

WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	Mr P Burrows (resigned 31 October 2023) Mr J Messham Mrs E Austin (appointed 1 September 2023) Mrs H Groves (appointed 12 November 2023)
Trustees	Mr M Horsley, Headteacher and Accounting Officer Mrs A Talbot (resigned 31 August 2024) Mr M Wilson Mrs H Groves, Vice Chair Miss A Sinclair Mrs E Austin, Finance Trustee Mr I Hussain (resigned 31 October 2023) Mrs C Smart, Staff Trustee (appointed 1 November 2024) Mrs C Cox, Staff Trustee (resigned 31 October 2023) Mr P Burrows, Vice Chair (resigned 31 October 2023) Mr J Messham, Chair Mr J Willars, Staff Trustee (appointed 1 November 2023) Mr C Johnson (appointed 1 November 2023, resigned 19 June 2024) Mrs E Lindley (appointed 1 November 2023) Mr J Kemp (appointed 2 December 2024) Mrs C Mitchell (appointed 2 December 2024)
Company registered number	07943378
Company name	Woodland View Primary School
Principal and registered office	School Lane Grange Park Northampton Northamptonshire NN4 5FZ
Company secretary	Mrs V Lynch
Senior management team	Mr M Horsley, Headteacher and Accounting Officer Mrs A Matsangou, Deputy Headteacher (appointed 1 September 2023) Mrs C Cox, Assistant Headteacher (appointed 1 September 2023)
Independent auditors	MHA Statutory Auditor Century House 1 The Lakes Northampton NN4 7HD

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Bankers Lloyds Bank Plc
 2 George Row
 Northampton
 NN1 1DJ

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 Victoria Square House
 Victoria Square
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 B2 4BU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a directors' report and strategic report under company law.

The Academy Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 serving a catchment area in Grange Park, Northampton. It has a pupil capacity of 420 and had a roll of 410 in the school census on May 2024.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Academy Trust is a charitable 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 Woodland View Primary School are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

The charitable company operates as Woodland View Primary School.

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

b. 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.

c. Trustees' indemnities

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance through the RPA to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust.

d. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for appointing Trustees except for parent Trustees and staff Trustees, who are elected by a secret ballot. Trustees are subject to a four-year (staff Trustees two-year) term of office but are eligible for re-election at the meeting at which they retire. There are 4 parent Trustees, 2 staff Trustees, 4 community Trustees and one headteacher (ex officio).

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary induction will provide training, either in-house or through external trustee training providers. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees.

f. Organisational structure

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Academy Trust by the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy Trust, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

The Headteacher is the Accounting Officer.

The Senior Leaders are the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher. These managers control the Academy Trust at an executive and operational level implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and reporting back to them.

g. Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The school's Pay Policy outlines the arrangements for setting the pay and remuneration of key management personnel, including references to the most current Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD). Leadership pay ranges are set within the parameters identified in the STPCD, or amended in relation to recruitment or retention purposes, taking into account local and regional benchmarks.

h. Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

Woodland View Primary School is a stand-alone academy.

Objectives and activities

a. Objects and aims

a) To advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

b) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Grange Park and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have the need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, affinity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

The main objectives of the Academy during the period ended 31 August 2024 are summarised below:

- To ensure that every child enjoys high quality education;
- To raise the standard of educational achievements of all pupils;
- To improve the effectiveness of the Academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review;
- To provide value for money for the funds expended;
- To comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements;
- To conduct the Academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity, and openness.

The Academy Trust's main strategy is encompassed in its mission statement which is:

We aim to provide the best possible education for all of the children; to promote a love of learning within a positive and stimulating atmosphere, fostering mutual care and respect; to nurture and challenge the whole child to their full potential; to develop high standards of curriculum attainment; to offer a range of opportunities for children to enhance their musical, creative and sporting talents; to encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, promoting tolerance and high moral values, supporting children on their emotional and spiritual journey; to be innovative, forward-thinking and to strive for continual improvement.

Above all...to make the experience of our school one of enjoyment, fun and happiness.

