company number: 08142572). It is incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The address of the registered office is Newbury Academy Trust, Trinity School, Love Lane, Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2DU.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

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

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

b) 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 company to continue as a going concern. The Directors make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements, and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy's trusts ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c) 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 Receivable

Grants receivable 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.

General Annual Grant

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

Capital Grants

Capital grants are recognised when relievable 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 Sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Sponsorship Income

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable.

Donations

Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a cash received basis or on an accruals basis where they are assured with reasonable certainty and are receivable at the Balance Sheet date.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

c) Income (continued)

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.

Interest receivable is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis.

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 Trust 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 the Academy's policies.

In respect of buildings transferred to the Academy from its previous form as a Maintained School, the open market value of this has been included within voluntary income under the Restricted Fixed Asset Fund. The cost of the building is depreciated over 50 years.

Transfer on conversion

Where assets are received on the transfer of an existing academy into the trust, the transferred assets are measured at fair value and recognised in the balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the trust, which is on signing of the transfer agreement with the transferring trust. An equal amount of income is recognised for the Transfer of an existing academy into the trust within Donations and capital grant income.

d) 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.

Expenditure on raising 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 Trust's educational operations.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets costing £1,000 or more, which have been acquired since the Academy was established, are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Freehold Land and Buildings that were acquired when the Academy was established are now valued at depreciated replacement cost. The governors are not expecting to revalue the property in the future.

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 the 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.

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

Leasehold land and buildings	2 - 2.5%
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Plant and machinery	20%
Computer equipment	33%

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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.

f) 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.

g) Foreign Currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in trading profit.

h) Operating Leases

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

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

i) Taxation

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

j) Pensions Benefits

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

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.

k) Agency Arrangements

The academy trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in note 26.

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

l) Fund Accounting

General funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the objects of the Academy at the discretion of the Directors.

Restricted funds comprise grants from the ESFA and other donors which are to be used for specific purposes.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

m) Critical Areas of Judgement

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

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 (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 27, 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 31 August 2020. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Other than the LGPS noted above, the Governors consider that there are no other material judgements in applying accounting policies or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

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3. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	2021 Un- restricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Un- restricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £
Devolved Formula						
Capital	-	35,622	35,622	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	2,228,548	2,228,548	-	34,082	34,082
Donations	-	32,327	32,327	-	32,132	32,132
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,296,497</u>	<u>2,296,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,214</u>	<u>66,214</u>

4. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
DfE / ESFA revenue grants						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	7,963,389	7,963,389	-	7,227,433	7,227,433
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	1,017,170	1,118,257	-	954,958	954,958
Other Government grants						
Local authority	-	761,938	761,938	-	604,861	604,861
Other grants	-	26,718	26,718	-	2,846	2,846
Catch up premium	-	123,880	123,880	-	-	-
ESFA Covid-19 funding	-	-	-	-	-	-
CJRS grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total grants	<u>-</u>	<u>9,893,095</u>	<u>9,893,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,790,098</u>	<u>8,790,098</u>
Trip income	-	9,548	9,548	-	45,328	45,328
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>9,092,643</u>	<u>9,902,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,835,426</u>	<u>8,835,426</u>

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5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Un- restricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hire of facilities and lettings	34,227	-	34,227	78,879	-	78,879
After school club income	79,143	-	79,143	83,234	-	83,234
Other income	<u>138,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,666</u>	<u>116,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,812</u>
	<u>252,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252,036</u>	<u>278,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>278,925</u>

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Un- restricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest	<u>69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>1,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,006</u>
	<u>69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>1,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,006</u>

7. EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Costs of generating voluntary income	18,187	-	2,961	21,148	43,141
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	6,582,855	-	737,184	7,320,039	7,142,434
Allocated support costs	<u>1,691,765</u>	<u>780,192</u>	<u>743,183</u>	<u>3,215,140</u>	<u>2,551,647</u>
Total 2021	<u>8,292,807</u>	<u>780,192</u>	<u>1,483,328</u>	<u>10,556,327</u>	<u>9,737,222</u>
	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Costs of generating voluntary income	19,971	-	23,170	43,141	96,392
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	6,475,757	-	666,677	7,142,434	6,890,194
Allocated support costs	<u>1,268,910</u>	<u>638,079</u>	<u>644,658</u>	<u>2,551,647</u>	<u>2,479,499</u>
Total 2020	<u>7,764,368</u>	<u>638,079</u>	<u>1,334,505</u>	<u>9,737,222</u>	<u>9,466,085</u>

