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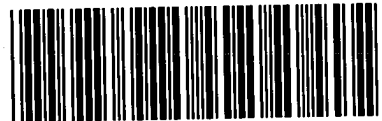
**The Dunraven Educational
Trust**

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 August 2023

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07700362 (England and Wales)

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Reference and administrative information

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Company Secretary	S Drane (appointed 21 September 2020)
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Chief Executive/Accounting Officer	D Boyle
Consultant Head teacher	P Robinson
Joint Headteacher Dunraven School	M Christian
Joint Headteacher Dunraven School	G Maidment
Headteacher Goldfinch Primary	E Haston
Headteacher Van Gogh Primary	N Bernard
Headteacher Rosendale Primary	K Atkins
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Trustees' report 31 August 2023

The Trust Board of The Dunraven Educational Trust (the 'Trust') present their statutory report together with the consolidated financial statements for Dunraven Educational Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023 and its subsidiary company, Phoenix Facilities and Services Limited, together known as 'the Group'. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 37 to 42 of the attached financial statements and comply with the Trust's memorandum and articles of association, applicable laws and 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). With effect from 1 September 2018, the Trust adopted revised Articles of Association following agreement from the Secretary of State, reflecting the Multi-Academy Trust status.

The Trust consists of five schools; Dunraven School, Van Gogh Primary (joined 1 September 2018), Goldfinch Primary (joined 1 January 2019) and Rosendale and The Elmgreen (joined 1 September 2021). As of the October 2023 census, there were 4,020 pupils within the Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The 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 Trust. The Trust Board act as the Trustees for the charitable activities of The Dunraven Educational Trust Limited and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Dunraven Educational Trust. Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are disclosed on page 4. Details of the Trustees in office at the time of approval of the annual report and financial statements are included 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.

Trustee's indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees, Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Trust business. The insurance cover is up to £10,000,000 on any one claim.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Principal activities

The Trust was set up on 11 July 2011 to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom by establishing, maintaining, operating and developing schools offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

Trustees

The Trustees, with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. Except for where shown, the following trustees were in office from 1 September 2020 and served up to the date of approval of this report. All Trustees are appointed by The Dunraven Educational Trust.

Trustees/Governors	Appointed	Appointment expired/expires
J Alozie	July 2020	July 2024
S Adamson	December 2017	November 2021
A Blaiklock	July 2021	July 2025
K Edwards	July 2019	Resigned January 2023
M Forbes	January 2020	December 2024
H George	December 2019	December 2023
N Taylor – Mullings	June 2022	June 2026
C Harvey	November 2020	November 2024
A Malsher	June 2019	Resigned October 2023
S Tillotson	October 2021	October 2025
S Totham	October 2021	Resigned February 2023
S Smith	January 2023	January 2027
D Boyle (Chief Executive and Accounting Officer)	Ex-Officio	

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees and Governors

The method of recruitment or election of Trustees and Governors is detailed in the Funding Agreement. Following confirmation that the Multi-Academy Trust would be established from 1 September 2018 and the adoption of new Articles a review reduced the Trust Board from 12 to up to 9 members including the Chief Executive Officer. The Articles were reviewed and amended in December 2022, including an increase in the number of Trustees to 11.

The articles make provision for Trustees to appoint co-opted Trustees.

All Trustees and Local Governing Board Member serve a term of office of 4 years, save as varied by the initial resolution detailed above.

The Trust has an induction programme to ensure that Trustees and Local Governing Board Members have the necessary skills and knowledge to operate effectively in their roles. The Governance and Compliance Manager works with the Trust Board to identify training needs and the steps necessary to ensure that Trustees are kept updated regarding the regulatory environment.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees and Governors

The Trust Board consists of up to 11 members including the Chief Executive Officer.

The articles make provision for up to two Trustees to be co-opted by the Trust Board and 1 Associate appointed by the Trust Board. Associates contribute to meetings but are non-voting members.

All Trustees and Local Governing Board Member serve a term of office of 4 years, save as varied by the initial resolution detailed above.

The Trust has an induction programme to ensure that Trustees and Local Governing Board Members have the necessary skills and knowledge to operate effectively in their roles. The Governance and Compliance Manager works with the Trust Board to identify training needs and the steps necessary to ensure that Trustees are kept updated regarding the regulatory environment.

Review of governance

In preparation for the expansion of the Trust to 5 schools in September 2022, Trustees reviewed the governance structure for the Trust establishing an Education and Standards Committee in addition to a Finance and Assurance Committee, which replaced the Audit and Resources Committee with an expanded Terms of Reference. Communication between Local Governing Boards, The Trust Board and the new Committees has been documented, discussed and shared with stakeholders.

The Scheme of Delegation which outlines accountability at Trust and School Level is reviewed annually.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees and Governors

There is a full programme of training materials for Trustees and Governors plus an induction programme and outline of expectations. Trustees and Governors attend Governor Training Programmes administered by the London Borough of Lambeth. The National Governors' Association Membership enables Governors and Trustees to access training. Access is also available to training provided by Judicium and EVERY. Annual reviews are carried out to highlight any further training and development needs.

Organisational structure

The Trustees have ultimate responsibility for the strategic direction and activities of The Dunraven Educational Trust. The Chief Executive Officer is also the Accounting Officer. A senior leadership and management structure is in place to support the Trustees and manage the Trust on a day-to-day basis. The aim of this structure is to devolve responsibility, increase accountability and encourage decision making at all levels. Collectively they are responsible for delivering the approved strategic actions in the Excellence Plan as well as setting up and managing the annual development priorities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Subsidiary undertaking

The Trust wholly owns a trading subsidiary: Phoenix Facilities and Services Limited incorporated in England (registration no 10959191). The subsidiary started trading in September 2017. In the period to 31 August 2023 the subsidiary achieved a profit of £271,723 all of which was gifted under the covenant to the Trust. Further details regarding the subsidiary company are given in note 10 to the financial statements. The Trading subsidiary focusses on the lettings associated with school buildings to maximise income donations to schools and engage positively with the local community.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Trust responsible for directing and controlling the Trust comprise the Trustees together with the Senior Leadership Team (listed on page 1). Trustees and Governors are not remunerated for their services as Trustees/Governors of the Trust. However, the CEO was remunerated in his capacity as a Trust employee.

The Trust follows the guidance in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document and the Academies Accounts Direction in order to set the pay and remuneration of key management personnel.

The CEO's salary is determined having reference to the relevant recommended range. Other leadership posts have a range taken from reference points of the Inner London Leadership Pay Range. Trustees periodically carry out benchmarking of leadership ranges at similar schools and of comparable posts advertised. Key management personnel are subject to salary review as detailed in the Trust's salary policy within the limits of their salary range.

The Articles of Association require that employees have access to either the Teachers' Pension Scheme or Local Government Pension Scheme and membership of either scheme forms part of the remuneration of key management personnel.

Trade union facility time

Dunraven, Van Gogh, The Elmgreen and Rosendale schools are members of the London Borough of Lambeth Trade Union Facilities Agreement, the cost of membership for the period was £17,555.

There is no Trade Union Representative at Goldfinch Primary.

Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

The Trustees and Local Governing Board members engage positively with staff. There are regular staff briefings and meetings with Union representatives in each school. Staff are supported in joint working with peers across the Trust this encourages professional development and the opportunity to contribute to enhanced Trust performance.

In the Equalities Statement, the Trust commits to the promotion and understanding of the principles and practices of equality and justice. The statement details the Trust's aim of ensuring equality in the recruitment process as well as throughout an employee's career.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others in a business relationship with the trust

The Trust engages positively with customers and suppliers, clearly setting out the terms and conditions within which it operates. Suppliers receive a purchase order which details services required and agreed payment terms. An invoice is raised to all customers, clearly documenting the services being provided by the Trust, the associated charge and the date by which the payment is due.

The Trust has a dedicated team which acts as a link between the Trust and its suppliers and customers. Financial procedures approved by the Trust Board detail the procurement arrangements to be followed for all purchases.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

There are no organisations that directly sponsor The Dunraven Educational Trust. The Trust is a member of the South Lambeth Schools' Partnership (SLSP). This is considered to be a charitable activity and the member schools pay an annual subscription towards the services provided for the educational benefit of students of all ages and the wider community.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and aims

In the year ended 31 August 2023, the main object and activity of the Trust was the operation of each of the schools to advance, for the public benefit, education for students of different abilities between the ages of 3 and 19.

The Trust has a Scheme of Government consisting of a funding agreement and articles of association approved by the Secretary of State for Education. The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the School and that the curriculum should be broad and balanced. From September 2018 The Dunraven Educational Trust started to operate as a Multi-Academy Trust.