To this end, the activities provided include:

- Tuition and learning opportunities for all students to attain appropriate academic outcomes
- A programme of extra-curricular provision and enrichment
- Training opportunities for all staff

c. Public benefit

The Trustees of the Academy Trust have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on Public Benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The activities undertaken to further the Academy Trust's purpose for the Public Benefit include offering recreational facilities to a variety of local community groups outside of School hours for the benefit of the general public. Community based projects are also undertaken throughout the year by staff and students which further enhances the public benefit.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

A key external performance indicator of performance is the Ofsted Inspection. The school retains its "Outstanding" grading from Ofsted (most recently in the inspection report of October 2023).

The Academy Trust uses a number of financial key performance indicators to monitor financial success of the Academy Trust and progress/improvement against targets set.

Staffing costs are monitored as a percentage of total income. For the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 Staffing costs amounted to 83.9% of total income (2023: 77.7%, 2022: 83.2%, 2021: 85.3%, 2020 : 79.7%).

The Academy Trust also monitors its operating surplus or deficit as a percentage of total income. For the year ended 31 August 2024 the operating deficit equated to 4.7% of total income (2023: surplus of 3.1%, 2022: surplus of 4.3%, 2021: surplus of 2.6%, 2020: surplus of 3.9%).

b. 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 they continue 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 accounting policies.

Financial review

Most of the Academy Trust's income is obtained from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants disbursed via the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2024 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy Trust may also receive grants for fixed assets from the ESFA and other funding bodies. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting Charities' (SORP 2015), 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.

The most significant impact on the Trust's financial position in 2023-24 was the combination of declining pupil numbers and partial funding for national pay increases. These impacts are expected to continue into 2024-25, but will continue to be covered from reserves. The Academy Trust anticipates an improvement in 2025-26 as pupil numbers increase and the new government introduce additional funding for pay awards, but the position is expected to remain challenging.

The implementation of space, resources and staffing to meet the needs of pupils with complex needs has also continued to place higher demands on budgets. The enhanced provision for children with complex needs has continued into 2024-25 with agreed funding from the local authority for the first time since implementation. Trustees are, however, aware of the issues around sustainability of the provision at current levels for future years, and national trends of increasing level of demand for this type of support in mainstream schools.

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a. Reserves policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy Trust annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. Reserves are needed to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. The Trust has worked diligently to increase reserve levels in the last two years to target reserves at 8-10% of GAG.

Trustees have also been determined to increase levels of reserves to help offset rises in energy prices and rising pay awards that are not fully funded through GAG increases.

The reserves will be utilised to cover the actual and projected deficit in 2023-24 and 2024-25 due to the combination of declining pupil numbers in these years and partial funding for national pay increases with recovery expected in 2025-26 due to the impact of funding based on increased pupil numbers.

The fair value of the pension plan assets at 31 August 2024 is £1,986,000, which is £107,000 in excess of the present value of the defined benefit obligation at that date of £1,879,000. This surplus is recognised in the financial statements only to the extent that the academy trust can recover that surplus, either through a reduction in future contributions or through a refund to the academy trust.

At 31 August 2024 the total funds comprised :

Unrestricted	74,790
Restricted: Fixed asset funds	3,307,705
Pension reserve	-
Other	167,526

	3,550,021
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At 31 August 2023 the total funds comprised :

Unrestricted	75,348
Restricted: Fixed asset funds	3,395,583
Pension reserve	(3,000)
Other	270,649

	3,738,580
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b. Investment policy

The Governing Body has approved a treasury management statement as part of the Financial Procedures Manual, which documents the Academy Trust's investment policy.

The Academy Trust's investment policy is to invest surplus cash reserves with High Street banks with a high credit rating where the capital invested is guaranteed. Investment returns are market tested periodically to ensure that returns are maximised whilst safeguarding the funds invested.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Academy Trust, and its finances. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the school faces, especially in the control of finance. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Academy Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls.

The principal risks and uncertainties identified by the Governing Body are:

- Changes in government funding regime, e.g. Funding and assurance functions will be centralised on 31 March 2025, when the ESFA will close
- Externally imposed increases in pay scales and employer pension contributions
- Reduction in pupil numbers either through competition or a damaged reputation/falling standards – the Academy Trust has an OFSTED grading (from its October 2023 inspection) which rated it as Outstanding
- Political pressure to join a Multi-Academy Trust which would require a percentage of budget contribution to the Trust
- Impact of staff absence, pupil achievement and additional costs
- Key changes in the school leadership team.

