## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021





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number

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V Carter, Head of School (Curledge Street Academy)

L Kies, Head of School (Kings Ash Academy)

L Finn, Chief Finance Officer C Blagdon, Chief Operating Officer P Garside, Human Resources Manager

# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 August 2021. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates 2 primaries and 1 secondary academy for pupils aged 2 to 16 in Paignton, Devon. It has a combined pupil capacity of 2,543 and had a roll of 2,334 in the school census on 7th October 2021.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Constitution

The Academy Trust was incorporated on 7th November 2014 and opened as an Academy on 1st December 2014, it 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 Bay Education Trust are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the 2020/21, and to the date the accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administration Details.

### Trustees' Liability

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

#### **Trustees' Indemnities**

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchase at the Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty to which they may be guilty in relation to the Trust. Any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from an act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or not, and that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution bought against the Trustees in their capacity as Trustees of the Trust. The limit of this indemnity is unlimited other than for libel and slander where the limit is £500,000.

## Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Academy's Board of Trustees comprises of up to twelve Trustees. The recruitment of Trustees is set out in the Articles of Association. The Members may appoint twelve Trustees including the Chief Executive Officer.

The Members appoint Trustees through such process as they determine, to ensure a broad range of complementary skills to further the aims of the Trust. The term of office of a Trustee is four years but this will not apply to the Chief Executive Officer. There is no limit to the number of times a Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### Policies and Procedures adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees depends upon their existing experience. If necessary, induction will provide training on charity, education, legal and financial matters. All Trustees are required to complete the following:

DBS check Self-declaration forms Related parties and additional Trustee's details forms

Training is arranged to ensure Trustees are familiar with topics such as analysing academy data, health and safety, risk management and child protection. All new Trustees are encouraged to visit the Trust academies and to take the opportunity to meet with staff and students. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, educational data, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. The Trust subscribes to Academy specific training courses for Trustees ensuring that they are clear about their roles and responsibilities.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Board of Trustees meets up to 8 times per year. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines membership, terms of reference and the procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

As of 31st August 2021, Bay Education Trust Board had 5 Members and 11 Trustees (Chair is both Member and Trustee as per Articles of Association). As a Board they are responsible for:

- Providing strategic direction to the Trust
- Providing support for school improvement across the Trust
- Monitoring the budget delivery and ensuring financial accountability across the Trust is secure.
- Holding the Principal of Paignton Academy, Executive Headteacher of the Primary Academies and Heads of School to account for delivery of objectives and pupil outcomes.
- Holding the Chief Executive Officer to account for performance across the Trust
- Compliance and implementation of the Health and Safety Policy
- · Safeguarding across the Trust

The Trust Board affects some of these functions through sub committees of the Board and will periodically review the number and nature of these sub committees. The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

## **Bay Education Trust Governance Structure – Committees**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved an updated version of the scheme of delegation that devolves roles to Board sub committees and the individual Trust Academy Principal, Executive Headteacher and Heads of School.

The effective day to day running of each academy is delegated to the Executive Headteacher for the 2 primaries, the Principal for the Secondary school, and their senior leadership teams. They

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

are responsible for the appointment of staff, through appointment panels for teaching posts which usually include a Board Trustee.

The Chief Executive is the Accounting Officer.

### Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Trustees consider that the Board of Trustees and the senior leadership team comprise the key management personnel of each Academy are in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of key management personnel is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings.

The Trust adopted the School Teachers Pay and Conditions 2020/21 for the setting of teachers pay, together with the recommendations of the National Joint Council relating to pay awards for all support staff. The Torbay Council Job Evaluation scheme is used to determine pay grades for support staff. Remuneration of Key Management Personnel is determined annually by the Pay and Rewards Committee of the Trust Board.

## Trade union facility time

## Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union	Full-time equivalent employee number
officials during the relevant period	
2	1.6

#### Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	1
1%-50%	1
51%-99%	•
100%	•

### Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Provide the total cost of facility time	£600
Provide the total pay bill	£12,058,606
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as:	0%
(total cost of facility time / total pay bill) x 100	

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## Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as:	0%
(total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period / total paid facility time hours) x 100	

## Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

Register of Business Interests				
Members				
Surname	Forename	Business Interests/Charity trusteeships	Related Parties Interest	
Jones	Gavin	Business: Gavin Jones Consultancy Ltd GJC Marketing Ltd Proprietor/Director	None	
Hayes	Keith	None	None	
Ravenscroft	Judy	Business/Director/Company Secretary: JP Ravenscroft and Co Ltd Charity: Future Health Africa Governor: South Devon College Associate Professor University of Plymouth NHS England/NHS Improvement - Advisor	None	
Simmonds*	Andrew	Director: McIlroy Smith Ltd Director: Andy Simmonds Ltd Director: Capture Investments Ltd Director: The Swim Bike Run Academy Ltd Charity: Round Table Children's Wish	None	
Stephens	Tim	Business: Business Manager at Acorns Preschool Director: Chair of Board at Coast Academies	None	

<sup>\*</sup>Member as of September 2021

Trustees			
Surname	Forename	Business Interests/Charity trusteeships	Related Parties Interest
Burridge	Wendy	Charity: Foxhole Community Association (Trustee and Secretary)	Grandchildren: List held with PA to the BET Board Family members linked with Foxhole Community Association

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Carlton	Roger	The Haven Torbay, Mount Kelly Foundation Governor: Mount Kelly - Tavistock (2010) Tranquillity Trust St Mary the Virgin PCC (Parish Church Council) St Marychurch CofE School	n/a
Freeman	Mike	None	None
Hands	Debbie	None	None
Harbour	Matt	Business: Vice Principal at South Devon College Trustee: Torbay Culture Board Other: Chair HoSW LET - Enterprise Advisor Network Steering Group	None
Hines	Anne	None	None
Kings	Stephen	"Employment: CEO Bay Education Trust Charity: Whitley Wildlife Trust"	None
Knight	Caroline	Employment: Lecturer, South Devon College	None
Medhurst	Andrew	Director: 200 Squadron Air Training Corps (Chair and Treasurer) Director: Torquay Athletic Rugby Football Club (Secretary and Finance Director)	Daughter - PA BET Board
Needs	Katie	Employment/Director/Owner: CV Check Ltd (since 1999)	Parent

## Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

The Trust engages with their employees through many means and methods, including:

- Consulting with employees on key matters, including engaging the relevant union officials
- Regular updates to all staff members, via termly updates and newsletters, including covering both financial and non-financial performance

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

In line with The Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018 the Trust has regard to the need to foster a transparent business relationship with suppliers, parents service users, the ESFA and the wider community and will ensure that it acknowledges the effect of that regard including on the principal decisions taken by the Trust during the financial year. Furthermore, the Trust has fully complied with the Cabinet Office Procurement Policy note 02/20 issued in March 2020 ensuring service continuity during and after the current COVID-19 outbreak. We have ensured that all suppliers have received payments in line with existing contracts ensuring that these suppliers are in a strong position to resume normal contract delivery once the outbreak is over.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objects and Aims**

The objectives of Bay Education Trust are to provide our young people with an inspirational and exceptional quality education from ages 2 to 16 extending to 22 over the longer term.

## We strongly adhere to the Nolan 7 Principles of Public Life:

- 1. Selflessness
- 2. Integrity
- 3. Objectivity
- 4. Accountability
- 5. Openness
- 6. Honesty
- 7.Leadership

#### **Our Mission**

- Our learners will be the centre of all we do. They will be empowered and inspired to become successful lifelong learners who are resilient, active and responsible citizens.
- Our employees and partners are determined to be the best they can. We will invest in them in order that they will develop as high quality and valued members of staff.
- Our Trust will be relentlessly focussed on school improvement, valuing all, sharing collective expertise and celebrating success. We will judge our success on raising pupil standards and outcomes.

