

St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2021



St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Governors and Trustees (Directors)	A Beare B Byrne C J Calvert, Chairperson J J Fernandes, Headteacher W Freeman P Mashingaidze (resigned 1 September 2021) C Monaghan Father C M Posluszny (resigned 13 September 2021) E M Shields (resigned 6 September 2021) K J Smith (resigned 14 July 2021) E Uruchurtu H Watmough-Cownie (resigned 29 April 2021) B Twomey G Archer (appointed 27 October 2021) L Moriarty (appointed 15 October 2021) A Philips (appointed 15 October 2021) H L Sheppard (appointed 15 October 2021)
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Company Registration Number	08181858
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Reference and Administrative Details (continued)

Bankers

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company 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.

The academy trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 serving an extended catchment area of five parishes. It has a pupil capacity of 210 and had a roll of 242 in the school census on 16th January 2021.

The Academy is:

- (a) an independent school;
- (b) has a curriculum satisfying the requirements of section 78 of the Education Act 2002 (balanced and broadly based curriculum);
- (c) provides education for pupils of different abilities;
- (d) provides education for pupils who are wholly or mainly drawn from the area in which the school is situated; and
- (e) is not an alternative provision academy.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The company registration number is 08181858.

The governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as St Marie's School.

Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

The academy trust through its Articles has indemnified its Trustees to the fullest extent permissible by law. During the period the Academy also purchased and maintained liability insurance for its Trustees.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Diocesan Bishop appoints a minimum of 8 Foundation Governors to ensure that at all times the number of Foundation Governors exceeds the total number of other Governors by at least 2. Applications for a vacant Foundation Governor position are forwarded to the Bishop for appointment. The Diocese of Hallam deal with all appointments of foundation governors and a record is held with the schools' department.

Arrangements for the election of Parent Governors (3): Parents are sent a letter informing them of the vacancy and asking for nominations. Arrangements are made for the election of a Parent Governor and that every person who is entitled to vote in the election has an opportunity to do so by post or, if he/she prefers, by having his/her ballot paper returned to the Academy Trust by a registered pupil at the Academy. The parent receiving the highest number of votes shall be appointed.

The arrangements made for the election of a Staff Governor (1) provides for every member of staff who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so. The Staff member receiving the highest number of votes shall be appointed.

Associate Governors (2) may be appointed by the Governing Body provided that the person who is appointed as the Associate Governor is not an employee of the Academy Trust.

The Community Governor (1) may be appointed by the Governing Body provided that the person who is appointed as the Community Governor is not an employee of the Academy Trust and lives in the Academy Trust community.

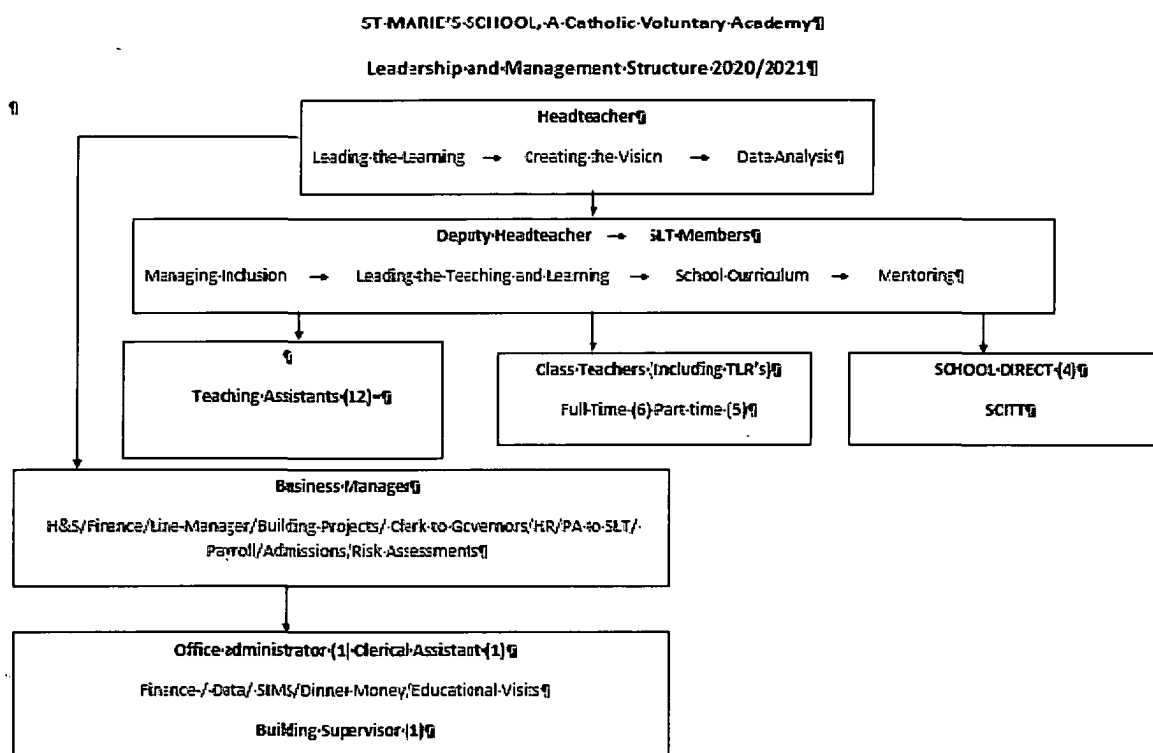
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The Academy has access to the Governor training package delivered by Learn Sheffield. This includes the delivery of New Governor induction training courses. All new Governors are offered the opportunity to attend. A designated Governor Training Co-ordinator is appointed by the full governing body, who ensures that all training is offered to the Governors. The school also shares joint training events for governors with its two partner schools.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

Organisational structure



Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Resource and Strategy committees meet annually to review the recommendations for pay progression of staff by the Headteacher if staff successfully meet their Performance Management objectives in line with the Pay Policy.

