

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 09061804 (England and Wales)

**Creative Children's Academy Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**



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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

MEMBERS

K Bottomley
P Davis
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S Walker

TRUSTEES

J Armstrong
C Cannings
A Sandhal
T Toms
S Walker (Chair of Trustees)
M Ward

TRUST EXECUTIVE TEAM

Chief Executive Officer and Accounting
Officer
Head Teacher, Anston Greenlands Primary
school
Head Teacher, Redscope Primary school
Chief Finance Officer
Executive Assistant to CEO

T Toms
A Wirth
A Bradbury
H Screaton
A Humphries

COMPANY NAME

Creative Children's Academy Trust

REGISTERED OFFICE

Thorpe Hesley Primary School
Upper Wortley Road
Thorpe Hesley
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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates three Primary academies in Rotherham, South Yorkshire - Anston Greenlands Primary school, Redscope Primary school and Thorpe Hesley Primary school. Its academies have a combined pupil capacity of 1,120 and had a roll of 1,117.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Creative Children's Academy Trust (CCAT) is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The Trustees of CCAT are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as Creative Children's Academy Trust.

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

Members' Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10.00, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' Indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy trust protects Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. This is provided through the DfE's Risk Pooling Arrangement and provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

Members may agree by passing a special resolution to appoint such additional members as they think fit. It is aware of the Department for Education's recommendation that Trusts should ideally have at least five members, though a Trust may choose to have more or less than five.

The Trust currently has 4 Members and has no plans to increase this number in the light of significant, planned changes to its constitution outside the reporting period. These proposals for change are covered under **Plans for future periods** on page 8.

The Members may appoint up to 12 Trustees by Ordinary Resolution under Article 50. Trustees may themselves appoint Co-opted Trustees under Article 58.

The Trust's Chief Executive Officer is also a Trustee, appointed by ordinary resolution under the terms of Article 57. She does not have a vote.

The Trust's governance structure includes a local-level governing board at each of its academy schools. There are parent-elected governors at each CCAT school, which satisfies the provisions of Article 101A. There are therefore no parent Trustees on the Board.

The Trust believes that the size of the Board of Trustees should reflect its strategic role and its relative size as a multi-academy trust comprising three schools. The evaluation of skills at Trust level shows it to be small but dynamic, with a wealth of skills and experience relevant to its role.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

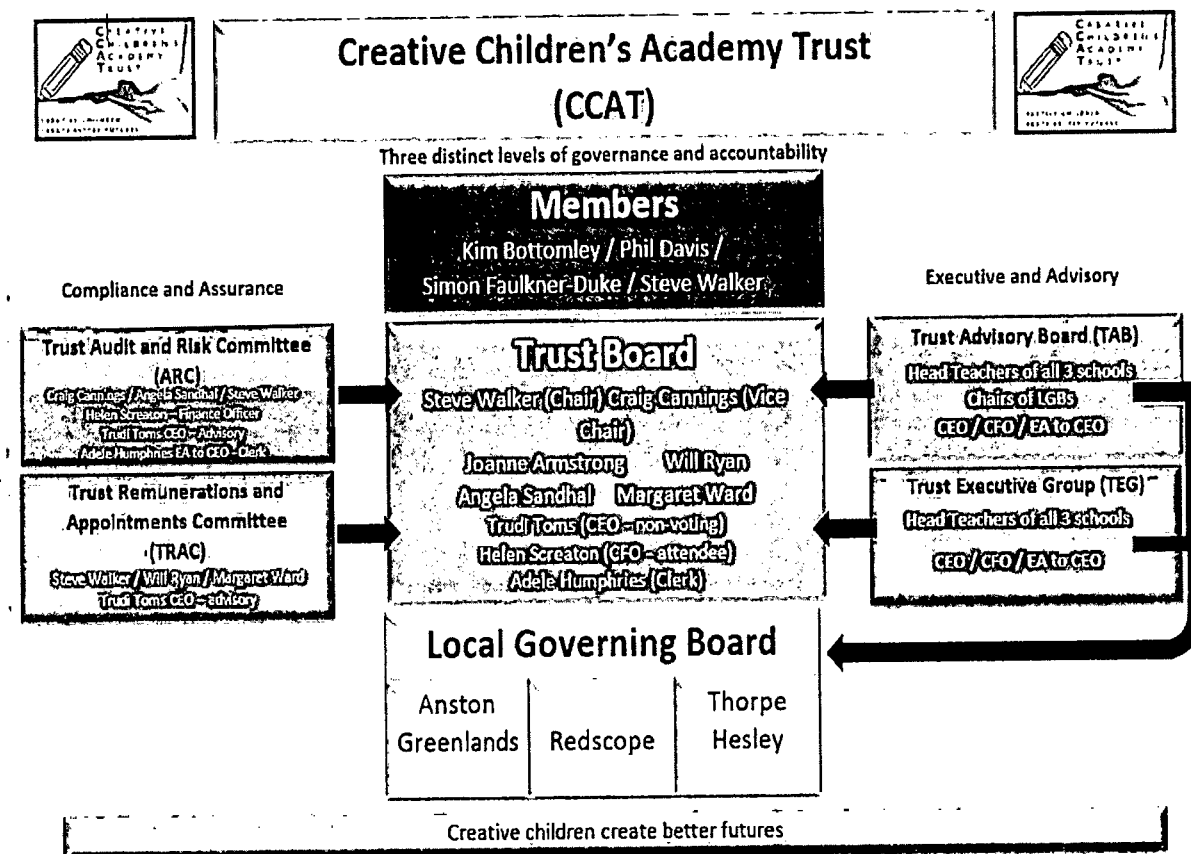
Trustees receive briefing on the role of a Director of a Company, the role of a charity trustee and the Trust governance model. The remainder of the briefing is dependent on individual circumstances.

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Organisational Structure

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the Accounting Officer (AO) for the Trust. Operational issues are managed by the CEO and the Trust Executive Group, which comprises the Head Teachers of the Trust schools, with the Trust Chief Finance Officer (CFO) and the CEO's Executive Assistant. The Trust has an Advisory Board which brings together the Chairs of the Local Governing Boards with the CEO, Head Teachers, CFO and EA/CEO.



Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Trust has opted to continue to follow nationally agreed recommendations for pay and remuneration for its schools. The pay and remuneration of the Trust's key management personnel therefore reflect the benchmarks, parameters and criteria set at a national level. The adoption of the national agreements was a recommendation of the Local Authority with which the Trust has a Service Level Agreement for Human Resources services, including pay and conditions of service and payroll. For the setting of pay relating to posts not covered by the arrangements for schools, the Trust has taken into account the DfE's guidance on setting executive pay and undertaken bench-marking exercises to ensure rates are appropriate to the grade.

Trade union facility time

During the accounting period there were no employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period.

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

The Trust has no related party connections or connections with other charities or organisations.

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OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

Objects and Aims

The Trust's objects are specified in its Articles of Association: "To advance for the public benefit.....by establishing.....and developing schools.....to provide full or part time education for children of compulsory school age".

"Creative children create better futures" is the concept which best describes our global aim.

The drivers of the Creative Children's Academy Trust can be described by these three simple statements, one from each of our schools - "love to learn", "to be the best we can be" and "where children grow". Schools that are part of the Trust share a common bond and that is to achieve the mission and goals through the use of creativity in everything we do.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievement of Objectives

Over the period of this report, the Trust had three primary objectives. At the level of our individual schools: (a) to externally evaluate core curriculum and selected elements of the wider curriculum as part of CCAT's programme of school improvement; and (b) to continue to address the lingering impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's learning and on teachers' well-being. At strategic level, the Board committed to undertake a Fundamental Review of performance, growth and future development. The next section comments on the outcomes of the work.

STRATEGIC REPORT - key performance indicators

At the level of our individual schools

A number of reviews of our schools carried out by external partners took place over the last academic year.

All three schools had core curriculum reviews carried out by our ROSIS (Rotherham School Improvement Service) partners where members of the Senior Leadership Team were interviewed around maths and English - including reading and phonics and EYFS elements. A second day was carried out in each school with the elements of an Ofsted 'Deep Dive'. Each school chose their own focus areas from the wider curriculum. The resulting reports were positive for each school and the feedback given is being acted upon and features in individual school Quality Improvement Plans or the CCAT Focus Group action plans.

From all external reviews, information was shared in detail at Local Governing Board Level with an overview given at Trust Board along with areas for development.

The CCAT Focus Groups continue to be a strength of our MAT, addressing areas for development and utilising individual school and staff strengths. Work includes:

English: individual school reviews / oracy project in two of our three schools / introduction of the Little Wandle Phonics programme and peer support around this / development of Reading Spines / introduction of Reading Reviews across the schools. The schools have also carried out Y6 writing moderation work as Greenlands and Redscope were externally moderated by the LA for writing.

Maths: work around the Multiplication Tables check in Year 4 including cross school TT Rock Star competitions. Work around a shared calculation policy.

Creativity: 'hive' work in each school culminating in a shared piece of artwork made from our individual hexagons. Work for a shared Picture This exhibit at the ROSIS event around 'movement'. A 'travelling display' of conservation work from the start of the year shared in each school.

Interschool sports and PE: individual and interschool activity with support from Pontefract post 16 setting culminating in two collaborative events hosted at Wingfield Academy. Staff from each school engaging on Level 5 PE CPD over the course of the year and running into next year.

SEND: Due to illness, this group had some issues getting together but were finally able to meet up and organise discussion sessions as well as shared CPD across the schools covering areas such as autism, SALT and Team Teach

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Outdoor Learning: development at all three schools where staff have worked together to improve and expand outdoor areas. Staff have visited Greenlands, who had an established programme, for additional CPD sessions. Great interaction and sharing of ideas.

Science: work around a shared science week and the introduction of science ambassadors. Plans are afoot for next academic year's science week activities.

Vulnerable Pupils / Pupil Premium: Two of the three schools took part in the ROSIS Primary Partnership - Disadvantaged Pupils including research and study CPD as well as visiting other schools to carry out reviews.

Early Years: this group also includes the wider community of Wingfield and Winterhill Learning Community Partnership (WWLCP). Staff have continued to meet in person and remotely as well as visit each other's settings. They have also supported each other with the introduction of new curriculum and assessments from the government.

PSHCE: Our schools have supported each other with the legal requirements around the introduction of new policy and consultation with parents. Work is ongoing towards renewals of Healthy Schools Awards.

Attendance

Attendance in all three schools post pandemic continues to be good. This is despite the residual effects of low immunity to any illnesses as well as a continuation of the Covid virus itself. The schools have recently put staff together to discuss and look for ways forward to further improve attendance.

Trust-level considerations

The Trust's Fundamental Review focussed on areas identified by the Department for Education (DfE) and the (then) Regional Schools Commissioners (RSCs) as key to MAT development. In total, 4 Strategic workshops were held during the reporting period, each analysing one or two focus areas -

	Subject areas	Enquiry and evidence conversations
Session One 19 th October 2021	Vision, Culture and Ethos People and Partners	Clarity of purpose Leading a culture of improvement Building capacity for improvement Recruiting, developing and retaining talent
Session Two 18 th January 2022	Teaching and Learning Curriculum and Assessment	Leadership of teaching Role/impact of school and middle leaders Skills of leaders of teaching and learning Curriculum principles, intent and alignment Age-related expectations Curriculum design Curriculum resources
Session Three 8 th February 2022	Quality Assurance and Accountability Governance capability	Knowing schools quantitatively Use of data across the MAT Granularity of data Performance conversations Governance structures & skills Focus on School Improvement (SI) skills, SI Roles and responsibilities for SI Capability to refresh and renew the MAT Evaluating and learning from others Collecting data Governance review
Session Four 22 nd March 2022	Future growth and development	Management of change Future growth Financial capacity for growth The environment for growth Capacity for collaboration and growth

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Trust-level considerations (continued)

As an exercise, the Review has been instrumental in helping the Trust track its progress since becoming a three-school MAT in 2020. The Trust Executive have made great progress in the review and consolidation of appropriate school processes and operations. The links between the three schools, already in place historically, have been strengthened by giving clarity of remit and desired outcomes to cross-school Focus Groups. The groups, initially covering 11 curriculum and creativity themes, have been increased this year with the addition of groups covering Phonics, Year 2, Year 6 and Assessment whilst some have expanded their focus. The impact of the Groups' work in their subject areas has impacted directly and positively on the quality of teaching and learning across all schools.