#### **Our Values**

Are founded on:

### **Openness and Integrity**

We will uphold the highest moral values working with honesty, trust, and integrity.

### **Inclusivity and Respect**

We will strive to serve every young person, their families, and the needs of the whole community. We will be child centred and inclusive, valuing every individual learner.

#### Co-operation and Accountability

We will work in true partnership through a collaborative approach driving the highest standards for all.

### **Empowering and Inspiring**

We will seek to achieve consistent teaching and learning across all our schools, inspiring our young people to learn, aspire and achieve.

## **Our Strategic Actions**

- 1. Vision, Culture and Ethos
- 2. People and Partners
- 3. Teaching and Learning
- 4. Curriculum and Assessment
- 5. Quality Assurance and Accountability
- 6. Leadership and Management

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Trust adopted a three-year Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021. That plan has now largely been successfully completed and will be producing a four-year Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026 in January 2022

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

### STRATEGIC REPORT

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### Covid - 19

As for all schools and trusts, 2020/21 and in particular from March 23rd 2020 has been extremely challenging for the staff and pupils at Bay Education Trust. Pupils have received a very dislocated education during the whole period since March 2020. The Trust has worked hard to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and is especially pleased with how it has implemented and managed blended learning for our pupils.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The Trustees have reviewed the activities undertaken by the charitable company during the current year of operation to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit. Below is a summary of those significant activities.

#### Strategic Aims

The Board's 3 key Strategic Aims to be completed by 2021 were:

- Consistently improved pupil outcomes that result in all 3 Academies being judged 'Good' by Ofsted - Achieved
- Our finances to be stable and in annual surplus by August 2021 and the overall deficit has been completely removed - Achieved
- Our premises and buildings to be 'fit for purpose' to enable all our students to receive an outstanding education that prepares them for life into the mid c21st partially achieved

## **Key Achievements**

- Kings Ash has been judged a Good school. All three schools are now Good.
- The Trust is no longer in deficit
- The completion of 2 Condition Improvement Fund bids at a total value of £4.2m on the Secondary Academy sites
- In partnership with the local authority the building of a new £1.8m mathematics block of classrooms
- At least 10 premises improvement projects across all sites
- A strong and resilient Board of Trustees
- Trust wide working and managing of budgets to achieve economies of scale and efficiencies
- Improving Primary and Secondary Academy pupil standards
- Pupil numbers on roll increasing particularly at Paignton Academy
- · Continuing to forge strong ties with our local community

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

- Continued growth of our nursery provision in both primary schools
- The centralising of Sites, Building and Estates across all academies
- Large scale investment in ICT network and cabling particularly at Paignton Academy
- Continuing to work closely in partnership with South Devon College, the Local Authority, the RSC, DfE, ESFA and other local Trusts.

### **Key Performance Indicators**

We will constantly judge ourselves by our progress towards:

- All children making at least expected progress and more of them to achieve better than
  expected progress
- Eliminating the gap between advantaged and non-advantaged pupils
- 100% of teaching being judged as good or better
- Pupil attendance at the national average or better
- All pupils achieving positive post school transition
- Our budget relentlessly focussing on pupil outcomes
- Pupil numbers being at those predicted in our 5-year financial plan in all three academies

It has been very difficult to judge progress against our KPIs during the last 18 months, however, we continue to work very hard towards achieving them. They remain the foundation targets for the Trust in all our schools.

### **Academy Overview**

## PAIGNTON ACADEMY (Secondary)

Paignton Academy is a secondary 11 to 16 twin site academy in Devon. From the October 2021 census the school has 1466 on roll but with significant transient movement of pupils during the year.

The population of secondary school children had reduced due to the demographic changes over the past 10 years but is now on the increase with the Year 7 intake for future years being forecast as up to 360. The academy has raised its planned admission number (PAN) to 360+ to allow for a further increase in numbers.

Paignton is one of nine secondary schools in Torbay, three of which are Grammar Schools. The percentage of British children whose first language is English is 98% and well above national average, as is the percentage of disadvantaged pupils and pupils with special needs.

New pupils are admitted to the academy most weeks, leading to a significant number of transient pupils across all year groups. The percentage of High Band ability pupils is much lower than the national average because of the three Grammar Schools in Torbay. Over 50 children with EHCPs will attend the academy from September 2021. This is a huge challenge for our staff and especially the SEND department.

The Academy has maintained its reputation of sports, playing a key role in supporting young people's healthy lifestyles and community sporting activities.

Paignton Academy is within walking distance of the two primary schools which are part of the Trust.

#### **OFSTED**

The Academy was inspected by Ofsted on 8th and 9th November 2016. The inspection team deemed the Academy to be GOOD in every aspect of the inspection.

Effectiveness of leadership and management - Good

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment – Good Personal development, behaviour, and welfare – Good Outcomes for pupils – Good 16 to 19 study programmes – Good

The Academy received a successful section 8 Ofsted inspection on September 29th 2020

#### **CURLEDGE STREET ACADEMY (Primary)**

Curledge Street is a larger than average primary academy, including a nursery for children 2 to 11. From the October 2021 pupil census it has 461 pupils on roll (384 and 77 in nursery) and a significant transient population of pupils with high numbers of disadvantaged pupils who live in some of the most deprived wards in Torbay and in England.

Curledge Street has successfully planned and implemented 2-year-old provision, which is over subscribed. Our 3-year-old provision is also over subscribed.

It is a school which is very inclusive having a high number of children with special educational needs for whom it provides an excellent education.

Despite Victorian buildings and limited outdoor space it promotes sport and healthy lifestyles linking well with the secondary academy that is just a short walk away.

#### **OFSTED**

On 6th March 2018, the academy was subject to an interim inspection by Ofsted, who judged that the school continues to be GOOD.

Overall effectiveness – Good Achievement of Pupils – Good Quality of teaching – Good Behaviour and Safety of Pupils – Good Leadership and Management – Good

#### KINGS ASH ACADEMY (Primary)

Kings Ash is a primary academy for children 2 to 11 years. It has a significant transient population of pupils and high numbers of disadvantaged pupils many of whom live in wards with high levels of deprivation. There are a high number of children with additional educational needs. From the October 2021 census the school currently had 407 pupils on roll (351 and 56 in nursery). Kings Ash has successfully planned and implemented 2-year-old provision. Attendance at this new provision continues to grow and is nearly at full capacity.

The Academy is housed in relatively new accommodation which was built following the amalgamation of the previous Foxhole nursery and primary school. The Academy makes good use of the facilities available to its pupils at the secondary academy.

#### **OFSTED**

On 25th/26th May 2021 the academy was subject to a full section 5 inspection. Its overall effectiveness was deemed as Good

Effectiveness of leadership and management – Good

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment - Good

Personal development, behaviour and welfare - Good

Outcomes for pupils - Good

Early years provision - Good

The trust is thrilled at the achievement of a Good grade from Ofsted in May 2021. The staff achieved this despite severe financial restrictions and COVID-19.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	October 2017	October 2018	October 2019	October 2020	October 2021
Paignton Academy (11-16 years)	1,325	1,337	1,374	1,409	1,466
Curledge Street Academy (2-11 years)	505	486	487	470	461
Kings Ash Academy (2-11 years)	419	436	432	413	407
Totals	2,249	2,259	2,293	2,292	2,334

Key performance Indicators	Paignton Academy	Curledge Street Academy	Kings Ash Academy
Total Income	£9.6m	£2.5m	£2.5m
Salary Costs as a % of ESFA Income	80%	96%	90%
Proportion of budget spent on the Leadership %	9%	18%	16%
Pupil teacher Ratio	16.06	19.3	16.47
Staff Costs as a % of Total Expenditure	76%	80%	77%
Average Teacher Salary Costs	£54,290	£55,325	£56,228
Spend per pupil on non pay expenditure	£1,607	£1,245	£1,566
Payment of Suppliers	99.23 % within 30 days		

## **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.

The Board of Trustees is pleased with the removal of the overall deficit on uncommitted reserves and has a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The Covid 19 crisis has made budget prediction very difficult but the trustees are delighted that the deficit has been removed.