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7. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

Net expenditure for the period is stated after charging:-

	2021 £	2020 £
Operating leases - other	13,179	14,652
Depreciation	375,692	297,652
Auditor's remuneration for audit services	14,950	14,515
Auditor's remuneration for non-audit services	<u>6,726</u>	<u>5,592</u>

8. ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Direct costs						
Teaching and educational support staff costs	-	6,582,855	6,582,855	-	6,475,757	6,475,747
Depreciation	-	375,692	375,692	-	297,652	297,652
Educational supplies	-	104,789	104,789	-	169,649	169,649
Examination fees	-	80,782	80,782	-	84,179	84,179
Other direct costs	-	<u>175,921</u>	<u>175,921</u>	-	<u>115,197</u>	<u>115,197</u>
	-	<u>7,320,039</u>	<u>7,320,039</u>	-	<u>7,142,434</u>	<u>7,142,434</u>
Allocated support costs						
Support staff costs	-	1,691,765	1,691,765	-	1,268,910	1,268,910
Recruitment and support	-	23,002	23,002	-	24,573	24,573
Marketing and advertising	-	2,680	2,680	-	3,564	3,564
Maintenance of premises and equipment	-	451,802	451,802	-	361,769	361,769
Cleaning	-	236,938	236,938	-	191,829	191,829
Rent & rates	-	80,627	80,627	-	71,156	71,156
Insurance	-	28,840	28,840	-	26,893	26,893
Security and transport	-	13,815	13,815	-	13,325	13,325
Professional and consultancy	-	97,692	97,692	-	83,803	83,803
Postage	-	8,746	8,746	-	6,630	6,630
Catering	-	245,122	245,122	-	184,216	184,216
School trips	-	19,539	19,539	-	41,929	41,929
Other support costs	-	299,622	299,622	-	257,193	257,193
Governance	-	<u>14,950</u>	<u>14,950</u>	-	<u>15,857</u>	<u>15,857</u>
	-	<u>3,215,140</u>	<u>3,215,140</u>	-	<u>2,551,647</u>	<u>2,551,647</u>
	-	<u>10,535,179</u>	<u>10,535,179</u>	-	<u>9,694,081</u>	<u>9,694,081</u>

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9. STAFF

Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs during the period were:		
Wages and salaries	5,915,041	5,693,964
Social security costs	556,765	526,947
Pension costs	<u>1,794,902</u>	<u>1,533,244</u>
	<u>8,266,708</u>	<u>7,754,155</u>
Agency staff costs	26,099	10,483
	<u>8,292,807</u>	<u>7,764,638</u>

Included in staff costs are 2 (2020: 2) non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £25,912 (2020: £48,850). Individually, the payments were £1,748 and £24,164 (2020: 36,250 and £12,600).

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Charitable Activities		
Teachers	108	110
Administration and support	<u>132</u>	<u>129</u>
	<u>240</u>	<u>239</u>

* The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
£110,001- £120,000	1	1
£100,001- £110,000	-	-
£90,001- £100,000	-	-
£70,001 - £80,000	1	-
£60,001 - £70,000	3	4

3 of the above (2020: 3) employees detailed above participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the period ended 31 August 2021, pension contributions for these members of staff amounted to £59,963 (2020: £57,602). 2 of the above (2020: 2) employees detailed above participated in the Local Government Pension Scheme. During the period ended 31 August 2021, pension contributions for these members of staff amounted to £25,677 (2020: £24,205).

The Key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the Senior Management Team as listed on pages 1-2. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £1,427,472 (2020: £1,571,263).

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10. 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 Executive Headteacher and other staff governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Executive Headteacher and other staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as governors. The value of remuneration was as follows:

		2021	2020
		£	£
Executive Headteacher	Remuneration	130,000-135,000	125,000-130,000
	Pension contributions paid	25,000-30,000	25,000-30,000
Trinity Staff governor	Remuneration	45,000-50,000	50,000-55,000
	Pension contributions paid	10,000-15,000	10,000-15,000
Fir Tree Staff governor	Remuneration	10,000-15,000	55,000-60,000
	Pension contributions paid	0-5,000	10,000-15,000
Speenhamland Staff governor	Remuneration	40,000-45,000	30,000-35,000
	Pension contributions paid	5,000-10,000	5,000-10,000

During the period ended 31 August 2021, £nil travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed (2020: £Nil).