Governors on the Headteacher appraisal panel will meet annually with an external advisor to carry out the appraisal of the Headteacher and consider any pay increments if Performance Management objectives are successfully met in line with the Pay Policy.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

St Marie's School is part of the Diocese of Hallam Schools' Partnership Agreement. A full list of schools can be found at the Diocese of Hallam website.

The Trust is part of the Umbrella Trust of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom with Company No. 08180450.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Academy Trust's object ("the Object") is specifically restricted to the following:

- 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, carrying on, managing and developing a Catholic school designated as such ("the Academy") which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Catholic Church and all Catholic canon law applying thereto including any trust deed governing the use of land used by an Academy both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship and having regard to any advice and following directives issued by the Diocesan Bishop; and
- to promote for the benefit of individuals living in the area served by the Academy and the surrounding area who have need by reason of their age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said individuals.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The School's objectives for the period ending 31 August 2021 are summarised below:-

- To ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care
- To raise the standard of educational achievement of all pupils
- To improve the effectiveness of the academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under review
- To provide value for money of the funds expended
- To comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements
- To conduct the academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity and openness

Public benefit

The Academy Trust provides educational services to all children in the local area. The Members and Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

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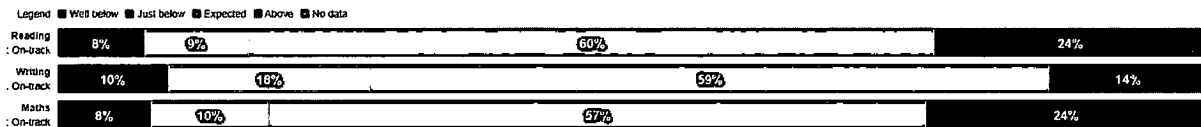
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Strategic Report

Achievements and performance

Due to COVID-19 all statutory assessments were cancelled and there was no formal reporting requirements. Additionally, primary school performance measures were not published for the 2020/21 academic year. The Academy Trust did recognise the absence of reported test results and teacher assessment information was sent out to all families at the end of the academic year in an end of year report.

A summary of the school teaching assessment data is below:



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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

Strategic Report

Catholic Education

Presentation of the school is outstanding. The Catholic mission of St Marie's is impressively witnessed through exciting, inclusive and relevant displays in the public and shared spaces, and in all classrooms.

A strong sense of welcome pervades the school, from staff and pupils.

The RE co-ordinator, as part of the Senior Leadership Team, has led Religious Education teaching and the promotion of the school's Catholic life very effectively, with the enthusiastic involvement of the Head Teacher. It is evident that all staff have ownership of their roles in promoting RE learning and the Catholic ethos to the highest standard.

Key financial performance indicators

	2021	2020
Fund balance (excluding fixed assets and pension (£))	7,689	140,627
Cash in bank (£)	63,585	165,824
Total staff costs (£)	1,123,279	1,110,830
Staff costs to ESFA revenue income (%)	96.94	93.62
Staff costs to total income excluding fixed asset funds (%)	84.14	83.29
Staff costs as a proportion of total expense (%)	75.63	77.72
Total pupil numbers	242	243
Spend per pupil for non-pay expenditure lines excluding depreciation (£)	1,410	1,247

Key non-financial performance indicators

The school is currently judged as 'good' under an OFSTED inspection in June 2017. We recognise that now we are well on the journey towards where we really want to be – to be acknowledged as an 'Outstanding' school. We are determined to continue on that journey towards our goal, which is certainly within our reach because we have such a united and committed community.

The school's main strengths are:

- The headteacher, the deputy headteacher and governors lead with strong determination to provide pupils with a high-quality education that develops them as well-rounded individuals.
- The school's ethos is incredibly nurturing and inclusive.
- Staff are keen to do their very best to provide pupils with a vibrant curriculum which interests and engages them and values them as individuals.
- Children enjoy school, have good attitudes to learning and are considerate and caring towards each other.
- By the end of early years, a greater proportion of pupils reach a good level of development than that seen nationally.
- Pupils achieve highly in reading and mathematics.
- The provision for the moral and spiritual development is very good which directly contributes to the positive relationships and the racial harmony that is evident.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

Strategic Report

Going concern

On assessing the going concern and the extra requirements in keeping the Academy Covid-19 safe, the Governing Body have reviewed the loss of fundraising income and do not think that this affects the status of the Academy for the coming year. New fundraising procedures have been put in place during the pandemic, which we hope to see reflected in the 2021/2022 financial reports.

