

Light Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2020



Charity Registration Number:
1140510 (England and Wales)

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Abbreviations

LT – Light Trust

STAR – Star Academies

SC – Shine Charity

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Company Information
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Company Name	Light Trust
Charity Registration Number	1140510 (England and Wales)
Company Registration Number	07496744 (England and Wales)
Directors and Trustees	Fazlurrehman Hassan Ismail Adam Mohmed Hanif Sufi Faruk Dasu Mohamed Iqbal Isap Kamruddin Isap Kothia
Principal and Registered Office	Shadsworth Road Blackburn BB1 2HT
Accountants	Beever and Struthers Chartered Accountants The Beehive, Lions Drive Shadsworth Business Park Blackburn Lancashire BB1 2QS
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Solicitors	Hill Dickinson 1 St Paul's Square Liverpool Merseyside L3 9SJ

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Trustees' Annual Report

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The Trustees (who are also directors of Light Trust for the purpose of company law) present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2015).

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company (limited by guarantee), incorporated on 18 January 2011 and registered as a charity on 21 February 2011.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

In the event of the company being wound up, each Company Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company such amounts as may be required, not exceeding one pound.

Light Trust operates the following companies within its Group:

- Shine Charity (SC)
- Star Academies (Star) – The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity, incorporated on 23 August 2010. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Trustees of Star are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

The assets and liabilities, and income and expenditure of both SC and Star are not consolidated within these financial statements as explained further in note 1 to the accounts.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees of the charity is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. The Board meets on a quarterly basis to discuss the activities of the charity. The Trustees receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The charity maintains a register of business interests.

The Board of Trustees is supported by a small team of office bearers for the day to day running of the charity. The charity also has a network of dedicated volunteers from across the Star network.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The existing Trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees.

In selecting new Trustees, we, as the existing Trustees, seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. In addition, when necessary, we carry out an extensive recruitment process both locally and nationally to identify people with a diverse set of skills that would add value to the charity.

Potential Trustees are invited to attend Trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new Trustees at the subsequent Trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

LT is responsible for the appointment of the Trustees of SC.

LT is responsible for the appointment of some of the Trustees of Star.

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Objectives and Activities

Our Aims

Encouraging the formation of:

- Organisations committed to education, community capacity building, relief of poverty and hardship; and
- Other organisations committed to community benefit in the United Kingdom and worldwide which reflect the charity's vision of Nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

Our Objectives

Our objectives are set to reflect our vision and values. Each year our Trustees will review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the Trustees will consider the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Shine Charity aims to Invest in young people: improving the life chances of children and young people, particularly in areas of disadvantage and deprivation; and Empower young people: supporting engagement in social action by children, young people, families, school/Trust staff and governors

Star is incorporated as a Mixed Multi Academy Trust and the principal activities and core purpose of the Academy Trust, as set out in its Articles of Association and funding agreement, are to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing Academies which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and which shall include faith and non-faith academies.

Strategies

To achieve the above objectives, LT has established the following companies:

- Shine Charity - Charity number 1140511 and Company number 07514472- the fundraising arm of LT.
- Star Academies - Company number 07353849 - responsible for setting up and operating faith and non-faith schools.

LT has agreed that in the event of any of these companies being wound up, to contribute to any deficiency of assets, a sum of between £1 and £10. Further information about these companies is given in Note 5 to the financial statements.

The Trustees ensure that each of the above companies satisfies the following criteria:

- It delivers on any of our core priorities.
- It helps to significantly improve the lives of young people and their families and communities.
- It provides excellent value for money and is delivered in the most efficient way possible.
- It is consistent with sustainable development so that people can be empowered to help themselves.
- It involves working together with other organisations to deliver even better outcomes and value.

Activities and Achievements

The Light Trust has continued to provide strategic direction for its two operating companies.

The primary undertakings of Star were the operation of its network of schools and of its training and development arm, the Star Institute. With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Star put in place a range of measures – including high quality online teaching - to ensure that the pupils in its schools continued to receive the best possible standards of education during the mandatory period of school closure. Star schools also provided education for vulnerable children and the children of key workers while schools were

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closed. The Trust was also at the forefront of national responses to the pandemic by the education sector: it established the Starline advice helpline for parents, and was a lead partner in the Oak Academy, which provided an online library of lessons for all age groups in all subjects.

The Shine Charity has strengthened its operation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing a network of Star Family Hubs in partnership with Star schools. The Hubs have facilitated local projects to address the increased levels of need in communities as a result of the pandemic, including food poverty, hygiene poverty, digital poverty, loneliness and shortages of PPE. Fundraising campaigns have generated substantial resources to support the work of the Star Family Hubs. The Hubs are founded on the following principles, commitments and pledges:

Our Star family

Our Star family includes: pupils who attend Star schools, their siblings, parents and grandparents; former pupils of Star schools and their families; people and residents who live in Star school neighbourhoods; and Star staff, governors, volunteers and their families.

Our commitment

The Star family will work together to ensure that no member suffers unnecessarily as the result of the coronavirus pandemic

Our 5 pledges

- All members of the Star family will be fed.
- All members of the Star family will be able to maintain good personal hygiene.
- All Star families will be able to stay safe and warm in their homes.
- All Star pupils who are learning at home will receive a good quality of education.
- All children of Star key workers, and vulnerable pupils, will continue to receive excellent care.

Together we are strong. We are Star.

Future Plans

Star will continue to deliver the highest possible standards of education to the pupils attending its schools and will maintain its system leadership role at both local and national level. This will be undertaken within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic in the short and medium term. The Trust will sustain its growth strategy through applying to open new Free Schools, by taking on previously under-performing schools as sponsored academies and by encouraging successful schools to join the MAT.