Related party transactions involving governors are set out in note 25.

11. DIRECTORS', GOVERNORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The Academy has entered a voluntary Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) with the Department for Education. The RPA is not an insurance scheme but is a mechanism through which the cost of risks that materialise will be covered by government funds. This arrangement includes Governors' liability and professional indemnity, up to £10,000,000 on any one claim and during the year. There is no separately identifiable charge for this insurance cover.

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long Leasehold Buildings £	Long Leasehold Land £	Furniture Fittings and Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	2021 Total £
Cost						
Brought forward	11,780,585	3,536,435	83,171	349,936	55,289	15,805,416
Additions	2,207,658	-	27,892	191,450	-	2,427,000
Disposals	-	-	(7,195)	(3,014)	-	10,209
At 31 August 2021	<u>13,988,243</u>	<u>3,536,435</u>	<u>103,868</u>	<u>538,372</u>	<u>55,289</u>	<u>18,222,207</u>
Depreciation						
Brought forward	1,686,719	-	49,028	241,861	49,790	2,027,398
Charged in the period	282,166	-	11,147	79,379	3,000	375,692
Disposals	-	-	(7,195)	(3,014)	-	(10,209)
At 31 August 2021	<u>1,968,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,980</u>	<u>318,226</u>	<u>52,790</u>	<u>2,392,881</u>
Net book value						
At 31 August 2021	<u>12,019,358</u>	<u>3,536,435</u>	<u>50,888</u>	<u>220,146</u>	<u>2,499</u>	<u>15,829,326</u>
Net book value						
At 31 August 2020	<u>10,093,866</u>	<u>3,536,435</u>	<u>31,143</u>	<u>108,075</u>	<u>5,499</u>	<u>13,778,018</u>

Included within Fixed Assets is recognition of the value of the land and buildings transferred to the Academy from its predecessor form as a Maintained School. The Academy has used the site valuation provided by West Berkshire Council at the date of conversion.

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13. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Fee debtors	4,327	1,160
Other debtors	20,777	12,276
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>218,837</u>	<u>183,225</u>
	<u>243,941</u>	<u>196,661</u>

14. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	125,382	123,583
Other Creditors	12,143	15,965
Accruals and deferred income	<u>303,784</u>	<u>318,374</u>
	<u>441,309</u>	<u>457,922</u>

Deferred Income	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2020	103,032	133,255
Resources deferred in the year	120,703	94,840
Amounts released from previous years	<u>(102,539)</u>	<u>(125,063)</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2021	<u>121,196</u>	<u>103,032</u>

At the Balance Sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received from the ESFA and trip income from students for the 2020/21 academic year.

15. CENTRAL SERVICES

Trinity School has provided the following central services to Fir Tree School and Speenhamland Primary School during the year:

- Financial services
- Educational support services
- Legal services
- Others as arising

The actual amount charged during the year to Fir Tree academy and Speenhamland academy for the above services amounted to £75,000 (2020: £85,000), and £110,000 (2020: £110,000) respectively. Costs for the Trust are apportioned to schools in line with GAG Income (71% - Trinity / 17% - Speenhamland / 13% - Fir Tree).

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<i>Balance at 31 August 2020 £</i>	<i>Incoming Resources £</i>	<i>Resources expended £</i>	<i>Gains, Losses and Transfers £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2021 £</i>
Restricted General Funds					
General Annual Grant	(324,596)	9,081,646	(8,685,729)	(198,451)	(127,130)
Other ESFA grants	9,770	788,656	(798,426)	-	-
Covid funding	-	22,793	(22,793)	-	-
Pension reserve	(4,980,000)	-	(633,000)	(828,000)	(6,441,000)
School Fund	<u>103,430</u>	<u>41,875</u>	<u>(19,539)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,766</u>
	<u>(5,191,396)</u>	<u>9,934,970</u>	<u>(10,159,487)</u>	<u>(1,026,451)</u>	<u>(6,442,364)</u>
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund					
Fixed assets	13,778,018	2,228,549	(375,692)	198,451	15,829,326
DfE/ESFA capital grants	<u>110,890</u>	<u>35,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,511</u>
	<u>13,888,908</u>	<u>2,264,170</u>	<u>(375,692)</u>	<u>198,451</u>	<u>15,975,837</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted funds	<u>1,384,901</u>	<u>252,105</u>	<u>(21,148)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,615,858</u>
Total funds	<u>10,082,413</u>	<u>12,451,245</u>	<u>(10,556,327)</u>	<u>(828,000)</u>	<u>11,149,331</u>

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

Restricted General Funds - ESFA grants (including GAG), which must be used to meet the cost of running Newbury Academy Trust.

