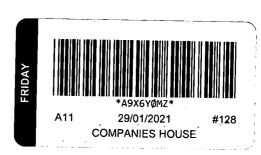
SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

- Chair Mrs M Madden
- Vice chair Mr C Geddes
Mrs R Broad

Trustees Mrs M Madden (Chair)

Mr C S Geddes (Vice Chair)

Mrs D Whitehead

Mrs J Sutton (Accounting Officer)

Mrs C Hall Mrs R Rathmell Mrs R C Broad

Mrs S L Heard (Resigned 10 December 2020)

Mrs L Colebrook (Wishart)

Senior management team

- Headteacher- Deputy Headteacher- C Hall

- Assistant Headteacher D Kelly, R Rathmell

- Academy Business Manager S Powell

Company registration number

08803924 (England and Wales)

Registered office Manor Farm Way

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The academy trust operates a primary academy in Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Its academy has a combined pupil capacity of 447 and had a roll of 344 in the school census on 21 January 2020.

Date of Incorporation

The academy was incorporated as a company on 5 December 2013. Company number 08803924.

Date of Conversion

The academy converted from Sunnyside Primary School to Sunnyside Academy on 1 January 2014.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

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

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

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 every Trustee or other officer or auditor of the Academy shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Academy against any liability incurred by him in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Academy.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

Membership is determined in accordance with the composition set out in the memorandum and articles. This states that the Academy composition is comprised as follows:

• The number of Governors shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary

Subject to Articles 48-49 and 64, the Academy shall have the following Governors:

- (a) Up to three Community Governors;
- (b) a minimum of two but up to five Parent Governors appointed under Articles 53-58;
- (c) the Headteacher
- (d) up to three Staff Governors appointed under Article 50A;
- (e) one Trust Governor nominated by the Umbrella Trust;
- (f) the Umbrella Trust of which the Academy is a member from time to time can appoint (and remove), in its discretion, up to three additional Trust Governors to the extent that it reasonably considers that the academy is unwilling or unable to carry out such remedial action to the satisfaction of the Trustees

The Academy may also have up to three Co-opted Governors appointed under Article 59.

Future Governors shall be appointed or elected, as the case may be, under these Articles.

Appointment of Governors

- The Members may appoint up to three Community Governors.
- The Members may appoint Staff Governors through such process as they may determine, provided that
 the total number of Governors (including the Headteacher) who are employees of the Academy does not
 exceed one third of the total number of Governors.
- Subject to Article 57, the Parent Governors shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy. A Parent Governor must be a parent of a pupil at Academy at the time when he is elected.

Co-opted Governors

The Governors may appoint Co-opted Governors. A 'Co-opted Governor' means a person who is appointed to be a Governor by being Co-opted by Governors who have not themselves been so appointed. The Governors may not co-opt an employee of the Academy as a Co-opted Governor if thereby the number of Governors who are employees of the Academy would exceed one third of the total number of Governors (including the Headteacher).

The term of office for any Governor shall be 4 years, Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Governor, any Governor may be re-appointed or re-elected.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

A Governor induction procedure is in place for all new Governors. Training is provided through Middlesbrough Governor Development Service.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Organisational structure

The Academy's unified management structure consists of 5 levels: the Governors and the Finance and Resources Committee, the Headteacher, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Senior Management and Leadership Team (SMLT).

The Governors are responsible for determining general policy, adopting an annual School Improvement Plan following a self-evaluation review, monitoring the practices and procedures adopted by the Academy, determining strategic direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

The SMLT consists of the Headteacher, the Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteachers, Academy Business Manager, Leaders of Specialisms and the three Key Stage Leaders. The SLT controls the Academy at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the trustees and reporting back to them. The Headteacher and trustees are responsible for the authorisation of spending with agreed budgets and appointment of staff as stated in the finance handbook.

The Academy Business Manager is responsible for the management of the financial systems and ensuring efficient and effective use of resources. The Academy Business Manager is responsible for the authorisation of spending up to agreed limits as stated in the Financial Handbook. The Academy Business Manager is responsible for the efficient operation of the school office.

The Headteacher is the Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

Trustee's at Sunnyside Academy are non-paid. The arrangements for setting the pay and remuneration of the academy's key management personnel, in this case the senior leadership team is done following the guidance in the Academy's Pay Policy supported by North Yorkshire (NYES) HR and adopted by the Academy's Governing Body. The pay policy is intended to ensure that all employees paid from within the Academy budget are fairly and consistently treated in relation to pay and pay related issues. This policy adheres to the requirements of:

- The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document currently in use;
- Conditions of Service for School Teachers' in England and Wales (Burgundy book, August 2000);
- The National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Agreement of Pay and Conditions of Service (Green book);
- . The School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009; and
- The Education(School Teachers' Appraisal)(England)Regulations 2012

The pay policy is read and carried out in conjunction with the Academy's Improvement Plan, the Academy Appraisal policy and the Teachers' Standards.

The Governing Body has a dedicated Pay Committee to carry out determinations of pay in accordance with this pay policy. The Committee has fully delegated powers and has been established in accordance with the appropriate Governance Regulations.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Trade union facility time

| | officials |
|--|-----------|
| | |
| | |

Number of employees who were relevant union officials

during the relevant period

1

Full-time equivalent employee number

1.00

Number of employees

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time 0%

-

1%-50% 51%-99%

100%

-

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time

952

Total pay bill

£

Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facilty time

0.006%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours

Unpaid facility time (The academy covers the cost but is not reimbursed in any way)

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

Sunnyside Academy was a part of the Discovery Alliance which was dissolved in 2018. This was an Umbrella Trust established by five neighbouring primary academies and one secondary academy. We also had an associate partnership with Tees Valley Education (TVEd) to provide teaching and learning support, funded through the School Improvement Grant agreed with Middlesbrough Local Authority. We have now applied to become part of a MAT with Legacy Learning Trust (LLT) and commence consultation with stakeholders in January 2021.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal objective and activity of the charitable company is the operation of Sunnyside Academy to provide education for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 3-11. In accordance with the Articles of Association the charitable company has adopted a "Scheme of Governance" approved by the Secretary of State for Education.

The Academy objects are specifically restricted to the following:

- (a) to advance for 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 school offering a broad and balanced curriculum, and
- (b) to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Middlesbrough and the surrounding areas the provision of facilities for sport, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for public at large in the interests of social welfare and the object of improving conditions of life of the said inhabitants

School Aims:

We aim to create a secure, happy, caring, learning environment. Children will receive a broad, balanced and interesting curriculum, which motivates them to work and achieve to the best of their ability. Everyone has the right to achieve their full potential.