## What have we done?

The Chair, CEO and CFO took up their posts at Bay Education Trust in April 2017.

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Throughout the rest of 2017/18 three new members and seven new Trustees were added to the Board. In August 2021 the Board consisted of five Members and eleven Trustees. There is a need to recruit another Trustee.

#### The Trust's Vision and Values

As the Trust has emerged from its financial deficit it, it has been able to focus more intently on its 2 to 22 vision. We have worked towards ever closer partnership and collaboration with South Devon College and numerous committees have been established to turn our joint vision into reality. The Board successfully recruited a new Principal to replace Mark Smith who retired after 34 years' service to Paignton Academy in August 2021. Mr Derwyn Williams previously Deputy Head at The Kings School, Ottery St Mary was appointed Principal. The Trust continues to place the highest priority on improving pupil standards in all its schools. No external GCSE examinations were taken in 2020 and 2021 but the Trustees were delighted at the improved GCSE results which reflected well on staff and pupils. Most students transferred seamlessly to South Devon College at age 16.

The Trust was delighted that the Ofsted Inspection of Kings Ash Academy in May 2021 that resulted in a Good grade. This was an excellent achievement and deserved recognition for all the staff, pupils, trustees and parents involved in the progress the school has made during the last three years.

The Trust has invested heavily in ICT equipment and infra structure and our pupils are now benefiting from this investment. At Paignton Academy all year 10 and 11 pupils have their own Chromebooks issued to them. All primary pupils and staff have ready access to Chromebooks.

### **Condition Improvement Fund Bids (CIF)**

The Board inherited some very poor building stock, particularly at Paignton Academy. Two CIF bids totalling £4.2 million were submitted in December 2017. Both bids were successful, and each project was completed on time and on budget. Further CIF bids were submitted in December 2019 to improve the premises at Curledge Street and Paignton Academy Borough Road site. Unfortunately, the Paignton Academy bid was unsuccessful, however, the much smaller Curledge Street bid was successful. The Trust Board has proved that it has a very firm grasp on the financial management of both revenue and capital budgets. In 2021 the Trust submitted a successful CIF bid to renew the boilers at Kings Ash Academy. This work was completed during summer of 2021.

## **Paignton Academy Twin Sites:**

The Academy was approached by the local authority to expand its PAN due to extra pupils transferring from primary to secondary education within Torbay. The Trust agreed as long as extra permanent accommodation was provided. A new Mathematics block has been built and which was handed to the academy in September 2020. Due to the increase in numbers attending Paignton Academy both Waterleat Road and Borough Road sites now educate the full years 7-11 age range. This restructure has been handled well and both sites are operating effectively.

## Bay Education Trust Audited Accounts 2014 - 2019

When studying the table below it can be clearly seen that the audited accounts between 2014 and August 2017 demonstrate a continued and accelerating financial loss across the Trust other than at Curledge Street Academy both for in year and accumulated deficits. This downward spiral was arrested during 2017/18 by the actions taken by the Trust. Effective cost efficiency measures were taken without damaging the education of the pupils at the Trust. The Board will continue to act in the future to bear down on costs in order to eliminate any remaining historic deficit and to build reserves as quickly as possible whilst maintaining the highest standard of education for its pupils.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## Strategic Plan 2018-2021

The plan will be renewed in January 2022, COVID-19 has inevitably delayed progress but most of the plan has been achieved. Trustees are delighted that this is the case but are conscious that the Trust needs to continue to move forward to ensure our pupils receive the best possible education.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## Historical Trend of Cumulative Deficits and Surpluses across the Trust

Academy	Carry	Carry	Carry	Carry	Carry	Carry	Carry
	Forward	Forward	Forward	Forward	Forward	Forward	Forward
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>PA</u>	475k	326k	502k	315k	184k	129k	21k
	deficit	deficit	deficit	deficit	deficit	deficit	surplus
KAA	451k	108k	23k	224k	205k	166k	46k
	surplus	surplus	surplus	deficit	deficit	deficit	deficit
CSA	158k	96k	101k	163k	91k	119k	174k
	surplus	surplus	surplus	surplus	surplus	surplus	surplus
Head	39k	8k	51k	62k	11k	11k	11k
Office	deficit	surplus	deficit	deficit	surplus	surplus	surplus
Cumulative	95k	114k	429k	438k	287k	165k	160k
Trust-wide	surplus	deficit	deficit	deficit	deficit	deficit	surplus
In-year Trust-wide Position	430k deficit	219k deficit	315k deficit	9k deficit	151k surplus	122k surplus	325k surplus

To achieve greater financial stability, the Board has taken the following actions to address the issues that it faced during the last three years:

- The small uneconomic 6th Form at PA was closed. A close partnership has been established with South Devon College
- The Trust has looked to outside support to ensure that best practice is applied to its core mission of educating its pupils to the highest possible standards
- An integrated financial and curriculum review was carried out at Paignton Academy and its recommendations continue to be implemented during 2018/2021 with a further review in December 2021.
- Further cost-effective measures have been taken to ensure that all schools had been kept within budget during 2020/21.
- The Trust continues to invest in the improvement of its estate and secured 2 CIF bids; one at CSA for the roofs and at KAA for the replacement of its heating system
- All budgets during 2020/21 have been effectively managed and the overall deficit for the Trust has removed.
- One of many challenges faced by the Trust has been the dilapidated condition of much of
  its building stock. Much work has been done to improve things but this has been a huge
  challenge due to the need to reduce and remove the deficit inherited in 2017.
- Leadership within the Trust's primary schools was successfully re structured. Pupil standards are positive at both Kings Ash and Curledge Street.
- Curledge Street received a 'Good' Ofsted report in March 2018.
- Kings Ash received a 'Good' Ofsted report in May 2021.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

- The Trust has rationalised its procurement procedures and is now securing more cost effective, Trust wide contractual arrangements such as telephony, grounds maintenance, broadband, cleaning to name a few
- The Trust continues to successfully implement its 3-year Strategic Plan 2018 2021 which will be reviewed, renewed, and refreshed in January 2022.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

This has been a challenging year financially for the Academy Trust, with two of the three schools starting the year with a deficit reserve position, however, by the year end the school deficits have reduced culminating with a Trustwide in-year underspend of £325k moving the Trust into an overall surplus position of £160k overall.

Through the budgeting and planning process for 2020/21, two schools set a break-even budget and one has set a surplus budget, as part of the longer-term strategy to clear the overall Trust deficit by August 2022. This has been achieved a year earlier than the original plan.

The financial results of the Bay Education Trust are detailed in the following pages. It is considered that the finances are sound and well established. Most of the Trust's income is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes.

Key Financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Finance policy which lays out the framework for financial management including financial responsibilities of the Board, Principal, Executive Head Teacher, heads of school, managers and budget holders, as well as delegated authority for spending.