The main objectives of the Trust during the year ended 31 August 2023 which focus on the delivery of the Trust themes of Curriculum, Catch Up and Character are set out below:

- ◆ DET is consolidated successfully as a thriving organisation;
- ◆ Goldfinch, Van Gogh and The Elmgreen develop consistent quality of provision indicated by Ofsted judgement of "Good" or better in 2022-23; Maintain and build on performance standards at Dunraven and Rosendale
- ◆ The quality of teaching is consistently good or better for all students and pupils across the Trust;
- ◆ All schools have systems in place to promote positively the life chances of and opportunities for vulnerable, disadvantaged and high performing children and young people.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Objects and aims (continued)

- ◆ Ensure students and pupils understand what is expected of them to make a positive impact on their education and preparation for future life. Staff have the training and means to support them effectively.
- ◆ Ensure that all students can meet or exceed national expectations.

The Trust recognises that the recent changes to curriculum, assessment and accountability measures mean that these are key focus areas for the Trust. Developing as a teaching school and multi-academy trust would add capacity to in-house expertise.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Based on the Trust themes the strategies are to deliver:

- ◆ High functioning Organisation; returning to school successfully; high quality educational experience; financially sustainable; engagement in community with equalities agenda and Ofsted monitoring.
- ◆ Excellent Teaching and Learning; embedding a coherent approach to Teaching and Learning across the Trust.
- ◆ Overcoming Barriers; applying a consistent approach to phase-specific Inclusion; achieving above average national attendance; recovery and reducing the difference; supporting mastery in core areas and promoting enrichment.
- ◆ Students' positive contribution; focus on wellbeing and character and excellent conduct.
- ◆ Future Focus; above average progress; attainment at/above national and attendance at/above national.

Public benefit

In setting the Trust's objectives and planning its activities, the Trust Board has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The key public benefit delivered by the Trust is the provision of high quality education to its students.

Dunraven School is a comprehensive school and offers places equally in five ability bands in the Secondary Phase (fair banding) and is heavily oversubscribed. There is no banding in the Primary Phase. The main oversubscription criteria relate to looked after children and those previously looked after, those with a brother or sister in the School or expected to be on the School roll at the time of admission, exceptional social or medical need, children of qualifying employees and those living closest to the School measured by a straight line measurement.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Public benefit (continued)

Van Gogh Primary serves a largely disadvantaged community in Stockwell/Brixton. It provides a broad and balanced curriculum, supported by a range of enrichment activities, to prepare the pupils for their life ahead and in particular the demands of secondary school. It ensures that children have the essential basic skills as well as opportunities to develop in areas beyond the taught curriculum including the arts and sports. The school works hard to support and develop the children's social, moral and cultural knowledge. It allows access for the local community to some of its facilities outside of school times.

Goldfinch Primary serves a largely disadvantaged community in Streatham/Furzedown. It provides a broad and balanced curriculum, supported by a range of enrichment activities, to prepare the pupils for their life ahead and in particular the demands of secondary school. It ensures that children have the essential basic skills as well as opportunities to develop in areas beyond the taught curriculum including the arts and sports. The school works hard to support and develop the children's social, moral and cultural knowledge. It allows access for the local community to some of its sports facilities outside of school times.

The Elmgreen School (TES) is an average sized school which joined the Trust in September 2022. TES has high levels of deprivation. On indicators of deprivation, TES is in the 4th out of 5th quintile range for Disadvantaged Pupils at 33%, with 25% receiving free school meals compared to the national figure of 20% (2022). In addition, there are higher than average numbers of SEND pupils. The school's intake is reflective of the local community with a wide range of attainment on entry. High quality teaching is at the heart of the school's approach with the focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupil's require the most support proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap.

Rosendale Primary is significantly larger than an average primary and has a Children's Centre for babies and toddlers from 6 months and a Nursery for children aged from 3. Rosendale is a fully inclusive school located in West Dulwich and joined the Trust in September 2021. The school celebrates the diverse community it is located within and aims to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking to challenge and debate effectively. The school has a long track record of high performance and a strong reputation for valuing sport, languages and the arts.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

The results from 2023 show an improving if mixed picture across the key stages. None really give a wholly accurate indication of where schools are 'at' but perhaps more so than the outcomes from 2022. KS2 outcomes are in line with targets. EYFS assessments remain disrupted given the central importance of direct observation over time and the impact of the pandemic on very young children's development of language. However, outcomes are in line with targets suggesting that positive progress has been made. One evident point is seen in the outcomes for more able children in KS1 and KS2: the figures for 'greater depth' are in line with expectations suggesting that there was less disruption during the course of the pandemic for those more enabled children. Writing has been a concern nationally and all schools are working on programmes to enable pupils to catch up with their writing skills. The impact is evident in the KS2 outcomes but more time is required for the younger writers to match age related expectations. The most disadvantaged are still behind though the gaps have been narrowed slightly compared with 2022; the progress of these young people is very positive at KS2 with both reading and writing. The road to recovery looks to be a long and challenging one. This reflects the national picture.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Achievement and performance (continued)

Target range % and actual outcomes % 2022-23 – EYFS and Key Stage 1

School	EYF Stage GLD *	Phonics Screening Check	Key Stage 1					
			Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
			EXP**	GD***	EXP**	GD***	EXP**	GD***
Dunraven Primary	(70-75) 73	(75-80) 72	(70-75) 60	(15-20) 17	(65-70) 50	(10-15) 5	(75-80) 73	(15-20) 20
Goldfinch Primary	(52-57) 67	(70-75) 62	(55-60) 57	(17-22) 13	(55-58) 40	(14-19) 0	(64-69) 63	(10-15) 0
Rosendale Primary	(75-80) 77	(85-90) 84	(78-82) 81	(25-30) 33	(70-75) 74	(15-20) 18	(80-85) 83	(20-25) 31
Van Gogh Primary	(60-63) 57	(75-80) 76	(60-65) 60	(18-23) 9	(53-58) 56	(18-23) 0	(70-75) 60	(8-13) 7

* Early Years Foundation Stage Good Level of Development. To achieve GLD, children need to have reached Early Learning Goals in Prime Areas (Communication & Language; Personal, Social and Emotional; Physical Development) plus Literacy and Mathematics.

** Expected Standard

*** Greater Depth

Target range % and actual outcomes % 2022-23 – Key Stage 2

School	Reading		Writing		Mathematics		Combined	
	Exp+	GD	Exp	GD	Exp	GD	Exp	GD
Dunraven Primary	(72-77) 84	(15-20) 25	(70-75) 54	(15-20) 9	(75-80) 73	(15-20) 21	(62-67) 50	(5-10) 8
Goldfinch Primary	(59-64) 74	(19-24) 31	(55-60) 64	(0-5) 4	(59-64) 62	(7-12) 2	(54-57) 55	(0-5) 0
Rosendale Primary	(75-80) 80	(25-30) 42	(78-82) 87	(20-25) 24	(78-82) 81	(25-30) 38	(68-72) 73	(15-20) 18
Van Gogh Primary	(68-72) 81	(15-20) 34	(64-68) 66	(15-20) 6	(68-72) 54	(15-20) 10	(44-49) 51	(3-8) 1
National	74		71		72			

Target range % and actual outcomes % 2022-23 – Key Stage 4 and 5

	GCSE English and Maths		English Baccalaureate		Sixth Form			
	Standard	Strong	Standard	Strong	A*/A	A*-B	A*-C	A*-E
Dunraven	(78-83) 71	(59-64) 50	(38-41) 31	(28-33) 24	(30-34) 25	(51-55) 51	(84-88) 82	(100) 99
Elmgreen	(62-67) 65	(40-45) 43	(15-20) 15	(12-17) 9	(12-17) 10	(42-46) 32	(80-85) 61	(100) 96
National	65	45	32	23	26	55	75	98
Lambeth	63	47	27	20				

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trust Board has a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The Trust Board has considered the financial impact of the decline in local primary school pupil numbers and the impact for the secondary schools in the medium to long term. The unfunded increase in cost of living pay increases, fuel cost pressures and general inflationary pressures have all been factored into considerations of the going concern considerations. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Principal Accounting Policies.

Key financial performance indicators

The key financial performance indicator for the Trust was to maintain the current level of educational provision within the level of funding received in-year. The financial performance is covered in detail under the Financial Review. The Trust set a balanced budget including the use of reserves carried forward and the final performance (excluding acquisition of assets) was within overall resources available.

Financial review

Financial report for the year

The Trust recorded an overall increase in funds of £846,000 (2022 – decrease of funds £28,998,000). This increase was largely due to the impact of the transfer of the net assets of the two new schools into the Trust and the actuarial gain on the defined benefit pensions scheme.

Excluding these movements, alongside other movements on the fixed assets fund, there was an in-year operational deficit of £564,000 (2022 – surplus of £527,000), this figure includes contributions from revenue funds to capital funds of £863,000.

After transfers between funds and actuarial losses on the defined benefit pension scheme, the unrestricted general fund shows a cumulative balance carried forward of £4,054,000 (2022 - £4,144,000) and the restricted funds £74,637,000 (2022 - £73,701,000).

Most of the Trust's income is obtained from the Department for Education in the form of recurrent grants the use of which is restricted to particular charitable purposes. The grants received during 2022/23 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the SOFA.

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

Risks are defined as uncertain future events that might prevent the Trust from achieving its objectives. The Trustees therefore ensure that it has in place the means to identify, analyse, control and monitor the strategic and operational risks it faces through its Fraud Policy, Risk Register and Critical Incident Plan. The Finance and Assurance Committee met five times throughout the year.