After making appropriate enquiries, the Governing Body has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

In March 2022 the Academy will join the newly formed St Clare Catholic MAT. The Academy is currently working with the Diocese of Hallam to manage the transition to the MAT. No costs have been incurred by the Academy in relation to the MAT in 2020/21.

Financial review

The Trust has cash of £63,585 (2020 - £165,824) at the bank, with total net assets of £613,497 (2020 - £740,550) excluding the pension liability of £1,491,000 (2020 - £1,262,000). The Trust has an in year deficit of £132,938 (2020 - £12,071) on restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) and unrestricted funds.

At 31 August 2021 the level of free reserves held was £6,332 which shows an decrease of £90,068 on the 2020 total of £96,400. There was also a balance of £1,357 (2020 - £1,654) on unrestricted designated funds at 31 August 2021.

The Trust adopted as its principal financial policies the Academies Financial Handbook published by the DfE, Academy Schools: guidance on regulation as Charities and Internal Controls for Charities published by the Charities Commission together with the Academy's operational Financial Management and Administration procedure.

The Trust is principally funded by the General Annual Grant from the Department of Education which is used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the Trust.

The Trust has plans to reduce the staff costs, through redundancy procedures, and has consulted and identified three members of staff. Redundancy took place in August/September 2021 the payments of which will be made in the next financial year.

The Trust requested a SRMA (School Resources Management Assessment). The result of which was very positive showing that the only area of concern was staffing numbers and from this the trust have put plans in place to make two further redundancies in the next financial year. The report can be accessed via the school website www.st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk

Reserves policy

The balance on restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) plus the balance on unrestricted funds amounted to £7,689 (2020 - £140,627) and the Trust has an overall balance of £605,808 (2020 - £599,923) on restricted fixed asset funds.

Investment policy

The Trust currently has no financial investments, however should it decide to pursue these in the future the policy is to delegate the management of investments to a financial expert.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

Strategic Report

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risk and uncertainty the Trust faces is the continued funding from the Department of Education. To mitigate against this risk the Trust ensures that these funds are used for the purpose they were provided for and only in accordance with guidance laid out in the DfE Academies Financial Handbook. The Trust ensures proper stewardship of those funds, economy, efficiency and effectiveness in their use, using its discretion reasonably and takes into account any and all relevant guidance on accountability or propriety.

The main financial risks are:

- Protection of the Trust's assets
- Conflicts of interest, theft, bribery, loss, waste, fraud or mistakes
- Robust financial reporting systems
- Compliance with financial law and regulations

To mitigate against these risks relevant insurance policies are in place. Rigorous internal controls and risk assessments have taken place, in collaboration with the Trust's nominated external reviewer to ensure law and regulations are adhered to.

The Academy is not generally exposed to significant uncertainty in relation to financial instruments. The key issue is the pension scheme liability, which is included in the accounts on the basis of actuarial advice and inevitably will be subject to fluctuations in the future.

Fundraising

The school raises funds through the work of the Home School Association (HSA). There have been no complaints received in relation to this. The school makes clear that all fund raising carried out is of a voluntary nature and used to support the school in educating the pupils. This year the ability to raise funds was significantly impacted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. From September 2020 the school has started to provide before school childcare provision to bring in income to support maintaining the current staffing structure.

Plans for future periods

St Marie's will be joining St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust on 1 March 2022 and this will provide additional resource, support and capacity for the academy. Governors view the CMAT as bringing the following benefits:

- Stronger and wider collaboration through a shared vision and values
- Deepening of distinctive ethos
- Stronger Strategic Leadership
- School Improvement Strategy
- Access to Specialist Resources
- Access to Funding Streams
- High quality professional development
- Career development
- Shared accountability
- Delivering economies of scale
- Reducing duplication of effort
- Access to data to inform decisions
- Reducing policy burdens
- Supporting compliance duties

The Trust leaders and those responsible for governance will ensure that subject leadership is developed to include a rigorous cycle of self-evaluation so that leaders are able to take greater responsibility for school improvement and become more accountable for improving standards in their subjects.

Our aim as a school academically is to continue to work towards becoming an outstanding school.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

Auditor

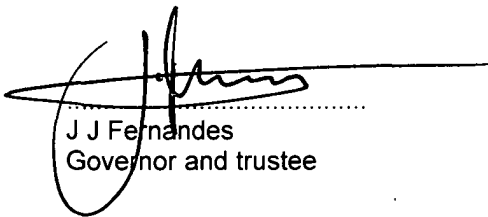
Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

Reappointment of auditor

The auditors Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on 20/12/2021 and signed on its behalf by:



J J Fernandes
Governor and trustee

St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Governance Statement

Scope of responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy 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 Government Handbook and competency framework for governance.

The Governing Body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to J J Fernandes, 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 St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Governing Body has formally met 3 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Governing Body was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
B Byrne	3	3
A Beare	3	3
C J Calvert, Chairperson	3	3
J J Fernandes, Headteacher	3	3
W Freeman	3	3
Father C M Posluszny (resigned 13 September 2021)	2	3
P Mashingaidze (resigned 1 September 2021)	0	3
C Monaghan	3	3
E Uruchurtu	2	3
K J Smith (resigned 14 July 2021)	3	3
E M Shields (resigned 6 September 2021)	3	3
H Watmough-Cownie (resigned 29 April 2021)	2	2
B Twomey	3	3

P Mashingaidze had work commitments which unabled her to attend any of the meetings during the year therefore she has been removed from office, effective from 1 September 2021.

