### The Heath Academy Trust

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

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I Dale (appointed 1 September 2020) J Horn, Accounting Officer and CEO

J McCall A Muckle

N Musselwhite, Chair of Trustees

A Risby

C Sims (appointed 2 September 2021)

J Taylor

**Company Secretary** 

S White

Team

Senior Management J Horn, Accounting Officer, CEO and Head teacher - Three Legged Cross A Clark, Head teacher - Oakhurst

L Crossley, Head teacher - St Ives J Hudson, Head teacher - St James

R Musselwhite, Head teacher - Sixpenny Handley (appointed 1 September

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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 purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

On 1 December 2015 a multi-academy trust was established with St Mary's C of E First School, St Ives Primary School, St James' C of E First School, Oakhurst Community First School, Sixpenny Handley First School and Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School as members.

Justine Horn, Head Teacher at Three Legged Cross became Accounting Officer and CEO on 1 September 2016.

Heath Academy Trust operates a six nursery, first and primary school academy trust in the East Dorset area. The trust has a pupil capacity of 885 primary age places and had a roll of 740 in the school census in October 2021. There is also capacity for 200 nursery places and 135 nursery age pupils were on roll at the October 2021 census date.

### Structure, governance and management

#### Constitution

The Academy Trust was incorporated on 5 October 2015 and opened as an Academy on 1 December 2015. The Heath Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

The trustees of The Heath Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as The Heath Academy Trust.

Details of the trustees who served throughout the year are included in the Reference and Administration Details page.

### Members' liability

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

### Trustees' indemnities

The Academy Trust is a member of the DFE's Risk Protection Arrangement with a limit of £10,000,000.

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

### Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Academy Trust has the following trustees as set out in our Articles of Association:

- 8 trustees appointed by the Members;
- No fewer than 3 trustees appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education;
- and the Chief Executive Officer.

Trustees serve for a period of four years.

In order to fully contribute to the development of the Trust the recruitment process for new trustees ensures that the experience and skills of individuals are taken into account prior to appointment. A skills audit highlighted the areas where additional skills were required, and the Trust has actively sought to recruit appropriately to fill those gaps. Recruitment of skilled trustees is an ongoing process.

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

When new trustees are appointed, an analysis of requirements of their role and current skills is conducted to determine the necessary induction. Our induction procedures and support are outlined in our induction handbook and a new trustee is assigned an existing, experienced trustee to act as mentor.

### Organisational structure

The Trust operates a clear scheme of delegation which clarifies the level at which certain decisions are made.

The School Improvement Group is made up of Head Teachers of all the schools, including the CEO and the Trust Business Manager. The Board of Trustees meets at least 6 times a year and the Finance and Audit Committee meet immediately before the Full Board meetings. The Full Board, including those who are part of the Finance and Audit Committee, also meet in November for the presentation of financial statements by the Trust's accountants. The Trust Board retains responsibility for: approving terms of reference for the local governing committees; approving the Trust scheme of delegation; approving the Trust Pay, Finance and Health and Safety policies and the overview for strategic direction.

The Full Board take responsibility for monitoring achievement data, Health and Safety and Financial compliance, employment, staff development and recruitment across the Trust and its schools.

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

Pay and remuneration for key personnel remains the responsibility of the Trust Board. Head Teachers and the CEO are paid in line with the School Teachers Pay and Conditions. Non-teaching key personnel are remunerated in line with local government agreed pay scales. The CEO is responsible for performance management of the leadership team and the Head Teachers are responsible for performance management of the staff in the individual schools. All staff pay increases are subject to successful performance management and appraisal and are in line with National agreements.

### Trade union facility time

The Heath Academy Trust does not have any union representatives.

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

### Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The Trust is closely aligned with the Holt Heath Teaching Alliance, which is led by two Trust schools. The alliance receives an annual government grant to support school improvement initiatives in the local area.

### Objectives and activities

### Objects and aims

The Trust aims to achieve outstanding performance from our children within a high quality, effective learning environment, producing a love of learning and a passion for excellence in all areas of school life. Our school leader ensure a culture of high aspiration and clear lines of accountability, underpinned by strong, tailored school improvement and management systems within a professional learning environment.

### Objectives, strategies and activities

The Trust is committed to working to the principle of 'inspire, transform, together'. Our Trust works to embed a strong culture of consistent high expectations, strong academic achievements while offering a wide range of sporting, artistic and cultural opportunities. Our Trust supports a strong commitment to high quality professional development based on rigorous self-evaluation, challenge and support in order to ensure school improvement.

The Trust is continuing to further improve systems to standardise routines and procedures and apply consistent high expectations and standards across all our schools. Shared expertise, staff and resources continued to be deployed to raise pupil outcomes.