Reserves policy

The Trust held net assets at the year-end of £78,691,000 (2022 - £77,845,000).

The policy of the Trust is to carry forward a prudent level of resources designed to meet the long term cyclical needs (including ICT procurement) and other unforeseen contingencies.

The Trust Board are aware of a number of future financial uncertainties including national funding levels (including SEN and post-16) and additional resources required whilst the Trust grows. They believe that a cautious approach to reserves is currently required.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Financial review (continued)

Reserves policy (continued)

The Trust Board have agreed a Reserves Policy and determined that the Trust should hold reserves in the region of two months of payroll expenditure based on the five schools. This is a figure of £4,684,000 at 31 August 2023, but is due to increase in 2023/24 following the approval of pay awards). In addition, Trust Board have identified that they should earmark an IT Capital fund of £300,000 in order to ensure that IT equipment can be refreshed on an on-going process and a contribution of £100,000 to the Capital Works Programme determined as part of the Trust Estate Strategy.

The Trust Board have reviewed the reserves policy in light of the current operating environment and have agreed it remains appropriate, but will continue to monitor the future financial impact of increases in the cost base of the Trust.

Free reserves, which are considered to be unrestricted funds, restricted GAG funds and restricted recovery/catch-up premium funds total £4,422,000 and are in line with the target levels outlined in the above policy, Trust Board has adopted a prudent approach and is aware of the potential financial pressures which may arise as the Multi-Academy Trust begins to grow. There also remain concerns regarding funding changes following the implementation of the National Funding Formula implementation and the potential impact of unfunded increases in Teacher's Pay and associated employer's pension contributions in future years.

Promoting the success of the company

The Trust Board considers the short and long term impact on the Trust and individual schools in its decision making ensuring that all decisions promote the charitable aims.

Investment policy

Trust Board reviews the investment approach periodically and the current investment policy is as follows:

Trust Board will:

- ◆ Regularly monitor the cash flow and current account balances to ensure that immediate financial commitments can be met.
- ◆ Take specialist professional advice relating to their investment approach.
- ◆ Identify funds surplus to immediate cash requirements and seek deposit accounts which bear a higher interest rate than the Business Money Manager Account.
- ◆ Use a variety of cash deposits, some with immediate access to spread the investment and ensure that interest returns are maximised.
- ◆ Review the approach at the Finance and Assurance Committee periodically.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties

Trustees have assessed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Trust and its finances. The Trust Board has implemented a number of systems to assess risks, especially those relating to teaching, health and safety and school visits and in relation to the control of finance. The Trust Board has introduced a range of policies and procedures, such as vetting new employees and volunteers, security of the site, visitor control and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Trustees have also ensured that they have adequate insurance cover and are satisfied that the systems in place are consistent with Charities Commission and ESFA guidelines. The systems for adequate financial controls are covered in detail in the Financial Review.

The Fraud Policy, Risk Register and Critical Incident Plan are regularly reviewed by Finance and Assurance Committee. These provide a formal process to assess financial and business risks and implement risk management strategies. This has involved identifying the types of risks the Trust faces, scoring and prioritising them in terms of their potential operational and financial impact, assessing the likelihood of occurrence and identifying ways to mitigate risks. It also involves the identification of actions will address the risk and mitigate against their potential impact on the Trust. The main risks are:

- ◆ Impact of significant increases in inflation, unfunded increases in cost of living pay increases and fuel price increases
- ◆ Reduction in funding through policy and formula changes. For example, High Needs and Post 16 Funding and the impact of re-distribution of funding as a result of the proposed implementation of the National Funding Formula.
- ◆ The impact on the Trust estate if statutory duties are not delivered. This specifically reflects the impact of serious incidents, deterioration in buildings and the impact on the educational experience of students of inadequate health and safety standards
- ◆ Potential risks associated with increased Pension Scheme contributions and LGPS deficit.
- ◆ The risks associated with a change in key management personnel, Local Governing Board Members and Trustees.
- ◆ The risks associated with declining pupil numbers in the Primary phase and the longer term impact for Secondary
- ◆ The risks associated with the expansion of the Multi-Academy Trust. In particular attracting schools and staff capacity to manage growth.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

In order to mitigate against these risks, the Trust and Trust Board respond to consultations relating to funding, carefully monitor the financial position and make judicious use of reserves during the expansion phase and works with a range of external groups including

Confederation of School Trusts, Challenge Partners and Association of School and College Leaders.

The Trustees and Local Governing Boards are aware of the current uncertainty around school funding as the new National Funding Formula is implemented. There is also a concern about the impact of local reductions in pupil numbers and the potential impact on funding. The aim is to set in-year balanced budgets as far as is possible. Where an in-year deficit budget is set, Trustees and Local Governing Boards look at the 3-year projections in order to ascertain overall sustainability. Each School has a Finance Working Group which supports the development of sustainable budgets and considers opportunities for income generation and budget reductions. Finance Reports to the Trust Board include updates of the medium term financial position, reflecting updated census data and the impact on future years of year-end financial forecasts.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

The key aim of the Trust is to sustain an educational and professional experience that expects and delivers excellence for and from everyone in our community of schools. Our schools will provide a high quality, broad and deep education that develops students' curiosity, judgement, desire to learn and ability to make a positive contribution to their communities now and as future adults

Our Key Values are excellence, inclusion, transparency, respect and accountability. Our commitment to these values should be evident in all that we do as a Trust. Our theme this year is 'not more but better' in recognition of the pressure on staff to keep taking on additional responsibilities; we intend to make effective use of what we already have in place to support our young people.

We plan to develop the Trust's capacity and knowledge to manage, support and challenge our schools effectively. This includes leadership and our professional services. We are aiming for Ofsted "good" or better for all our schools by 2025.

As part of our self evaluation the Trust measures and rates itself against the DfE Features of a Strong Trust. Where improvement is identified an Action Plan is in place

Our leaders are ambitious for their schools and collaborative in their approach; we see opportunity in the face of challenge and remain optimistic for the future. We will continue to work to strengthen the attachment that students have to school and, as a result, their future.

We aim to ensure that each school is viable with a sustainable financial model in place.

The Trust will put in place the systems, structure and quality of provision that will persuade other schools to join the Trust. Our priority is to add capacity and balance to the Trust's schools.

We continue to foreground equalities, furthering our response to Black Lives Matter as well as the national issue around sexual harassment, and the need to move things forward positively in support of our young people and staff.

There is still some need to 'repair' because of the legacy of what's happened outside of our schools and the subsequent impact on our young people and staff in terms of well being and resilience; it also applies to the ongoing work on the curriculum and finance (covering strategic planning, local management, resource allocation) as a consequence of external forces to which we must continue to respond. Many areas from the Excellence Plan may carry over into 2023-24.

Income generation to supplement School budgets remains a key focus with the development of our trading activities through our Trust Trading Company; maximising the use of our schools' facilities to benefit our pupils and students, as well as our staff and local communities.

FUNDRAISING

The Trust does not actively solicit donations from the general public and therefore is not registered with the Fundraising Regulator nor subscribe to any fundraising codes of practice. When donations from individuals are received, the Trust aims to protect personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations. During 2022/23, the Trust received no complaints about fundraising activities.

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data	Year ended 31 August 2023	Year ended 31 August 2022
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	6,609,828	7,312,907
Energy consumption break down (kWh) (optional) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gas, electricity, transport fuel 	4,705,986 1,897,228 6,614	5,219,348 2,090,869 2,689
<u>Scope 1 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e</u>		
Gas consumption	847.08	952.74
Owned transport – mini-buses	1.85	0.76
<u>Total scope 1</u>	848.93	953.50
<u>Scope 2 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e</u>		
Purchased electricity	392.87	404.33
<u>Scope 3 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e</u>		
Business travel in employee owned vehicles	0.00	0.00
Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	1241.8	1,357.83
<u>Intensity ratio</u>		
Tonnes CO2e per pupil	0.3	0.33

Quantification and Reporting Methodology

We have followed the 2023 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines. We have also used the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard and have used the the applicable UK Governments Conversion factors for Company Reporting.

Intensity measurement

The chosen intensity measurement ration is total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e per pupil, the recommended ration for the education sector.

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

In 2022/23 we installed Air Sources Heat Pumps and commenced Boiler infrastructure works at Rosendale Primary. Condition Improvement Funded works were competed at Van Gogh to replace boilers and piping and Goldfinch to refurbish roofing and windows.

In 2021/22 we have been upgrading our lights to LED lighting and have initiated works to upgrade the heating infrastructure at two of our schools.

In 2020/21 we installed smart meters across most sites and have recently installed new boilers and windows at one of our schools to improve energy efficiency.

Trustees' report 31 August 2023

AUDITOR

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the members of the Trust Board on 19 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H George', written in a cursive style.