Governance reviews

The Governing body annually audit the skill set of the governors and use this information to allocate governors to specific roles and committees. Governors are encouraged to attend training sessions to fill any particular skillsets. The next self-evaluation of governance will take place at the Autumn term meeting 2021.

The Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. Its purpose is to ensure proper financial administration arrangements are in place that enables the Governing Body to fulfil its statutory responsibilities for financial management. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

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Governance Statement (continued)

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
A Beare	3	3
C J Calvert	3	3
J J Fernandes	3	3
W Freeman	3	3
K J Smith	3	3

Effective oversight of funds

Monthly financial budget reports are created and shared with the Resource Committee via an online portal. Governors then have the opportunity to ask questions and raise queries before the next meeting. This allows for questions and queries to be answered in a more timely manner. Internal control reports are shared with the resource committee termly for comments and approval.

Review of value for money

As accounting officer the headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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

- Checking staffing costs are accurate and planned appropriately.
- Ensuring all invoices are accounted for and audit trails are in place to ensure that costs incurred are for the education of our pupils.
- Providing support for our internal bursar saving the school money.
- Outsourcing support services, such as governor support.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing 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 St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Governing Body 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 Governing Body is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Governing Body.

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Governance Statement (continued)

The risk and control framework

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

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

The Governing Body has decided:

- to employ Hart Shaw LLP as internal auditor

The auditor's role includes giving advice on financial and other matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial and other systems. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

- testing of purchasing/procurement systems including ensuring that authorisation and value for money policies are adhered to;
- testing of payroll systems;
- testing of income systems;
- testing of bank control and reconciliation procedures;
- testing of VAT reporting;
- testing of procedures for the recording of financial information and reporting to governors; and
- testing of the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.

On a termly basis, the auditor reports to the Governing Body, through the audit committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities and annually prepares an annual summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

There were no material control or other issues reported by the auditor to date.

Review of effectiveness

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

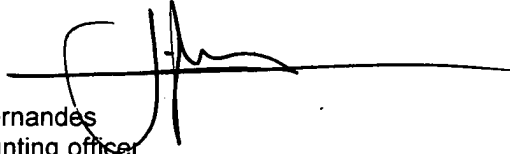
- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self assessment process or the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Resources Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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Governance Statement (continued)

Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on ~~20/2/2021~~ and signed on its behalf by:

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J J Fernandes
Accounting officer
Governor and trustee

St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

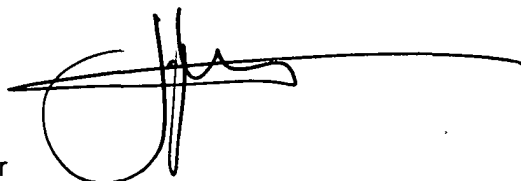
Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As Accounting Officer of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Governing Body and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

I confirm that I and the academy trust Governing Body 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 2020.

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 Governing Body and ESFA.

J J Fernandes
Accounting officer



Date: 20/12/2021

St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

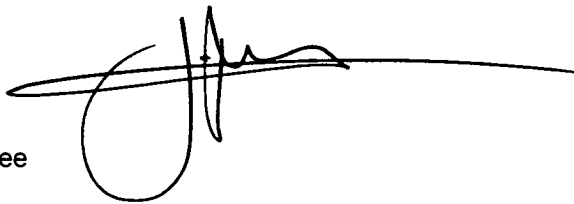
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board on 20/12/2021 and signed on its behalf by:

J J Fernandes
Governor and trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and 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 FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy trust's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Academy 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.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to the going concern disclosures in the accounting policies on page 27 of the financial statements and in the trustees' report on page 9, which state that there is an intention for the Academy to be transferred into a Multi Academy Trust in the near future. However, transfer and novation of the funding agreement has not been approved. The intention to transfer indicates that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the academy's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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. Our evaluation of the trustees' assessment of the entity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included review of the Academy's plans and budgets, and discussions with the trustees regarding the intention to transfer into a Multi Academy Trust and the progress made up to the date of this report.

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

Other information (covers the Reference and Administrative Details, the Trustees' Report and Strategic Report and the Governance Statement)

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.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and 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 our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report.

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 17], the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Academy'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 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 design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- we identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our academy sector experience and through discussions with management and trustees;
- making inquiries and discussing with management and trustees as to whether the academy complies with such laws and regulations;

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- enquiries with management and trustees concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims;
- inspection of relevant legal correspondence;
- reviewing minutes of trustees meetings;
- the performance of analytical procedures to identify unexpected changes or movements to account balances which may be indicative fraud;
- reviewing transactions around the end of the reporting period and by testing the appropriateness of journals and other adjustments;
- assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of any potential bias; and
- evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, misrepresentations, forgery or through collusion.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

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



Alan Pickstone FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited,
Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Unit 4, Broadfield Court
Sheffield
S8 0XF

Date: 20 December 2021

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Education and Skills Funding Agency to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 31 August 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy 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 St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we may state to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy 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 St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Governing Body's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of the Governing Body's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 October 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2020, 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 year from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- The assessment and evaluation of relevant control procedures adopted by the Academy Trust
- Assessing the risk of material irregularity
- Undertaking limited testing of income and expenditure, including identifying and testing funding agreements in place.