Key controls that the Academy Trust has in place to mitigate these risks include:

- Attendance at government funding agency conferences to keep up to date with Academy funding methodology
- Appropriate organisational structure with regular reviews
- Internal monitoring of performance reviews and self evaluation reports
- Maintain high educational outcomes and effective financial management
- Following all government guidance relating to protective measures in school
- Effective remote learning systems for pupils not in school
- Detailed planning for recruitment to key posts and leadership succession

The Academy Trust practices through its Board, namely the Governing Body and the constituted subcommittees, risk management principles. Any major risks highlighted at any sub-committee are brought to the main Board with proposed mitigating actions and they continue to be reported until the risk is adequately mitigated.

The Governing Body accepts managed risk as an inevitable part of its operations but maintains an objective not to run unacceptable levels of risk in any area. The subjective nature of this process requires major risks to be resolved by the Governing Body collectively, whilst more minor risks are dealt with by senior executive officers.

Fundraising

The Academy Trust raises funds to support educational and wider opportunities through voluntary contributions, which are explained in the school's Charging Policy. It raises some additional income through the letting of school premises. (proceeds are split between nominated charities and Non GAG funds to support performance expenditure such as lighting, sound, costumes, etc).

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Plans for future periods

The Academy Trust will continue striving to improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. Increased needs of pupils with complex needs, without any additional or sufficient funding, has put a strain on the levels of support across the school. Maintaining or increasing staff levels is necessary to maintain the performance of pupils. The Academy Trust hopes that movement towards a centralisation of ESFA into the core Department of Education will support this aim.

Funds held as custodian on behalf of others

The Academy Trust holds no funds on behalf of others.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that 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 auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 16 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr J Messham
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Woodland View Primary School 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.

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, 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 Woodland View Primary School 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 6 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
Mr M Horsley, Headteacher and Accounting Officer	6	6
Mrs A Talbot, resigned 31 August 2024	5	6
Mr M Wilson	6	6
Mrs H Groves, Vice Chair	5	6
Miss A Sinclair	4	6
Mrs E Austin, Finance Trustee	6	6
Mr I Hussain, resigned 31 October 2023	0	1
Mrs C Smart, Staff Trustee	5	6
Mrs C Cox, Staff Trustee, resigned 31 October 2023	1	1
Mr P Burrows, Vice Chair, resigned 31 October 2023	1	1
Mr J Messham, Chair	3	6
Mr J Willars, Staff Trustee, appointed 1 November 2023	4	5
Mr C Johnson, appointed 1 November 2023, resigned 19 June 2024	2	5
Mrs E Lindley, appointed 1 November 2023	4	6

The Governance Review was undertaken in Autumn 2023.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

The Finance, Audit & Risk Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to closely monitor the financial position of the Academy Trust. The sub-committee met formally 4 times during the year.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs E Austin, Chair	4	4
Mr J Messham, Chair of Board	4	4
Mr M Horsley, Headteacher and Accounting Officer	4	4

The Curriculum & Standards Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to closely monitor the pupil performance data, curriculum, etc. The sub-committee met formally 5 times during the year.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs A Talbot, Chair, resigned 31 August 2024	4	5
Mr M Horsley, Headteacher and Accounting Officer	5	5
Mrs E Lindley, appointed 1 November 2023	3	4
Mr M Wilson	4	5

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Headteacher 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, as well as estates safety and management, 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:

- Negotiating best value for a new package of reprographics equipment
- Negotiating new lower gas and electricity tariffs
- Getting value for money on purchasing new IT equipment
- Negotiating great value for new avenues for PPA teaching cover
- Negotiating best value for site work, including signage, outdoor lighting, safety inspections and cleaning
- Securing higher needs funding from the local authority for specific pupils, ensuring appropriate support for those individuals and preventing a broader impact on other pupil groups.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Woodland View Primary School for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 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 has been in place for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

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 by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- identification and management of risks

The Board of Trustees has decided to buy-in an internal audit service from West Northamptonshire Council.