H George
Chair of the Trust Board

Governance statement 31 August 2023

Scope of responsibility

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

The Trust Board have delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the CEO, 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 the Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. The CEO is also responsible for reporting to the Trust Board any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

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

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustee's report and in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities. The Trust Board has formally met seven times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Trust Board was as follows:

Trustee	Number of meetings attended	Out of a possible
H George (Chair)	6	6
J Alozie	5	6
A Blaiklock	4	6
K Edwards	2	2
M Forbes	6	6
C Harvey	6	6
A Malsher	5	6
S Totham	0	3
S Tillotson	4	6
N Taylor – Mullings	5	6
S Smith	4	4
D Boyle (Principal and Accounting Officer)	6	6

The Finance and Assurance Committee is a Committee of the Trust Board. The Finance and Assurance Committee considers risk and compliance. Attendance at the Committee was as follows:

Committee member	Number of meetings attended	Out of a possible
C Harvey (Chair)	5	5
K Edwards	1	2
H George	5	5
A Malsher	5	5
A Blaiklock	4	5
S Totham	0	3
S Smith	2	2
D Boyle (CEO / Accounting Officer)	4	5

Governance (continued)

Governance review

Trustees review the level of skills and knowledge on the Board on an ongoing basis giving particular consideration to this as Trustee terms of office end and new recruitment to the Board is required. The Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) governance structure was formally implemented in September 2018 when Van Gogh Primary joined the Trust. During 2022/23 the Trust Board implemented a new sustainable governance structure following a review the previous year in preparation for the growth of the Trust including the size of the Trust Board and Terms of Reference for the Committees including the Local Governing Boards. The Trust Board also established new Committees and processes for communicating within the new structure

The Scheme of Delegation was developed outlining the accountabilities held at Trust and at School Level and was reviewed again in 2022/23.

The Trust has adopted the Department for Education standard articles of association. Approval for new articles was approved by the Charity Commission in December 2021. The articles provide for a maximum of 11 member appointed Trustees and for Trustees to appoint co-opted Trustees. The increase in the maximum number of Member appointed Trustees reflected the expansion of the Trust.

To help ensure that conflicts of interest are managed, members of the Local Governing Boards, members of the Trust Board and members of the Senior Leadership Team provide details of any potential conflicts of interest on appointment and annually. Declarations of any conflicts of interest are a standing item on meeting agendas.

Review of value for money

As Accounting Officer, the CEO has responsibility for ensuring that the 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, as well as estates safety and management, 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 the academic year, and reports to the Trust Board where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The Accounting Officer for the Trust has delivered and improved value for money during the year by:

Improving educational outcomes

We have ensured that resources are directed where they are most needed and most effective in meeting educational requirements, for example by:

- ◆ Targeting resources (including staffing) in key subject areas, Inclusion and Primary.
- ◆ Monitoring staff performance through appraisal and targeting professional development appropriately to ensure that teaching remains consistently good or better.

Review of value for money (continued)

***Improving educational outcomes* (continued)**

- ◆ Continuing to support the development of the primary phase through the use of shared staffing and services.
- ◆ Working collaboratively within the Trust sharing knowledge and best practice.

Financial governance

The Trust's governance arrangements include regular financial monitoring and the management accounts are produced on a monthly basis. The Finance and Assurance Committee met five times throughout the year. In addition, the Trust commissions termly reviews of key financial controls.

The Trust has a policy of tendering services for all schools and utilising Government Frameworks to achieve price competitive and compliant tenders. The Trust has recently adopted a separate Procurement Policy which sets out practices to be adopted in order to maximise Trust resources through the purchasing process and where appropriate in contract management.

Income Generation

The Trust seeks to maximise income and encourage community engagement through the use of buildings outside of school hours. Lettings are managed and co-ordinated centrally and resources to manage on site activities are shared in order to minimise staffing costs.

Estates Management

The Trust employs qualified and experienced staff who oversee the implementation of the Trust Estates Strategy which includes the co-ordination of works included in the Capital Programme achievement of Health and Safety (H&S) standards and delivery of the School Building Maintenance schedules in conjunction with Head teachers and site facilities leads.

An external company has been appointed to provide professional advice and report on compliance with H&S Legislation and best practice. Each school has a H&S Committee and a Local Governing Board H&S Lead who meet with the nominated H&S Trustee to review issues raised and the Trust Estates position.

All staff, Local Governing Board members and Trustees complete H&S Training. Staff with specific responsibilities are allocated relevant training to support the delivery of their role.

The School Buildings Maintenance Schedules are costed and risk rated to facilitate the most appropriate targeting of resources for locally funded works via the School Budget or Devolved Formula Capital. Higher value and risk works are reflected in the Capital allocation reviewed regularly throughout the year by Trustees.

Staffing

Staff costs are the major area of expenditure for the Trust and great care is given to ensuring that the staffing structure is appropriate, effective and cost effective. The Local Governing Boards and the Trust Board have reviewed benchmarking data, drawing comparison with similar schools. Consideration has been given to the circumstances of individual schools and the local targets set when drawing comparisons.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Trust's 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 at the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Trust Board has reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Trust Board is of the view that there is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Trust Board.

The Strategic Register includes a specific risk in respect of the statutory duties relating to the maintenance and development of the Trust estate. The risk register details the impact of statutory duties not being met, identifies the controls already embedded and actions identified to drive improvement with agreed timescales.

The risk and control framework

The 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 Trust Board;
- ◆ regular reviews by the Finance and Assurance 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;
- ◆ Finance Working Groups established for all schools comprising Trustee leads, Local Governing Board representatives, Head teachers and Trust Senior leaders to monitor and challenge the budget position;
- ◆ clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) arrangements set out in the Trust Procurement Policy;
- ◆ delegation of authority and segregation of duties; and
- ◆ identification and management of risks.

The risk and control framework (continued)

The Trust Board has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and appointed a specialist internal auditor. The Audit function is clearly defined in the Finance and Assurance Committee Terms of Reference. The internal auditors appointed in 2022/23 undertook a series of regularity and control checks to provide an objective assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control systems. This role includes giving advice on governance, operational financial matters based on an Audit Needs Assessment as well as performing a range of checks on Trust systems. The Internal Audit Manager and Partner report to Finance and Assurance Committee regularly providing details of the reviews completed, operation of the systems of control and their effectiveness in discharging the Trust's responsibilities. No material control issues were identified as a result of the visits undertaken during the year.

Review of effectiveness

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

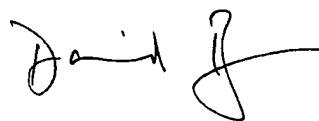
- ◆ the work of the external auditor, including the termly internal control checks carried out by the auditor;
- ◆ the work of the internal auditor, including the planned review of internal control;
- ◆ the financial management and governance self-assessment process; and
- ◆ the work of the Senior Leadership Team within the Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the Trust Board on 19 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



H George
Chair of the Trust Board



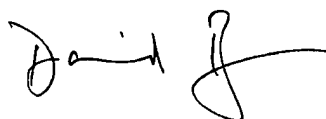
D Boyle
Accounting Officer/CEO

Statement on regularity, propriety and compliance 31 August 2023

As Accounting Officer of The Dunraven Educational Trust (the 'Trust'), I have considered my responsibility to notify the Trust Board and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement in place between the Trust and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2022, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Trust Board are not able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Boyle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

D Boyle

Accounting Officer

Date: 19 December 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities 31 August 2023

The Trustees of The Dunraven Educational Trust (the 'Trust') (who act as trustees of the Trust and are also the directors of the Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in the Charities' SORP and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- ◆ make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Trust will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust 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 Trust applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Trust Board and signed on their behalf by:



H George
Chair of the Trust Board

Date: 19 December 2023

Independent auditor's report on the financial statements 31 August 2023

Independent auditor's report to the members of The Dunraven Educational Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Dunraven Educational Trust (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the group statement of financial activities, the group and charitable parent company balance sheets, the group statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, 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), 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) (the Charities SORP 2019) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the charitable parent company's affairs as at 31 August 2023, and of the group's income and expenditure for the period 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 Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law and includes the strategic report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ♦ the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law and includes the 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 group and the charitable parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report including the 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 by the charitable parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- ♦ the charitable parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ♦ certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ♦ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception (continued)

Responsibilities of trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the charitable parent company'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 trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the charitable parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- ◆ we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the group through discussions with management, and from our knowledge of the academy trust sector;
- ◆ the identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit;

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- ◆ we considered the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the group and determined that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019, the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, the Academy Trust Handbook 2022, and the academy trust's funding agreement with the ESFA as well as legislation pertaining to safeguarding in the UK;
- ◆ we understood how the group is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to management and those responsible for legal, compliance and governance procedures. We corroborated our inquiries through our review of the minutes of trustees' meetings and the subsidiary company directors' meetings and papers provided to the trustees and directors.
- ◆ we planned and carried out a separate limited assurance engagement in respect of regularity, propriety and compliance in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts issued by the ESFA, as set out in our separate independent reporting accountant's assurance report on regularity.