#### Post FNTI arrangements

In July 2020 the FNTI was lifted by the ESFA because they were satisfied that sufficient progress had been made on the conditions attached to the original FNTI. However, a number of new conditions were put in place as laid out below:

The ESFA would want to:

- a) Continue to have monitoring meetings at the trust on a quarterly basis to maintain oversight of financial progress at the trust, these meetings are to continue until the trust has achieved a cumulative surplus revenue position.
- b) The trust continues to work towards achieving a balanced budget position by 21/22
- c) The trust to actively explore ways in which it can reduce the proportion of income spent on staffing over the next few years while continuing to improve its educational performance.
- d) The trust to actively discuss potential mergers with other suitable trusts and consider how any potential merger would impact on the recruitment of Paignton's new head teacher.

The Trust has worked tirelessly to meet all the above conditions during what has been a very challenging 20 months since the FNTI was lifted. Monitoring meetings were held on a termly basis in which all budget monitoring and forecasting data was shared. The removal of the cumulative deficit has been achieved a year ahead of the target without causing a drop in educational standards. The amount of funding spent of staffing is a challenging one as the trust is very clear that the staffing structures that are in place in all schools are critical to the success of each school and the Trust Board are clear that this is something that they will maintain for as long as is necessary. In 2019/20 staffing costs were 87% of total income (including capital income), this has fallen to 85% for 2020/21.With respect to the final condition or exploring mergers with other Trusts

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this is in its infancy but as stated elsewhere in this report a memorandum of understanding has been agreed with South Devon College as part of the Trust's 2 to 22 vision.

## **Reserves Policy**

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Academy Trust is largely funded by grants from the Department of Education, the use of which is regulated by our Funding Agreement.

The reserves for each individual school are ring fenced to that school. It is expected that moving forward Trustees will review the plans of the Academy Trust and set aside designated reserves as appropriate to maintain the stable progression of the Trust.

Currently the Trust has revenue reserves of £160,000. A regime of robust financial management across the Trust is in place to ensure that this is added to over the coming years as clearly to have insufficient reserves does expose the Trust to risk in terms of cash flow management and managing emergencies.

It is reasonable that the Trust starts the work towards a policy of holding enough free reserves equivalent to 4% of revenue income circa £584k, this will take a number of years to achieve.

Given the tight funding regime for schools and the known increases in employers' costs, known school improvement and site development requirements this aim is challenging but is needed to enable to Trust to operate in a more stable financial environment. The Trust held unrestricted funds of £0 at the end of the year and cash in the bank of £687,899 and £81,708 in a deposit account.

In line with most Academy Trusts in the UK, Bay Education Trust's defined benefit pension scheme is that the Academy Trust is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Academy Trust's budgeted annual income, whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund, or direct impact on the free reserves of the Academy Trust.

The defined benefit pension scheme reserve has a negative balance. The effect of the deficit position of the pension scheme is that the Academy Trust is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Academy Trust's budgeted annual income. Whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund, nor any direct impact on the free reserves of the Academy Trust.

### **Investment Policy**

The Trust aims to manage its cash balances to provide for the day to day working capital requirements of its operations, whilst protecting the real long term value of any surplus cash balances against inflation. In addition, the Trust aims to invest surplus cash funds to optimise returns, whilst ensuring that the investments are such that there is no risk of loss of these cash funds.

Due to the nature and timing of receipt of funding, the Trust may at times hold cash balances surplus to its short term requirements.

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#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major 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 principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy Trust are as follows:

#### **Financial**

The Academy Trust needs to continue reducing expenditure below annual funding allocations in order to ensure long term sustainability.

### Failures in governance and/or management

The risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Academy Trust's finances. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate this risk through regular reporting and challenge.

#### Reputational

The continuing success of the Academy Trust is dependent on continuing to attract pupils and staff in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate the risk Trustees ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

### Safeguarding and child protection

The trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health and safety and discipline.

#### Staffing

The success of the Academy Trust is reliant upon the quality of its staff, and the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning.

## Fraud and mismanagement of funds

The Academy Trust has appointed and external body (Devon Audit Partnership) to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academies Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented several systems to assess and minimise those risks. Where significant financial risk still remains, they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Trustees examine the financial health formally at least twice termly. They review performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all Board and Finance Committee meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the year end, the Academy Trust had not significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors that would have a significant effect on liquidity.

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit pension scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in note 26 of the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However, as the Trustees consider that the Academy Trust is able

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to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

### **FUNDRAISING**

The Trust's fundraising activities are mainly in-school as part of a national fundraising event such as Children in Need. Voluntary contributions are made by pupils and staff and passed to the charity concerned by Finance staff.

#### STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING

UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data for the period	1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021	1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	2,897,294	2,892,340
Energy consumption break down (kWh) (optional)		
• gas,	1,916,419	1,865,137
• electricity,	980,874	1,027,203
transport fuel	Not applicable	Not applicable
Scope 1 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e		
Gas consumption	351.01	342.94
Owned transport – mini-buses	Not applicable	Not applicable
Total scope 1	351.01	342.94
Scope 2 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e		
Purchased electricity	208.27	239.48
Scope 3 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e		
Business travel in employee-owned vehicles	0.08	0.30
Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	559	583
Intensity ratio		
Tonnes CO2e per pupil	0.239	0.254

## **Quantification and Reporting Methodology**

We have followed the 2019 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines. We have also used the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard and have used the 2021 UK Government's Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

## Intensity measurement

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

## Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

We have installed smart meters across all sites and increased video conferencing technology for staff meetings, to reduce the need for travel between sites.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

2020/21 was another extremely challenging year for the Bay Education Trust (BET), however, considerable progress continues to be made in all areas but especially regarding financial and premises improvement and the overall quality of education offered to the pupils. BET has a clear '2 to 22' vision and its values and mission are increasingly becoming embedded within its schools alongside its 3 year strategic implementation plan.

The following actions have been agreed to improve the Financial stability of the Trust over the next 3 years:

- Each Academy set at least an in year balanced budget with Paignton Academy aiming for an in year surplus which contributes towards an increase in the surplus by August 2022
- Monthly transactions reports were sent to budget holders
- Any budget pressures were reported to the Board as soon as they are known and solutions discussed and approved
- All orders were authorised by Finance to ensure sufficient budget to fund purchases
- Further investment in plant and machinery to reduce expenditure on repairs and maintenance
- · Clearer lines of accountability and responsibility across the Trust for spending decisions
- · Monthly budget monitoring reports to the Head of each School
- Balance sheet and cash flow review at Board level to continue
- Trust wide budget monitor presented to Finance & Resources Committee (FAP) and Board of Trustees
- Risk Register is a standing item on the Audit & Risk Committee and BET Board agenda
- Aged Creditors and Aged Debtors are reported to F&R at least quarterly
- A further review Head Office Support Service functions to achieve efficiencies and value for money
- More robust contract renewal and management process to ensure value for money and where appropriate a Trust wide arrangement

The Academy trust's focus over the next 3 years is to maintain and embed a strong financial management approach both at budget holder and school level in order to maintain the surplus position achieved in August 2021.

The Board's focus on achieving a 'Good' Ofsted Report at Kings Ash Academy whilst maintaining 'Good' at its other 2 schools was finally achieved in May 2021. So the key aim is to build on this success.

The actions taken by the Board are informed by the risk register which will continue to be monitored and acted upon throughout the coming year ensuring that all high risks are mitigated where possible.

The stability of pupil numbers is critical to the success of any Trust and as such the Board is keen to ensure that pupil progress is at the centre of everything we do and that this will lead to a more sustainable funding settlement for the Trust.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### **AUDITOR**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on and signed on the board's behalf by:

17/12/2021

Mr G Jones

**Chair of Trustees** 

### GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Bay Education Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 8 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
W Burridge	6	8
R Carlton	. 8	8
M Freeman	6	8
D Hands	6	8
M Harbour	7	8
A Hines	7	8
G Jones	6	8
C Knight	7	8
E Mansfield	1	1
A Medhurst	7	8
K Turpin	8	8
S Kings	8	8

#### **Governance Review**

An annual review of the "Musts" took place in November 2021, a skills audit of the Board of Trustees is undertaken by the Chair and CEO each year. The intention is for a full Governance review to take place in the Spring term of 2022.