What the Review also established was that CCAT, as a small MAT, had to accept that its internal capacity to continue to drive school improvement and grow by taking on new schools, was limited. The conclusions reached in the final session in the Review was the catalyst to the Trust exploring ways to grow, develop and prosper other than by taking on additional schools.

Financial performance

Budgets continue to be very tight in all our schools. Additional funding received from central government such as Covid catch-up has helped, but does not cover the ongoing work needed to address the effects of the pandemic on children's learning, progress and development. The Trust is very proud of the work of its Chief Finance Officer and School Business Managers for their prudent management of funds. We move forward with limited levels of reserves, but in-year budgets are becoming increasingly stretched. The Trust is extremely concerned about the impact of rising utility and other costs as the country encounters a period of recession. It is proving difficult to absorb rising staff costs for both pay and national insurance. Like other academy trusts, it is clear that more funding will need to be made available to the education sector if schools are to keep within their annual budgets. Without additional funding, no amount of frugality will allow them to balance budgets.

The Trust's financial position, in terms of the 3-year Budget Forecast submitted to the Department in July 2022, confirmed the lack of opportunity to invest for growth. This was also a key consideration in working to ensure stability and continued growth for the schools moving forward.

Going Concern

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

As noted in the "Plans for future periods" below, the Trust is at very advanced stages of merging with New Collaborative Learning Trust (NCLT) and, subject to final approval of the Boards of both NCLT and CCAT, the three CCAT primary schools will transfer to NCLT on 1 January 2023. This does not impact on the Trustees' going concern assessment noted in the previous paragraph.

Financial Review

The largest proportion of the Trust's income is obtained from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from ESFA and associated expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2021 are shown in restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Trust also receives grants from ESFA and from other government bodies, including capital grants. In accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 ("SORP 2019") such grants are also shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income.

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Financial Review (continued)

During the year ended 31 August 2022, total income was £6,397,282 (2021: £9,663,545) and total expenditure was £7,038,609 (2021: £6,351,047). Net expenditure was £641,327 (2021: £3,312,498 net income). 2021 included the transfer of net assets from RMBC, totalling £3,921,406, following the expansion of the Trust from 1 to 3 schools.

An actuarial gain of £4,047,000 (2021: loss of £407,000) arose on the Trust's share of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) deficit during the year. The Statement of Financial Activities therefore shows a total net increase in funds in the year of £3,405,673 (2021: increase of £2,905,498).

The actuarial gain together with other movements has resulted in a reduction in the LGPS deficit of £3,485,000 to £48,000 (2021: £3,533,000).

At 31 August 2022, the Trust had net assets/total funds of £7,455,588 (2021: £4,049,915). This comprised fixed assets with a net book value of £6,733,306 (2021: £6,927,854), other assets of £1,190,972 (2021: £1,045,302) (including bank balances of £915,337 (2021: £813,272)), and liabilities (excluding the LGPS pension deficit) of £415,554 (2021: £383,821). Net current assets were £775,418 (2021: £661,481).

As explained at note 13, the 2021 figures have been restated to reflect the DfE's own valuation of the land and buildings of the 2 schools which converted on 1 September 2020. The DfE's own valuations were not available in time to be incorporated in the 2021 accounts, which therefore used desktop valuations provided by the local authority. As the DfE's own valuations are now available and are £3.429m lower (after adjusting for depreciation), the 2021 comparative figures have been restated accordingly.

Reserves and Investment policy

The three individual schools in the Trust each have their own limited reserves. The Trust Reserves and Investment policy specifies that individual schools must agree with their Governing Boards any plans for the use of reserves held at local level. The Trust does not have a central reserves fund.

The Trust did not allocate specific funds for investment, capital or otherwise in the reporting period. An application for additional funds to invest in the improvement of property and infrastructure at Redscope school was successful in the 2022-23 Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) administered by the Department for Education. This will pay for replacement of the fire alarm system to the main school building and additions to the emergency lighting to the whole school site. A bid to the Fund by Thorpe Hesley school was unsuccessful.

The Trust's unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2022 are £355,387 (2021: £268,182).

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The principal risks in this period have been:

The after-effects of the Covid-19 pandemic with evidence and experience showing:

Children starting their school life are less independent, confident and ready to learn

Although this is to be expected to a certain extent because of the effects of the lockdown on children and families and the opportunities to mix and interact, the extent to which these young children have been affected is concerning. This has a knock-on effect as these children move from Nurseries to statutory Reception. Experience across the Trust has shown that where the school has its own nursery, the effects can be minimised so that children progressing into Foundation stage have recovered some of their confidence and skills.

Performance in our schools has suffered as children are behind in their learning, with older children losing some of their writing and other skills

The reintroduction of statutory testing in this reporting period has delivered mixed results. (See Strategic Report above.) Whilst CCAT schools have done well in a number of areas, we have seen a dip in performance in the numbers of children achieving Greater Depth. Teachers across Years 2-6 have reported seeing the effects of time out of school (and home-based learning) on expected levels of ability and performance in test situations. There are also issues around Speaking and Listening skills which have been impacted by isolation. Whilst gaps in learning for all year groups have been addressed by the schools, impact has been greater in some year groups than others.

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Levels of sickness greater than pre-pandemic

Though the numbers of Covid infections (requiring time off work) are vastly reduced, levels of staff sickness remain higher than usual and require careful management to ensure the risk of burn-out is minimised.

How and whether the Trust can survive and continue to grow in the context described in the Government's Education White Paper.

The publication of the White Paper during the reporting period encouraged the Trust to extend its planned fundamental review beyond current performance and growth and into discussions about the opportunities for future development. The principal risk was that the Trust as a very small MAT would find itself without the internal capacity necessary to support growth in line with the expectations set out in the White Paper for larger MATs covering bigger numbers of individual institutions. The Trust's actions for the majority of this reporting period have been targeted at finding ways of collaborating with other like-minded Trusts and identifying where a potential match might emerge. The Trust is very pleased to be able to report the outcomes of its work under **Plans for future periods** below.