We assessed the susceptibility of the group's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ making enquiries of management and those charged with governance as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- ◆ tested the authorisation of expenditure as part of our substantive testing thereon;
- ◆ assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- ◆ used data analytics to identify any significant or unusual transactions and identify the rationale for them.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- ◆ reviewing the minutes of trustees' meetings and subsidiary company directors' meetings;

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- ◆ enquiring of management and those charged with governance as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- ◆ reviewing any available correspondence with Ofsted, ESFA and HMRC; and
- ◆ the work undertaken in relation to the limited assurance engagement in respect of regularity, propriety and compliance in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts issued by the ESFA, as set out in our separate independent reporting accountant's assurance report on regularity.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. International Standards on Auditing also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the 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.

Buzzacott LLP

Date: 20 December 2023

Hugh Swainson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
EC2V 6DL

Independent reporting accountant's assurance report on regularity to The Dunraven Educational Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Dunraven Educational Trust during the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to The Dunraven Educational Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to The Dunraven Educational Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Dunraven Educational Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of The Dunraven Educational Trust's accounting officer and the reporting auditor

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Dunraven Educational Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. 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 from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts issued by ESFA.

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.

Independent reporting accountant's report on regularity 31 August 2023

Approach (continued)

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- ◆ An assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety across all of the academy trust's activities;
- ◆ Further testing and review of the areas identified through the risk assessment including enquiry, identification of control processes and examination of supporting evidence across all areas identified as well as additional verification work where considered necessary; and
- ◆ Consideration of evidence obtained through the work detailed above and the work completed as part of our financial statements audit in order to support the regularity conclusion.

Conclusion

Nothing has come to our attention in the course of our work which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Buzzacott LLP

Date: 20 December 2023

Buzzacott LLP
Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities Year to 31 August 2023
(including consolidated income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted general funds £'000	Restricted funds		2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
			General funds £'000	Fixed assets funds £'000		
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	1	19	113	1,416	1,548	2,766
Transfers on existing Academies joining the Trust	23	—	—	—	—	11,428
Other trading activities	2	1,147	548	—	1,695	1,745
Investments	3	105	—	—	105	6
Charitable activities						
· Funding for educational operations	4	—	34,549	—	34,549	33,239
Total income		1,271	35,210	1,416	37,897	49,184
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	5	280	—	—	280	199
Charitable activities						
· Educational operations	5	218	36,232	4,110	40,560	40,632
Total expenditure	5	498	36,232	4,110	40,840	40,831
Net income (expenditure) for the year		773	(1,022)	(2,694)	(2,943)	8,353
Transfers between funds	16	(863)	—	863	—	—
Other recognised gains and losses						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension scheme	20	—	3,789	—	3,789	20,645
Net movement in funds		(90)	2,767	(1,831)	846	28,998
Reconciliation of funds						
Fund balances brought forward at 1 September 2022		4,144	(4,111)	77,812	77,845	48,847
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 2023		4,054	(1,344)	75,981	78,691	77,845

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

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities.

Balance sheets 31 August 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 £'000	Academy 2023 £'000	Group 2022 £'000	Academy 2022 £'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	12	74,543	74,543	76,898	76,898
Current assets					
Debtors	13	1,395	1,904	1,464	1,801
Short term deposits		964	964	450	450
Cash at bank and in hand		8,220	7,682	7,941	7,586
		<u>10,579</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>9,855</u>	<u>9,837</u>
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,559)	(3,530)	(2,921)	(2,903)
Net current assets		<u>7,020</u>	<u>7,020</u>	<u>6,934</u>	<u>6,934</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		81,563	81,563	83,832	83,832
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	15	(167)	(167)	(41)	(41)
Net assets excluding pension scheme liability		81,396	81,396	83,791	83,791
Pension scheme liability	20	(2,705)	(2,705)	(5,946)	(5,946)
Total net assets		<u>78,691</u>	<u>78,691</u>	<u>77,845</u>	<u>77,845</u>
Funds of the Trust					
Restricted funds					
. Fixed assets fund	16	75,981	75,981	77,812	77,812
. Restricted general fund	16	1,361	1,361	1,835	1,835
. Pension reserve	16	(2,705)	(2,705)	(5,946)	(5,946)
		<u>74,637</u>	<u>74,637</u>	<u>73,701</u>	<u>73,701</u>
Unrestricted funds					
. General fund	16	4,054	4,054	4,144	4,144
Total funds		<u>78,691</u>	<u>78,691</u>	<u>77,845</u>	<u>77,845</u>

The financial statements on page 33 to 65 were approved by the Trustees, authorised for issue on 19 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



H George
The Dunraven Educational Trust
Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number: 07700362 (England and Wales)

Consolidated statement of cash flows 31 August 2023

		2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Net cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	A	899	3,947
Cash flows from investing activities	B	(234)	73
Cash flows from financing activities	C	128	43
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		793	4,513
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2022		7,941	3,878
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2023	D	8,734	7,941

A Reconciliation of net income (expenditure) to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Net income (expenditure) for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)	(2,943)	8,353
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation (note 12)	4,110	3,810
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(1,409)	(1,081)
Inherited and donated fixed assets	(7)	(24,709)
Interest receivable (note 3)	(105)	(6)
Defined benefit pension scheme inherited from academies joining the Trust (note 20)	—	13,629
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable (note 20)	305	2,240
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost (note 20)	243	411
Decrease (increase) in debtors	69	(635)
Increase in creditors	639	1,935
Net cash provided by operating activities	899	3,947

B Cash flows from investing activities

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Interest received	105	6
Transfer to short term deposits	—	(450)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(1,748)	(564)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	1,409	1,081
Net cash used in investing activities	(234)	73

C Cash flows from financing activities

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Cash inflows from borrowing	128	43
Net cash from financing activities	128	43

Consolidated statement of cash flows 31 August 2023

D Analysis of cash and cash equivalents and changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2022 £'000	Cash flows £'000	At 31 August 2023 £'000
Short term deposits	450	—	450
Cash and cash equivalents	7,941	793	8,734
	8,391	793	9,184
Loans due within one year	(2)	(2)	(4)
Loans due outside of one year	(41)	(126)	(167)
Total debt	(43)	(128)	(171)
Total net debt	8,348	665	9,013

Principal accounting policies 31 August 2023

Statement of accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of The Dunraven Educational Trust (the '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), 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), the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The Dunraven Educational Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are presented in Sterling, rounded to the nearest thousand pounds.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated statement of financial activities and group balance sheet includes the financial statements of The Dunraven Educational Trust and its wholly owned trading subsidiary Phoenix Facilities and Services Limited, made up to the balance sheet date.

No separate statement of financial activities has been presented for The Dunraven Educational Trust alone, as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. In making this assessment, the Trustees have considered the anticipated impact of current economic pressures, in particular with respect to inflation and fuel price increases, on the operational and financial results of the Trust.

Income

All income is recognised when the Trust has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income (continued)

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.

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

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

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there 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 Trust has provided the goods or services.

Transfer of existing academies into the academy trust

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

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 support costs involved in undertaking each activity.

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Expenditure (continued)

Charitable activities

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

All expenditure is stated net of recoverable VAT.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets costing £2,000 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 on 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 Trust's depreciation policy.

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

Freehold buildings	2% or 4% per annum
Leasehold buildings	4% per annum
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% per annum
Computers	33% per annum
Sports surfaces	10% per annum
Motor vehicles	20% per annum

Depreciation is charged in full for the year of acquisition and is not charged in the year of disposal.

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.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amounts prepaid.

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Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand. Notice deposits are included on the balance sheet as short term deposits.

Liabilities

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

Financial instruments

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

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

Short term deposits – fixed term deposit accounts with a maturing date between 3-12 months.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. 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. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Leased assets

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

Taxation

The 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 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.

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.

Pensions benefits (continued)

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred.

Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the statement of financial activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

Fund accounting

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, Department for Education or other funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted ESFA funds comprise all other grants received from the Education and Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

Restricted other funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from Local Authorities.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

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Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement (continued)

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

- ◆ The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 20, 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 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2023. 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.
- ◆ The net book value of tangible fixed assets is based on the original cost/value of the asset net of provision for depreciation. The depreciation provision to date is based on the Trustees' assessment of the estimated useful economic lives of such assets. The basis of the original valuation of the freehold buildings (which from 1 September 2014, the date of transition to FRS 102, were deemed to be equal to its cost) is disclosed in note 12 to the financial statements.

These estimates, together with the going concern assessment as described above, also constitute the key critical areas of judgement applied by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements 31 August 2023

1 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted general funds £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000
Local authority and devolved capital grants	—	—	1,409	1,409
Other donations	19	113	7	139
	19	113	1,416	1,548

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted general funds £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
Local authority and devolved capital grants	—	—	1,081	1,081
Other donations	98	1,587	—	1,685
	98	1,587	1,081	2,766

Donations to restricted general funds in 2022 of £1,587,000 related to donated proceeds from the sale of fixed assets at the site of Van Gogh School, this element of the site was never occupied by Dunraven Educational Trust following the transfer of the school to the Trust and therefore there is no corresponding disposal shown within the fixed assets of the Trust.