Restricted Other Funds - represents donations and fundraising income generated by the school, which is for restricted use as stipulated by the donor.

Unrestricted Funds - represents income generated by the school (such as lettings and hire of facilities) and any other donations or investment income, which is not restricted for any specific purpose and can be spent as determined by the Directors' Board.

The transfer of £198,451 from the restricted general fund to the restricted fixed asset fund represents the purchase of fixed assets from GAG in the year.

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 were allocated as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Trinity School	8,375,977	7,003,831
Fir Tree Primary	700,618	849,883
Speenhamland Primary	<u>2,072,736</u>	<u>2,228,699</u>
Total	<u>11,149,331</u>	<u>10,082,413</u>

	Teaching and Educational Support Staff Costs £	Other Support Staff Premises £	Educational Supplies £	Other Costs (excluding capital expenditure) £	Total £
Trinity School	4,641,788	1,192,919	73,824	1,500,236	7,408,767
Fir Tree Primary	847,229	217,734	15,214	273,826	1,354,003
Speenhamland	<u>1,093,838</u>	<u>281,112</u>	<u>43,928</u>	<u>353,531</u>	<u>1,772,409</u>
Total	<u>6,582,855</u>	<u>1,691,765</u>	<u>132,966</u>	<u>2,127,593</u>	<u>10,535,179</u>

Statement of funds – prior year

	Balance at 31 August 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, Losses and Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
<i>Restricted General Funds</i>					
General Annual Grant	(119,625)	8,286,152	(8,364,591)	(126,532)	(324,596)
Other ESFA grants	9,703	503,946	(503,879)	-	9,770
Pension reserve	(3,183,000)	-	(418,000)	(1,379,000)	(4,980,000)
School Fund	<u>80,044</u>	<u>77,460</u>	<u>(54,074)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,430</u>
	<u>(3,212,878)</u>	<u>8,867,558</u>	<u>(9,340,544)</u>	<u>(1,505,532)</u>	<u>(5,191,396)</u>
<i>Restricted Fixed Asset Fund</i>					
Fixed assets	13,949,138	-	(297,652)	126,532	13,778,018
DfE/ESFA capital grants	<u>144,838</u>	<u>34,082</u>	<u>(68,030)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,890</u>
	<u>14,093,976</u>	<u>34,082</u>	<u>(365,682)</u>	<u>126,532</u>	<u>13,888,908</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
Unrestricted funds	<u>1,135,966</u>	<u>279,931</u>	<u>(30,996)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,384,901</u>
Total funds	<u>12,017,064</u>	<u>9,181,571</u>	<u>(9,737,222)</u>	<u>(1,379,000)</u>	<u>10,082,413</u>

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £	Other Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	15,829,326	-	15,829,326
Current assets	1,615,858	(1,882,390)	2,343,080	125,766	2,202,314
Current liabilities	-	(441,309)	-	-	(441,309)
Pension scheme liability	-	(6,441,000)	-	-	(6,441,000)
	<u>1,615,858</u>	<u>(8,764,699)</u>	<u>18,172,406</u>	<u>125,766</u>	<u>11,149,331</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds – prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £	Other Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	13,778,018	-	13,778,018
Current assets	1,384,901	143,096	110,890	103,430	1,742,317
Current liabilities	-	(457,922)	-	-	(457,922)
Pension scheme liability	-	(4,980,000)	-	-	(4,980,000)
	<u>1,384,901</u>	<u>(5,294,826)</u>	<u>13,888,908</u>	<u>103,430</u>	<u>10,082,413</u>

18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2021 there were commitments of £nil (2020: £nil) in respect of future works.

19. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Operating Leases

At 31 August 2021 the Academy Trust had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Other		
Expiring within one year	31,207	34,655
Expiring within two and five years inclusive	<u>24,420</u>	<u>57,643</u>
	<u>55,627</u>	<u>92,298</u>

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20. MEMBERS' LIABILITIES

Every member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (such amount not exceeding £10) to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for the payment of the Trust's debts and liabilities before he or she ceases to be a member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of contributions amongst themselves.

21. CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net expenditure	1,894,918	(555,651)
Depreciation	375,692	297,652
Capital grant received	(2,264,170)	(34,082)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost	633,000	418,000
Interest received	(69)	(1,006)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(47,280)	37,150
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>(16,613)</u>	<u>(26,772)</u>
Cash used in operating activities	<u>575,478</u>	<u>135,291</u>

22. CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,427,000)	(126,532)
Capital grants received	2,264,170	34,082
Interest received	<u>69</u>	<u>1,006</u>
Cash provided by investing activities	<u>(162,761)</u>	<u>(91,444)</u>

23. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	1,958,373	1,545,656

24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 September 2020 £	Cash flow £	At 31 August 2021 £
Cash	1,545,656	412,717	1,958,373
	<u>1,545,656</u>	<u>412,717</u>	<u>1,958,373</u>

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25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy's operations and the composition of the Board of Directors being linked to local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the Board of Directors or a Governor may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the AFH and with the trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

There were no related party transactions that took place during the year, or the prior year.

26. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2020 the trust received £3,312 (2020: £5,986) and disbursed £3,312 (2020: £12,514) from the fund. There is £nil outstanding balance at the year (2020: £Nil).

27. PENSIONS 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 the Royal County of Berkshire Pension Scheme. Both are 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.

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.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

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27. PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

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

The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £973,980 (2020: £876,091) and at the year-end £10,883 (2020 - £12,292) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the period ended 31 August 2021 was £486,000 (2020: £379,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £360,000 (2020: £290,000) and employees' contributions totalled £126,000 (£89,000). The agreed contribution rates are currently 20.6% for employers and from 5.5 to 12.5% for employees depending on salary. At the year-end, Nil amounts were owing (2020 - £Nil) in respect of contributions to this scheme.

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	At 31 August 2021	At 31 August 2020
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90%	3.25%
Rate of increase of pensions in payment / inflation	2.90%	2.25%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65%	1.60%

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

	At 31 August 2021 £'000	At 31 August 2020 £'000
Retiring today - males	21.3	21.5
Retiring today - females	24.0	24.1
Retiring in 20 years - males	22.6	22.9
Retiring in 20 years - females	25.4	25.5

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27. PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 August 2021 £'000	At 31 August 2020 £'000
Discount rate +0.1%	9,605	7,412
Discount rate -0.1%	10,137	7,823
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	10,260	7,892
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	9,489	7,348
Pension increases +0.1%	10,117	7,808
Pension increases -0.1%	9,623	7,427

The academy trust's (combining Trinity School, Fir Tree Primary and Speenhamland Primary) share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the expected rates of return were:

	Expected return at 31 August 2021	Fair value at 31 August 2021 £'000	Expected return at 31 August 2020	Fair value at 31 August 2020 £'000
Equities	61%	2,091	59%	1,538
Other bonds	18%	610	14%	345
Property	12%	404	14%	374
Cash	2%	71	9%	250
Target Return Portfolio	4%	149	3%	81
Commodities	-%	-	0%	10
Infrastructure	9%	294	7%	193
Longevity Insurance	(6)%	(193)	-6%	-156
Total market value of assets		<u>3,426</u>		<u>2,635</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £343,000 (2020: £109,000).

The amounts included within the Statement of Financial Activities would be as follows:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Service cost (current and past)	909	757
Administration expenses	22	3
Net interest on the defined liability	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>
Total operating charge	<u>983</u>	<u>837</u>

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

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Opening defined benefit obligation	7,615	5,597
Current service cost	904	648
Interest cost	123	107
Estimated benefits paid (net of transfers in)	(26)	(67)
Employee contributions	126	89
Change in demographic assumptions	(99)	(158)
Experience loss/(gain) on defined benefit obligation	(158)	776
Past service costs, including curtailments	-	-
Actuarial loss (gain)	<u>1,382</u>	<u>623</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>9,867</u>	<u>7,615</u>

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

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Opening balance	2,635	2,414
Interest cost	46	49
Return on plan assets (excluding net interest on the defined Pension liability)	297	60
Estimated benefits paid (net of transfers in)	(26)	(67)
Other actuarial gains/(losses)	-	(198)
Administration expenses	(2)	(2)
Employer contributions	350	290
Employee contributions	<u>126</u>	<u>89</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>3,426</u>	<u>2,635</u>