Over the next year the Shine Charity will sustain its efforts to address the impact of the pandemic through continuing to develop and extend the work of the Star Family Hubs in local communities. This will involve establishing new partnerships with organisations in the public, charitable and voluntary sectors and seeking additional sources of funding to support the work of the Hubs in addressing food poverty, hygiene poverty, social isolation and the need to provide activities for children and young people.

Shine will support the development and operation of the Star Family Hubs in the following ways:

- **Facilitating partnerships:** Shine will broker partnerships with organisations that are well-placed to add value to the work of the Star Family Hubs. This could include local, regional or national bodies.
- **Developing toolkits for project implementation:** Shine will produce a range of toolkits designed to guide the Hubs through planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating their projects. The toolkits

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will be tailored to the specifics of each of the types of project outlined above.

- **Publicity and marketing:** the profiles of each of the Star Family Hubs, and of the Trust-wide initiative as a whole, will be raised through marketing and publicity activity undertaken by Shine. This will be aimed at local, regional and national exposure, with the aims of attracting further financial support and donations and of fostering partnerships with relevant organisations.
- **Fundraising:** Shine will seek to raise funding and donations to support the work of the Star Family Hubs in the following ways:
 - Approaching corporate organisations for financial support or donations of goods
 - Securing institutional funding from government, local authorities, other public sector organisations and from trusts and charities
 - Identifying and supporting fundraising opportunities for Star pupils to take forward at a local level.

Risk Management

A review of the external and internal risks that the Group face is conducted on a regular basis. Group organisations have developed thorough due diligence and quality assurance frameworks that are regularly reviewed. The Trustees are fully apprised at Board meetings, and also between meetings, of any issues that impact on the management of risk.

Volunteers

The Trust makes use of volunteers, for which no charge is made.

Financial Review

LT received no income during the year, as it is a strategic rather than an operating charity. Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2020 amounted to £484 (2019: £484), of which all are restricted funds.

Further details regarding the activities, and the statutory accounts, of Star and SC can be found on the website <http://www.staracademies.org/> and <https://www.shine-charity.org/>.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are held for use on community wide projects. These projects will benefit the wider community local to where the funds have been generated.

As noted above, the amount of reserves carried forward is £484 (2019: £484), which are all restricted funds.

For details of the reserves policy of Star and SC refer to the statutory accounts, which can be found on the website <http://www.staracademies.org/>.

Investment Policy

The Investment Policy of the Group is to keep its funds in registered banks in the UK. The Trustees have the power to invest in such projects as they see fit.

Trustees' Liability Insurance

During the year the Group provided third party liability insurance for its Trustees.

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

LT holds no funds on behalf of others.

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Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Light Trust for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

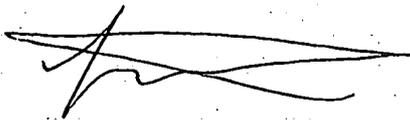
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities, which is an annual process.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Report of the Trustees was approved on 21st May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Kamruddin Isap Kothia
Trustee

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

	Notes	Restricted General Funds £	Total 2020 £	Restricted General Funds £	Total 2019 £
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Total	2	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward at 1 Sept 2019	6	484	484	484	484
Funds carried forward at 31 August 2020		484	484	484	484

There are no gains and losses in either the current period or preceding year other than those recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing.

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Other Debtors		1		1	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		483		483	
		484		484	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			484		484
NET ASSETS			484		484
FUNDS					
Restricted Funds	6		484		484
TOTAL FUNDS			484		484

For the financial year ended 31 August 2020, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21st May 2021.



Kamruddin Isap Kothia
Trustee

Company number: 07496744

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 August 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of Light 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as small.

Basis of Non-Consolidation

SC is no longer required to be consolidated into the LT group financial statements as the group income does not exceed the threshold for preparing group accounts.

The assets and liabilities, and income and expenditure of Star are not taken into consideration in applying the group threshold limits due to the long-term financial restrictions placed upon the company by the ESFA, preventing LT from being able to benefit financially from the activities of Star.

Going Concern

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

Expenditure

There has been no trading activities in the year.

Investments

The investments in the subsidiary undertakings are included at cost in the charitable Company's Balance Sheet.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

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2. Expenditure:

	Other 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Charitable Activities:			
Direct costs	-	-	-
Allocated support costs	-	-	-
Total Charitable Activities	-	-	-

3. Trustee Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration for his services, nor any reimbursement of expenses during the year.

4. Taxation

As the Company is a registered charity no provision has been made for taxation on the result for the period.

5. Investments

By virtue of their respective memberships and board compositions, LT exercises dominant influence over the following companies all of which are incorporated in England and Wales:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Share Class</u>	<u>Method of Control</u>
Star	Limited by guarantee	Appoint majority of members
SC	Limited by guarantee	Appoint majority of members

The registered office for all of these companies is Shadsworth Road, Blackburn, BB1 2HT.

6. Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Community project fund	484	-	-	-	484
Total Restricted Funds	484	-	-	-	484

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Restricted Funds – previous year

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Community project fund	484	-	-	-	484
Total Restricted Funds	484	-	-	-	484

The Charity Community Project Fund represents income accumulated over many years transferred on the closure of the Tauheedul Islam Education Trust. The income cannot be used for the day-to-day activities of LT and must be used for a specific whole community project.

7. Analysis of Net Assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2020 are represented by:

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Investments	-	1	1
Current assets	-	483	483
Total net assets	-	484	484

Analysis of Net Assets between funds

Previous year

Fund balances at 31 August 2019 are represented by:

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Investments	-	1	1
Current assets	-	483	483
Total net assets	-	484	484

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8. Guarantees

The company is a company limited by guarantee not having share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 if the company has insufficient assets to discharge its liabilities in the event of winding up.