### 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.

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

### STRATEGIC REPORT

### Achievements and performance

The Trust supports school improvement through its commitment to the self-improving system.

The Trust currently has no statutory achievement data for the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two achievement during 2020 or 2021 due to the suspension of statutory assessment due to the pandemic. However, assessment systems mean that achievement is regularly tracked for all learners from nursery to Year 6. This is regularly reported to the Trust.

According to the most recent Ofsted inspection information, the Trust has two outstanding schools and four good schools. Our two church schools are judged as good under the SIAMS inspection criteria.

#### Financial review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the Department for Education via the Education and Skills Funding Agency in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to the purposes of education. The grants received from the ESFA during the year ended 31 August 2021 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds (non-fixed assets) in the statement of financial activities.

The Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the ESFA. In accordance with the SORP, such grants are shown in the statement of financial activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

During this accounting period five of the six schools operate nurseries from their sites and this funding is received from the local authority and is shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

Other income is received from the provision of additional paid nursery hours, after school and breakfast clubs, parental donations, catering and the hire of facilities at the schools.

The Trust submitted bids on behalf of three of the schools to the DfE Condition and Improvement Funding 21/22 round. Two of these submitted bids were successful in this round of applications and the work is taking place during the 2021/22 academic year.

During the year the Academy Trust received income of £5,020,167 (2020: £4,579,822) and incurred expenditure of £5,142,943 (2020: £5,097,796) which, together with an actuarial pension fund loss of £398,000 (2020: £997,000), results in a net decrease in funds of £520,776 (2020: £1,514,974). By fund these figures are broken down as:

- Unrestricted income, generated through activities such as educational trips and clubs, of £236,029 less attributable expenditure, including transfers, of £223,555 to leave a deficit of £12,474.
- Restricted income of £4,586,623 less expenditure, transfers and pension adjustments of £5,189,393 to leave surplus of £602,770.
- Restricted fixed asset income of £197,515 less expenditure and transfers of £115,217 to leave a surplus of £82,298.

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

### STRATEGIC REPORT

### Reserves policy

The trustees review the reserve levels of the academy annually. The review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments, and the nature of the reserves. The trustees aim to have sufficient reserves to meet ongoing commitments. The academy aims to hold a contingency fund of £300,000 to cover unexpected expenditure which is based on one month's operating costs.

The academy's current level of free reserves (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and restricted funds) is £189,877. Additionally, within restricted funds the academy holds £369,616 of reserves (including the General Annual Grant) that are considered freely available for general purposes.

The academy's aim is to use the allocated funding each year for the full benefit of our current students. However, we also consider it necessary to carry forward some reserves to:

- Provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants;
- To invest in future years' priorities for the children of our school, for example capital projects; and have plans in place for how this will be spent over the next three years;
- To have a contingency reserve to cover expenditure required for unforeseen circumstances such as urgent maintenance.

### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

### Investment policy

The financial model of the academy is to optimise working capital whilst ensuring easy access of the funds. In balancing risk against return the Academy Trust's policy is clearly geared to avoiding risk rather than maximising income.

Monies surplus to the working requirements at the academy can be invested in an account with the approved institutions authorised by the Board. This may be a higher interest-bearing account operated by the same bank that the Trust operates its current account with, or an alternative approved institution.

The academy will not take out any long-term investments until a reliable cash flow pattern has been established; monies will only be paid into approved fixed rate investment accounts i.e. Sterling Money Market, allowing access to funds within a term not exceeding six months.

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

### STRATEGIC REPORT

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trust has developed a Risk Register and Business Continuity Plan to fully assess the risks and uncertainties and provide a clear plan of action in the event of major incidents. Risk is discussed at all Board Meetings and Local Governing Committees also consider their own school's individual risks regularly reporting any changes to the Trust either immediately or on a termly basis dependent on the reason for change. Current risks highlighted in our assessment include:

- Failure of a school to meet national achievement targets and achieve financial stability will threaten the viability of the Trust
- Reducing pupil numbers in some areas and the small size of the schools put at risk the stability of schools within the Trust
- Reduction in funding across the schools combined with increased staffing costs such as unfunded pay and pension increases

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the risks to the Trust and its schools continued to be assessed and monitored via the Risk Register. Working within Government guidelines, the Trust worked to mitigated the associated risks.

The Trust, and our schools, offered quality remote learning for the pupils with daily live lessons. Additional support was provided to ensure those most in need within the Trust's community were supported not only from an educational point of view but also a pastoral one.

Finance and office procedures continued to be reviewed and adapted where necessary to reflect the change in the working environment, ensuring the appropriate levels of scrutiny and authorisation continued. The Trust Board and Local Governing Committees held their meetings virtually during this period and have been informed and involved in the work our schools have done to support their pupils and families.