The Responsible Officer'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:

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of income systems
- testing of accounting systems and bank reconciliations

The Responsible Officer reports to the Board of Trustees, through the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of Trustees' financial responsibilities and prepares report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher 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 responsible officer;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- the work of the external auditors.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Conclusion

Based on the advice of the audit and risk committee and the accounting officer, the board of trustees is of the opinion that the academy trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

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


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Mr J Messham
Chair of Trustees


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Mr M Horsley
Accounting Officer

Date: 16 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Woodland View Primary School, 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 terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

I confirm that the following instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance discovered to date have been notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA:

Matter 1 - Suitability of members - Section 1.6

There is no significant separation between the individuals who are members and those who are Trustees as per section 1.6 of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, which states that the majority of members should not also be Trustees.

Matter 2 - Information about key individuals in the trust - Section 2.46

The statutory information regarding trustees was not updated on Get Information About Schools within the 14 days of change as per section 2.46 of the Academy Trust Handbook. In addition, statutory information regarding Trustees was not maintained consistently between the Trust website, Get Information About Schools and Companies House. Although the Academy has controls in place to ensure relevant disclosures about Trustees are updated within the 14 day period, there was a data entry issue when using the system.


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Mr M Horsley
Accounting Officer

Date: 16 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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:

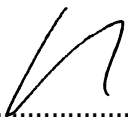
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting 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:



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Mr J Messham
Chair of Trustees

Date: 16 December 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Woodland View Primary School (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, 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 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

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 2024 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 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL (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 including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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 including the Strategic Report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

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:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing internal audit reports;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

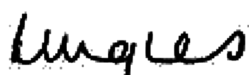
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)**

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.



Rebecca Hughes BSc (Hons) FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

MHA

Statutory Auditor

Northampton, United Kingdom

MHA is the trading name of Macintyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313).

Date: 18 December 2024

WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 12 September 2023 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Woodland View Primary School during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 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 Woodland View Primary School and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Woodland View Primary School 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 Woodland View Primary School and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Woodland View Primary School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Woodland View Primary School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 October 2012 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, 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 2023 to 2024. 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 2023 to 31 August 2024 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.

- reviewing the Minutes of the meetings of the Governing Body and other evidence made available to us, relevant to our consideration of regularity;
- a review of the objectives and activities of the Academy, with reference to the income streams and other information available to us as auditors of the Academy;
- testing of a sample of payroll payments to staff;
- testing of a sample of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- consideration of governance issues; and
- evaluating the internal control procedures and reporting lines, testing as appropriate and making appropriate enquiries of the Accounting Officer.

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matters listed below nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Matter 1 - Suitability of members - Section 1.6

There is no significant separation between the individuals who are members and those who are Trustees as per section 1.6 of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, which states that the majority of members should not also be Trustees.

Matter 2 - Information about key individuals in the trust - Section 2.46

The statutory information regarding trustees was not updated on Get Information About Schools within the 14 days of change as per section 2.46 of the Academy Trust Handbook. In addition, statutory information regarding Trustees was not maintained consistently between the Trust website, Get Information About Schools and Companies House. Although the Academy has controls in place to ensure relevant disclosures about Trustees are updated within the 14 day period, there was a data entry issue when using the system.

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MHA
Reporting Accountant
Northampton, United Kingdom

Date: 18 December 2024

WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	6,579	-	8,506	15,085	33,945
Other trading activities	5	25,327	-	-	25,327	25,459
Investments	6	51	-	-	51	47
Charitable activities	4	-	2,161,379	-	2,161,379	2,114,401
Total income		31,957	2,161,379	8,506	2,201,842	2,173,852
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		23,296	-	-	23,296	22,859
Charitable activities		9,219	2,257,652	102,234	2,369,105	2,207,894
Total expenditure	7	32,515	2,257,652	102,234	2,392,401	2,230,753
Net income/ (expenditure)		(558)	(96,273)	(93,728)	(190,559)	(56,901)
Transfers between funds	16	-	(5,850)	5,850	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains		(558)	(102,123)	(87,878)	(190,559)	(56,901)
Other recognised gains:						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	2,000	-	2,000	256,000
Net movement in funds		(558)	(100,123)	(87,878)	(188,559)	199,099

WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	75,348	267,649	3,395,583	3,738,580	3,539,481
Net movement in funds	(558)	(100,123)	(87,878)	(188,559)	199,099
Total funds carried forward	<u>74,790</u>	<u>167,526</u>	<u>3,307,705</u>	<u>3,550,021</u>	<u>3,738,580</u>

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

The notes on pages 28 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

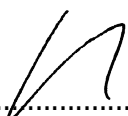
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,307,705	3,387,293
Current assets			
Debtors	13	20,490	30,978
Cash at bank and in hand	20	319,275	403,645
		<u>339,765</u>	<u>434,623</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(92,837)	(74,699)
Net current assets		246,928	359,924
Total assets less current liabilities		3,554,633	3,747,217
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(4,612)	(5,637)
Net assets excluding pension asset / liability		3,550,021	3,741,580
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / liability	22	-	(3,000)
Total net assets		3,550,021	3,738,580
Funds of the Academy Trust			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	16	3,307,705	3,395,583
Restricted income funds	16	167,526	270,649
		<u>3,475,231</u>	<u>3,666,232</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension reserve	16	3,475,231	3,666,232
Pension reserve	16	-	(3,000)
Total restricted funds	16	3,475,231	3,663,232
Unrestricted income funds	16	74,790	75,348
Total funds		3,550,021	3,738,580

WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 23 to 54 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf, by:



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Mr J Messham
Chair of Trustees

Date: 16 December 2024

The notes on pages 28 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	18	(70,281)	44,287
Cash flows from investing activities	19	(14,089)	8,337
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(84,370)	52,624
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		403,645	351,021
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20, 21	319,275	403,645
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The notes on pages 28 to 54 form part of these financial statements

WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies

Woodland View Primary School is a private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England. Its registered number and address of registered office are detailed on page 1. The nature of the Academy Trust's operations and principal activity are detailed in the Trustees Report.

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.

The financial statements are prepared in £ sterling, rounded to the nearest £1.

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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 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 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 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 year 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 recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

• **Sponsorship income**

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions) where 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 year 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 'Stocks' 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'.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 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**

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.

- **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.

1.5 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
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £500 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, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	2%	Straight line
Leasehold Improvements	-	10%	Straight line
Furniture and equipment	-	10%	straight line except items transferred on conversion, which are 17% straight line
Plant and machinery	-	33%	Straight line
Computer equipment	-	33%	Straight line

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 Debtors

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

1.8 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.

1.9 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 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.

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 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the Academy Trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 14 and 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to the Academy Trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

1.12 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 2024

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 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 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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 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 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

The pension scheme surplus is recognised in the balance sheet to the extent to which it can be recovered through reduce contributions in the future or through refunds to the plan. Further details in note 22.

3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Other donations	6,579	-	6,579	7,138
Capital Grants	-	8,506	8,506	26,807
	<u>6,579</u>	<u>8,506</u>	<u>15,085</u>	<u>33,945</u>

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4. Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
DfE/ESFA grants			
General annual grant (GAG)	1,757,312	1,757,312	1,767,074
Other DfE/ESFA grants			
Other DfE/ESFA grants	135,133	135,133	98,511
Pupil premium	48,914	48,914	36,499
Supplementary grant	69,198	69,198	68,364
	<u>2,010,557</u>	<u>2,010,557</u>	<u>1,970,448</u>
Other Government grants			
Local authority grant	114,207	114,207	107,922
	<u>114,207</u>	<u>114,207</u>	<u>107,922</u>
Other			
Other income	36,615	36,615	36,031
	<u>36,615</u>	<u>36,615</u>	<u>36,031</u>
	<u><u>2,161,379</u></u>	<u><u>2,161,379</u></u>	<u><u>2,114,401</u></u>

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Hire of facilities	9,115	9,115	8,145
Income from other trading activities	16,212	16,212	17,314
	<u>25,327</u>	<u>25,327</u>	<u>25,459</u>