### Finance and Resources

The Finance and Resources committee is a sub committee of the Trust Board. Its purpose is to assist the decision making of the Board of Trustees, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the Board of Trustees' responsibility in ensuring sound management of the Trust's finances and resources, including proper planning, monitoring and probity in order to achieve best value for the Trust. This sub committee met four times. Attendance at these meetings by Trustees was as follows:

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible	
G Jones	3	4	
R Carlton	4	4	
A Medhurst	4	4	
S Kings	4	4	

#### **Audit and Risk**

The Audit and Risk committee is a sub committee of the Trust Board. Its purpose is to assist the decision making of the Board of Trustees, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the Board of Trustees' responsibility for risk management of the Trust's finances and resources, including proper planning, monitoring and probity in order to achieve best value for the Trust. This subcommittee also has the role of Audit Committee where all internal audit and external audit matters are presented and discussed. This sub committee met three times. Attendance at these meetings by Trustees was:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible	
A Medhurst	3	3	
E Mansfield	1	1	
K Turpin	3	3	
S Kings	3	3	

# CURRICULUM, PERFORMANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE(CPS) - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Trustees decided that the CPS should meet separately to ensure effective monitoring of its secondary and primary academies. The same trustees were on both sub committees and met three times each during 2020/1. The CPS agenda monitors pupil progress data, attendance, SEND, curriculum development plans and progress made towards meeting objectives set by Ofsted.

Trustee	M	eetings attended	Out of a possible	
	Primary	Secondary		
D Hands	3 3		6	
W Burridge	2	2	6 6 6	
R Carlton	3	3		
M Harbour	2	2		
A Hines	2	3	6	
M Freeman	0	0	6	
S Kings	ngs 3 3		6	

## **REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY**

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

The Accounting Officer considers how the Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

### GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

- · Robust financial governance and budget management.
- · Value for money purchasing.
- · Reviewing controls and managing risk.
- Not allocating time/resources to areas where few improvements can be achieved.
- Making comparisons with similar Academies using data provided by the ESFA and the Government.
- Challenging proposals and examining their effectiveness and efficiency.
- Deploying staff effectively.
- Reviewing quality of curriculum provision and quality of teaching.
- Reviewing quality of children's learning to enable children to achieve nationally expected progress.
- Outlining procedures for accepting best value quotes, noting that this is not necessarily the cheapest quote

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks 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 Bay Education Trust for the period from 1 September 2020] to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

## **CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that have been in place for the period from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

## THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

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

## **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided:

To appoint Devon Audit Partnership as internal auditor

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

They delivered their schedule of work as planned via a remote visit to Head Office during August 2021, focusing on financial control, anti fraud, Income, purchasing & payments, salaries & expenses. Of the 8 areas reviewed; 5 were determined to have substantial assurance and 2 were assessed as having reasonable assurance. All matters were presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 19/11/21.

### **REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS**

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

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

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

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Audit and Risk Committee and a plan to address those areas of reasonable assurance and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the Trustees of the Board of Trustees on 17/12/2021

and signed on its behalf

by:

Mr G Jones

**Chair of Trustees** 

Stephen Kings Accounting Officer

## STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Bay Education Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

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

Mr S Kings

Accounting Officer

Date: 17/12/2021

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

**G** Jones

Chair of Trustees

Date: /7/12/2021

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF BAY EDUCATION TRUST

#### **OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Bay Education Trust (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating income and expenditure account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 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 Academy Trust's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the ESFA.

#### **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 Academy Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Academy Trust'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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF BAY EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. 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. 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 course of 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.

#### OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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 Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust 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 Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Academy Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF BAY EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)

#### **AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

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

- the nature of the Academy sector, control environment and the Academy Trust's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management and the Trustee board, including the committees charged with governance over the Academy Trust's finance and control, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the Academy Trust's documentation of their 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
  risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- how the academy Trust ensured it met its obligations arising from it being financed by the ESFA and other funders, and as such material compliance with these obligations is required to ensure the academy Trust will continue to receive its public funding and be authorised to operate, including around ensuring there is no material unauthorised use of funds and expenditure;
- how the academy Trust ensured it met its obligations to its principal regulator, the Secretary of State for Education; and
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and involving relevant internal Academy specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud, which included incorrect recognition of revenue, management override of controls using manual journal entries, procurement and payroll. We identified the greatest potential for fraud as incorrect recognition of revenue and management override using manual journal entries.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the academy Trust operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Academies Accounts Direction, Academies Financial Handbook, UK Companies Act, tax legislation, Chartities SORP 2019 and FRS102.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Academy Trust's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included safeguarding regulations, data protection regulations, occupational health and safety regulations, education and inspections legislation, building legislation and employment legislation.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF BAY EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance
  with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial
  statements:
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess the recognition of revenue;
- enquiring of Trustees and management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing procedures to confirm material compliance with the requirements of its regulators;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing internal control reports; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of
  journal entries and other adjustments; and assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting
  estimates are indicative of a potential bias.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from an error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mark Munro FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

Bishop Flaming LLP

for and on behalf of Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 2nd Floor Stratus House Emperor Way Exeter Business Park Exeter

Date: 20/12/2/

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## INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO BAY EDUCATION TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 04 November 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Bay Education Trust during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

## RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BAY EDUCATION TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Bay Education Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 28 November 2014 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2020, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

### **APPROACH**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the Academy complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the Trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO BAY EDUCATION TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

### CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Mark Munro FCA (Reporting Accountant)

Bishop Flaming LLP

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Date: 20/12/21

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-		237	237	238
Other trading activities		225	-	-	225	282
Investments	7	1	-	-	1	-
Charitable activities	4	421	14,376	-	14,797	13,510
Total income		647	14,376	237	15,260	14,030
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		497	15,193	728	16,418	15,116
Total expenditure		497	15,193	728	16,418	15,116
Net income/ (expenditure)		150	(817)	(491)	(1,158)	(1,086)
Transfers between funds	19	(150)	(71)	221	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised						
gains/(losses)		-	(888)	(270)	(1,158)	(1,086)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	26	•	(1,101)	-	(1,101)	(2,298)
Net movement in						
funds		-	(1,989)	(270)	(2,259)	(3,384)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		_	(11,502)	29,521	18,019	21,403
Net movement in funds			(1,989)	(270)	(2,259)	(3,384)
Total funds carried			(13,491)	29,251	15,760	18,019
forward			(13,431)			10,019

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 37 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

### BAY EDUCATION TRUST (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER:09299975

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note		2021 £000		2020 £000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		29,285		29,349
		_	29,285	_	29,349
Current assets			·		·
Stocks		-		2	
Debtors	16	446		630	
Cash at bank and in hand		770		391	
	_	1,216	_	1,023	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(977)		(814)	
Net current assets			239		209
Total assets less current liabilities		_	29,524	_	29,558
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(113)		(202)
Net assets excluding pension liability		_	29,411		29,356
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	26		(13,651)		(11,337)
Total net assets		=	15,760	=	18,019
Funds of the Academy Trust Restricted funds:					
Fixed asset funds	19	29,251		29,521	
Restricted income funds	19	160		(165)	
Pension reserve	19	(13,651)		(11,337)	
Total restricted funds	19		15,760 —	<del></del>	18,019
Unrestricted income funds	19	-	-		-
Total funds			15,760	_	18,019

The financial statements on pages 34 to 68 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf, by:

G Jones Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 37 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Cash flows from operating activities	Note	2021 £000	2020 £000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	21	805	(203)
Cash flows from investing activities	22	(426)	(271)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		379	(474)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		391	865
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23, 24	770	391

The notes on pages 37 to 68 form part of these financial statements

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 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 Trust 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.