Fundraising

Fundraising at Trust schools is self-managed and promoted and conforms with school finance policy. The monitoring of fundraising activity in schools is undertaken by the local governing board.

Plans for future periods

In September 2022, the Department for Education's Regional Director for Yorkshire and Humber approved a proposal for CCAT to merge with the New Collaborative Learning Trust (NCLT). NCLT comprises three sixth-form colleges in Pontefract, Bradford and Doncaster and Wingfield Academy in Rotherham. CCAT and its three primary schools have been informally working in collaboration with Wingfield Academy to enhance the curriculum offer in new and exciting ways over the last 12-18 months. This naturally developed into further exploration between the two Trusts about other ways in which we might work together, resulting in CCAT purchasing business and professional services from NCLT which enhanced provision in the primary schools at no additional cost.

The Trust's Fundamental Review looked particularly at sustainable models of operation that would offer CCAT the opportunity to continue to build on the success of its creativity in the curriculum projects in an environment that could support further growth and development. NCLT's ethos, aims and mission match perfectly with those of CCAT, and the Board of Trustees has supported the proposals to merge. The due diligence and legal processes are fully underway. As part of the process NCLT organised an independent review of the curriculum in each school. A senior leader from Castleford Academy Trust (Primary) undertook the review. The outcomes were very positive and supportive of CCAT's own internal evaluation. CCAT continues to be proud of work carried out in schools to provide an innovative, creative and challenging curriculum. Subject to the final approval of the Boards of both NCLT and CCAT, the three CCAT primary schools will transfer to NCLT on 1st January 2023.

The governors of the three schools have been invited to express interest in continuing their voluntary role through opportunities within the governance structure of NCLT, either as members of local school Advisory Boards or on the NCLT Board of Directors. The Head Teachers of Anston Greenlands Primary, Redscope Primary and Thorpe Hesley Primary - and the Trustees and Members - would like to state their sincere thanks to all those volunteers who have supported the schools over the years. CCAT schools have benefitted from particularly strong and supportive governing boards, and it is very much hoped that they will continue their association beyond the transfer.

CCAT, as a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity, will continue in existence in order to prepare final annual accounts and financial statements for the period from 1st September 2022 up to the date of the transfer of the schools to NCLT. Once all legislative and regulatory duties have been completed, CCAT will be dissolved.

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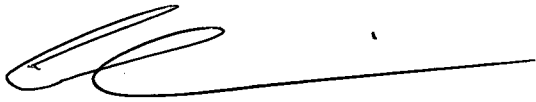
AUDITORS

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware.
- 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.

The Board of Trustees has considered the professional services of its appointed Auditor, Harris & Co, and recommends re-appointment.

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 8th December 2022 and signed on the Board's behalf by:



.....
Craig Cannings - Trustee
Vice-Chair of Trustees

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Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

Scope of Responsibility

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

We have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance. We also receive, on an annual basis, a copy of the Academy Trust Handbook. Any changes in the Handbook are explained to us as part of the External Accountants presentation of the draft Annual Audit Plan received in September of each academic year.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), as Accounting Officer (AO), 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 Creative Children's Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As AO, the CEO is also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

CCAT's model of governance includes a local Governing Board in each school. The levels of authority delegated to both the Governing Board and the Head Teacher of Trust schools are set out in a published Scheme of Delegation.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. In addition to its Annual General Meeting, the Board of Trustees has formally met 8 times during the year. Two of the eight meetings were Extraordinary. Attendance was as follows:

Board of Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Trustee		
J Armstrong	7	8
C Cannings (Vice-Chair)	3	8
W Ryan	6	8
A Sandhal	3	8
T Toms (Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer)	8	8
S Walker (Chair)	8	8
M Ward	5	8

The Board of Trustees has elected not to delegate finance to a sub-committee of the Board. In only its second year of operation as a multi-academy trust, the consolidation and monitoring of the Trust's activities and finance continued to be considered a business-critical activity. The Board has, amongst its Trustees, a qualified and experienced Accountant, who serves as Lead Trustee for Finance. The arrangement continues to work well in a small Board setting such as CCAT's.

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The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) is a sub-committee of the main Board. The Committee met 3 times during the year. ARC has delegated responsibility on behalf of the Board for agreeing the annual programme of Internal Scrutiny in Trust schools and the scrutiny and management of Risk.

Audit and Risk Committee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Trustees		
C Cannings (Chair)	2	3
A Sandhal	2	3
S Walker	3	3

The attendance of Trustees has been reviewed during the period of the report. The Trust Executive is aware that some Trustees have their own work commitments and priorities which mean they cannot attend Board meetings on occasion. The Board accepts that this is something that cannot be avoided when working professionals are part of the team. The value those individuals bring to the group dynamic is beyond question. The Trust has used other methods of managing exchanges of information including correspondence and the use of online virtual meeting platforms.

There have been no changes to the composition of the Board during the reporting period.

During the period of this report, the Board has undertaken a wide-ranging strategic analysis, which included governance capability (see Strategic Report above). It had been the Board's intention to undertake an external review of governance at the end of 2022 to complete the process. However, this will not take place due to the plans for the Trust's schools to transfer to the New Collaborative Learning Trust (NCLT) in the new year. Following the preparation and filing of final Accounts, the Trust as a limited company will be dissolved during 2023.

Review of Value for Money

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

CCAT's Accounting Officer has worked with members of the Trust Executive to continuously review value for money during the reporting period by:

- Utilising the independent professional expertise of Trustees to assess and inform reviews of school improvement strategies.
- Continuing to develop its curriculum Focus groups as part of the Trust's continuous improvement strategy. A review of the strength and benefits of the existing Groups has led to the creation of four new Groups - Phonics, Year 2, Year 6 and Assessment. The outputs from these Groups will benefit all children and staff in CCAT schools.
- Negotiating new contracts for key services in our schools covering Premises and property management, Health and Safety and Data management. These contracts are delivering a wider range of services, including training and development, at no extra cost to the Trust.

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The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives; to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in CCAT for the period 1st September 2021 to 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed, together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing CCAT's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1st September 2021 to 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is managed by the Trust Audit and Risk Committee and reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

CCAT's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability.