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest	51	51	47

7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2024 £	Premises 2024 £	Other 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities:					
Allocated support costs	-	-	23,296	23,296	22,859
Academy's educational operations:					
Direct costs	1,663,088	-	99,762	1,762,850	1,551,304
Allocated support costs	181,442	206,858	217,955	606,255	656,590
	<u>1,844,530</u>	<u>206,858</u>	<u>341,013</u>	<u>2,392,401</u>	<u>2,230,753</u>

Net income / (expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024 £	2023 £
Operating lease rentals	2,883	3,602
Depreciation	102,234	111,448
Fees payable to auditor for: audit	10,500	9,250
Fees payable to auditor for: other services	2,750	2,550

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Educational operations	1,762,850	606,255	2,369,105	2,207,894

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
LGPS pension costs	1,000	1,000	10,000
Staff costs	181,442	181,442	207,937
Depreciation	102,234	102,234	111,448
Educational supplies	37,212	37,212	38,543
Technology costs	22,399	22,399	24,970
Premises costs	104,624	104,624	82,353
Governance costs	19,250	19,250	26,856
Other support costs	138,094	138,094	154,483
	<u>606,255</u>	<u>606,255</u>	<u>656,590</u>

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9. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,386,773	1,247,743
Social security costs	121,174	103,610
Pension costs	330,815	314,277
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	1,838,762	1,665,630
Agency staff costs	5,768	16,410
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	1,844,530	1,682,040
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b. Staff numbers

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Teachers	20	19
Admin and Support	36	39
Managment	3	4
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	59	62
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c. Higher paid staff

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	-
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9. Staff (continued)

c. Higher paid staff (continued)

The above employees participated in the Teacher Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2024, pension contributions for these employees amounted to £34,991 (2023 - £15,949).

d. 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 key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £259,002 (2023 - £172,688).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy Trust. The principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2024	2023
		£	£
Mrs C Smart, Staff Trustee	Remuneration	25,000 -	25,000 -
		30,000	30,000
	Pension contributions paid	5,000 -	5,000 -
		10,000	10,000
Mrs C Cox, Staff Trustee (resigned 31 October 2023)	Remuneration	5,000 -	45,000 -
		10,000	50,000
	Pension contributions paid	0 - 5,000	10,000 -
			15,000
Mr J Willars (appointed 1 November 2023)	Remuneration	35,000 -	N/A
		40,000	
	Pension contributions paid	5,000 -	N/A
		10,000	
Mr M Horsley, Head Teacher and Accounting Officer	Remuneration	75,000 -	65,000 -
		80,000	70,000
	Pension contributions paid	15,000 -	15,000 -
		20,000	20,000

During the year ended 31 August 2024, expenses totalling £452 were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 Trustees (2023 - £NIL).

11. 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.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Leasehold improve- ments £	Furniture and equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 September 2023	4,112,770	12,749	241,480	133,215	210,810	4,711,024
Additions	-	-	1,455	-	21,191	22,646
At 31 August 2024	<u>4,112,770</u>	<u>12,749</u>	<u>242,935</u>	<u>133,215</u>	<u>232,001</u>	<u>4,733,670</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2023	805,736	11,475	167,591	133,114	205,815	1,323,731
Charge for the year	70,064	1,274	23,015	101	7,780	102,234
At 31 August 2024	<u>875,800</u>	<u>12,749</u>	<u>190,606</u>	<u>133,215</u>	<u>213,595</u>	<u>1,425,965</u>
Net book value						
At 31 August 2024	<u>3,236,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,406</u>	<u>3,307,705</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>3,307,034</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>73,889</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>4,995</u>	<u>3,387,293</u>

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	-	465
Other debtors	12,363	22,342
Prepayments and accrued income	8,127	8,171
	<u>20,490</u>	<u>30,978</u>

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	1,025	1,025
Trade creditors	7,209	7,764
Other taxation and social security	25,886	3,877
Other creditors	1,275	6,867
Accruals and deferred income	57,442	55,166
	<u>92,837</u>	<u>74,699</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salix loan	4,612	5,637

Salix loans shown above have been given as part of the CIF funding for 2020/21. These loans are repayable by 2030.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 September	44,165	44,875
Resources deferred during the year	43,043	44,165
Amounts released from previous periods	(44,165)	(44,875)
Deferred income at 31 August 2024	<u>43,043</u>	<u>44,165</u>

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance of £43,043 (2023 - £44,165) relating to free school meals income.