The Academy Trust was issued with an FNTI by the ESFA on 23 February 2018. During the financial year ending 31 August 2020 the ESFA agreed to lift the FNTI and set four conditions for the Trust to meet. The Trust has worked tirelessly to meet all the conditions during what has been a very challenging 20 months since the FNTI was lifted. Monitoring meetings were held on a termly basis in which all budget monitoring and forecasting data was shared. The removal of the cumulative deficit has been achieved a year ahead of the target without causing a drop in educational standards. The amount of funding spent of staffing is a challenging one as the trust is very clear that the staffing structures that are in place in all schools are critical to the success of each school and the Trust Board are clear that this is something that they will maintain for as long as is necessary. In 2019/20 staffing costs were 87% of total income (including capital income), this has fallen to 85% for 2020/21.With respect to the final condition or exploring mergers with other Trusts this is in its infancy but as stated elsewhere in this report a memorandum of understanding has been agreed with South Devon College as part of the Trust's 2 to 22 vision.

In the year 2020/21 the Trust generated a revenue surplus in the year of £325,000 (excluding pension and depreciation). At the year end the Academy Trust's unrestricted and restricted reserves, excluding pension, are in a surplus position of £160,000. The Trust has prepared 3 year forecasts which indicate that it will continue to add to the overall surplus position year by year, and therefore it will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due within the next 12 months. In addition, conditions set by the lifting of the FNTI continue to be met and there is no reason to suggest this will not continue.

Given the significant improvements shown over the past 3 financial periods, including large reductions in the Trust's deficit position, we believe that the Academy Trust can continue as a going concern.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.3 INCOME

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

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

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

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

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

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

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the year it is receivable and to the extent the Academy Trust has provided the goods or services.

#### 1.4 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 institution with whom the funds are deposited.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.5 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.

#### Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Long-term leasehold property
Motor vehicles
Computer equipment
Office equipment
Land

- 50 years straight-line
years straight-line
4 years straight-line
5 years straight-line
- 125 years straight-line

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

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

#### 1.7 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.

#### 1.8 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

#### 1.9 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 and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

### 1.10 LIABILITIES

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

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16.

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

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 17 and 18. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

#### 1.12 TAXATION

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

Accordingly, the Academy Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11, chapter 3 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.13 PENSIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes

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

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

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

#### 1.14 FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

### 1.15 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **1.16 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Academy Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Academy Trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The Academy Trust can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The funds received, paid and any balances held at period end are disclosed in Note 31.

#### 2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in Note 26, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2021. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

#### Critical areas of judgment:

The Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Donations Capital Grants	-	-	119 118	119 118	6 232
TOTAL 2021	-	-	237	237	238
TOTAL 2020	5	1	232	238	

### 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

ì	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Education	421	14,376	14,797	13,510
TOTAL 2020	414	13,096	13,510	

Following clarification in the Academy Accounts Direction, nursery activities which were previously separately identified as their own charitable activity have now been included with the Educational activities reported throughout the accounts.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 5. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
DFE/ESFA GRANTS				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	11,124	11,124	10,356
OTHER DFE/ESFA GRANTS				
Pupil Premium	-	1,010	1,010	1,010
Teacher Pay & Pension	-	534	534	528
Universal Infant Free School Meals	-	64	64	62
Rates Relief	-	114	114	97
High Needs	-	84	84	60
Other government grants: non-capital	-	183	183	68
	-	13,113	13,113	12,181
OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS				
LA SEN Funding	• -	472	472	492
LA Pupil Premium	-	82	82	36
Other LA Funding	-	302	302	172
LA Nursery Funding	389	-	389	393
COVID-19 ADDITIONAL FUNDING	389	856	1,245	1,093
Catch-up Premium (DFE/ESFA)	_	234	234	-
COVID grants (non-DfE)	-	70	70	89
		304	304	89
OTHER				
Other income from the Academy Trust's education	-	103	103	126
Other Nursery Funding	32	-	32	21
	32	103	135	147
TOTAL 2021	421	14,376	14,797	13,510
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TOTAL 2020	414	13,096	13,510	

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 5. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

The Academy Trust has been eligible to claim additional funding in year from government support schemes in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown above under "Covid-19 additional funding".

The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support covers £301k of free school meals, cleaning, premises and other operating costs. These costs are included in notes 8 and 9 below as appropriate.

The Academy furloughed one of its lettings staff under the government's CJRS. The funding received of £3k relates to staff costs which are included within note 11 below as appropriate.

Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department of Education and ESFA, the academy trust's funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals and Pupil Premium is no longer reported under the Other DfE Group grants heading, but as separate lines under the Other DfE/ESFA grants heading. The prior year numbers have been reclassified.

#### 6. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVIES

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		Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
	Lettings	74	74	134
	Fees received	151	151	147
	TOTAL 2021	225	225	281
7.	INVESTMENT INCOME			
		Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
	Bank interest	1	1	-

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

8.	EXPENDITURE					
		Staff Costs 2021 £000	Premises 2021 £000	Other 2021 £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
	EDUCATION:					
	Direct costs	9,983	728	1,039	11,750	10,791
	Support costs	3,080	759	829	4,668	4,326
		13,063	1,487	1,868	16,418	15,117
	TOTAL 2020	12,241	1,334	1,542	15,117	
9.	ANALYSIS OF EXPEND	DITURE BY ACTIVITIES	5			
			Activities undertaken directly 2021 £000	Support costs 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
	Education		11,750	4,668	16,418	15,117
	TOTAL 2020		10,791	4,326	15,117	

Following clarification in the Academy Accounts Direction, nursery activities which were previously separately identified as their own charitable activity have now been included with the Educational activities reported throughout the accounts.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

### **ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS**

	Education 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Pension finance costs	182	182	150
Staff costs	9,983	9,983	9,241
Depreciation	728	728	607
Educational supplies	169	169	115
Examination fees	127	127	136
Other costs	101	101	103
Agency staff	7	7	80
Technology costs	88	88	86
Educational consultancy	365	365	273
•	11,750	11,750	10,791
TOTAL 2020	10,791	10,791	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

## **ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS**

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	Education 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Staff costs	3,051	3,051	2,919
Recruitment and support	35	35	28
Maintenance of premises and equipment	111	111	140
Cleaning	109	109	97
Rent and rates	189	189	178
Energy costs	231	231	263
Insurance	46	46	48
Security and transport	12	12	20
Catering	497	497	280
Technology costs	3	3	53
Office overheads	231	231	147
Legal and professional	112	112	118
Bank interest and charges	1	1	1
Goverance costs	40	40	34
	4,668	4,668	4,326
	4 206	4 226	
TOTAL 2020	4,326	4,326 	
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:			
		2021 £000	2020 £000
Operating lease rentals		102	87
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		728	607
Fees paid to auditors for:	•	•	
- audit		12	11
- other services		3	4
- Other delated		•	-7

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

11. STAFF
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#### a. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Wages and salaries	9,254	8,809
Social security costs	850	781
Pension costs	2,929	2,524
	13,033	12,114
Agency staff costs	30	80
Staff restructuring costs	-	47
	13,063	12,241
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
	2021 £000	2020 £000
Redundancy payments	-	47
	-	47
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#### **b. NON-STATUTORY/NON-CONTRACTUAL STAFF SEVERANCE PAYMENTS**

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £Nil (2020: £27,000). Individually, the payments were £Nill (2020: £7,000, £10,000 and £10,000).