The framework includes:

- Comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees.
- The detailed review of budget reports by the Chair of Trustees and the Lead Trustee for Finance.
- An annually reviewed Scheme of Delegation.
- A revised policy for budget management at local level.
- The identification and management of risks.

CCAT buys-in its internal audit service from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC). RMBC auditors have attended each of the Trust's schools during the reporting period. The focus for the internal scrutiny programme in this reporting period has been HR and Payroll. Each school has received a comprehensive audit report which has been submitted to the Local Governing Board (LGB). All three schools achieved a Reasonable level of assurance. RMBC has provided an annual summary report of the internal scrutiny which will form part of the Trust's information returns to the Department for Education.

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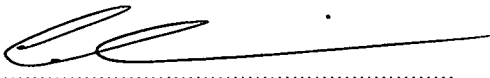
Review of Effectiveness

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

- The work of the internal auditor (external provision under service level agreement by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council)
- The work of the external auditor, Harris & Co
- The work school resource management self-assessment tool
- The work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework

The accounting officer has been advised by the internal auditor of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control. The issues raised were immediately addressed at the time of the audits in summer term 2022. In view of the planned merger of the Trust, the internal audit scrutiny programme for CCAT schools in 2022-23 will be managed by NCLT as the incoming Trust.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 8th December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Craig Cannings
Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees



Mrs Trudi Toms
Trust Accounting Officer

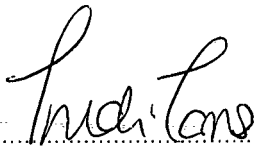
Creative Children's Academy Trust

**Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

As accounting officer of Creative Children's Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the charitable company board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the charitable company, under the funding agreement in place between the charitable company and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

I confirm that I and the charitable company board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the charitable company, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the charitable company's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

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



Mrs Trudi Toms
Trust Accounting Officer

8th December 2022

Creative Children's Academy Trust

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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

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

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

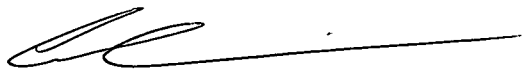
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 and its Supplementary Bulletin
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 8th December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Craig Cannings
Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Creative Children's Academy Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Creative Children's Academy Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable 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.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Creative Children's Academy Trust

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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 charitable 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 the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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:

Identifying and assessing potential risks relating to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the company's policies and procedures relating to:
- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risk related to fraud or non-compliance with laws & regulations;
- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the company. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act, UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, tax legislation and the Government's Coronavirus Business Support Schemes.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Creative Children's Academy Trust**

Audit response to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

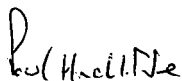
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- Enquiring of management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risk of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing the judgements used in accounting estimates to assess whether these may be indicative of potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. 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 auditors' 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.



Paul Hinchliffe BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Harris & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
Marland House
13 Huddersfield Road
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
S70 2LW

Date: 8 December 2022

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Creative Children's Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Creative Children's Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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 Creative Children's Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Creative Children's Academy Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Creative Children's Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Creative Children's Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 30 October 2014 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, 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 2021 to 2022. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes:

- consideration of the evidence supporting the accounting officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance;
- evaluation of the general control environment of the Academy Trust;
- assessment and testing of a sample of the specific control activities over regularity of a particular activity;
- consideration of whether the activity is permissible within the Academy Trust's framework of authorities.
- consideration of matters raised by the academy trust's internal auditors.

**Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to
Creative Children's Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency**

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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Chartered Accountants
Reporting Accountant
Marland House
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Date: *8 December 2022*.....

Creative Children's Academy Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

				2022	2021
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Restricted Fixed Asset	Total funds (as restated)
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and capital grants	2	24,983	-	25,413	50,396
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities					
Funding for the academy's educational operations	3	-	5,925,008	-	5,925,008
Other trading activities	4	421,763	-	-	421,763
Investment income	5	115	-	-	115
Total		<u>446,861</u>	<u>5,925,008</u>	<u>25,413</u>	<u>6,397,282</u>
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities					
Academy's educational operations	7	380,697	6,429,027	228,885	7,038,609
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>380,697</u>	<u>6,429,027</u>	<u>228,885</u>	<u>7,038,609</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		66,164	(504,019)	(203,472)	(641,327)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit schemes		-	4,047,000	-	4,047,000
Net movement in funds		66,164	3,542,981	(203,472)	3,405,673
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		268,182	(3,195,199)	6,976,932	4,049,915
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>334,346</u>	<u>347,782</u>	<u>6,773,460</u>	<u>4,049,915</u>

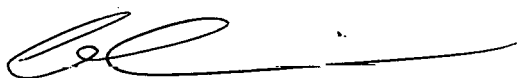
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Creative Children's Academy Trust (Registered number: 09061804)

**Balance Sheet
31 August 2022**

		2022	2021 (as restated)
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	14	6,733,306	6,927,854
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	15	2,114	2,189
Debtors	16	273,521	229,841
Cash at bank		<u>915,337</u>	<u>813,272</u>
		1,190,972	1,045,302
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(415,554)</u>	<u>(383,821)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>775,418</u>	<u>661,481</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,508,724	7,589,335
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(5,136)	(6,420)
PENSION LIABILITY	21	<u>(48,000)</u>	<u>(3,533,000)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>7,455,588</u></u>	<u><u>4,049,915</u></u>
FUNDS	20		
Restricted funds:			
Restricted General		395,782	337,801
Restricted Fixed Asset		6,773,460	6,976,932
Restricted - Pension		<u>(48,000)</u>	<u>(3,533,000)</u>
		<u>7,121,242</u>	<u>3,781,733</u>
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		<u>334,346</u>	<u>268,182</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>7,455,588</u></u>	<u><u>4,049,915</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8th December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Mr C Cannings
Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

		2022	2021 (as restated)
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>118,994</u>	<u>140,442</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>118,994</u>	<u>140,442</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(42,457)	(60,030)
Capital grants from DfE/EFA		25,413	6,385
Interest received		<u>115</u>	<u>79</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(16,929)</u>	<u>(53,566)</u>
Cash transferred on conversion to an academy		<u>-</u>	<u>472,130</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		102,065	559,006
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>813,272</u>	<u>254,266</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>915,337</u></u>	<u><u>813,272</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Creative Children's Academy Trust