These measures have ensured the impact of COVID-19 has been minimised for our pupils, their families and our staff and has had a limited effect on the Trust's financial situation.

### **Fundraising**

All schools within the Trust rely on the goodwill of parents and community to supplement government funding to enable additional educational activities to take place. Individual schools have built up a good working relationship with their respective parent associations and funds are raised through a variety of activities including summer fayres, discos, online purchasing, donations via Easyfundraising.org, commission on the sale of photos and uniforms and campaigns for specific curricular equipment.

The Trust and its schools work hard to ensure that fund raising is carried out in a timely and sensitive manner and that no parents are put under pressure to donate. Projects are clearly defined for the majority of fund raising activities and are monitored by the Head Teacher of each school. The Trust Board takes an oversight of the levels of fundraising via its monthly management reports. Any complaints are dealt with locally.

With the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the school community, fundraising has not been carried out to the same extent this year, as it has in previous years.

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

#### STRATEGIC REPORT

### Plans for future periods

The Trust is committed to providing high quality education throughout the local area. We are establishing a system to support our current schools with consistency in order to provide high pupil outcomes and safe school buildings and working practices within a viable financial environment. Our Trust continues to be committed to improving our schools, introducing consistent practices where necessary and using high quality CPD to improve the learning of all pupils. We are continuing to grow from the Early Years by expanding to include a nursery provision across our schools - from 1 September 2021, all schools in the Trust are offering nursery provision.

### Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others

The academy and its trustees do not act as the Custodian Trustee of any other charity.

### **Auditor**

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

### Reappointment of auditor

The auditor, Albert Goodman LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustee on Analyza i... and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

### Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Trustee has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the CEO, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between The Heath Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustee 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 Trustee has formally met 7 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustee was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
I Dale	5	7
L Crossley	6	7
J Horn	7	7
J McCall	4	7
A Muckle	7	7
N Musselwhite	5	7
A Risby	7	7
J Taylor	6	7
S White	6	. 7

The multi-academy trust continues to ensure all appointments to the Board enhance the current skills base and is actively seeking additional trustees to fill the skills gap identified in a recent skills audit. This continues to be a target in the forthcoming months.

The Trust Board receives information in a variety of ways to ensure it fulfils its responsibilities to support, monitor and challenge the work of its schools. Achievement data is provided by the CEO in a consistent and user friendly format which allows all trustees to participate in the oversight of progress. Financial data is provided in a comprehensive format and includes the use of KPI's and benchmarking. Information is held in a central secure area to reduce the use of paper and allow Trustees to access the data at their own convenience.

### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### Review of value for money

As accounting officer the CEO 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 Academy 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:

- Collaboration The Trust continues to secure high quality continuous professional development across our Trust at all levels to promote a shared collaborative approach to raising standards, for example by shared learning walks and writing exemplification.
- Shared expertise The Trust has utilised some shared staff to maximise high expectations across all schools
- Buildings The Trust has secured Trust wide contracts for shared health and safety, maintenance and buildings contracts to ensure compliance and best value and continues to look at ways of increasing this working practice.

### The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of 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 The Heath Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

### Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Trustee 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 Trustee is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 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 Trustee to ensure its effectiveness.

There were no material control or other issues reported by the Responsible Officer to date:

### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### 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 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;
- · a clear finance policy and set of financial procedures;
- · ongoing training and support for staff with financial responsibilities.

The Trust's internal audit was completed during the summer term of 2021. In line with the auditor's Management Letter that accompanied the 2020 Financial Statements, the internal audit focused on payroll administration. The internal audit found that payroll processes are robust however, need to be documented more consistently. The recommendations from this internal audit are being implemented so as to strengthen the systems and procedures in place across the Trust.

Any recommendations from the auditor's Management Letter and the Trust's rolling plan for internal audit will be used to form the action plan for the up-and-coming internal audit and will be monitored by the Audit Committee.

### **Review of effectiveness**

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

- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustee on 15/12/21 and signed on its behalf by:

J Horn Trustee

N Musselwhite Trustee

### STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

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

I confirm that I and the academy trust Board of Trustee 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 Trustee and ESFA.

J Horn, Accounting Officer and CEO Accounting officer

Date: 15/12/2021

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in 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; and
- 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 on 15/12/21... and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HEATH ACADEMY TRUST

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Heath Academy Trust (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy trust's affairs 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021.

### **Basis for opinion**

We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that act. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Academy in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

### Other information

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

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HEATH ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### 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 Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have 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 company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report.