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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 year from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited

Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants and Reporting Accountant

Unit 4, Broadfield Court
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Date: *20 December 2021*

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021
(including Income and Expenditure Account)**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2020/21 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	58,686	15,194	-	73,880
Other trading activities	4	35,989	55,585	-	91,574
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	-	1,167,684	-	1,167,684
Total		94,675	1,238,463	-	1,333,138
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	6,052	135	-	6,187
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	6	58,877	1,435,134	15,993	1,510,004
Total		64,929	1,435,269	15,993	1,516,191
Net income/(expenditure)		29,746	(196,806)	(15,993)	(183,053)
Transfers between funds		(120,112)	98,234	21,878	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	(173,000)	-	(173,000)
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		(90,366)	(271,572)	5,885	(356,053)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2020		98,055	(1,219,428)	599,923	(521,450)
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2021		<u>7,689</u>	<u>(1,491,000)</u>	<u>605,808</u>	<u>(877,503)</u>

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2020
(including Income and Expenditure Account)**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2019/20 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	75,089	20,055	-	95,144
Other trading activities	4	16,865	22,668	-	39,533
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	-	1,199,005	-	1,199,005
Total		91,954	1,241,728	-	1,333,682
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	5,127	775	-	5,902
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	6	56,449	1,351,402	15,446	1,423,297
Total		61,576	1,352,177	15,446	1,429,199
Net income/(expenditure)		30,378	(110,449)	(15,446)	(95,517)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	51,000	-	51,000
Net movement in funds/(deficit)		30,378	(59,449)	(15,446)	(44,517)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2019		67,676	(1,159,978)	615,369	(476,933)
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2020		98,054	(1,219,427)	599,923	(521,450)

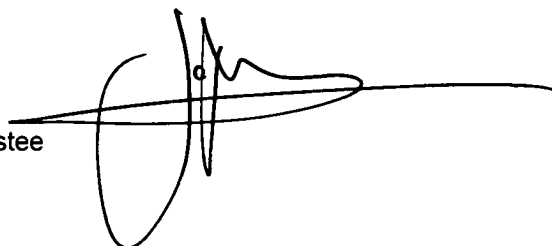
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(Registration number: 08181858)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	605,808	599,923
Current assets			
Debtors	11	59,804	56,368
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>63,585</u>	<u>165,824</u>
		123,389	222,192
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(115,700)</u>	<u>(81,565)</u>
Net current assets		<u>7,689</u>	<u>140,627</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>613,497</u>	<u>740,550</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		613,497	740,550
Pension scheme liability	21	<u>(1,491,000)</u>	<u>(1,262,000)</u>
Net liabilities including pension liability		<u>(877,503)</u>	<u>(521,450)</u>
Funds of the Academy:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted general fund		-	42,573
Restricted fixed asset fund		605,808	599,923
Restricted pension fund		<u>(1,491,000)</u>	<u>(1,262,000)</u>
		<u>(885,192)</u>	<u>(619,504)</u>
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted general fund		6,332	96,400
Unrestricted designated fund		<u>1,357</u>	<u>1,654</u>
		<u>7,689</u>	<u>98,054</u>
Total funds		<u>(877,503)</u>	<u>(521,450)</u>

The financial statements on pages 23 to 47 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 29.12.2021 and signed on their behalf by:

J J Fernandes
Governor and trustee



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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	16	(80,361)	(29,016)
Cash flows from investing activities	17	<u>(21,878)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(102,239)	(29,016)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		<u>165,824</u>	<u>194,840</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	18	<u><u>63,585</u></u>	<u><u>165,824</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

1 Accounting policies

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

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 2020 to 2021 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

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 charitable company to continue as a going concern. The governors make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

There is an intention to transfer the academy into St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust in March 2022, however at the date of the approval for these accounts novation of the funding agreement and transfer had not been approved.

There are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, with exception to the transfer detailed above. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

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

Grants

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are spent on capital projects in line with the terms and conditions of the grant. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

Donations

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

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

Expenditure

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

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

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

With the exception of the playing field that is held under a 125 year lease from Sheffield City Council, all of the academy premises consist of land and buildings owned by, or leased by the Diocese of Hallam. The Trustees of the Diocese of Hallam are the providers of the academy on the same basis as when the academy was a maintained school. The academy trust occupies the land and buildings under a mere licence. The continuing permission of the Diocese of Hallam is pursuant to, and subject to, the Diocese's charitable objects, and is part of the Catholic Church's contribution since 1847 to provide state funded education in partnership with the State. The licence delegates aspects of the management of the land and buildings to the academy trust company for the time being, but does not vest and rights over the land in the academy trust company. The Diocese of Hallam has given an undertaking to the Secretary of State that they will not give the academy trust company less than two years notice to terminate the occupation of the land and buildings. Having considered the factual matrix under which the academy trust company is occupying the land and buildings, the governors have concluded that the value of the land and buildings occupied by the academy trust company should not be recognised on the balance sheet of the company.