## c. STAFF NUMBERS

The average number of persons employed by the Academy Trust during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Teachers	131	119
Educational Support	181	174
Administration and Clerical	108	90
Management	23	23
	443	406

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 11. STAFF (CONTINUED)

### c. STAFF NUMBERS (CONTINUED)

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Teachers	117	108
Educational Support	114	111
Administration and Clerical	52	56
Management	23	23
	306	298

#### d. HIGHER PAID STAFF

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

	2021 No.	2020 <b>N</b> o.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	3	3
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	2	1
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	2	2

#### e. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for their role as Trustees) and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £840,864 (2020: £758,810).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 12. CENTRAL SERVICES

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

- Accounting Officer
- Financial services
- Educational support services
- Legal services
- Premises services

The Academy Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

Flat percentage of central costs based on pupil numbers by Academy (16% - 68%)

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

£000	£000
896	777
158	190
158	174
1,212	1,141
	£000 896 158 158

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#### 13. 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 staff members under their contracts of employment. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

The Chief Executive Officer and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Chief Executive Officer and staff under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments, from the Academy Trust in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows: S Kings: Remuneration £75,000 - £80,000 (2020: £75,000 - £80,000), Employer's pension contributions £Nil (2020: £Nil).

During the year ended 31 August 2021, expenses totalling £128 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2020 - £129 to 1 Trustee). In relation to travel to academy specific events.

#### 14. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

15.	TAN	GIBLE	FIXED	ASSETS
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	·	Long-term leasehold property £000	Assets under construction £000	Office equipment £000	Computer equipment £000	Total £000
	COST OR VALUATION					
	At 1 September 2020	28,314	3,083	761	175	32,333
	Additions	253	-	238	175	666
	Disposals	-	-	(3)	-	(3)
	Transfers between classes	3,083	(3,083)	-	•	-
	At 31 August 2021	31,650	-	996	350	32,996
	DEPRECIATION					
	At 1 September 2020	2,446	_	413	125	2,984
	Charge for the year	502	-	157	69	728
	On disposals	-	•	(1)	-	(1)
	At 31 August 2021	2,948	•	569	194	3,711
	NET BOOK VALUE					_
	At 31 August 2021	28,702	-	427	156	29,285
	At 31 August 2020	25,868	3,083	348	50	29,349
16.	DEBTORS					
•					2021 £000	2020 £000
	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
	Trade debtors				5	3
	Other debtors				· _	3
	Prepayments and accrued inco	ome			414	·607
	VAT recoverable				27	17
					446	630
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £000	2020 £000
ESFA loans	89	89
Trade creditors	123	58
Other taxation and social security	407	375
Other creditors	13	42
Accruals and deferred income	345	250
	977	814
	2021 £000	2020 £000
Deferred income at 1 September 2020	90	99
Resources deferred during the year	147	90
Amounts released from previous periods	(90)	(99)
	147	90

At the balance sheet date the Academy was holding funds received in advance for UIFSM and business rates.

Included within ESFA loans is a cash advance of £84,000 repayable in monthly installments over 3 years with an applicable annual interest rate of 0%. This loan is due to be repaid in full by August 2023.

Included within ESFA loans is a Salix loan of £5,188 repayable in bi-annual installments over 8 years with an applicable annual interest rate of 0%.

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

000£	£000
ESFA Loans 113	202

Included within ESFA loans is a cash advance of £84,000 repayable in monthly installments over 3 years with an applicable annual interest rate of 0%. This loan is due to be repaid in full by August 2023.

Also included within ESFA loans is a Salix loan of £28,532 repayable in bi-annual installments over 8 years with an applicable annual interest rate of 0%.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Polones et 4					Balance at
	Balance at 1 September 2020 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	31 August 2021 £000
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds		647	(497)	(150)	-	-
Restricted General Funds						
General Annual Grant						
(GAG)	(165)	11,124	(10,837)	(131)	-	(9)
High Needs	-	556	(556)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	1,010	(1,010)	-	•	-
Teachers Pay Award	•	535	(535)	-	-	•
Other DfE/ESFA	-	395	(290)	-	-	105
UIFSM	•	64	(64)	-	-	-
PE Grant	-	53	(49)	•	•	4
Rates Relief	-	114	(114)	-	•	-
Other restricted	-	525	(525)	-	-	-
Astroturf replacement	-	-	-	60	•	60
Pension reserve	(11,337)	-	(1,213)	-	(1,101)	(13,651)
	(11,502)	14,376	(15,193)	(71)	(1,101)	(13,491)
Restricted FAF						
Condition Improvement						
Fund (CIF)	4,280	69	(127)	-	-	4,222
Other LA Capital	24,739	3	(426)	-	-	24,316
Devolved Formula Capital (DFC)	185	45	(63)	-	-	167
Other capital grants	58	-	(9)	-	-	49
Capital purchases from GAG	191	_	(72)	216	_	335
Insurance	27	-	-	-	_	27
Other capital grants on						
conversion	79	-	(2)	-	-	77
Salix loan	(38)	-	-	5	-	(33)
Donation assets	-	120	(29)	-	-	91
	29,521	237	(728)	221	•	29,251
TOTAL FUNDS	18,019	15,260	(16,418)		(1,101)	15,760

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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

#### **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

General Annual Grant (GAG) - Income from the ESFA which is to be used for the normal running costs of the Academy, including education and support costs.

High Needs - Funding received by the Local Authority to fund further support for students with additional needs.

Pupil Premium - Pupil premium represents funding received from the ESFA for children that qualify for free school meals to enable the Academy to address the current underlying inequalities between those children and their wealthier peers.

Teachers Pay Award - This represents funding recieved from the DfE/ESFA in relation to pay increases and increases in employers pension rates.

Other DfE/ESFA - This represents other DfE/ESFA grants not included elsewhere, including the teachers pay grant.

UIFSM - This represents funds in respect of the Universal Infant Free School Meals Grant.

PE Grant – This represents funding received from the ESFA and must be used to fund improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, so that they develop healthy lifestyles.

Rates relief - Funding recieved by academies within the Trust to cover rates payable to local authorities and suppliers.

Other restricted - This represents other non-DfE/ESFA grants not included elsewhere.

Astroturf replacement - This represent funds allocated to the replacement of the astroturf pitches located at Paignton Academy.

Pension reserve – This represents the Academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy.

#### **RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS (FAF)**

Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) - This represents funds received from the ESFA for specific capital projects.

Other LA Capital - These funds were received from the Local Authority for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The fixed asset fund balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) - This represents funding from the ESFA to cover the maintenance and purchase of the Academy's assets.

Other capital grants - These funds are received for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The fixed asset fund balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

Capital purchases from GAG - This represents capital expenditure funded from GAG.

Insurance - This represents capital expenditure funded from insurance funds.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Other capital grants on conversion - This represent the buildings and equipment donated to the School from the Local Authority on conversion to an Academy.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2021.