Objectives, strategies and activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance and public benefit. Sunnyside Academy offers all pupils a broad curriculum. The pupils who attend live in and around the borough, with some out of borough pupils also attending. To provide opportunities for additional enjoyment and socialising a variety of after school activities are offered.

The Academy organises various visits to develop learning beyond the classroom.

Objectives

Pupil data is collected and analysed termly. Team leaders undertake pupil progress meetings hold individual members of staff to account for the progress of pupils in their care. Any interventions which may be necessary to further enhance the progress made by any individual will be discussed and evaluated at these meetings. A summary of the progress made by pupils is then presented to the Governors Raising Achievement Committee, within each term. The RA Committee also scrutinises the overall results for year-end tests. Sunnyside Academy is actively exploring the options to join with a local MAT in order to build capacity and sustain improvement.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

Achievements in the period

When considering any results it is important to understand Sunnyside's unique context. Sunnyside educates pupils with special educational needs alongside mainstream pupils. Over one third of our pupils have learning difficulties and/or disabilities and around 1 in 15 have a classification of special educational needs or disability or EHCP. These proportions are much higher than in most schools. There are specialist staff and facilities to teach pupils who have hearing or visual impairments. These children are drawn from across the Tees Valley.

We also host the only remaining High Needs Base in Middlesbrough LA with children joining the school with very low levels of English and Mathematics at the end of Year 3.

| School Headlines: Sunnyside Academy | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| School Context | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 2019 2020 | | | | | | | | |
| Number on roll | 364 | 371 | 344 | | | | | |
| % girls | 47.0% | 47.2% | 51.7% | | | | | |
| % boys | 53.0% | 52.8% | 48.35% | | | | | |
| Number of KS1-2 Lower Attaining Pupils | 12 | 14 | * | | | | | |
| Number of KS1-2 Middle Attaining Pupils | 17 | 29 | * | | | | | |
| Number of KS1-2 Higher Attaining Pupils | 18 | 8 | * | | | | | |
| Number of End of KS2 pupils without KS1 Data | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| % of disadvantaged Pupils (PP) | 39.0% | 35.6% | 42.7% | | | | | |
| % of Minority Ethnic Groups | 7.1% | 6.5% | 4.3% | | | | | |
| % EAL | 3.8% | 0.8% | 1.2% | | | | | |
| % SEN | 33.8% | 33.2% | 36% | | | | | |
| % Absence | 5% | 0% | * | | | | | |
| Persistent Absence | 11.4% | 0% | * | | | | | |

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Key performance indicators

| | Early Years Foundation S | tage Profil | <u>e</u> | • • • |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Good Level of Developr | nent (GLD) % | 52.6% | 56.8% | 52.1%** |
| <u> </u> | | | | |
| | Key Stage 1 Phon | ics | | |
| | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| % Wa | Year 1 | 65% | 64.4% | 64%%** |
| | By End of Year 2 | 79.2% | 69% | * |
| | Key Stage 1 | | | <u> </u> |
| | <u>noy ounger</u> | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| % Expected Standard | Reading | 56.6% | 57.1% | 53% ** |
| | Writing | 52.8% | 52.4% | 47%** |
| | Maths | 60.4% | 52.4% | 51% ** |
| % Greater Depth | Reading | 18.9% | 33.3% | 27%** |
| • | Writing | 17.0% | 21.4% | 11% ** |
| | Maths | 17.0% | 28.6% | 24%** |
| | Key Stage 1 | <u></u> | | <u> </u> |
| | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| % Expected Standard | Reading, Writing & Maths | 35.4% | 34.0% | 47%** |
| • | Reading | 54.2% | 47.2% | 49%** |
| | Writing TA | 70.8% | 56.6% | 47%** |
| | GPS | 60.4% | 52.8% | 53%** |
| | Maths | 41.7% | 50.9% | 53%** |
| % Higher Standar | d/Reading, Writing & Maths | 2.1% | 1.9% | 15% ** |
| Greater Depth | Reading | 8.3% | 9.4% | 19%** |
| | Writing TA | 10.4% | 9.4% | 17%** |
| | GPS | 6.3% | 3.8% | 15%** |
| | Maths | 8.3% | 13.2% | 15% ** |

^{*}Data unavailable due to COVID19

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason the board of trustees continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the statement of accounting policies.

^{**} No SAT data due to COVID therefore TA based

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Financial review

Around half of the Academy's income is received from the Education and Skills Funding Agency [ESFA] in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the period ended 31 August 2020 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 24. Details of all grants and income received can be found in notes 3 to 6

During the period ended 31 August 2020 expenditure amounting to £3,211,095 was incurred or accrued, including depreciation. This was offset by grants receivable from the ESFA, the Local Authority, and income from lettings used to ensure this business is sustainable. The other half of the Academy's income is from top up funding for Hearing Impaired and Visually Impaired pupil places.

At 31 August 2020 the net book value of fixed assets was £4,214,820. The assets were used exclusively to provide education and associated services to the students of the Academy.

The Academy made a total operating deficit in the period to 31 August 2020 of £130,514 after allowing for LGPS charges.

Total income excluding capital grants in the period was £3,072,646 of which £2,331,094 came from the ESFA revenue grants and £655,144 from other government grants. As the majority of the grant income is generated by pupil numbers it is imperative to ensure that pupil numbers remain high, vacancies are filled and that the school maintains its pupil numbers.

Land, buildings and other assets were transferred to the Academy on conversion, in 2014 Land and buildings were professionally valued at £4,286,000.

Fund balances held at 31 August 2020 were £392,052 comprising restricted reserves of £205,581 and unrestricted reserves of £186,471.

Reserves policy

The Governing Body is responsible for determining the level of financial reserves to be carried forward at the end of any financial period (31 August).

The Governing Body would look to hold 15% of its annual income, with a maximum of 5% being from restricted funds. The actual balance for 2019/20 was 12.2% with 6.7% coming from restricted funds.

The Governing Body has delegated the monitoring of potential period end reserves to the Finance and Resources/Audit Committee as part of their terms of reference.

The Governing Body will ensure that the levels of reserves that can be carried forward at the end of the financial period will be in line with the guidance received from the DfE on the treatment of General Annual Grant [GAG] income and other grants.