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(641,327)	3,312,498
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	236,439	234,093
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	(25,413)	(6,385)
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion	-	(3,921,406)
Interest received	(115)	(79)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	75	(86)
Increase in debtors	(43,680)	(204,786)
Increase in creditors	31,015	343,593
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	<u>562,000</u>	<u>383,000</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u><u>118,994</u></u>	<u><u>140,442</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/9/21 £	Cash flow £	At 31/8/22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>813,272</u>	<u>102,065</u>	<u>915,337</u>
	<u>813,272</u>	<u>102,065</u>	<u>915,337</u>
Total	<u><u>813,272</u></u>	<u><u>102,065</u></u>	<u><u>915,337</u></u>

Creative Children's Academy Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 academy 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 academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

As noted in the "Plans for future periods" below, the Trust is at very advanced stages of merging with New Collaborative Learning Trust (NCLT) and, subject to final approval of the Boards of both NCLT and CCAT, the three CCAT primary schools will transfer to NCLT on 1 January 2023. This does not impact on the Trustees' going concern assessment noted in the previous paragraph.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions; which are disclosed in the notes to the accounts, 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 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. 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.

Capital grants, including those from the Condition Improvement Fund, are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are recognised on a receivable basis and upon entitlement, and not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Creative Children's Academy Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Expenditure incurred from capital grant income is recognised either through the Statement of Financial Activities or capitalised on the Balance Sheet, depending on its nature. Expenditure is capitalised where the expenditure provides incremental economic benefits to the entity. Where the expenditure is in respect of repairs and maintenance, or an asset which may have to be replaced at regular intervals, expenditure is written off through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Income

All income is recognised once the academy has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account 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 entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account 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.

Sponsorship income provided to the academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it is measurable.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Academy Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations, including support costs and those costs relating to the governance of the Academy Trust appointed to charitable activities.

Creative Children's Academy Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Where assets and liabilities in respect of an existing academy are transferred out of the trust, the transferred assets and liabilities are derecognised from the balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass from the trust, which is on signing of the transfer agreement with the trust to which the academy is transferring. An equal amount of expenditure is recognised for the transfer of an existing academy out of the trust.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Leasehold land and buildings	- Straight line between 20 and 50 years
Furniture and equipment	- Straight line between 4 and 10 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line between 3 and 5 years

- Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Assets inherited on conversion (other than land and buildings) are depreciated over their estimated remaining useful life, as at the date of conversion.

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account and carried forward in the Balance sheet.

Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

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 incorporating income and expenditure account.

Financial instruments

The academy only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academy 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 the notes to the accounts. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised costs as detailed in the notes to the accounts. 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the academy 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.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is a multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, 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 incorporating income and expenditure account 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provisions

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

2. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

			2022	2021 (as restated)
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Donations	24,983	-	24,983	9,287
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>25,413</u>	<u>25,413</u>	<u>6,385</u>
	<u>24,983</u>	<u>25,413</u>	<u>50,396</u>	<u>15,672</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Capital grants	<u>25,413</u>	<u>6,385</u>

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3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

			2022	2021 (as restated)
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	4,596,394	4,596,394	4,192,007
Other ESFA grants	-	59,663	59,663	31,391
Pupil Premium	-	294,109	294,109	279,864
UFSM	-	137,984	137,984	111,170
PE and Sport Grant	-	57,210	57,210	57,280
Teachers' Pay and Pension	-	24,285	24,285	219,034
Recovery premium, national tutoring and other Covid-19 support funding		121,554	121,554	110,629
	-	5,291,199	5,291,199	5,001,375
Other Government grants				
Early years funding	-	440,574	440,574	368,200
High needs funding	-	160,164	160,164	66,226
Other LA funding	-	33,071	33,071	51,623
	-	633,809	633,809	486,049
	-	5,925,008	5,925,008	5,487,424

There are no unfulfilled conditions at the year end with regards to the amounts included in the above government grants. The other ESFA grant income mainly relates to Universal Free School Meals.

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

			2022	2021 (as restated)
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Catering	133,421	-	133,421	93,995
Other income	121,346	-	121,346	68,084
Trip income	61,958	-	61,958	11,647
Uniform	5,495	-	5,495	9,018
Hire of facilities	3,737	-	3,737	3,648
Breakfast club	95,806	-	95,806	52,572
	421,763	-	421,763	238,964

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022		2021 (as restated)	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Deposit account interest	<u>115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>79</u>

6. EXPENDITURE

	2022			2021 (as restated)	
	Non-pay expenditure				
	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £	Total £	Total £
Charitable activities					
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	4,835,828	-	696,869	5,532,697	4,998,435
Allocated support costs	<u>651,298</u>	<u>325,203</u>	<u>529,411</u>	<u>1,505,912</u>	<u>1,352,612</u>
	<u>5,487,126</u>	<u>325,203</u>	<u>1,226,280</u>	<u>7,038,609</u>	<u>6,351,047</u>

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	20,731	19,750
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>236,440</u>	<u>234,093</u>

In 2021, included in the total expenditure of £6,351,047, £156,970 was to unrestricted funds, £192,647 was to restricted fixed asset funds and £6,001,430 was to restricted funds.

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	2022		2021 (as restated)	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Direct costs	142,967	5,389,730	5,532,697	4,998,435
Support costs	<u>237,730</u>	<u>1,268,182</u>	<u>1,505,912</u>	<u>1,352,612</u>
	<u>380,697</u>	<u>6,657,912</u>	<u>7,038,609</u>	<u>6,351,047</u>

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS - continued

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	Total	Total
	£	£
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	591,330	557,138
Depreciation	11,817	17,021
Technology costs	11,093	15,658
Premises costs	281,232	233,769
Other support costs	485,770	448,641
Governance costs	<u>124,670</u>	<u>80,385</u>
 Total support costs	 <u><u>1,505,912</u></u>	 <u><u>1,352,612</u></u>

8. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,887,643	3,680,181
Social security costs	333,490	304,435
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	<u>1,265,993</u>	<u>1,076,883</u>
	<u><u>5,487,126</u></u>	<u><u>5,061,499</u></u>

The average number of persons employed by the academy trust during the year expressed as full time equivalents:

	2022	2021
Teachers and teaching assistants	108	109
Administration and support	21	21
Management	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u><u>133</u></u>	<u><u>134</u></u>

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charitable company during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021 (as restated)
Teachers & teaching assistants	137	139
Support and administrative	47	48
Management	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u><u>188</u></u>	<u><u>191</u></u>

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8. STAFF COSTS - continued

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

	2022	2021 (as restated)
£60,001 - £70,000	2	2
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

The key management personnel of the Academy trust comprise the trustees and senior leadership team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust for the year was £356,729 (2021: £331,428).