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

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2020 £000
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds		817	(278)	(539)		-
Restricted General Funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	(287)	10,356	(10,659)	425	-	(165)
High Needs	-	679	(679)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	1,047	(1,047)	-	-	-
Teachers Pay Award	-	26	(26)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA	-	744	(744)	-	-	-
Year 7 Catch up	-	29	(29)	-	-	-
UIFSM	-	62	(62)	-	-	-
PE Grant		38	(38)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(8,092)	-	(947)	-	(2,298)	(11,337)
	(8,379)	12,981	(14,231)	425	(2,298)	(11,502)

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2020 £000
Restricted FAF						
Condition Improvement Fund (CIF)	4,176	16	1 (57)	-	-	4,280
Other LA Capital	25,137	2	7 (425)	-	-	24,739
Devolved Formula Capit (DFC)	al 199	4	4 (58)	. <b>-</b>	-	185
Other capital grants	70	-	(12)	•	-	58
Capital purchases from GAG	110	-	(50)	131	-	191
Capital purchases from unrestricted	1	-	(1)	-	-	-
Insurance	27	-	-	-	-	27
Other capital grants on conversion	83	-	(4)		_	79
Salix loan	(21)	-	-	(17)	-	(38)
	29,782	23	2 (607)	114	•	29,521
TOTAL FUNDS	21,403	14,03	0 (15,116)		(2,298)	18,019

## **TOTAL FUNDS ANALYSIS BY ACADEMY**

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 were allocated as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Paignton Academy	21	(129)
Kings Ash Academy	(46)	(166)
Curledge Street Academy	174	119
Central Services	11	11
Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	160	(165)
Restricted fixed asset fund	29,251	29,521
Pension reserve	(13,651)	(11,337)
TOTAL	15,760	18,019

The following academies are carrying a net deficit on their portion of the funds as follows:

Deficit £000

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

## 19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Deficit £000

Kings Ash Academy

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The Academy Trust is taking the following action to return the academies to surplus:

The action to return the academies to surplus is detailed within the Trustee Report and the Accounting Officer's statement.

## TOTAL COST ANALYSIS BY ACADEMY

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £000	Other support staff costs £000	Educational supplies £000	Other costs excluding depreciation £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Paignton Academy	5,748	1,287	714	888	8,637	7,861
Kings Ash Academy	1,758	172	14	381	2,325	2,300
Curledge Street Academy	1,809	189	67	275	2,340	2,220
Central Services	149	891	29	167	1,236	1,181
ACADEMY TRUST	9,464	2,539	824	1,711	14,538	13,562

Movement in the LGPS pension liability and depreciation charged to the Statement of Financial Activities is excluded from the cost analysis shown above.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

#### ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
Tangible fixed assets	-	29,285	29,285
Current assets	1,216	-	1,216
Creditors due within one year	(971)	(6)	(977)
Creditors due in more than one year	(85)	(28)	(113)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(13,651)	-	(13,651)
TOTAL	(13,491)	29,251 ———————	15,760
ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR		29,251	15,760
	YEAR	Restricted	15,760
	YEAR Restricted	Restricted fixed asset	Total
	YEAR  Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	YEAR Restricted	Restricted fixed asset	Total

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

21.	RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM	OPERATING ACT	TIVITIES
		2021 £000	2020 £000
	Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(1,158)	(1,086)
	ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
	Depreciation	728	607
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(237)	(232)
	Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	1,031	797
	Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	182	150
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks	2	(2)
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	184	8
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	75	(279)
	Depreciation on disposed assets	(2)	(166)
	NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	805	(203)
22.	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
		2021	2020
		£000	£000
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(663)	(503)
	Capital grants from DfE Group	237	232
	NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(426)	(271)
23.	ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
		2021	2020
		£000	£000
	Cash at bank and in hand	770	391
	TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	770	391

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

		At 1 September 2020 £000	Cash flows £000	At 31 August 2021 £000
	Cash at bank and in hand	391	379	770
	Debt due within 1 year	(89)	•	(89)
	Debt due after 1 year	(202)	89	(113)
		100	468	568
25.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS			
			2021 £000	2020 £000
	Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		· 	151,077

In addition to the above, in 2008, Paignton Academy (prev. Paignton Community and Sports College) received a grant from the Football Association for a 3G astro-turf pitch. As a condition of the grant, the pitch is required to be maintained over 21 years to a high standard, including potentially resurfacing the astro-turf. It was anticipated that the approximate useful life of the playing surface was 8-10 years and an approximate cost to resurface the pitch is £250,000.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 26. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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

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

Contributions amounting to £207,768 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2021 (2020 - £194,747) and are included within creditors.

#### **TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME**

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time 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 levv)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI, assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £1,202,307 (2020 - £1,113,173).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2019/04/teachers-pensions-valuation-report.aspx).

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 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 2021 was £1,018,000 (2020 - £788,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £715,000 (2020 - £605,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 203,000 (2020 - £183,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.6 per cent for employers and 5.5%-12.5% per cent for employees.

As described in note the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the Academy Trust, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the Scheme in the year. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the Academy Trust at the balance sheet date.

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.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

	2021 %	2020 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.25
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.25
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65	1.60
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.90	2.25

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

	2021 Years	2020 Years
RETIRING TODAY		
Males	22.7	22.9
Females	24.0	24.1
RETIRING IN 20 YEARS		
Males	24.0	24.3
Females	25.4	25.5

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)		
SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS		
	2021 £000	2020 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	(601)	(478)
Discount rate -0.1%	626	501
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	962	708
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(925)	(683
CPI rate +0.1%	560	448
CPI rate -0.1%	(546)	(436 ————
SHARE OF SCHEME ASSETS		
The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:		
	2021	2020
•	£000	£000
Equities	6,789	4,929
Gilts	1,390	294
Corporate bonds	205	389
Property	866	656
Cash and other liquid assets	65	94
Infrastructure	524	332
Target return portfolio	1,008	1,039
Other	-	525
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS	10,847	8,258
The actual return on scheme assets was £1,743,000 (2020 - £30,000).		
The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follow	<b>/</b> S:	
	2021 £000	2020 £000
Current service cost	(1,754)	(1,381)
Past service cost	•	(21
Interest income	133	131
Interest cost	(315)	(281
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL		<u> </u>
ACTIVITIES	(1,936)	(1,552 ————

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

26.	PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)	
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Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	19,595	15,147
Current service cost	1,754	1,381
Interest cost	315	281
Employee contributions	203	183
Actuarial losses	2,705	2,730
Benefits paid	(74)	(148)
Losses on curtailments	•	21
		40.505
AT 31 AUGUST	24,498	19,595
	assets were as follows:	
	assets were as follows:	2020
Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme	assets were as follows:  2021 £000	2020 £000
Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme	assets were as follows:	2020
Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme  AT 1 SEPTEMBER Interest income	assets were as follows:  2021 £000  8,258  133	2020 £000 7,055
Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme  AT 1 SEPTEMBER Interest income Actuarial gains	assets were as follows:  2021 £000 8,258	2020 £000 7,055 131
Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme  AT 1 SEPTEMBER Interest income Actuarial gains Employer contributions	assets were as follows:  2021 £000  8,258  133 1,604	2020 £000 7,055 131 432
Actuarial gains	assets were as follows:  2021 £000  8,258  133  1,604  723	2020 £000 7,055 131 432 605

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 27. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2021 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Within 1 year	115	108
Between 1 and 5 years	100	81
	215	189

#### 28. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

#### 29. General Information

Bay Education Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Paignton Academy, Borough Road, Paignton, England, TQ4 7DH.

#### 30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

The following related party transactions took place in the year:

A daughter of a Trustee is employed by the Academy Trust. Remuneration in the range of £15,000-£20,000 (2020: £15,000-£20,000) and employer's pension contributions in the range of £0-£5,000 (2020: £0-£5,000) was paid through payroll in the year. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

#### JP Ravenscroft & Co Ltd

(JP Ravenscroft is a director)

The Trust made purchases in the year totalling £900 (2020: £Nil).

The Trust made sales in the year to totalling £Nil (2020: £Nil).

At the year end the amount owed at the year end was £Nil (2020: £Nil).

Transactions with JP Ravenscroft & Co Ltd were provided at no more than cost and supported by a statement of assurance, with appropriate disclosure was made to the ESFA.

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## 31. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The Academy Trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ended 31 August 2021 the Academy Trust received £Nil and disbursed £Nil from the fund. An amount of £13,292 is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds that is repayable to ESFA.