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
Hire of facilities	282	6	288	321
After school club and breakfast club	518	—	518	445
Music classes and trip income	313	—	313	297
Income from other charitable activities	34	542	576	682
	1,147	548	1,695	1,745

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
Hire of facilities	239	82	321
After school club and breakfast club	445	—	445
Music classes and trip income	297	—	297
Income from other charitable activities	75	607	682
	1,056	689	1,745

Notes to the financial statements 31 August 2023

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
Interest receivable	105	—	105	6
	105	—	105	6

	<i>Unrestricted funds £'000</i>	<i>Restricted funds £'000</i>	<i>2022 Total funds £'000</i>
<i>Interest receivable</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>6</i>
	6	—	6

4 Funding for the Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
DfE / ESFA revenue grant				
. General Annual Grant (GAG)	—	27,738	27,738	27,682
. UIFSM	—	184	184	191
. Pupil Premium	—	1,504	1,504	1,507
. Recovery and catch-up premium	—	286	286	187
. National Tutoring Programme	—	174	174	92
. Other DfE / ESFA	—	1,569	1,569	675
	—	31,455	31,455	30,334
Other government grants				
. Local authority grants	—	2,258	2,258	2,172
. Local authority FSM top up	—	304	304	284
	—	2,562	2,562	2,456
Other				
. Other income from the trust's educational operations	—	532	532	449
	—	532	532	449
Funding for educational operations	—	34,549	34,549	33,239

- The corresponding expenditure relating to recovery and catch-up premium is disclosed in Note 15.

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
DfE / ESFA revenue grant			
. General Annual Grant (GAG)	—	27,682	27,682
. UIFSM	—	191	191
. Pupil Premium	—	1,507	1,507
. Recovery and catch-up premium	—	187	187
. National Tutoring Programme	—	92	92
. Other DfE / ESFA	—	675	675
	—	30,334	30,334
Other government grants			
. Local authority grants	—	2,172	2,172
. Local authority FSM top up	—	284	284
	—	2,456	2,456
Other			
. Other income from the trust's educational operations	—	449	449
	—	449	449
Funding for educational operations	—	33,239	33,239

5 Expenditure

	Staff costs (note 8) £'000	Non pay expenditure		2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
		Premises £'000	Other costs £'000		
Expenditure on raising funds:					
. Direct costs	118	—	78	196	136
. Allocated support costs	31	27	23	81	63
Charitable activities					
. Educational operations	23,202	3,227	1,779	28,208	27,875
. Allocated support costs	4,453	3,966	3,388	11,807	12,757
	27,804	7,220	5,268	40,292	40,831
				Year to 31 August 2023 £'000	Year to 31 August 2022 £'000
Net expenditure for the year include:					
Operating lease rentals				81	122
Depreciation charge				4,110	3,810
Fees payable to auditor					
. Statutory audit				33	28
. Other services				11	12

6 Charitable activities - Educational operations

	2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
Direct costs	28,208	27,875
Support costs	11,807	12,757
	40,015	40,632
	2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	4,453	6,467
Depreciation	877	580
Technology costs	293	339
Premises costs	3,089	2,232
Legal costs - conversion	—	8
Legal costs – other	70	48
Other support costs	2,979	3,036
Governance costs	46	47
Total support costs	11,807	12,757

Notes to the financial statements 31 August 2023

7 Comparative information

			Restricted funds		
	Notes	Unrestricted general funds £'000	General funds £'000	Fixed assets funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
<i>Income from:</i>					
Donations and capital grants	1	98	1,587	1,081	2,766
Transfers on existing Academies joining the Trust	23	318	(13,629)	24,739	11,428
Other trading activities	2	1,056	689	—	1,745
Investments	3	6	—	—	6
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Funding for educational operations	4	—	33,239	—	33,239
Teaching schools	4	—	—	—	—
Total income		1,478	21,886	25,820	49,184
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	5	199	—	—	199
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Educational operations	5	297	36,525	3,810	40,632
Teaching schools	5	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	5	496	36,525	3,810	40,831
Net income (expenditure) for the year		982	(14,639)	22,010	8,353
Transfers between funds	16	—	(191)	191	—
<i>Other recognised gains and losses</i>					
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	20	—	20,645	—	20,645
Net movement in funds		982	5,815	22,201	28,998
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Fund balances brought forward at 1 September 2021		3,162	(9,926)	55,611	48,847
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 2022		4,144	(4,111)	77,812	77,845

8 Staff

(a) Staff costs

Staff costs during the period were:

	2023 Total funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000
Wages and salaries	19,640	19,616
Social security costs	2,128	1,994
Pension costs	3,970	6,189
Apprenticeship levy	83	81
	25,821	27,880
Agency teaching and educational support costs	1,960	1,556
Staff restructuring costs (see below)	23	3
	27,804	29,439

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Staff restructuring costs comprise		
Redundancy payments	23	3
Severance payments	—	—
	23	3

(b) Severance payments

The academy trust paid no severance payments in the year.

(c) Special staff severance payments

There are no special severance payments included within staff costs (2022: none).

8 Staff (continued)

(d) Staff numbers

The average number of persons (including the senior management team) employed by the Trust during the year ended 31 August was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Charitable activities		
Teachers	225	262
Administration and support	246	231
Management	35	34
	506	527

(e) Higher paid staff

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
£60,001 - £70,000	28	28
£70,001 - £80,000	17	11
£80,001 - £90,000	4	3
£90,001 - £100,000	1	1
£100,001 - £110,000	2	3
£110,001 - £120,000	2	1
£120,001 - £130,000	1	—
£130,001 - £140,000	1	—
£140,001 - £150,000	—	—
£150,001 - £160,000	—	1
£160,001 - £170,000	1	—

(f) Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the Trustees and the Senior Management Team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension and national insurance contributions) paid in respect of key management personnel for their services to the Trust was £1,395,440 (2022 - £1,308,632). This remuneration was made in respect to 9 staff members (2022 – 9 staff members).

9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Principal and CEO is a Trustee of the Dunraven Educational Trust. Elected Staff Governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking their roles as staff and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other Trustees and Governors did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the Trust in respect of their role as Trustees and Governors. The annual value of Staff Trustees and Governors' remuneration and other benefits were as follows:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
David Boyle – Principal/CEO		
Remuneration	162	152
Employer's pension contributions	38	36

During the year ended 31 August 2023, there were no travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed to any Trustee or Governor (2022 - none).

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

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out in note 21.

10 Investment in subsidiary

The Trust has a subsidiary company, Phoenix Facilities and Services Limited, which is wholly owned and incorporated in Great Britain. The principal activity of Phoenix Facilities and Services Limited is to generate income for the Trust. The share capital of the subsidiary is £100 which is wholly owned by The Dunraven Educational Trust. The gift aid payable is £271,000 (2022 - £283,000).

The following is a summary of the financial statements of Phoenix Facilities and Services Limited for the year ended 31 August 2023, which have been included in the consolidated financial statements:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Turnover	467	419
Cost of sales	(156)	(112)
Gross profit	311	307
Administrative expenses	(40)	(24)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	271	283
Gift aid payment to Trust	(271)	(283)
Tax	—	—
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	—	—

11 Central support

The Trust has provided the following services to its schools during the year:

- ♦ Human resources;
- ♦ Financial services;
- ♦ Legal services;
- ♦ Educational support services;
- ♦ Facilities management; and
- ♦ ICT services.

The Trust charges each school between 4.2% and 10.3% (2022 between 1.3% and 6.5%) of the School Budget Share and LACSEG income. The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows, any unallocated central balances at the year-end were released back to the reserves of each school in proportion to the original charge levied.

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Dunraven School	655	690
Elmgreen Secondary	350	105
Goldfinch Primary	60	61
Rosendale Primary	231	46
Van Gogh Primary	250	283
	1,546	1,185

12 Tangible fixed assets

Group and Trust	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Leasehold land and buildings £'000	Furniture and equipment £'000	Computer equipment £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Total funds £'000
Cost						
At 1 September 2022	61,206	30,833	3,570	2,438	15	98,062
Additions	—	—	1,624	131	—	1,755
Disposals	—	—	(681)	(2,330)	—	(3,011)
At 31 August 2023	61,206	30,833	4,513	239	15	96,806
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2022	11,859	4,932	2,021	2,340	12	21,164
Charge in period	1,994	1,233	773	107	3	4,110
Eliminated on disposal	—	—	(681)	(2,330)	—	(3,011)
At 31 August 2023	13,853	6,165	2,113	117	15	22,263
Net book value						
At 31 August 2023	47,353	24,668	2,400	122	—	74,543
At 1 September 2022	49,347	25,901	1,549	98	3	76,898

On conversion to an academy trust on 1 August 2011, buildings were transferred from Dunraven School (a Foundation School) to The Dunraven Educational Trust and brought into the accounts at its fair value at that date. The remaining buildings that were transferred on conversion that remained in use at the School were recognised as tangible fixed assets at a depreciated insurance valuation. The North site, a primary phase building was completed in 2014, the assets are recognised at contract value.