The Governing Body will consider the improvement plan for capital developments required.

The Governing Body will always try to match income with expenditure in the current period and will only carry forward reserves that it considers are necessary for future period's expenditure.

The Governing Body may accumulate reserve funds raised from private sources to defray for the benefit of the Academy in future years.

The Academy reserves at present are being held to cover expenditure in future years, in order to prevent the school falling into a deficit situation.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Investment policy

The Academy has an approved Investment Policy and if the Academy is able to generate better returns than currently provided in the current account, it may undertake other investments. Investments may however only be made in accordance with procedures approved by the Governing Body. It is expected that all investment decisions will be made on a risk-averse basis. All investments, outside of the deposit account, need GB approval. Investments must be recorded in sufficient detail to identify the investment and to enable the current market value to be calculated, including the date of purchase, the cost and a description of the investment. Additional procedures may be required to ensure that the income receivable is actually received.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that funds which the Academy does not immediately need to cover anticipated expenditure are invested in such a way as to maximise the school's income but without risk. Our aim is to spend the publicly funded monies with which we are entrusted for the direct education benefit of students as soon as is prudent. The Academy does not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity, rather it is the result of best practice as and when circumstances allow.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The risk management plan continues to be developed and identified/potential risks have been reviewed regularly. A Risk Management Policy has been created and adopted by the Academy Trust Board. As a part of this policy a risk register has also been produced which will be reviewed at each Finance and Resources Committee meeting.

A risk the Academy continually faces is the uncertainty of pupil numbers both in Mainstream and in the HI and VI bases. The latter pupils carry with them a greater amount of funding than mainstream pupils and yet the numbers may fluctuate more rapidly. However currently the school has rising pupil numbers in the bases although a current decline in mainstream pupil numbers. An additional financial risk factor arises with the changes to SEND funding which are predicted to reduce the funding per SEND pupil.

The national pandemic has impacted on the day to day organisation of the academy. This has impacted on the budget by incurring additional expenditure which was not recoverable and also limited the schools activities that raise supplementary income for example, lettings and fund raising events.

The Academy Business Manager has worked closely with Azets Audit Services to ensure financial systems are secure.

Fundraising

Operating effective control over fundraising is a vital part of the Governing Bodies compliance with their legal duties

The academy complies with the Charities (Protection and Social Investments) Act 2016 and using Charity fundraising: a guide to trustee duties (CC20) as reference.

The academy approaches fundraising as an additional supplement to its annual income. This fundraising enables the children to gain additional experiences both in and out of the classroom. Fundraising is undertaken by the staff, children and the Friends of Sunnyside group. During this academic year the academy did not use any external fundraisers. Fundraising conforms to the recognised standards. Fundraising is monitored by external and internal audit processes. There have been no complaints regarding fundraising.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Plans for future periods

The Academy Improvement Plan clearly states objectives to maintain the highest standards of achievement of all pupils whilst ensuring the school moves forward within a rapidly changing world.

Our plan drives improvement against school priorities and is informed by quality self-evaluation. It provides a detailed time line translating priorities into action. It identifies clear lines of accountability for actions and outcomes. The plan is monitored and evaluated against pupil progress. It is our intention to challenge one another and the children in our care to achieve their full potential. As a staff we intend to place an explicit focus on teaching and learning and the progress children make. Quality teaching is an entitlement for all children at Sunnyside. At Sunnyside, we share values and a vision for the future. Our language makes our school which is a beautiful place. We take a stand on detail. We see our work as being part of a complex jigsaw. We must ensure that all the corner pieces of the jigsaw are in place before we put in the sides and the centre of our ligsaw.

The overall aims of the school remain the same as do the principles put forward in the school's vision statement. These aims are summed up as follows:

To continue to improve the standards of achievement at Sunnyside Academy for all pupils with particular emphasis on raising standards in the core subjects whilst improving teaching and learning for all through the provision of a curriculum suitable for all of the children at Sunnyside.

To further develop the principle of inclusive education throughout the school.

The school is actively looking to join a Multi academy trust which would further strengthen and underpin the above objectives.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The trust does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

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Auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

A resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charitable company will be put to the members.

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 12 January 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M Madden

Chair

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Scope of responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Sunnyside 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.

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the principal, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Sunnyside Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 10 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

| Trustees | Meetings attended | Out of possible |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mrs M Madden (Chair) | 9 | 9 |
| Mr C S Geddes (Vice Chair) | 6 | 6 |
| Mrs D Whitehead | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs J Sutton (Accounting Officer) | 9 | 9 |
| Mrs C Hall | 9 | 9 |
| Mrs R Rathmell | 5 | 9 |
| Mrs R C Broad | 6 | 6 |
| Mrs S L Heard (Resigned 10 December 2020) | 6 | 6 |
| Mrs L Colebrook (Wishart) | 6 | 9 |

A self-evaluation review of the Governing Body was scheduled for June 2020 but due to the national restrictions this was postponed until the Autumn term 2020. However this has been postponed again due the future plans for joining a MAT on 01/04/2021 and consequent changes to the governing structure.

The finance and resources committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is to ensure efficient and effective use of resources whilst seeking ways to ensure outstanding sustainable provision. It also stands as the Audit Committee. Since becoming an Academy, four meetings have been held.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

| Trustees | Meetings attended | Out of possible |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mrs M Madden (Chair) | 3 | 3 |
| Mr C S Geddes (Vice Chair) | 3 | 3 |
| Mrs D Whitehead | 2 | 3 |
| Mrs J Sutton (Accounting Officer) | 3 | 3 |
| Mrs C Hall | 3 | 3 |
| Mrs R Rathmell | 1 | 3 |
| Mrs S L Heard (Resigned 10 December 2020) | 3 | 3 |
| Mrs L Colebrook (Wishart) | 3 | 3 |

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Review of value for money

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

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

1. Raising student attainment

Sunnyside Academy is a larger than average sized school which draws its pupils from a wide area. It was built in 1978 to educate pupils with special educational needs alongside mainstream pupils. Over one third of the pupils have learning difficulties and/or disabilities and one tenth have a statement of special educational need or disability (SEND). These proportions are much higher than in most schools. There are specialist staff and facilities to teach pupils who have hearing or visual impairments. In addition our base for pupils with learning difficulties was re-classified as a High Needs Base in January 2014.

Most pupils come from White British backgrounds, though a small number are from other ethnic backgrounds, are learning English as an additional language and are hearing impaired. These children learn British Sign Language.