9. CENTRAL SERVICES

The Academy Trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- human resources;
- financial services;
- legal services;
- education support services and strategic guidance; and
- others as arising

The Academy Trust, in this second year as a Multi Academy Trust, has charged a flat percentage of school budget income of 3% (2021: 1%) to each school.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Anston Greenlands Primary School	26,459	8,193
Thorpe Hesley Primary School	60,944	18,337
Redscope Primary School	<u>50,488</u>	<u>15,390</u>
Total	<u>137,891</u>	<u>41,920</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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

		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Mrs T Toms	Remuneration	95-100	85-90
	Pension contributions paid	20-25	20-25

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11. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim. The Trust purchases this insurance via The Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement Scheme and as such the cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (as restated)

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Restricted Fixed Asset	Total funds (as restated)
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and capital grants	9,287	-	6,385	15,672
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion	-	(1,477,490)	5,398,896	3,921,406
Charitable activities				
Funding for the academy's educational operations	-	5,487,424	-	5,487,424
Other trading activities	238,964	-	-	238,964
Investment income	79	-	-	79
Total	<u>248,330</u>	<u>4,009,934</u>	<u>5,405,281</u>	<u>9,663,545</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Academy's educational operations	156,970	6,001,430	192,647	6,351,047
Total	<u>156,970</u>	<u>6,001,430</u>	<u>192,647</u>	<u>6,351,047</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	91,360	(1,991,496)	5,212,634	3,312,498
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit schemes	-	(407,000)	-	(407,000)
Net movement in funds	91,360	(2,398,496)	5,212,634	2,905,498
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	176,822	(796,703)	1,764,298	1,144,417
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>268,182</u>	<u>(3,195,199)</u>	<u>6,976,932</u>	<u>4,049,915</u>

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13. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

A prior year adjustment has been made in the 2022 accounts as the DfE's land and buildings valuations of Thorpe Hesley Primary and Redscope Primary on conversion on 1st September 2020 were not available for inclusion in the 2021 accounts. The 2021 accounts included valuations for those land and buildings based on desktop valuations provided by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council ("RMBC"). The DfE valuations have now been received, and so these valuations, which are £3,492k lower than the RMBC valuations (net of depreciation), have been updated in the 2022 accounts by a prior year adjustment to the 2021 figures.

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2021	7,202,301	97,022	111,443	7,410,766
Additions	-	27,885	14,572	42,457
At 31 August 2022	<u>7,202,301</u>	<u>124,907</u>	<u>126,015</u>	<u>7,453,223</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2021	390,784	44,129	48,564	483,477
Charge for year	<u>200,894</u>	<u>10,100</u>	<u>25,446</u>	<u>236,440</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>591,678</u>	<u>54,229</u>	<u>74,010</u>	<u>719,917</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,610,623</u>	<u>70,678</u>	<u>52,005</u>	<u>6,733,306</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>6,811,517</u>	<u>52,893</u>	<u>62,879</u>	<u>6,927,289</u>

15. STOCKS

	2022 £	2021 (as restated) £
Uniform	<u>2,114</u>	<u>2,189</u>

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,618	24,938
VAT	122,187	66,033
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>135,716</u>	<u>138,870</u>
	<u>273,521</u>	<u>229,841</u>

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Trade creditors	115,184	93,016
Social security and other taxes	73,227	72,561
Other creditors	89,736	86,369
Accruals and deferred income	<u>137,407</u>	<u>131,875</u>
	<u>415,554</u>	<u>383,821</u>

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income		
Deferred income as at 1 September 2021	122,975	29,154
Resources deferred during the year	109,693	122,975
Amounts released from previous years	<u>(122,975)</u>	<u>(29,154)</u>
Deferred income as at 31 August 2022	<u>109,693</u>	<u>122,975</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for trips booked for the autumn term 2022 amounting to £10,705 (2021: £17,801).

Also included within deferred income is £nil (2021: £2,150) rates relief, £25,285 (2021: £25,413) devolved formula capital and £84,408 (2021: £86,511) universal infant free school meals. This funding was received in advance in relation to periods post 31 August 2022 and will be spent after the accounting period end.

Other creditors include £1,284 relating to Salix monies due to the ESFA (at 0% interest rate).

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18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>5,136</u>	<u>6,420</u>

Other creditors falling due after more than one year relates to Salix monies due to the ESFA (at 0% interest rate), of which all is due within 5 years.

19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	-	6,733,306	6,733,306
Current assets	334,346	816,472	40,154	1,190,972
Current liabilities	-	(415,554)	-	(415,554)
Long term liabilities	-	(5,136)	-	(5,136)
Pension liability	-	(48,000)	-	(48,000)
	<u>334,346</u>	<u>347,782</u>	<u>6,773,460</u>	<u>7,455,588</u>

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

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset £	2021 (as restated) Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	-	6,927,854	6,927,854
Current assets	289,193	749,293	6,816	1,045,302
Current liabilities	(21,011)	(405,072)	42,262	(383,821)
Long term liabilities	-	(6,420)	-	(6,420)
Pension liability	-	(3,533,000)	-	(3,533,000)
	<u>268,182</u>	<u>(3,195,199)</u>	<u>6,976,932</u>	<u>4,049,915</u>