As permitted by FRS 102, the Trustees have adopted a policy of not revaluing tangible fixed assets and, under the transitional arrangements set out in FRS 102 with effect from 1 September 2014 (the transition date), the values assigned to the Trust's freehold buildings are now deemed to be its cost.

In the year ended 31 August 2019, Van Gogh Primary joined the Trust from Durand Educational Trust and Goldfinch Primary School converted to an Academy and joined the Trust. The long leasehold (Van Gogh) and freehold (Goldfinch) land and buildings were valued by Gerald Eve LLP as external valuers at fair value as at 31 August 2019.

In the year ended 31 August 2022, Elmgreen Secondary and Rosendale Primary, formerly schools within the Great North Wood Academy Trust joined Dunraven Educational Trust. The freehold land and buildings were recognised at a valuation equivalent to their existing net book value within the predecessor trust.

For the purposes of these financial statements, the land is deemed to have no commercial value.

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13 Debtors

	Group 2023 £'000	Academy 2023 £'000	Group 2022 £'000	Academy 2022 £'000
Trade debtors	83	77	86	71
VAT recoverable	336	336	510	517
Amount due from subsidiary	—	559	—	364
Other debtors	28	28	12	12
Prepayments and accrued income	948	904	856	837
	1,395	1,904	1,464	1,801

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023 £'000	Academy 2023 £'000	Group 2022 £'000	Academy 2022 £'000
Trade creditors	644	643	593	593
Taxation and social security	561	561	619	619
Other creditors	76	53	223	209
SALIX/CIF loan	4	4	2	2
Accruals and deferred income	2,274	2,269	1,484	1,480
	3,559	3,530	2,921	2,901

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Deferred income		
Deferred Income at 1 September 2022	231	115
Resources deferred in the year	(231)	(115)
Amounts released from previous years	518	231
Deferred income at 31 August 2023	518	231

Deferred income at the balance sheet date related to funding received in advance from the ESFA in respect of Universal Infant Free School Meals and funds received for trips scheduled to take place in future accounting periods.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Group 2023 £'000	Academy 2023 £'000	Group 2022 £'000	Academy 2022 £'000
SALIX/CIF loan	167	167	41	41
	167	167	41	41

The above loans constitute:

Goldfinch School, holds a CIF loan repayable over a 10 year period, annual capital repayments are £3,840, paid at a monthly rate of £320 and commenced in April 2023.

Van Gogh School holds a CIF loan, repayable over a 10 year period, annual capital repayments are £10,300, paid at a monthly rate of £858 and commencing in September 2024. The school also holds a Salix loan repayable over an eight year period, annual capital repayments are £3,110, paid bi-annually and commence in September 2024.

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16 Funds

	Balance at 31 August 2022 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2023 £'000
General restricted funds					
. General Annual Grant (GAG)	248	27,738	(27,837)	104	253
. Pupil Premium	—	1,504	(1,504)	—	—
. UIFSM	—	184	(184)	—	—
. Recovery and catch-up premium	233	286	(404)	—	115
. Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	—	174	(174)	—	—
. Other COVID-19 funding	—	304	(304)	—	—
. Other grants	—	5,014	(5,014)	—	—
. Pension reserve	(5,946)	—	(548)	3,789	(2,705)
. Van Gogh fund	1,307	—	(250)	(104)	953
. London Sports project	6	—	(1)	—	5
. Local Authority grants	41	6	(12)	—	35
	<u>(4,111)</u>	<u>35,210</u>	<u>(36,232)</u>	<u>3,789</u>	<u>(1,344)</u>
Fixed assets fund					
. ESFA capital grants	1,499	1,409	(552)	—	2,356
. Capital grants from Local Authority	173	—	(63)	—	110
. Capital expenditure from GAG	547	—	(145)	863	1,265
. Transfer on conversion	8,733	—	(416)	—	8,317
. Transfer from academy trust	50,109	—	(1,783)	—	48,326
. Capital donations	1	7	(1)	—	7
. School building and furniture and equipment	16,750	—	(1,150)	—	15,600
	<u>77,812</u>	<u>1,416</u>	<u>(4,110)</u>	<u>863</u>	<u>75,981</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>73,701</u>	<u>36,626</u>	<u>(40,342)</u>	<u>4,652</u>	<u>74,637</u>
Unrestricted funds					
. Unrestricted funds	4,144	1,271	(498)	(863)	4,054
Total unrestricted funds	<u>4,144</u>	<u>1,271</u>	<u>(498)</u>	<u>(863)</u>	<u>4,054</u>
Total funds	<u>77,845</u>	<u>37,897</u>	<u>(40,840)</u>	<u>3,789</u>	<u>78,691</u>

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

ESFA funds

The General Annual Grant (GAG) has been provided by the ESFA in order to fund the normal running costs of the Trust. Other funding received from the ESFA included the Pupil Premium, a grant for Universal Free School Meals, a grant for primary sports and PE and grants from the NCTL.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2023.

16 Funds (continued)

Other general restricted funds

Local Authorities provided SEN funding and the balance of funds due to the Trust at conversion.

Fixed assets fund

The restricted fixed assets funds represents the balance of fixed assets owned by the Trust alongside unspent balances of capital grants provided by the ESFA and other capital donors.

Pension reserve

The restricted Pension reserve represents the deficit on the Trust's share of the Local Government Pension Scheme as at 31 August 2023.

Analysis of schools by fund balance

During the year ended 31 August 2020, the Academy Trust implemented a policy to pool its reserves. This has been agreed by the Board of Trustees. In light of this policy, disclosure of reserves by school is not included within the financial statements.

Analysis of schools by cost

Expenditure incurred by each school during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £'000	Other support staff costs £'000	Educational supplies £'000	Other costs (excluding depreciation) £'000	Total £'000
Dunraven School	9,106	2,191	563	2,447	14,307
Elmgreen Secondary	6,482	1,044	614	1,854	9,994
Goldfinch Primary	1,061	266	85	336	1,748
Rosendale Primary	2,950	1,034	245	951	5,180
Van Gogh Primary	1,386	772	259	1,001	3,418
Central services	375	1,442	14	252	2,083
	21,360	6,749	1,780	6,841	36,730

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16 Funds (continued)

Comparative information

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

	Balance at 31 August 2022 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2022 £'000
<i>General restricted funds</i>					
. General Annual Grant (GAG)	183	27,682	(27,426)	(191)	248
. Pupil Premium	—	1,507	(1,507)	—	—
. UIFSM	—	191	(191)	—	—
. Recovery and catch-up premium	156	187	(110)	—	233
. Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	—	92	(92)	—	—
. Other COVID-19 funding	—	284	(284)	—	—
. Other grants	—	3,930	(3,930)	—	—
. Pension reserve	(10,311)	(13,629)	(2,651)	20,645	(5,946)
. Van Gogh fund	—	1,587	(280)	—	1,307
. London Sports project	—	10	(4)	—	6
. Local Authority grants	25	24	(8)	—	41
. Walcot Foundation Grant	21	21	(42)	—	—
	(9,926)	21,886	(36,525)	20,454	(4,111)
<i>Fixed assets fund</i>					
. ESFA capital grants	723	1,081	(305)	—	1,499
. Capital grants from Local Authority	220	—	(47)	—	173
. Capital expenditure from GAG	551	—	(149)	145	547
. Transfer on conversion	9,149	—	(416)	—	8,733
. Transfer from academy trust	27,156	24,739	(1,786)	—	50,109
. Capital donations	2	—	(1)	—	1
. School building and furniture and equipment	17,810	—	(1,106)	46	16,750
	55,611	25,820	(3,810)	191	77,812
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	45,685	47,706	(40,335)	20,645	73,701
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
. Unrestricted funds	3,162	1,478	(496)	—	4,144
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	3,162	1,478	(496)	—	4,144
<i>Total funds</i>	48,847	49,184	(40,831)	20,645	77,845

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Group	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted General Funds £'000	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	74,543	74,543
Current assets	4,054	5,087	1,438	10,579
Current liabilities	—	(3,559)	—	(3,559)
Non-current liabilities	—	(167)	—	(167)
Pension scheme liability	—	(2,705)	—	(2,705)
Total net assets (liabilities)	4,054	(1,344)	75,981	78,691
Trust	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted General Funds £'000	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	74,543	74,543
Current assets	4,054	5,058	1,438	10,550
Current liabilities	—	(3,530)	—	(3,530)
Non-current liabilities	—	(167)	—	(167)
Pension scheme liability	—	(2,705)	—	(2,705)
Total net assets (liabilities)	4,054	(1,344)	75,981	78,691
Comparative information				
Group	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted General Funds £'000	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	76,898	76,898
Current assets	4,144	4,797	914	9,855
Current liabilities	—	(2,921)	—	(2,921)
Non-current liabilities	—	(41)	—	(41)
Pension scheme liability	—	(5,946)	—	(5,946)
Total net assets (liabilities)	4,144	(4,111)	77,812	77,845
Trust	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted General Funds £'000	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	76,898	76,898
Current assets	4,144	4,779	914	9,837
Current liabilities	—	(2,903)	—	(2,903)
Non-current liabilities	—	(41)	—	(41)
Pension scheme liability	—	(5,946)	—	(5,946)
Total net assets (liabilities)	4,144	(4,111)	77,812	77,845

17 Capital commitments

At 31 August 2023 the Trust had capital commitments totalling £nil (2022 – £712,000).