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

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

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 13], the Trustees 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'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 or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HEATH ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

### The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

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

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Academy through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Academy, including the Companies Act 2006, Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, Charities SORP 2019, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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

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

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

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HEATH ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

- · agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- · reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- · enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators including the Health and Safety Executive, and the company's legal advisors.

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

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy's Trustees, 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's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Academy and its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joseph Doggrell ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP, Statutory Auditor

Goodwood House Blackbrook Park Avenue

Taunton TA1 2PX

Date: 16/11/2021

### INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON REGULARITY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Heath Academy Trust during the year 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 The Heath Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we may state to The Heath Academy Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Heath Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of the Governing Body's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of the Board of Trustee' funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 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 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.

### INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON REGULARITY (CONTINUED)

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Reviewing compliance against the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook (September 2020);
- A review of the governance policies and procedures with specific consideration of financial planning, monitoring and control;
- Gaining assurance that the lines of delegation and the limits set both internally by the academy and by ESFA have been adhered to;
- · A review of all meeting minutes of the board trustees;
- · An examination of financial transactions to identify any unusual items which may be improper; and
- · A review of the declaration of interests completed by the trustees.

### Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 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.

Joseph Doggrell ACA

For and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP, Chartered Accountants

Goodwood House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton

Taunton TA1 2PX

Date: 16 1221

THE HEATH ACADEMY TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2020/21 Total £
Income and endowments	from:				
Donations and capital grants	2	12,874	-	197,515	210,389
Charitable activities: Funding for the Academy trust's educational					
operations	3	-	4,496,623	-	4,496,623
Teaching schools		•	90,000	-	90,000
Other trading activities	4	223,070	-	-	223,070
Investments	5	85	<del>-</del>	<u> </u>	85
Total		236,029	4,586,623	197,515	5,020,167
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities: Academy trust educational	٠				
operations	7	223,555	4,633,371	222,309	5,079,235
Teaching schools	26		<u>63,708</u>		63,708
Net income/(expenditure)		12,474	(110,456)	(24,794)	(122,776)
Transfers between funds		(12,778)	(94,314)	107,092	-
Other recognised gains and losses Actuarial losses on defined					
benefit pension schemes	24	<u>-</u>	(398,000)	_	(398,000)
Net movement in (deficit)/funds	·	(304)	(602,770)	82,298	(520,776)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2020		251,906	(3,617,614)	10,025,749	6,660,041
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2021		251,602	(4,220,384)	10,108,047	6,139,265

# THE HEATH ACADEMY TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020 (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2019/20 Total £
Income and endowments	from:				
Donations and capital					
grants	2	4,142	3,700	44,227	52,069
Charitable activities: Funding for the Academy trust's educational					
operations	3	-	4,185,827	-	4,185,827
Teaching schools		<u>.</u>	40,000	-	40,000
Other trading activities	4	299,615	2,000	-	301,615
Investments	5	311			311
Total		304,068	4,231,527	44,227	4,579,822
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities: Academy trust educational operations Teaching schools	7 26	238,116 	4,536,255 104,207	219,218	4,993,589 104,207
Net income/(expenditure)		65,952	(408,935)	(174,991)	(517,974)
Transfers between funds		(95,412)	86,553	8,859	-
Other recognised gains and losses Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	24	-	(997,000)		(997,000)
Net movement in deficit		(29,460)	(1,319,382)	(166,132)	(1,514,974)
Reconciliation of funds		, , ,	, , , ,	, , ,	, , , ,
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2019		<u>281,366</u>	(2,298,232)	<u> 10,191,881</u>	<u>8,175,015</u>
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2020		<u>251,906</u>	(3,617,614)	10,025,749	6,660,041

### THE HEATH ACADEMY TRUST (REGISTRATION NUMBER: 09809895) BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			40.000.000
Tangible assets  Current assets	12	10,059,149	10,066,802
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13	132,159 938,589	122,703 659,086
		1,070,748	781,789
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(400,632)	(418,550)
Net current assets		670,116	363,239
Total assets less current liabilities		10,729,265	10,430,041
Net assets excluding pension liability		10,729,265	10,430,041
Pension scheme liability	24	(4,590,000)	(3,770,000)
Net assets including pension liability		6,139,265	<u>6,660,041</u>
Funds of the Academy:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted general fund		369,616	152,386
Restricted fixed asset fund		10,108,047	10,025,749
Restricted pension fund		(4,590,000)	(3,770,000)
		5,887,663	6,408,135
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted general fund		251,602	251,906
Total funds		<u>6,139,265</u>	6,660,041

The financial statements on pages 20 to 48 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and signed on their behalf by:

ND Musselwhite

Trustee

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

·	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	19	302,031	85,025
Cash flows from investing activities	20	(22,528)	(32,771)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		279,503	52,254
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		659,086	606,832
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	21	938,589	659,086

### 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), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

### Basis of preparation

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

### Going concern

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

### Income

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

### Grants

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the 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 grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are spent on capital projects in line with the terms and conditions of the grant. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

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

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

### Sponsorship income

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

### **Donations**

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

### Other income

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

### Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

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

### **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.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### Expenditure on raising funds

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

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

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

### 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.

### Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £3,000 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, per the table below. Where an asset comprises of two or more components which have substantially different useful lives, each component is depreciated separately over its useful economic life.