Our Cornerstones curriculum means that our children enjoy many visits, visitors and experiences to stimulate their minds.

2019/20 Y6 Cohort

Any cohort of children at Sunnyside consists of:

- · Mainstream children with no SEND.
- Mainstream children with SEND.
- · Hearing impaired children.
- Vision impaired children.
- Children who attend our Higher Needs Base and join Sunnyside from Y3 onwards.

The HI/VI and HNB children can be drawn from any of the five Tees Valley LAs. In 2019/20 the Y6 cohort consisted of 49 pupils broken down as follows.

- 3 HI children. EHCP
- 1 VI children. EHCP .
- 6 (%) High Needs Support Base children all of whom were cognitively unable to access SAT tests
- 6 SEND pupils

2. Robust governance and oversight of Academy Trust Finances

The Academy benefits from the provision by North Yorkshire of a suitably qualified Responsible Officer (RO). The RO reviews key financial policies, systems and procedures, including the use of tenders and presents reports on compliance to the Finance and Resources Committee.

The Academy receives support throughout the year from its External Auditors on compliance and accounting practices.

The Finance and Resources Committee receive termly monitoring reports. The Trustees approve the budget each year and is mindful of the need to balance expenditure against income to ensure the Academy remains a 'going concern'. The board also receive and approve the Annual Accounts and the External Auditors Management Report.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

3. Ensuring the operation of the Academy demonstrates good value for money and efficient and effective use of resources

The Academy regularly benchmarks financial performance against other academies to demonstrate that the Academy provides good value for money.

Tender exercises are regularly undertaken to ensure that high value contracts are assessed against the marketplace on a regular basis to ensure that long term contracts (3 to 5 years) remain competitive. For purchases above £10,000, but below the tender limit, 3 quotes are required.

The school is seeking partnership closely with the Legacy Learning Trust, consisting of one primary and one secondary academy. Through this partnership it is hoped that best value can be realised in such areas as insurance, buildings management and legal services. As a group better savings can be made than as a single entity.

4. Maximising income generation

The Academy explores every opportunity to generate income through hire of Academy facilities. Income is also generated from small grant applications which help to support the wider curriculum.

5. Reviewing controls and managing risks

The Academy Senior Leadership Team review expenditure within each budget heading annually and make adjustments based on the effectiveness of strategies introduced in previous years, curriculum offer and any new strategies identified in the Academy Review and Development Plan.

The Academy works with other schools collaboratively to ensure that procurement costs are kept to a minimum. There is a commendable segregation of duties within the finance team. The school is fortunate, as a large primary school to have a team of four working in an administrative role, with three focussing on finance in particular. Stringent safeguards are in place to ensure that risk is minimised through fraud. Financial risks are considered at each Finance and Resources governors meeting.

The Academy maximises its resources by its environmental policies. These include energy consumption, recycling and reducing waste and procurement.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Sunnyside Academy for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees 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 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The risk and control framework

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

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

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has used Azets (formerly Baldwins) as the external auditor performing additional checks in the current financial year, however moving forward the EFSA directions require a separate organisation to perform this function from September 2020.

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

- Governance documentation
- Pecuniary interests
- Tendering process
- Reporting
- Financial procedures
- Financial/accounting records and systems
- Income
- Purchasing
- Payroll

On a termly basis, the auditor reports to the board of trustees, through the finance and resources committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

The auditor has delivered their schedule of work as planned.

The audits highlighted a number of low risk findings, all of which have been accepted and addressed by the trust.

Review of effectiveness

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

- · the work of the external auditor;
- · the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the Academy Business Manager who has responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 January 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M Madden

Chair

Mrs J Sutton

Accounting Officer

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

As accounting officer of Sunnyside Academy I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education & 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 2019.

I confirm that I and the academy trust's board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the board of trustees and ESFA.

Mrs J Sutton

Accounting Officer

12 January 2021

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The trustees (who are also the directors of Sunnyside Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 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 accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, the trustees are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 12 January 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M Madden

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Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Sunnyside Academy for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the accounts, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts' section of our report. We are independent of the academy trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the academy trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts 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 accounts 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report, including the incorporated strategic report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 accounts.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Use of our report

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

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Graham Fitzgerald BA FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

Statutory Auditor

25 January 2021

Wynyard Park House Wynyard Avenue Wynyard Billingham TS22 5TB

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 18 September 2020 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Sunnyside Academy during the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 Sunnyside Academy and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Sunnyside Academy and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Sunnyside Academy and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Sunnyside Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 20 December 2013 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2019, 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 2019 to 2020. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 2019 to 2020 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.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- · completion of self assessment questionnaire by Accounting Officer
- · discussions with the Accounting Officer and finance team
- · review of Internal Audit reports
- · review of trustee and committee meeting minutes
- · review of finance and other relevant policies
- review of purchases, expenses and expense claims on a sample basis including the application of controls and tendering processes where applicable
- review of gifts and hospitality transactions including the application of controls
- · review of credit and debit card transactions including the application of controls
- review of payroll transactions on a sample bases including the application of controls
- · review of potential special payments to staff
- · review of leases and consideration of areas where borrowing may have been incurred
- consideration of transactions with related and connected parties
- · review of register of business interests for completeness and compliance with regulations
- · enquiries into transactions that may require disclosure under ESFA delegated authority rules
- · consideration of value for money and appropriateness of transactions

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Reporting Accountant

Azets Audit Services

Dated: 25 January 202 (

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

| | | Unrestricted funds | | cted funds: Fixed asset | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|---|-------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and capital grants Charitable activities: | 3 | - | - | 7,935 | 7,935 | 34,408 |
| - Funding for educational operations | 4 | 24,816 | 2,986,238 | - | 3,011,054 | 3,097,657 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 61,328 | <u>-</u> | | 61,328 | 61,509 |
| Investments | 6 | 264 | - | - | 264 | 300 |
| Total | | 86,408 | 2,986,238 | 7,935 | 3,080,581 | 3,193,874 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 7 | 48,218 | - | - | 48,218 | 26,333 |
| Charitable activities: | | | | | | |
| - Educational operations | 8 | 25,157 | 3,215,877 | 153,843 | 3,394,877 | 3,312,845 |
| Total | 7 | 73,375 ——— | 3,215,877 | 153,843 | 3,443,095 | 3,339,178 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 13,033 | (229,639) | (145,908) | (362,514) | (145,304) |
| Transfers between funds | 16 | - | (9,236) | 9,236 | - | - |
| Other recognised gains/(losses) Actuarial losses on defined benefit | | | | | | |
| pension schemes | 18 | - | (727,000) | - | (727,000) | (601,000) |
| Net movement in funds | | 13,033 | (965,875) | (136,672) | (1,089,514) | (746,304) |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 173,438 | (1,461,544) | 4,359,427 | 3,071,321 | 3,817,625 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 186,471 | (2,427,419) | 4,222,755 | 1,981,807 | 3,071,321 |
| | | | | | | |