An amount based upon the rateable value of these land and buildings has been recognised in these accounts within income and expenditure.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land and assets under construction, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful lives, per the table below.

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

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

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Leasehold land	Over the life of the lease - 125 years
Building improvements	Between 2% - 5% straight line
ICT equipment	3 years straight line

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the academy trust has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Leased assets

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

Financial instruments

The academy trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academy trust and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 11. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 12. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. 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 net income/(expenditure) are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy trust at the discretion of the trustees.

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

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

Critical accounting estimates and 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.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, 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 2021. 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Critical areas of judgement

The main school building is held on a licence from the trustees of The Diocese of Hallam. The governors have assessed the risks and rewards of ownership and in their judgement, and after holding discussions with The Diocese of Hallam, these have not been transferred to the academy trust.

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Educational trips and visits	-	13,131	13,131	17,966
Other donations	58,686	2,063	60,749	77,178
	<u>58,686</u>	<u>15,194</u>	<u>73,880</u>	<u>95,144</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Restricted funds £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
DfE/ESFA revenue grants			
General annual grant	957,329	957,329	1,030,173
Pupil premium	40,693	40,693	42,180
Devolved formula capital	7,038	7,038	7,296
Universal free school meals	38,795	38,795	37,145
Rates reclaim	4,915	4,915	4,915
PE and sports grant	18,130	18,130	18,410
Teachers pay grant	11,465	11,465	12,125
Teachers pension grant	32,396	32,396	34,261
	<u>1,110,761</u>	<u>1,110,761</u>	<u>1,186,505</u>
Other government grants			
Local authority grants	12,000	12,000	12,500
Exceptional government funding			
Coronavirus exceptional support	25,323	25,323	-
Covid-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)			
Catch-up premium	<u>19,600</u>	<u>19,600</u>	<u>-</u>
Total grants	<u><u>1,167,684</u></u>	<u><u>1,167,684</u></u>	<u><u>1,199,005</u></u>

• The academy received £19,600 of funding for catch-up premium and costs incurred in respect of this funding totalled £19,600.

The academy trust has been eligible to claim additional funding in year from government support schemes in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown above under "exceptional government funding".

• The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support covers £25,323 of cleaning and additional classroom resources costs. These costs are included in notes 6 and 7 below as appropriate.

Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department for Education and ESFA, the academy trust's funding for rates reclaim, PE and sports grant, teachers pay grant and teachers pension grant are no longer reported under the Other DfE Group grants heading, but as separate lines under the Other DfE/ESFA grants heading. The prior year numbers have been reclassified.

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4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Hire of facilities	6,669	-	6,669	5,297
Catering income	942	656	1,598	526
Recharges and reimbursements	22,407	45,268	67,675	15,959
Other sales	5,971	9,661	15,632	17,751
	<u>35,989</u>	<u>55,585</u>	<u>91,574</u>	<u>39,533</u>

5 Expenditure

	Non Pay Expenditure			2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £		
Expenditure on raising funds					
Direct costs	-	-	6,187	6,187	5,902
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	882,711	-	30,978	913,689	897,585
Allocated support costs	<u>276,152</u>	<u>148,274</u>	<u>171,889</u>	<u>596,315</u>	<u>525,712</u>
	<u>1,158,863</u>	<u>148,274</u>	<u>209,054</u>	<u>1,516,191</u>	<u>1,429,199</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Operating leases - other leases	5,936	5,936
Fees payable to auditor - audit	4,120	3,800
- other audit services	495	2,395
- other non-audit services	5,170	5,075
Depreciation	<u>15,993</u>	<u>15,446</u>

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6 Charitable activities

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Direct costs - educational operations	913,689	897,585
Support costs - educational operations	596,315	525,712
	<u>1,510,004</u>	<u>1,423,297</u>

	Educational operations £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Analysis of support costs			
Support staff costs	276,152	276,152	251,682
Depreciation	15,993	15,993	15,446
Technology costs	11,938	11,938	12,601
Premises costs	132,281	132,281	121,160
Other support costs	149,266	149,266	113,553
Governance costs	10,685	10,685	11,270
Total support costs	<u>596,315</u>	<u>596,315</u>	<u>525,712</u>

7 Staff

Staff costs

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	792,609	785,139
Social security costs	70,329	56,664
Pension costs	260,341	259,445
	<u>1,123,279</u>	<u>1,101,248</u>
Supply teacher costs	-	9,582
Staff restructuring costs	35,584	-
	<u>1,158,863</u>	<u>1,110,830</u>
		2021 £
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Redundancy payments		<u>35,584</u>

Non statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £3,828 (2020: £Nil). Individually, the payments were £1,276, £1,276, and £1,276.