18 Commitments under operating leases

Operating leases

As at 31 August 2023 the Trust had total future commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Amounts due within one year	34	53
Amounts due between two and five years inclusive	—	32
	34	85

19 Members' Liability

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

20 Pension and similar obligations

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

Prior to 31 August 2023, the latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2022. A further valuation of the TPS scheme, relating to the period ended 31 March 2020 was published in October 2023.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

Teachers pension scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. These regulations apply to teachers in schools, colleges and other educational establishments. Membership is automatic for teachers and lecturers at eligible institutions. Teachers are able to opt out of the TPS.

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

20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS which applied during the year ended 31 August 2023, was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- ◆ employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy);
- ◆ total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million; and
- ◆ 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 latest actuarial valuation results, as at 31 March 2020, were released in October 2023. The valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2024, from this date employer contribution rates will increase to 28.68% (including a 0.08% employer levy).

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £2,729,000 (2022 - £2,782,000).

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

20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2023 was £1,633,000 (2022 - £1,530,000) of which employer's contributions totalled £1,241,000 (2022 - £1,167,000) and employees' contributions totalled £392,000 (2022 - £363,000). For 2021/22 the employer contributions were between 13.2% and 20.1% of employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% of employees depending on pay band. The agreed contribution rates for future years are between 13.2% and 20.1% of employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% of employees depending on pay band.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of an academy trust closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on the GOV.UK website.

The Trust is a member of three Local Government Pension Schemes, the net position of each scheme is shown below:

	At 31 August 2023 £'000	At 31 August 2022 £'000
Schemes in a net asset position		
London Pension Fund Authority Pension Fund	1,021	—
Wandsworth Council Pension Fund	232	62
Total schemes in a net asset position	1,253	62
 FRS102 adjustment to cap surplus		
Year ended 31 August 2022	(62)	(62)
Year ended 31 August 2023	(1,191)	—
FRS102 balance sheet position of schemes in net actuarial surplus	—	—
 Schemes in a net liability position		
London Pension Fund Authority Pension Fund	—	(731)
London Borough of Lambeth Pension Fund	(2,705)	(5,215)
 Net FRS102 balance sheet position of all schemes	(2,705)	(5,946)

In such cases where a scheme is in an actuarial surplus position, balances are recognised to the extent that the Trust considers recoverable, either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) (continued)

As the Academy does not anticipate being able to recover the surpluses in the aforementioned manner, the surplus is not recognised on the balance sheet, and a corresponding adjustment is made within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities (as an actuarial loss) to bring the net LGPS position for these Local Government Pension Schemes to £nil.

Principal Actuarial Assumptions	At 31 August 2023	At 31 August 2022
Rate of increase in salaries	3.45 – 3.90%	3.55-3.95%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.85 – 2.95%	2.95-3.05%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.20 – 5.30%	4.25%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.85 – 2.95%	2.95-3.05%
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50%	50%

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

	At 31 August 2023	At 31 August 2022
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	19.7 – 21.2	20.9 – 21.8
Females	23.2 – 24.1	23.5 – 24.6
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	20.8 – 22.5	21.1 – 23.4
Females	24.0 – 25.3	24.9 – 25.5

Sensitivity analysis	At 31 August 2023 £'000	At 31 August 2022 £'000
Discount rate +0.1%	464	584
Discount rate -0.1%	(459)	(592)
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	(736)	(858)
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	748	844
CPI rate +0.1%	(447)	(573)
CPI rate – 0.1%	441	574

20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) (continued)

The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:

	Fair value at 31 August 2023 £'000	Fair value at 31 August 2022 £'000
Equity instruments	10,639	9,700
Bonds	5,164	4,458
Multi-asset funds	139	80
Cash	533	571
Other	533	1,064
Property	1,982	1,798
Total market value of assets	19,828	17,671
Present value of scheme liabilities	(21,280)	(23,555)
Funded	19,828	17,671
Actuarial deficit in the scheme	(1,452)	(5,884)
FRS102 adjustments to cap scheme surpluses	(1,253)	(62)
FRS102 deficit in the scheme	(2,705)	(5,946)

The actual return on scheme assets was a gain of £438,000 (2022 – loss of £373,000).

Amounts recognised in statement of financial activities	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Current service costs	1,546	3,407
Net interest cost	237	398
Administration expenses	6	13
Total operating charge	1,789	3,818

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
At 1 September 2022	23,555	20,708
Transfer in from existing academies	—	20,137
Current service cost	1,546	3,407
Interest cost	1,015	687
Employee contributions	392	363
Actuarial (gain) loss	4,810	(21,502)
Benefits paid	416	245
Unfunded pension payments	2	—
At 31 August 2023	21,280	23,555

20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) (continued)

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Changes in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets:		
At 1 September 2022	17,671	10,397
Transfer in from existing academies	—	6,508
Interest on assets	764	289
Actuarial gain (loss)	170	(795)
Employer contributions	1,241	1,167
Employee contributions	392	363
Benefits paid	(416)	1,167
Unfunded benefits paid	(2)	—
Administration expenses	(6)	(13)
At 31 August 2023	19,828	17,671

21 Related party transactions

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

The following paragraphs refer to staff members who were employed under the Trust's normal recruitment procedures and their remuneration is in line with normal pay scales applicable to all staff. In addition, the employees/Trustees in question have abstained from any decision regarding their remuneration. The total pay and employer pension costs for the employees identified is £76,226 (2022 - £70,826)

D Boyle is the Principal and Chief Executive Officer of the Trust. J Clipsham is the wife of D Boyle and is employed as the School Direct Co-ordinator. (The same arrangement existed during the year ended 31 August 2022). He is also a Board member of the Lambeth Schools Partnership. Lambeth Schools Partnership is a non-profit making membership organisation and the benefits received by the Trust exceed the cost of this membership.

J George-Turner is the son of H George and is employed as an IT Technician at Dunraven School. (The same arrangement existed during the year ended 31 August 2022). H George is a Member and Trustee of the Trust.

H George is a Board Member of the Walcot Foundation but takes no part in decisions to allocate funding the Trust. In 2022/23 Walcot granted £33,000 through their grant allocation process to DET schools.

In the process of these transactions the Trust complied with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook.

The Trust did not enter into any related party transactions in the year.

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22 Agency arrangements

The Trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2023 the Trust received £38,320 (2022 - £38,343) and disbursed £38,320 (2022 - £38,343) from the fund. An amount of £nil (2022 - £nil) was held in the fund at the year end. 5% (£1,916) is recognised in the statement of financial activities for administrative income and expenses (2022 - £1,917; 5%). An amount of £nil is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds that is repayable to ESFA (2022 - £nil).

23 Transfer of existing academies into the academy trust – comparative information

During the year ended 31 August 2022; two existing academies; Elmgreen Secondary and Rosendale Primary joined Dunraven Educational Trust from the Great North Wood Education Trust. At the date of transfer, 1 September 2021, the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to the group for £nil consideration.

The transfer has been accounted for using the acquisition method. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as net incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities as voluntary income. No fair value adjustments were made on transfer.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the statement of financial activities.

Consolidated

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted general funds £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	Transfer in recognised £'000
Tangible fixed assets				
Freehold land and buildings	—	—	24,659	24,549
Other tangible fixed assets	—	—	50	50
Other assets				
Debtors	430	—	—	430
Cash at bank and in hand	819	—	30	849
Liabilities				
Creditors due in less than one year	(932)	—	—	(932)
Pensions				
Pension scheme assets	—	6,508	—	6,508
Pension scheme liabilities	—	(20,137)	—	(20,137)
Net assets	318	(13,629)	24,739	11,428

23 Transfer of existing academies into the academy trust (continued)

Elmgreen Secondary

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted general funds £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	Transfer in recognised £'000
Tangible fixed assets				
. Freehold land and buildings	—	—	20,860	20,860
. Other tangible fixed assets	—	—	50	50
Net current assets				
Budget surplus in ESFA and LA funds	—	—	7	7
Budget surplus on other funds	807	—	—	807
Pensions				
. Pension scheme assets	—	6,508	—	6,508
. Pension scheme liabilities	—	(20,137)	—	(20,137)
Net assets	807	(13,629)	20,917	8,095

Rosendale Primary

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted general funds £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	Transfer in recognised £'000
Tangible fixed assets				
. Freehold land and buildings	—	—	3,799	3,799
. Other tangible fixed assets	—	—	—	—
Net current assets				
Budget surplus in ESFA and LA funds	(489)	—	23	(466)
Budget surplus on other funds	—	—	—	—
Pensions				
. Pension scheme assets	—	—	—	—
. Pension scheme liabilities	—	—	—	—
Net assets	(489)	—	3,822	3,333