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

| Comparative year information | | Unrestricted | Restri | cted funds: | Total |
|---|-------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Year ended 31 August 2019 | | funds | General I | Fixed asset | 2019 |
| , our onder or 7 tag and 20 to | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and capital grants | 3 | - | - | 34,408 | 34,408 |
| Charitable activities: | | | | | |
| - Funding for educational operations | . 4 | 50,054 | 3,047,603 | - | 3,097,657 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 61,509 | - | - | 61,509 |
| Investments | 6 | 300 | | | 300 |
| Total | | 111,863 | 3,047,603 | 34,408 | 3,193,874 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 7 | 26,333 | - | - | 26,333 |
| Charitable activities: | | | | | |
| - Educational operations | 8 | 66,754 | 3,044,161 | 201,930 | 3,312,845 |
| Total | 7 | 93,087 | 3,044,161 | 201,930 | 3,339,178 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 18,776 | 3,442 | (167,522) | (145,304) |
| Transfers between funds | 16 | (2,180) | (24,829) | 27,009 | - |
| Other recognised gains/(losses) Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes | 18 | - | (601,000) | - | (601,000) |
| Net movement in funds | | 16,596 | (622,387) | (140,513) | (746,304) |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 156,842 | (839,157) | 4,499,940 | 3,817,625 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 173,438 | (1,461,544) | 4,359,427 | 3,071,321 |
| | | | | | · |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

| | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 19 |
|--|-------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 12 | | 4,214,820 | | 4,359,427 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 256,862 | | 126,842 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 326,486 | | 435,615 | |
| | | 583,348 | | 562,457 | |
| Current liabilities | | · | | · | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (183,361) | | (176,563) | |
| ,, | | | | | |
| Net current assets | | | 399,987 | | 385,894 |
| Net assets excluding pension liability | | | 4,614,807 | | 4,745,321 |
| Defined benefit pension scheme liability | 18 | | (2,633,000) | | (1,674,000) |
| Total net assets | | | 1,981,807 | | 3,071,321 |
| | | | | | |
| Funds of the academy trust: | | | | | |
| Restricted funds | 16 | | | | |
| - Fixed asset funds | | | 4,222,755 | | 4,359,427 |
| - Restricted income funds | | | 205,581 | | 212,456 |
| - Pension reserve | | | (2,633,000) | | (1,674,000) |
| Total restricted funds | | | 1,795,336 | | 2,897,883 |
| Unrestricted income funds | 16 | | 186,471 | | 173,438 |
| Total funds | | | 1,981,807 | | 3,071,321 |

The accounts on pages 24 to 48 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 12 January 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mrs M Madden

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Chair

Company Number 08803924

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

| | Notes | 202 £ | £ | 201 £ | 9 £ |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by operating | | | | | |
| activities | 19 | | (108,092) | | 140,635 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | | |
| Dividends, interest and rents from investme | ents | 264 | | 300 | |
| Capital grants from DfE Group | | 7,935 | | 22,163 | • |
| Capital funding received from sponsors and | dothers | - | | 12,245 | |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | (9,236) | | (61,417) | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | | (1,037) | - | (26,709) |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cas equivalents in the reporting period | h | | (109,129) | | 113,926 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of | the year | | 435,615 | | 321,689 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the | year | | 326,486 | | 435,615 |
| | | | | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

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

1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

The reported share of the LGPS deficit has a significant impact on our restricted funds, however we draw your attention to the cash reserves held by the academy as well as the balances held in unrestricted and restricted general reserves.

1.3 Income

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

Grants

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the period for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donations

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

Other income

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

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 accounts until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Donated fixed assets

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £1,000 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. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities and carried forward in the balance sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy trust's depreciation policy.

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

Leasehold buildings2% straight lineLeasehold improvements2% straight lineComputer equipment50% straight lineFixtures, fittings and equipment25% straight line

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

The trust's land and buildings are occupied on a 125 year lease from the local authority. In the view of the trustees, the risks and rewards of occupying the site have been substantially transferred to the trust and therefore the land and buildings have been recognised as a donation on conversion and capitalised within the restricted fixed assets fund. The basis of valuation has been disclosed within the fixed assets note.

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

1.6 Liabilities

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

1.7 Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.9 Taxation

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

1.10 Pensions benefits

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

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

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

1.11 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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 and include grants from the Education and Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2020. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

McCloud

In 2015 the government introduced reforms to public sector pensions resulting in most public sector workers being transferred to a new scheme. In December 2018, the Court of Appeal ruled that the 'transitional protections' offered to some members of the judges and firefighter schemes as part of the reforms amounted to unlawful discrimination. Following developments in employment tribunals and other public service schemes, and subsequently the consultation on the proposed remedy for the LGPS on 16 July 2020, actuaries have assumed a remedy that an underpin would apply to all those in the scheme on 1 April 2012, will not apply on withdrawal and will apply to spouse's pensions. These assumptions have been reflected in the valuation, with the overall impact dependent on the profile of each employer.

<u>GMP</u>

This case related to the equalisation for men and women of guaranteed minimum pension (GMP) for those who were contracted out of the State Second Pension between 6 April 1978 and 6 April 1997. In October 2018 the High Court ruled that equalisation of GMP was required. Allowance has been made in the valuation for members whose state pension age is on or after 6 April 2016.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

| 3 | Donations and capital grants | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Capital grants | - | 7,935 | 7,935 | 22,163 |
| | Other donations | - | - | - | 12,245 |
| | | | | | |
| | | - | 7,935 | 7,935 | 34,408 |
| | | | | | ==== |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds | Total 2020 £ | Total 2019 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| DfE / ESFA grants | | | | |
| General annual grant (GAG) | - | 2,011,060 | 2,011,060 | 2,004,167 |
| Other DfE group grants | <u> </u> | 320,034 | 320,034 | 264,251 |
| | - | 2,331,094 | 2,331,094 | 2,268,418 |
| | | | | |
| Other government grants | | | | |
| Local authority grants | | 645,365 | 645,365 | 779,185 |
| Exceptional government funding | | | | |
| Coronavirus exceptional support | - | 9,779 | 9,779 | - |
| | | | | |
| Other funding | | | | |
| Catering income | 13,157 | - | 13,157 | 27,471 |
| Other incoming resources | 11,659 | - | 11,659 | 22,583 |
| | 24,816 | - | 24,816 | 50,054 |
| | | | | |
| Total funding | 24,816 | 2,986,238 | 3,011,054 | 3,097,657 |

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".