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7 Staff (continued)

Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy trust during the year was as follows:

	2020/21 No	2019/20 No
Teachers	9	9
Administration and support	17	21
Management	6	6
	<u>32</u>	<u>36</u>

Higher paid staff

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

	2021 No	2020 No
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £336,550 (2020 - £332,315).

8 Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

J J Fernandes (Headteacher):

Remuneration: £65,000 - £70,000 (2020 - £60,000 - £65,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £15,000 - £20,000 (2020 - £15,000 - £20,000)

B Twomey (R. E. Coordinator):

Remuneration: £30,000 - £35,000 (2020 - £20,000 - £25,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £5,000 - £10,000 (2020 - £5,000 - £10,000)

H Grant (Teacher):

Remuneration: (2020 - £10,000 - £15,000)

Employer's pension contributions: (2020 - £0 - £5,000)

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 22.

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9 Trustees' and officers' insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2020	685,324	5,701	691,025
Additions	21,878	-	21,878
At 31 August 2021	707,202	5,701	712,903
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2020	85,401	5,701	91,102
Charge for the year	15,993	-	15,993
At 31 August 2021	101,394	5,701	107,095
Net book value			
At 31 August 2021	605,808	-	605,808
At 31 August 2020	599,923	-	599,923

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	5,045	7,795
Prepayments	14,815	13,889
Accrued grant and other income	8,471	6,041
VAT recoverable	-	771
Other debtors	31,473	27,872
	59,804	56,368

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,451	2,516
Other taxation and social security	17,617	14,598
Other creditors	42,841	13,785
Pension scheme creditor	22,637	21,583
Accruals	450	-
Deferred income	26,704	29,083
	<u>115,700</u>	<u>81,565</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September 2020	29,083	29,347
Resources deferred in the period	26,704	29,083
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(29,083)</u>	<u>(29,347)</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2021	<u>26,704</u>	<u>29,083</u>

Deferred income relates to Devolved Formula Capital and Universal Infant Free School Meals grants received in relation to the 2021/22 academic year.

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13 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Restricted general funds					
General fund	41,321	1,171,132	(1,310,686)	98,233	-
Devolved formula capital (DFC)	-	7,038	(7,038)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	40,693	(40,693)	-	-
Play pod scheme	1,252	-	(1,252)	-	-
Catch-up premium	-	19,600	(19,600)	-	-
	<u>42,573</u>	<u>1,238,463</u>	<u>(1,379,269)</u>	<u>98,233</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital funding	569,899	-	(14,009)	-	555,890
Memorial garden	7,153	-	(157)	-	6,996
KS1 playground	8,025	-	(467)	-	7,558
Capital expenditure from GAG	14,846	-	(1,360)	21,878	35,364
	<u>599,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,993)</u>	<u>21,878</u>	<u>605,808</u>
Restricted pension funds					
Defined benefit pension liability	<u>(1,262,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,000)</u>	<u>(173,000)</u>	<u>(1,491,000)</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(619,504)</u>	<u>1,238,463</u>	<u>(1,451,262)</u>	<u>(52,889)</u>	<u>(885,192)</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	96,400	92,705	(63,695)	(119,078)	6,332
Unrestricted designated funds	1,654	1,970	(1,234)	(1,033)	1,357
Total unrestricted funds	<u>98,054</u>	<u>94,675</u>	<u>(64,929)</u>	<u>(120,111)</u>	<u>7,689</u>
Total funds	<u>(521,450)</u>	<u>1,333,138</u>	<u>(1,516,191)</u>	<u>(173,000)</u>	<u>(877,503)</u>

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13 Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Restricted general funds					
General fund	83,770	1,192,252	(1,234,701)	-	41,321
Devolved formula capital (DFC)	-	7,296	(7,296)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	42,180	(42,180)	-	-
Play pod scheme	1,252	-	-	-	1,252
	<u>85,022</u>	<u>1,241,728</u>	<u>(1,284,177)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,573</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital funding	583,908	-	(14,009)	-	569,899
Memorial garden	7,310	-	(157)	-	7,153
KS1 playground	8,492	-	(467)	-	8,025
Capital expenditure from GAG	15,659	-	(813)	-	14,846
	<u>615,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,446)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>599,923</u>
Restricted pension funds					
Defined benefit pension liability	<u>(1,245,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(68,000)</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>(1,262,000)</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(544,609)</u>	<u>1,241,728</u>	<u>(1,367,623)</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>(619,504)</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	66,022	91,954	(61,576)	-	96,400
Unrestricted designated funds	1,654	-	-	-	1,654
Total unrestricted funds	<u>67,676</u>	<u>91,954</u>	<u>(61,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,054</u>
Total funds	<u>(476,933)</u>	<u>1,333,682</u>	<u>(1,429,199)</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>(521,450)</u>

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13 Funds (continued)

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

Restricted general funds:

General fund - Income receivable from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and other sources to fund the educational operations and running costs of the Academy.

Devolved Formula Capital - A grant that can be used for improvements to buildings or other facilities, including ICT, or capital repairs/ refurbishments.

Catch-up premium - A one-off universal catch-up premium for the 2020/21 academic year to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure.

Pupil premium - Additional funding given to schools so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

Play pod scheme - A grant received from Big Lottery Fund for the provision of and training costs relating to a childrens scrapstore programme.

Restricted pension funds:

Defined benefit pension liability - The deficit on the local government pension scheme has been recognised against restricted funds in order to match it against GAG as recommended by the Accounts Direction published by the ESFA.

Restricted fixed asset funds:

Capital funding - Funding provided for capital projects.