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.

Asset class Depreciation method and rate
Long leasehold land over 125 years
Long leasehold buildings 2%
Furniture & equipment 12.5% - 20%
Computer equipment & software 20%
Motor vehicles 20%

### 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.

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the academy trust has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

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

#### Leased assets

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

### **Taxation**

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

Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Pension benefits**

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on 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 net income/(expenditure) are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

### **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 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.

### Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 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.

### 2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Capital grants	-	197,515	197,515	43,668
Other donations	12,874		12,874	8,401
	12,874	<u>197,515</u>	<u>210,389</u>	52,069

### 3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

,	Restricted	2020/21	2019/20
	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£
DfE/ESFA revenue grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	3,340,365	3,340,365	3,174,432
Other DfE/ESFA grants	156,362	156,362	154,728
Pupil Premium	214,278	214,278	227,325
UIFSM	141,840	141,840	145,345
PE Grant	102,220	102,220	102,260
	<u>3,955,065</u>	3,955,065	3,804,090
Other government grants			
Early years	363,409	363,409	306,806
Other Government Grants	<u>114,052</u>	<u>114,052</u>	<u>71,640</u>
	477,461	477,461	378,446
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)			
Catch-up premium	59,120	59,120	-
COVID-19 additional funding (non-DfE/ESFA)			
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	4,977	4,977	3,291
Total grants	<u>4,496,623</u>	<u>4,496,623</u>	<u>4,185,827</u>

Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department for 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.

The catch up premium income, associated expenditure and carried forward balance to be spent in 2021-22 is detailed in the Funds note.

### 4 Other trading activities

÷	Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Facilities and services income	213,960	213,960	268,444
Educational trips and activities	7,578	7,578	12,361
Other income	1,532	1,5 <u>32</u>	20,810
	223,070	223,070	301,615

5	Investment income Short term deposits			Unrestricted funds £ 85	2020/21 Total £ 85	2019/20 Total £ 311
6	Expenditure					
			Non Pay E	xpenditure	2021	2020
		Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £	Total £	Total £
	Academy's educational operations					
	Direct costs Allocated support	3,328,669	-	231,500	3,560,169	3,432,305
	costs	640,581	514,903	363,582	1,519,066	1,561,284
	Teaching School	52,372		11,336	63,708	104,207
		4,021,622	514,903	606,418	<u>5,142,943</u>	5.097.796
	Net income/(expend	iture) for the ye	ar includes:			
					2020/21 £	2019/20 £
	Operating lease renta	ls			15,292	14,715
	Depreciation				223,356	224,468
	Fees payable to audit - other audit services	or - audit			8,500 2,698	7,500 2,975
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7	Charitable activities			
			2020/21 £	2019/20 £
	Direct costs - educational operations Support costs - educational operations		3,560,169 1,519,066	3,432,305 1,561,284
			5,079,235	4,993,589
	·	Educational operations £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
	Analysis of direct costs			
	Teaching and educational support staff costs	3,328,669	3,328,669	3,216,465
	Educational supplies	93,586	93,586	88,711
	Educational consultancy	95,416	95,416	83,333
	Other direct costs	17,016	17,016	16,689
	Technology costs	13,277	13,277	8,104
	Trip costs	12,205	12,205	19,003
	Total direct costs	3,560,169	<u>3,560,169</u>	3,432,305
		Educational	2020/21 Total	2019/20
		operations £	£	Total £
	Analysis of support costs			
	Analysis of support costs Support staff costs			£
	•	£	£	
	Support staff costs	£ 640,581	£ 640,581	£ 636,233
	Support staff costs Depreciation	£ 640,581 227,781	£ 640,581 227,781	£ 636,233 224,468
	Support staff costs Depreciation Rent, rates and utilities	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948	£ 636,233 224,468 75,933
	Support staff costs Depreciation Rent, rates and utilities Insurance	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120	£ 636,233 224,468 75,933 17,503
	Support staff costs Depreciation Rent, rates and utilities Insurance Catering	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464	£ 636,233 224,468 75,933 17,503 128,151
	Support staff costs Depreciation Rent, rates and utilities Insurance Catering Maintenance of premises and equipment Cleaning Technology costs	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106	£ 636,233 224,468 75,933 17,503 128,151 86,632
	Support staff costs Depreciation Rent, rates and utilities Insurance Catering Maintenance of premises and equipment Cleaning	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106 105,068	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106 105,068	636,233 224,468 75,933 17,503 128,151 86,632 95,669
	Support staff costs Depreciation Rent, rates and utilities Insurance Catering Maintenance of premises and equipment Cleaning Technology costs Professional fees Other support costs	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106 105,068 94,304 77,153 36,691	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106 105,068 94,304 77,153 36,691	£ 636,233 224,468 75,933 17,503 128,151 86,632 95,669 110,181 121,631 64,208
	Support staff costs Depreciation Rent, rates and utilities Insurance Catering Maintenance of premises and equipment Cleaning Technology costs Professional fees	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106 105,068 94,304 77,153	£ 640,581 227,781 76,948 15,120 129,464 105,106 105,068 94,304 77,153	£ 636,233 224,468 75,933 17,503 128,151 86,632 95,669 110,181 121,631