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16. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	75,348	31,957	(32,515)	-	-	74,790
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	107,024	1,757,312	(1,806,910)	(5,850)	-	51,576
Pupil Premium	-	48,914	(48,914)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous restricted	24,254	-	-	-	-	24,254
Local Authority income	6,762	114,207	(115,000)	-	-	5,969
Parental contributions	-	36,615	(36,615)	-	-	-
Other ESFA income	132,609	204,331	(251,213)	-	-	85,727
Pension reserve	(3,000)	-	1,000	-	2,000	-
	267,649	2,161,379	(2,257,652)	(5,850)	2,000	167,526

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on conversion	3,195,627	-	(102,234)	22,646	-	3,116,039
DfE Group capital grants	107,493	-	-	-	-	107,493
Capital expenditure from GAG	12,976	-	-	-	-	12,976
Friends of Woodland View	54,474	-	-	-	-	54,474
Devolved Formula Capital	16,723	-	-	-	-	16,723
Devolved Formula Capital (unspent)	8,290	8,506	-	(16,796)	-	-
	<u>3,395,583</u>	<u>8,506</u>	<u>(102,234)</u>	<u>5,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,307,705</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>3,663,232</u>	<u>2,169,885</u>	<u>(2,359,886)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,475,231</u>
Total funds	<u>3,738,580</u>	<u>2,201,842</u>	<u>(2,392,401)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,550,021</u>

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

Restricted general funds will be used for educational purposes in line with the academy's objects and funding agreement with the DfE.

Restricted fixed asset funds amounting to £3,307,705 will be reserved against future depreciation charges.

Transfers between the restricted General Annual Grant fund and Restricted Fixed Asset funds represents amounts capitalised during the period.

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	62,602	32,644	(19,898)	-	-	75,348
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	101,893	1,765,710	(1,760,579)	-	-	107,024
Pupil Premium	-	34,159	(34,159)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Restricted	24,254	-	-	-	-	24,254
Local Authority Income	-	110,262	(103,500)	-	-	6,762
Parental Contributions	-	36,030	(36,030)	-	-	-
Other ESFA Income	90,508	168,240	(126,139)	-	-	132,609
Pension Reserve	(220,000)	-	(39,000)	-	256,000	(3,000)
	(3,345)	2,114,401	(2,099,407)	-	256,000	267,649

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on Conversion	3,307,075	-	(111,448)	-	-	3,195,627
DfE Group Capital Grants	107,493	-	-	-	-	107,493
Capital Expenditure from GAG	12,976	-	-	-	-	12,976
Friends of Woodland View	54,474	-	-	-	-	54,474
Developed Formula Capital	(1,794)	-	-	18,517	-	16,723
Developed Formula Capital (Unspent)	-	26,807	-	(18,517)	-	8,290
	<u>3,480,224</u>	<u>26,807</u>	<u>(111,448)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,395,583</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>3,476,879</u>	<u>2,141,208</u>	<u>(2,210,855)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256,000</u>	<u>3,663,232</u>
Total funds	<u>3,539,481</u>	<u>2,173,852</u>	<u>(2,230,753)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256,000</u>	<u>3,738,580</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,307,705	3,307,705
Current assets	74,790	264,975	-	339,765
Creditors due within one year	-	(92,837)	-	(92,837)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(4,612)	-	(4,612)
Total	74,790	167,526	3,307,705	3,550,021

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,387,293	3,387,293
Current assets	75,348	350,985	8,290	434,623
Creditors due within one year	-	(74,699)	-	(74,699)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(5,637)	-	(5,637)
Pension reserve	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
Total	75,348	267,649	3,395,583	3,738,580