Other DFE group grants includes the following:

| | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Pupil premium | 177,656 | 190,170 |
| Universal income free school meals | 40,890 | 44,137 |
| PE & sports grant | 18,900 | 18,820 |
| Teachers pay grant | 16,744 | 11,124 |
| Teachers pension grant | 65,244 | - |
| Other | 600 | |
| | 320,034 | 264,251 |
| | ======================================= | |

⁻ The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support covers £7,815 of cleaning costs and £1,964 of grounds maintenance costs. These costs are included in notes 7 and 8 below as appropriate.

| 5 | Other trading activities | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
|---|--|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | funds | funds | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Hire of facilities | | 2,574 | - | 2,574 | 3,692 |
| | Catering income | | 3,844 | - | 3,844 | 4,461 |
| | Trips | | 3,698 | - | 3,698 | 3,243 |
| | Other income | | 51,212 | - | 51,212 | 50,113 |
| | | | 61,328 | | 61,328 | 61,509 |
| | | | | | | |
| 6 | Investment income | | | | | |
| | | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | | | funds | funds | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | | £ | £ | . £ | £ |
| | Short term deposits | | 264 | - | 264 | 300 |
| | | | | | | |
| 7 | Expenditure | | Non-pay | expenditure | Total | Total |
| | | Staff costs | Premises | Other | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Expenditure on raising funds | | | | | |
| | - Direct costs Academy's educational operations | 37,360 | - | 10,858 | 48,218 | 26,333 |
| | - Direct costs | 2,177,184 | _ | 132,777 | 2,309,961 | 2,248,363 |
| | - Allocated support costs | 561,664 | 334,218 | 189,034 | 1,084,916 | 1,064,482 |
| | | 2,776,208 | 334,218 | 332,669 | 3,443,095 | 3,339,178 |
| | Net income/(expenditure) for the | e year includ | es: | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | • | | | £ | £ |
| | Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit | | | | 5,500 | 6,000 |
| | - Other services | | | | 5,500 | 2,540 |
| | Operating lease rentals | | | | 12,378 | 7,502 |
| | Depreciation of tangible fixed asse | ets | | | 153,843 | 201,930 |
| | Net interest on defined benefit per | | | | 30,000 | 23,000 |
| | · | • | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| | | | | | | |

| 8 | Charitable activities | | | | |
|---|---|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | | funds | funds | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Direct costs | | | | |
| | Educational operations | 11,659 | 2,298,302 | 2,309,961 | 2,248,363 |
| | Support costs | | | | |
| | Educational operations | 13,498 | 1,071,418 | 1,084,916 | 1,064,482 |
| | | 25,157 | 3,369,720 | 3,394,877 | 3,312,845 |
| | | | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | , | | | £ | £ |
| | Analysis of support costs | | | | |
| | Support staff costs | | | 561,664 | 496,486 |
| | Depreciation | | | 153,843 | 201,930 |
| | Technology costs | | | 498 | 3,321 |
| | Premises costs | | | 180,375 | 170,031 |
| | Legal costs | | | 1,215 | 2,965 |
| | Other support costs | | | 173,505 | 182,910 |
| | Governance costs | | | 13,816 | 6,839 |
| | | | | 1,084,916 | 1,064,482 |
| 9 | Staff | | | | |
| | Staff costs Staff costs during the year were: | | | | |
| | Stan costs during the year were. | | | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
| | | | | 2 | 2 |
| | Wages and salaries | | | 1,946,746 | 1,918,687 |
| | Social security costs | | | 161,173 | 158,933 |
| | Pension costs | | | 566,812 | 451,571 |
| | Staff costs - employees | | | 2,674,731 | 2,529,191 |
| | Agency staff costs | | | 101,477 | 84,346 |
| | | | | 2,776,208 | 2,613,537 |
| | Staff development and other staff costs | | | 18,567 | 18,503 |
| | Total staff expenditure | | | 2,794,775 | 2,632,040 |
| | | | | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

9 Staff (Continued)

Staff numbers

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

| | 2020 Number | 2019 Number |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Teachers | 69 | 74 |
| Administration and support | 29 | 23 |
| Management | 5 | 5 |
| | | |
| | 103 | 102 |
| | | |

Higher paid staff

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

| | 2020 Number | 2019 Number |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| £60,001 - £70,000 | - | 1 |
| £70,001 - £80,000 | 1 | - |
| | | |

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 national insurance) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £353,720 (2019: £326,971).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The headteacher and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of headteacher and staff, and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the academy trust in respect of their role as trustees.

The value of trustees' remuneration for the year was as follows:

J Sutton (Headteacher)

Remuneration £70,001 - £75,000 (2019: £65,001 - £70,000) Employer's pension contributions £15,001 - £20,000 (2019: £10,001 - £15,000)

C Hall (Deputy headteacher)

Remuneration £55,001 - £60,000 (2019: £55,001 - £60,000) Employer's pension contributions £10.001 - £15,000 (2019: £5,001 - £10,000)

R Rathmell (Assistant headteacher)

Remuneration £50,001 - £55,000 (2019: £45,001 - £50,000) Employer's pension contributions £10,001 - £15,000 (2019: £5,001 - £10,000)

D Burns (TA) Resigned 31/08/2019

Remuneration £nil (2019: £15,001 - £20,000) Employer's pension contributions £nil (2019: £0,001 - £5,000)

During the year, C Hall was reimbursed £nil (2019: £314) in expenses. No other expenses were reimbursed to trustees.