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Staff		
Staff costs		
	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	2,757,973	2,778,659
Social security costs  Operating costs of defined benefit pension achomos	221,923 1,023,994	216,797 928,563
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes		
Supply staff costs	4,003,890 12,649	3,924,019 12,791
Staff restructuring costs	5,083	-
	4,021,622	3,936,810
		2021
		£
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		5,083
Redundancy payments		<u> </u>
Staff numbers		
The average number of persons employed by the academy trust during	the year was as t	follows:
	2021	2020
	No	No
Charitable Activities		
Teachers Administration and support	35 105	35 113
Management .	7	7
	147	155
Higher paid staff		
<b>3</b>		
The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:		
	2021 No	2020 No
£60,001 - £70,000	2	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	2
£80,001 - £90,000	1	

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

### 8 Staff (continued)

### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £569,389 (2020: £538,563).

### 9 Central services

The academy trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- · Executive head teacher
- · Professional and legal services
- · Human resources services
- · Financial services
- · ICT Software and services
- · Premises maintenance services
- · Curriculum enrichment services

The academy trust charges for these services on the following basis:

The academy trust charges for these services based on a percentage of the General Annual Grant that each school received.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2021/20 £	2020/19 £
Oakhurst Community First School	36,948	35,628
Sixpenny Handley First School	24,770	23,988
St Ives Primary & Nursery School	48,375	44,923
St James' CE First School and Nursery	24,277	20,754
St Mary's CE First School & Nursery	36,417	33,820
Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School	28,409	27,930
	<u>199,196</u>	<u>187.043</u>

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

#### 10 Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from 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, and not in respect of their role as trustees.

No trustee is paid for undertaking their role as a trustee.

The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

J Horn (Accounting Officer and CEO):

Remuneration: £80,000 - £85,000 (2020 - £75,000 - £80,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £15,000 - £20,000 (2020 - £15,000 - £20,000)

L Crossley (Head teacher - St Ives):

Remuneration: £70,000 - £75,000 (2020 - £70,000 - £75,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £15,000 - £20,000 (2020 - £15,000 - £20,000)

During the year ended 31 August 2021, expenses totalling £Nil (2020 - £Nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to trustees (2020 - 0).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 25.

#### 11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on 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.

#### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings	Property improvements	Furniture and equipment	Computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost At 1 September 2020	10,162,451	602.852	34,453	136,167	19,250	10,955,173
Additions		161,000	16,039	43,089		220,128
At 31 August 2021	10,162,451	763,852	50,492	179,256	19,250	11,175,301
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2020	672,037	92,362	22,848	95,991	5,133	888,371
Charge for the year	141,480	49,089	6,434	26,928	3,850	227,781
At 31 August 2021	813,517	141,451	29,282	122,919	8,983	1,116,152
Net book value						
At 31 August 2021	9,348,934	622,401	21,210	56,337	10,267	10,059,149
At 31 August 2020	9,490,414	510,490	11,605	40,176	14,117	10,066,802

13 Debtors		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,254	12,019
VAT recoverable	27,636	31,524
Prepayments and accrued income	89,269	79,160
	132,159	122,703
14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	107,482	109,827
Other taxation and social security	48,849	38,951
Other creditors	70,633	79,517
Accruals and deferred income	173,668	190,255
	400,632	418,550
	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September 2020	144,357	82,017
Amounts released from previous periods	(144,357)	(82,017)
Resources deferred in the period	129,681	144,357
Deferred income at 31 August 2021	129,681	144,357

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for Universal Infant Free School Meals and Early Years funding for the autumn term 2021.