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18. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(190,559)	(56,901)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	102,234	111,448
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(8,506)	(26,807)
Interest receivable	(51)	(47)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(2,000)	29,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	1,000	10,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	10,488	(470)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	17,113	(21,936)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(70,281)	44,287

19. Cash flows from investing activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	51	47
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(22,646)	(18,517)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	8,506	26,807
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(14,089)	8,337

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand and at bank	319,275	403,645

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	403,645	(84,370)	319,275
Debt due within 1 year	(1,025)	-	(1,025)
Debt due after 1 year	(5,637)	1,025	(4,612)
	<u>396,983</u>	<u>(83,345)</u>	<u>313,638</u>

22. 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 Northamptonshire County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS 31 March 2022.

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for 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.

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies 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 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI. The key elements of the valuation outcome are:

- employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million

The result of this valuation will be implemented from 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £232,815 (2023 - £190,277).

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.

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 2024 was £127,000 (2023 - £120,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £100,000 (2023 - £95,000) and employees' contributions totalled £27,000 (2023 - £25,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21.6 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 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 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2024	2023
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.15	3.50
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.65	3.05
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.00	5.20
Inflation assumption (CPI)	1.50	1.50
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50.00	50.00

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

	2024	2023
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
Males	20.70	20.70
Females	24.80	24.90
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	20.20	20.30
Females	25.60	25.60

Sensitivity analysis

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	41,000	37,000
Discount rate -0.1%	(41,000)	(37,000)
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	75,000	67,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(75,000)	(67,000)
CPI rate +0.1%	41,000	35,000
CPI rate -0.1%	(41,000)	(35,000)

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Share of scheme assets

The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 August 2024	At 31 August 2023
	£	£
Equities	1,053,000	1,044,000
Corporate bonds	556,000	404,000
Property	298,000	219,000
Cash and other liquid assets	79,000	17,000
Total market value of assets	<u>1,986,000</u>	<u>1,684,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £192,000 (2023 - £35,000).

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current service cost	(98,000)	(124,000)
Interest income	90,000	68,000
Interest cost	(91,000)	(78,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	<u>(99,000)</u>	<u>(134,000)</u>

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 September	1,687,000	1,764,000
Interest cost	91,000	78,000
Employee contributions	27,000	25,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	100,000	(289,000)
Benefits paid	(17,000)	(15,000)
Current service cost	98,000	124,000
At 31 August	<u>1,986,000</u>	<u>1,687,000</u>

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 September	1,684,000	1,544,000
Interest income	90,000	68,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	102,000	(33,000)
Employer contributions	100,000	95,000
Employee contributions	27,000	25,000
Benefits paid	(17,000)	(15,000)
At 31 August	1,986,000	1,684,000

The amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Closing defined benefit obligation	(1,879,000)	(1,687,000)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	1,986,000	1,684,000
Surplus not recognised - asset ceiling	(107,000)	-
	-	(3,000)

Total remeasurements in Other Comprehensive Income:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Changes in financial assumptions	64,000	420,000
Changes in demographic assumptions	4,000	1,000
Other remeasurements	41,000	(163,000)
Surplus not recognised - asset ceiling	(107,000)	-
	2,000	258,000

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Other finance income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest income on pension scheme assets	90,000	68,000
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(91,000)	(78,000)
	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
	<u><u>(1,000)</u></u>	<u><u>(10,000)</u></u>

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2024 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	18,917	15,859
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	19,133	29,989
	<u>38,050</u>	<u>45,848</u>
	<u><u>38,050</u></u>	<u><u>45,848</u></u>

24. 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.

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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. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust 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.

Mrs N Burrows, spouse of Vice-Chair of Trustees, Mr P Burrows a Trustee (resigned in October 2023), is employed by the Academy Trust as a teaching assistant. Mrs N Burrow's appointment was made in open competition and Mr P Burrows was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. Mrs N Burrows is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a Trustee.

Mrs M Horsley, spouse of Accounting officer and Headteacher, Mr M Horsley, invoiced the Academy Trust £10,740 during the year for music tuition. Mrs M Horsley's services were made at arm's length and there were no balances owed to her at the year end.

There were no other related party transactions apart from those in Trustees remuneration and expenses (note 10).