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

11 Insurance for trustees and officers

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £1,000,000 on any one claim. The premium for this insurance is not separately identified within the policy.

| | | 1 | | 0 | F: | |
|----|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Leasehold buildings | Leasehold improvements | Computer equipment | Fixtures, fittings and equipment | Total |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Cost | | | | | |
| | At 1 September 2019 | 4,286,000 | 459,021 | 173,594 | 278,017 | 5,196,632 |
| | Additions | | 2,650 | 3,436 | 3,150 | 9,236 |
| | At 31 August 2020 | 4,286,000 | 461,671 | 177,030 | 281,167 | 5,205,868 |
| | Depreciation | | | | | |
| | At 1 September 2019 | 458,320 | 34,178 | 163,095 | 181,612 | 837,205 |
| | Charge for the year | 80,880 | 9,207 | 8,440 | 55,316 | 153,843 |
| | At 31 August 2020 | 539,200 | 43,385 | 171,535 | 236,928 | 991,048 |
| | Net book value | | | | | |
| | At 31 August 2020 | 3,746,800 | 418,286 | 5,495 | 44,239 | 4,214,820 |
| | At 31 August 2019 | 3,827,680 | 424,843 | 10,499 | 96,405 | 4,359,427 |
| 13 | Debtors | | | | | |
| | | | | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | • | | | £ | £ |
| | Trade debtors | | | | 124,572 | 18,227 |
| | VAT recoverable | | | | 12,451 | 17,341 |
| | Other debtors | | | | 324 | - |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | | | | 119,515 | 91,274 |
| | | | | | 256,862 | 126,842 |
| | | | | | | |
| 14 | Creditors: amounts falling due w | ithin one year | r | | 2020 | 2040 |
| | | | | | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
| | Trade creditors | | | | 47,135 | 65,521 |
| | Other taxation and social security | | | | 40,194 | 38,247 |
| | Other creditors | | | | 42,137 | 36,759 |
| | Accruals and deferred income | | | | 53,895 | 36,036 |
| | | | | | 183,361 | 176,563 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

| 15 | Deferred income | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 13 | Deletted moonie | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Deferred income is included within: | | |
| | Creditors due within one year | 21,656 | 25,747 |
| | | | |
| | Deferred income at 1 September 2019 | 25,747 | 28,939 |
| | Released from previous years | (25,747) | (28,939) |
| | Resources deferred in the year | 21,656 | 25,747 |
| | Deferred income at 31 August 2020 | 21,656 | 25,747 |
| | | | |

Included in deferred income is universal infant meal funding in respect of 2020/21.

16 Funds

| | Balance at 1 September | | | Gains, losses and | Balance at 31 August |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| | 2019 | Income | Expenditure | transfers | 2020 |
| • | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Restricted general funds | | | | | |
| General Annual Grant (GAG) | 212,456 | 2,011,060 | (2,015,806) | (9,236) | 198,474 |
| Other DfE / ESFA grants | - | 320,034 | (312,927) | - | 7,107 |
| Other government grants | - | 655,144 | (655,144) | - | - |
| Pension reserve | (1,674,000) | | (232,000) | (727,000) | (2,633,000) |
| | (1,461,544) | 2,986,238 | (3,215,877) | (736,236) | (2,427,419) |
| Restricted fixed asset funds | | | | - | <u></u> |
| Inherited on conversion | 3,811,864 | - | (80,880) | - | 3,730,984 |
| DfE group capital grants | 98,823 | 7,935 | (5,239) | - | 101,519 |
| Capital expenditure from GAG | 438,789 | - | (65,229) | 9,236 | 382,796 |
| Other donations | 9,951 | | (2,495) | - | 7,456 |
| | 4,359,427 ———— | 7,935 | (153,843) ——— | 9,236 | 4,222,755 |
| Total restricted funds | 2,897,883 | 2,994,173 | (3,369,720) | (727,000) | 1,795,336 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| General funds | 173,438 | 86,408 | (73,375) | _ | 186,471 |
| Ocheral Iulius | ====== | | (73,373) | | ======================================= |
| Total funds | 3,071,321 | 3,080,581 | (3,443,095) | (727,000) | 1,981,807 |
| | | | | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

16 Funds (Continued)

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

General Annual Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the academy. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2020.

Other DfE/ESFA grants includes pupil premium funding targeted at disadvantaged pupils, universal infant free school meals grant, PE grant and teacher's pay grant received.

Other government grants includes early years funding for three and four year old children, funding for pupils with special educational needs and pupil premium provided by the local authority.

The pension reserve reflects the LGPS transactions. The costs and income associated with the defined benefit pension scheme have been recorded in the restricted fund. Staff costs are paid from this fund, including contributions to the LGPS, and the pension liability has therefore been aligned with these funds.

DfE/ESFA capital grants consist of the devolved capital which has been carried forward for use in 2020/21.

The inherited fixed asset fund reflects the fixed assets acquired from Middlesbrough Council on conversion. Depreciation on these assets is charged against this fund.

Capital expenditure has been funded by GAG and unrestricted funds. Transfers between these funds are reflected in the gains, losses and transfers column.

Unrestricted funds may used for any purpose, at the discretion of the trustees, within the objects of the academy trust.

The academy's restricted general and unrestricted funds were £392,052 as at 31 August 2020.

| 16 | Funds | | | | | (Continued) |
|----|--|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | Comparative information in re | spect of the pre | eceding perio | d is as follows: | : | |
| | | Balance at 1 September 2018 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Gains, losses and transfers £ | Balance at 31 August 2019 £ |
| | Restricted general funds | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| | General Annual Grant (GAG) Other DfE / ESFA grants | 43,864 - | 2,004,167 264,251 | (1,820,725) (264,251) | (14,850) - | 212,456 - |
| | Other government grants | - | 779,185 | (779,185) | - | - |
| | Other restricted funds | 9,979 | - | - | (9,979) | - |
| | Pension reserve | (893,000) | | (180,000) | (601,000) | (1,674,000) |
| | | (839,157) | 3,047,603 | (3,044,161) | (625,829) | (1,461,544) |
| | Restricted fixed asset funds | | | | | |
| | Transfer on conversion | 3,892,744 | - | (80,880) | - | 3,811,864 |
| | DfE group capital grants | 85,535 | 22,163 | (8,875) | - | 98,823 |
| | Capital expenditure from GAG | 521,661 | • | (109,881) | 27,009 | 438,789 |
| | Other donations | - | 12,245 | (2,294) | <u>-</u> | 9,951 |
| | | 4,499,940 | 34,408 | (201,930) | 27,009 | 4,359,427 |
| | | ====== | ==== | ===== | ==== | ==== |
| | Total restricted funds | 3,660,783 | 3,082,011 | (3,246,091) ====== | (598,820) ——— | 2,897,883 |
| | Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| | General funds | 156,842 ——— | 111,863 | (93,087) ——— | (2,180) ====== | 173,438 ====== |
| | Total funds | 3,817,625 | 3,193,874 | (3,339,178) | (601,000) | 3,071,321 |
| | | | | | | |
| 17 | Analysis of net assets betwee | | Unrestricted | Rest | ricted funds: | Total |
| | | | Funds | General | Fixed asset | Funds |
| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Fund balances at 31 August 20 represented by: | 020 are | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| | Tangible fixed assets | | - | _ | 4,214,820 | 4,214,820 |
| | Current assets | | 186,471 | 388,942 | 7,935 | 583,348 |
| | Creditors falling due within one | /ear | -, | (183,361) | - , | (183,361) |
| | Defined benefit pension liability | | - | (2,633,000) | - | (2,633,000) |
| | Total net assets | | 186,471 | (2,427,419) | 4,222,755 | 1,981,807 |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