#### 15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	82,669	3,340,365	(3,028,429)	(94,314)	300,291
Pupil premium	5,902	214,278	(213,486)	-	6,694
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	132,154	(132,154)	-	-
Other Local Authority Grant	12,311	495,448	(505,765)	-	1,994
Teaching school	-	90,000	(63,708)	-	26,292
Other restricted funds	4,543	11,198	(13,486)	-	2,255
Catch-up premium	-	59,120	(53,956)	-	5,164
PE Grant	37,235	102,220	(116,465)	-	22,990
UIFSM	9,726	141,840	(147,630)		3,936
	152,386	4,586,623	(4,275,079)	(94,314)	369,616
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited fixed assets	9,492,295	_	(143,361)	_	9,348,934
DfE/ESFA capital grants	298,107	85,167	(6,128)	764	377,910
Capital expenditure from other					
restricted funds	235,347	112,348	(72,820)	106,328	381,203_
	10,025,749	197,515	(222,309)	107,092	10,108,047
Restricted pension funds					
Pension reserve	(3,770,000)		_(422,000)	(398,000)	(4,590,000)
Total restricted funds	6,408,135	4,784,138	(4,919,388)	(385,222)	5,887,663
Unrestricted funds					
General	187,066	236,029	(218,083)	(15,135)	189,877
Capital expenditure	64,840		(5,472)	2,357	61,725
Total unrestricted funds	251,906	236,029	_(223,555)	(12,778)	251,602
Total funds	6,660,041	5,020,167	(5,142,943)	(398,000)	6,139,265

#### 15 Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	40,050	3,174,432	(3,120,057)	(11,756)	82,669
Pupil premium	-	227,325	(221,886)	463	5,902
Other DfE/ESFA grants	56,844	402,333	(415,358)	3,142	46,961
Other Local Authority Grant	35,874	378,446	(432,506)	30,497	12,311
Teaching school	-	40,000	(104,207)	64,207	
Other restricted funds		8,991	(4,448)	_	4,543
	132,768	4,231,527	(4,298,462)	86,553	152,386
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited fixed assets	9,641,296	-	(149,001)	-	9,492,295
DfE/ESFA capital grants	292,632	10,327	(5,044)	192	298,107
Capital expenditure from other			•		
restricted funds	257,953	33,900	<u>(65, 173)</u>	8,667	235,347
	10,191,881	44,227	(219,218)	8,859	10,025,749
Restricted pension funds					
Pension reserve	(2,431,000)		(342,000)	(997,000)	(3,770,000)
Total restricted funds	7,893,649	4,275,754	(4,859,680)	(901,588)	6,408,135
Unrestricted funds	•				
General	238,237	304,068	(232,866)	(122,373)	187,066
Capital expenditure	43,129		(5,250)	26,961	64,840
Total unrestricted funds	281,366	304,068	(238,116)	(95,412)	251,906
Total funds	8,175,015	4,579,822	(5,097,796)	(997,000)	6,660,041

#### 15 Funds (continued)

#### Analysis of academies by fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 were allocated as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Oakhurst Community First School	100,583	15,880
Sixpenny Handley First School	58,885	47,537
St Ives Primary & Nursery School	113,193	125,148
St James' CE First School and Nursery	20,589	13,974
St Mary's CE First School & Nursery	203,135	97,212
Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School	61,059	47,387
Central services	2,049	(7,686)
Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	559,493	339,452
Restricted fixed asset funds	10,108,047	10,025,749
Unrestricted fixed asset fund	61,725	64,840
Pension reserve	(4,590,000)	(3,770,000)
Total	6,139,265	6,660,041

#### 15 Funds (continued)

Total cost analysis by academy

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

	Teaching and Educational Support Staff Costs £	Other Support Staff Costs £	Educational Supplies £	Other Costs (excluding Depreciation) £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Oakhurst Community First School	551,641	72,171	32,294	96,126	752,232	821,931
Sixpenny Handley First School	337,494	55,070	12,983	79,989	485,536	462,090
St Ives Primary & Nursery School	786,995	71,265	74,981	157,662	1,090,903	1,067,454
St James' CE First School and Nursery	428,072	43,397	26,406	81,778	579,653	602,558
St Mary's CE First School & Nursery	543,797	63,474	41,831	96,627	745,729	723,368
Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School	497,412	63,766	18,802	69,625	649,605	650,507
Central services	235,172	271,896	6,435	98,001	611,504	545,420
Academy Trust	3,380,583	641,039	213,732	679,808	4,915,162	4,873,328

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

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	61,725	-	9,997,424	10,059,149
Current assets	189,877	770,248	110,623	1,070,748
Current liabilities	-	(400,632)	-	(400,632)
Pension scheme liability	<u> </u>	(4,590,000)		(4,590,000)
Total net assets	251,602	(4,220,384)	10,108,047	6,139,265