Memorial garden - Various donations received for the creation of a peace garden at the entrance to the school.

KS1 playground - Donation received for the creation of a new playground area.

Unrestricted designated funds:

Kitchen equipment repair fund - Money designated to cover costs of the upkeep of the kitchen equipment.

Unrestricted general funds:

Funds available to spend for the general purposes of the Academy.

Transfers:

The gross transfers from the unrestricted general fund to the restricted fixed asset fund represent general funds invested in improving school facilities and equipment.

The gross transfers from the unrestricted general fund to the restricted general fund represent funds invested from other trading activities to support the staffing resource and general fund expenditure in school.

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	605,808	605,808
Current assets	7,689	115,700	-	123,389
Current liabilities	-	(115,700)	-	(115,700)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,491,000)	-	(1,491,000)
Total net assets	<u>7,689</u>	<u>(1,491,000)</u>	<u>605,808</u>	<u>(877,503)</u>

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	599,923	599,923
Current assets	98,054	124,138	-	222,192
Current liabilities	-	(81,565)	-	(81,565)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,262,000)	-	(1,262,000)
Total net assets	<u>98,054</u>	<u>(1,219,427)</u>	<u>599,923</u>	<u>(521,450)</u>

15 Financial commitments

Operating leases

At 31 August 2021 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts due within one year	5,936	5,936
Amounts due between one and five years	<u>10,388</u>	<u>16,324</u>
	<u>16,324</u>	<u>22,260</u>

16 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Net expenditure	(183,053)	(95,517)
Depreciation	15,993	15,446
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	33,000	47,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	23,000	21,000
Increase in debtors	(3,436)	(22,423)
Increase in creditors	<u>34,135</u>	<u>5,478</u>
Net cash used in Operating Activities	<u>(80,361)</u>	<u>(29,016)</u>

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17 Cash flows from investing activities

	2020/21 £
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>(21,878)</u>

18 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>63,585</u>	<u>165,824</u>

19 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2021 £
Cash	<u>165,824</u>	<u>(102,239)</u>	<u>63,585</u>

20 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.

21 Pension and similar obligations

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

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

Contributions amounting to £22,637 (2020 - £21,583) were payable to the schemes at 31 August and are included within creditors.

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 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 member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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21 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% 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%.

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £119,074 (2020 - £113,948).

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

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

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £103,000 (2020 - £96,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £85,000 (2020 - £77,000) and employees' contributions totalled £18,000 (2020 - £19,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.6% for employers and variable for employees.

As the scheme is in deficit, the trustees have agreed to make annual contributions of £33,000 in addition to normal funding levels.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of an academy trust 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

	2021 %	2020 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.05	3.55
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.40
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.70	1.80
Inflation assumptions (CPI)	<u>2.80</u>	<u>2.30</u>

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21 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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

	2021	2020
Retiring today		
Males retiring today	22.50	22.40
Females retiring today	25.30	25.20
Retiring in 20 years		
Males retiring in 20 years	24.00	23.90
Females retiring in 20 years	<u>27.20</u>	<u>27.10</u>
Sensitivity analysis		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	-60,000	-46,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	78,000	55,000
CPI rate +0.1%	<u>61,000</u>	<u>48,000</u>

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Equities	494,000	335,000
Government bonds	141,000	103,000
Other bonds	76,000	62,000
Property	88,000	59,000
Cash and other liquid assets	10,000	25,000
Other	<u>213,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
Total market value of assets	<u>1,022,000</u>	<u>704,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £143,000 (2020 - (£1,000)).

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Current service cost	117,000	122,000
Interest income	(14,000)	(12,000)
Interest cost	37,000	33,000
Admin expenses	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	<u>141,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>

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21 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
At start of period	1,966,000	1,862,000
Current service cost	117,000	122,000
Interest cost	37,000	33,000
Employee contributions	18,000	19,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	301,000	(57,000)
Benefits paid	74,000	(13,000)
At 31 August	<u>2,513,000</u>	<u>1,966,000</u>

Changes in the fair value of academy's share of scheme assets:

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
At start of period	704,000	617,000
Interest income	14,000	12,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	128,000	(6,000)
Employer contributions	85,000	77,000
Employee contributions	18,000	19,000
Benefits paid	74,000	(13,000)
Effect of non-routine settlements	(1,000)	(2,000)
At 31 August	<u>1,022,000</u>	<u>704,000</u>

22 Related party transactions

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

Expenditure related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

Diocese of Hallam

During the year under review, the Academy had free use of the school premises and land owned by the Diocese of Hallam. The accounts include a notional rent of £48,000 (2020 - £48,000) for the year which is included in premises costs.

In entering into the transaction, the academy trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to Diocese of Hallam was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

Diocese of Hallam Schools' Partnership

During the year the Diocese of Hallam Schools' Partnership charged the academy £3,814 (2020 - £4,511) for professional services and subscriptions.

In entering into the transaction, the academy trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to Diocese of Hallam Schools' Partnership was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

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22 Related party transactions (continued)

Income related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

Diocese of Hallam

During the year under review, the Academy had free use of the school premises and land owned by the Diocese of Hallam. The accounts include a notional rent of £48,000 (2020 - £48,000) for the year which is included in voluntary income.