| Analysis of net assets between funds | | | | (Continued) |
|---|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Unrestricted | Resi | tricted funds: | Total |
| | Funds | General | Fixed asset | Funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fund balances at 31 August 2019 are represented by: | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | - | - | 4,359,427 | 4,359,427 |
| Current assets | 173,438 | 389,019 | - | 562,457 |
| Creditors falling due within one year | - | (176,563) | - | (176,563) |
| Defined benefit pension liability | - | (1,674,000) | - | (1,674,000) |
| Total net assets | 173,438 | (1,461,544) | 4,359,427 | 3,071,321 |
| | | | | |

18 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 Middlesbrough Borough Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £42,632 (2019: £35,994) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2020 and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

18 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £213,980 (2019: £149,379).

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.5% for employers and 5.5 - 12.5% for employees.

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

| Total contributions made | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Employer's contributions Employees' contributions | 150,000 49,000 | 143,000 49,000 |
| Total contributions | 199,000 | 192,000 |
| Principal actuarial assumptions | 2020 % | 2019 % |
| Rate of increase in salaries Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation Discount rate for scheme liabilities Inflation assumption (CPI) | 3.2 2.2 1.7 2.2 | 3.0 2.0 1.9 2.0 |
| | - | ===== |

| 18 | Pension and similar obligations | | (Continued) |
|----|---|---------------|-----------------|
| | The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future impro | ovements in m | ortality rates. |
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | Years | Years |
| | Retiring today | | |
| | - Males | 21.8 | 21.9 |
| | - Females | 23.5 | 23.8 |
| | Retiring in 20 years | | |
| | - Males | 23.5 | 23.6 |
| | - Females | 25.3 | 25.7 |
| | | | |
| | Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows: | ws: | |
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Discount rate + 0.1% | 5,097,000 | 3,783,000 |
| | Discount rate - 0.1% | 5,406,000 | 3,989,000 |
| | Mortality assumption + 1 year | 5,060,000 | 3,755,000 |
| | Mortality assumption - 1 year | 5,438,000 | 4,017,000 |
| | CPI rate + 0.1% | 5,380,000 | 3,950,000 |
| | CPI rate - 0.1% | 5,118,000 | 3,821,000 |
| | Defined benefit pension scheme net liability | | |
| | Scheme assets | 2,616,000 | 2,211,000 |
| | Scheme obligations | (5,249,000) | (3,885,000) |
| | Scheme obligations | (5,249,000) | |
| | Net liability | (2,633,000) | (1,674,000) |
| | | | |
| | The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | Fair value | Fair value |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Equities | 1,988,160 | 1,689,204 |
| | Cash | 303,456 | 280,797 |
| | Property | 209,280 | 185,724 |
| | Other assets | 115,104 | 55,275 |
| | Total market value of assets | 2,616,000 | 2,211,000 |
| | | | ====== |

| 18 | Pension and similar obligations | | (Continued) |
|----|---|-----------|-------------|
| | Amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Current service cost | 352,000 | 236,000 |
| | Past service cost | , - | 64,000 |
| | Interest income | (44,000) | (57,000) |
| | Interest cost | 74,000 | 80,000 |
| | Total operating charge | 382,000 | 323,000 |
| | Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | At 1 September 2019 | 3,885,000 | 2,851,000 |
| | Current service cost | 352,000 | 236,000 |
| | Interest cost | 74,000 | 80,000 |
| | Employee contributions | 49,000 | 49,000 |
| | Actuarial loss | 923,000 | 623,000 |
| | Benefits paid | (34,000) | (18,000) |
| | Past service cost | - | 64,000 |
| | At 31 August 2020 | 5,249,000 | 3,885,000 |
| | Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets | | |
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | At 1 September 2019 | 2,211,000 | 1,958,000 |
| | Interest income | 44,000 | 57,000 |
| | Actuarial gain | 196,000 | 22,000 |
| | Employer contributions | 150,000 | 143,000 |
| | Employee contributions | 49,000 | 49,000 |
| | Benefits paid | (34,000) | (18,000) |
| | At 31 August 2020 | 2,616,000 | 2,211,000 |

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| 19 | Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities | | | |
|----|--|------------|-------------------|--|
| .5 | Reconcinuation of fice experimental to fice duals flow from operating additional | 2020 | 2019 | |
| | | £ | £ | |
| | Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial | | | |
| | activities) | (362,514) | (145,304) | |
| | Adjusted for: | | | |
| | Capital grants from DfE and other capital income | (7,935) | (34,408) | |
| | Investment income receivable | (264) | (300) | |
| | Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable | 202,000 | 157,000 | |
| | Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost | 30,000 | 23,000 | |
| | Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 153,843 | 201,930 | |
| | (Increase) in debtors | (130,020) | (24,119) | |
| | Increase/(decrease) in creditors | 6,798 | (37,164) | |
| | Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities | (108,092) | 140,635 | |
| | | | | |
| 20 | Analysis of changes in net funds | | | |
| | 1 September 2019 | Cash flows | 31 August 2020 | |
| | £ | £ | £ | |
| | Cash 435,615 | (109,129) | 326,486 | |
| | | | | |

21 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2020 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts due within one year | 7,735 | 8,040 |
| Amounts due in two and five years | ive years 17,965 | 25,700 |
| | 25,700 | 33,740 |
| | | |

22 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust's operations 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 academy trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

No related party party transactions took place in the period of account.

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23 Members' liability

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