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds	(As restated) Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	64,840	-	10,001,962	10,066,802
Current assets	187,066	570,936	23,787	781,789
Current liabilities	-	(418,550)	-	(418,550)
Pension scheme liability		(3,770,000)		(3,770,000)
Total net assets	251,906	(3,617,614)	10,025,749	6,660,041

#### 17 Capital commitments

2021 £
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements 212,917

#### 18 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

#### Operating leases

At 31 August 2021 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts due within one year	12,559	18,350
Amounts due between one and five years	15,963	25,596
	28,522	43,946

19 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash inflo	w/(outflow) fror	n operating activ	ities
		2021 £	2020 £
Net expenditure		(122,776)	(517,974)
Depreciation		227,781	224,468
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(197,515)	(43,668)
Interest receivable		(85)	(311)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost		422,000	342,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(9,456)	73,178
(Decrease)/increase in creditors		(17,918)	7,332
Net cash provided by Operating Activities		302,031	85,025
20 Cash flows from investing activities			
		2021	2020
		£	£
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		85	311
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(220,128)	(76,750)
Capital funding received from sponsors and others		197,515	43,668
Net cash used in investing activities		(22,528)	(32,771)
21 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
	,	2021	2020
		£	£
Cash in hand and at bank		938,589	659,086
Total cash and cash equivalents		938,589	659,086
22 Analysis of changes in net debt			
	At 1		At 31
	September		August
	2020	Cash flows	2021
Cook	£	£	£ 020 500
Cash	659,086	279,503	938,589
Total	659,086	279,503	938,589

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

#### 23 Members' liability

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

#### 24 Pension and similar obligations

The academy trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Dorset 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 £66,169 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2021 (2020: £62,891) 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 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 member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

#### 24 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy).
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million.
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. 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 period amounted to £372,000 (2020: £354,000). A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

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

#### Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £293,000 (2020 - £297,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £230,000 (2020 - £230,000) and employees' contributions totalled £63,000 (2020 - £67,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21 per cent for employers and 5.5 per cent for employees.

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

#### Principal actuarial assumptions

	. 2021	2020
•	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.30
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.30
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.70	1.70

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

#### 24 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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

	2021	2020
Retiring today		
Males retiring today	23.10	23.30
Females retiring today	24.60	24.80
Retiring in 20 years		
Males retiring in 20 years	24.40	24.70
Females retiring in 20 years	26.10	26.20
Sensitivity analysis		
	2021	2020
Discount rate 10.40/	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	7,209,000	5,693,000
Discount rate -0.1%	7,631,000	6,026,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase  Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	7,710,000 7,135,000	6,070,000 5,651,000
wortailly assumption – Tyear decrease	7,133,000	3,031,000
The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:	•	
	2021	2020
<b>-</b>	£	£
Equities	1,549,000	1,075,000
Gilts Other hands	333,000	251,000
Other bonds	157,000	166,000
Property  Cash and other liquid assets	248,000	207,000
Other	45,000 495,000	366,000
Total market value of assets	2,827,000	2,087,000
The actual return on scheme assets was £474,000 (2020 - (£88,000))		
Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities		
•	2021	2020
Current service cost	<b>£</b> 590,000	£ 527,000
Interest cost	60,000	527,000 44,000
Admin expenses	2,000	1,000
Total amount recognized in the SOFA	652,000	
	002.000	572,000

#### 24 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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	2021 £	2020 £
At start of period	5,857,000	4,361,000
Current service cost	590,000	527,000
Interest cost	97,000	83,000
Employee contributions	63,000	67,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	835,000	846,000
Benefits paid	(25,000)	(27,000)
At 31 August	7,417,000	5,857,000
Changes in the fair value of academy's share of scheme assets:		
	2021 £	2020 £
At start of period	2,087,000	1,930,000
Interest income	37,000	39,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	435,000	(152,000)
Employer contributions	230,000	230,000
Employee contributions	63,000	67,000
Benefits paid	(25,000)	(27,000)
At 31 August	2,827,000	2,087,000

#### 25 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.

There were no related party transactions in the year, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

26 Teaching school trading account		
	2021 £	2020 £
Income		
Direct Income Other income	90,000	40,000
Total Income	90,000	40,000
Expenditure		
Direct costs Direct staff costs Other direct costs	52,372 11,336	84,112 19,256
Total direct costs	63,708	103,368
Other costs Support staff costs		839
Total Expenditure	(63,708)	(104,207)
Transfers between funds excluding depreciation		64,207
Surplus from all sources	26,292	
Teaching school balances at 31 August 2021	26,292	