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance at 31 August 2022
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	294,331	4,596,394	(4,518,902)		371,823
Transfer on conversion	-				-
Pupil Premium	8,195	294,109	(295,594)		6,710
UFSM	-	137,984	(137,984)		-
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	34,675	262,712	(280,738)		16,649
Other restricted grants	600	633,809	(633,809)		600
Pension reserve	(3,533,000)		(562,000)	4,047,000	(48,000)
	<u>(3,195,199)</u>	<u>5,925,008</u>	<u>(6,429,027)</u>	<u>4,047,000</u>	<u>347,782</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transfer on conversion	6,499,175		(204,609)		6,294,566
Other DfE Capital Grants	471,734	25,413	(24,276)		472,871
Other Capital Donations	6,023				6,023
	<u>6,976,932</u>	<u>25,413</u>	<u>(228,885)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,773,460</u>
Total restricted funds	3,781,733	5,950,421	(6,657,912)	4,047,000	7,121,242
Total unrestricted funds	268,182	446,861	(380,697)		334,346
Total funds	4,049,915	6,397,282	(7,038,609)	4,047,000	7,455,588

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance at 31 August 2021
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	4,192,007	(3,897,676)	-	294,331
Transfer on conversion		419,510	(419,510)		-
Pupil Premium	-	279,864	(271,669)		8,195
UFSM	-	111,170	(111,170)		-
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	48,697	399,632	(413,654)	-	34,675
Other restricted grants	600	504,751	(504,751)	-	600
Pension reserve	(846,000)	(1,897,000)	(383,000)	(407,000)	(3,533,000)
	<u>(796,703)</u>	<u>4,009,934</u>	<u>(6,001,430)</u>	<u>(407,000)</u>	<u>(3,195,199)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transfer on conversion	1,277,659	5,398,896	(177,380)		6,499,175
Other DfE Capital Grants	480,616	6,385	(15,267)		471,734
Other Capital Donations	6,023	-	-		6,023
	<u>1,764,298</u>	<u>5,405,281</u>	<u>(192,647)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,976,932</u>
Total restricted funds	967,595	9,415,215	(6,194,077)	(407,000)	3,781,733
Total unrestricted funds	176,822	248,330	(156,970)	-	268,182
Total funds	1,144,417	9,663,545	(6,351,047)	(407,000)	4,049,915

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

1. Restricted general funds must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy in line with the Master Funding Agreement and restrictions from other sources of funding.
2. Restricted fixed asset funds are used solely for capital purposes in line with the strategic objectives of the Trust.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

Analysis of academies by fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 were allocated as follows:

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Anston Greenlands Primary School	153,896	186,240
Thorpe Hesley Primary School	328,300	175,377
Redscope Primary School	232,849	247,188
Central Services	15,083	(2,822)
Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	730,128	605,983
Restricted fixed asset fund	6,773,461	6,976,932
Pension reserve	(48,000)	(3,533,000)
Total	<u>7,455,589</u>	<u>4,049,915</u>

Analysis of academies by cost

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs	Other support staff costs	Educational supplies	Other costs excluding dep'n	Total 2022	Total 2021 (as restated)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Anston Greenlands Primary School	705,228	26,652	24,401	341,228	1,097,509	1,088,144
Thorpe Hesley Primary School	1,854,310	247,810	66,297	480,174	2,648,591	2,584,860
Redscope Primary School	1,714,290	208,399	54,391	395,800	2,372,880	2,356,130
Central Services	562,000			121,189	683,189	87,820
	<u>4,835,828</u>	<u>482,861</u>	<u>145,089</u>	<u>1,338,391</u>	<u>6,802,169</u>	<u>6,116,954</u>

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21. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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

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

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. Membership is automatic for teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

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

Valuation of the teachers' pension scheme

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

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

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2024.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £480,328 (2021 - £466,456).

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

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

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £350,914 (2021 - £341,556), of which employer's contributions totalled £262,637 (2021 - £256,414 and employees' contributions totalled £88,277 (2021 - £85,142). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 16.5 to 16.9% for employers and 5.5 to 12.5% for employees.

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

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21. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

The amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Present value of funded obligations	(4,173,000)	(7,363,000)
Fair value of plan assets	<u>4,125,000</u>	<u>3,830,000</u>
	(48,000)	(3,533,000)
Present value of unfunded obligations	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deficit	<u>(48,000)</u>	<u>(3,533,000)</u>
Net liability	<u>(48,000)</u>	<u>(3,533,000)</u>

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Current service cost	781,000	583,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	64,000	44,000
Past service cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>845,000</u>	<u>627,000</u>
Actual return on plan assets	<u>(68,000)</u>	<u>563,000</u>

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation	7,363,000	1,726,000
Current service cost	781,000	583,000
Contributions by scheme participants	91,000	79,000
Interest cost	132,000	101,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	(4,183,000)	913,000
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(57,000)
Business combinations	<u>-</u>	<u>4,018,000</u>
	<u>4,173,000</u>	<u>7,363,000</u>

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21. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	3,830,000	880,000
Contributions by employer	283,000	251,000
Contributions by scheme participants	91,000	79,000
Expected return	68,000	57,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	(136,000)	506,000
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(57,000)
Business combinations	-	2,121,000
Administrative expenses	-	(7,000)
	<u>4,125,000</u>	<u>3,830,000</u>

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Actuarial gains/(losses)	<u>4,047,000</u>	<u>(407,000)</u>
	<u>4,047,000</u>	<u>(407,000)</u>

The major categories of scheme assets as amounts of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Equities	2,888,000	1,854,000
Government bonds	825,000	528,000
Corporate and other bonds	-	330,000
Property	371,000	283,000
Cash and other liquid assets	41,000	38,000
Other	-	797,000
	<u>4,125,000</u>	<u>3,830,000</u>

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21. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2022	2021 (as restated)
Discount rate	4.25%	1.70%
Future salary increases	4.05%	4.05%
Future pension increases	3.05%	2.90%
Inflation assumption	3.05%	2.80%

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

Retiring today		
Males	22.6	22.5
Females	25.4	25.3
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	24.1	24.0
Females	27.3	27.2

Sensitivity analysis	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	(116,000)	(182,000)
Discount rate -0.1%	119,000	187,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	167,000	229,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(163,000)	(223,000)
CPI rate +0.1%	92,000	187,000
CPI rate -0.1%	(90,000)	(182,000)

22. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

23. LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING OPERATING LEASES

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2022	2021 (as restated)
	£	£
Within one year	15,755	16,195
Between one and five years	<u>24,655</u>	<u>44,607</u>
	<u>40,410</u>	<u>60,802</u>

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24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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