# Report of the Trustees and

**Financial Statements** 

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

for

Moorside Community Primary Academy School

Xeinadin Audit Limited Citygate Longridge Road Preston Lancashire PR2 5BQ

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# Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**MEMBERS:** 

C Firth (Chartered Surveyor)

Mrs K O'Hare (Bank Advisor)

Mrs D Hyman (Garment Technologist) (resigned 6.3.24)

**TRUSTEES** 

R Davis Head Teacher

D Farrelly Medical Records Officer B R McKechnie Machine Operative

Mrs A Jameson Teacher

Mrs O McSorley Learning Mentor Mrs K Guinness Housewife M Tuffs Operations Manager

Mrs MS Parlour Early Careers Advisor

Miss J L Dawson Contract Delivery Manager (resigned

18.11.24)

Mrs L M Ponsonby School Nurse M J Snelson Retired School Advisor Mrs K L Kirby Clinical Audit Officer

Miss Z Shimmin Teacher

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mrs A J Lee

**REGISTERED OFFICE** 

Back Lane Holland Moor Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 9EA

REGISTERED COMPANY

**NUMBER** 

08447546 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS** 

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# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for pupils age 2 to 11 serving a catchment area in Skelmersdale and surrounding area.

# **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### Objectives and aims

The main objectives of the academy as set out in its governing documents are:

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.

To promote for the benefit of individuals living in our community who have by reason of their age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large the provision of facilities for recreation or other time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said individuals.

The academy aims to maintain, carry on and develop the Academy at Moorside CP Academy, Back Lane, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 9EA.

#### Significant activities

The main objectives for the year were to provide an all round education for children in a bright stimulating and fun atmosphere. We have high expectations of pupils and teachers, and encourage parental involvement. We encourage all to achieve the highest potential.

These were achieved by:-

Well planned teaching and learning activities for pupils to achieve in line with or exceed expectations throughout the school

Professional development opportunities for all staff

Annual Appraisal Reviews

A broad and balanced Curriculum

Opportunities for extended learning through extra curricular activities

Provision of fully inclusive education for all.

### Public benefit

The Governors are aware of the Charity Commission Guidance on providing public benefit and have had due regard to this in exercising their duties during the period.

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

# ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The academy continues to grow in numbers on roll and mid year admissions.

Staffing has remained largely stable over the period benefitting our pupils and parents and enabling us to forge strong links with them and the wider community.

The Head Teacher has been supported in his role through the Senior Management team and staff.

# Roles and Responsibilities:

Numeracy - Z.Shimmin

Literacy - R.Russell

Science - A.Jameson

Assessment - R.Davis

Early Years - A. Jameson/K. Aspden

Business Manager - J.Lee

SEN - R.Russell

Computing - N.Dutton

Geog/Hist - K.Aspden

PSHE- R.Gittins

Music - H.Coyne

RE - E Hall

PE - C Hatton

Art - Z.Shimmin

DT - N Dutton

Languages - R.Gittins

Nursery 1 - K. Aspden

Nursery 2 - K. Aspden

Learning Mentor - O.McSorley

CPD - R.Davis

DSL - R. Davis

Back up DSL - R.Russell/A Jameson/O McSorley

School Council - R.Gittins

EVC - R.Gittins/R.Davis

SLT - R.Davis/A.Jameson/R.Russell/J.Lee

Office Staff - C.Smalley/E. Blee

Site Supervisor - F. Nickson

#### Staff Leavers:

Louise Goulding - Welfare Assistant Carly Shuttleworth - Welfare Assistant Charlene Nelson - Teaching Assistant Joy Farell - Academic Mentor

#### Staff Appointments:

Katie Nelson - Welfare Assistant Emma Shuttleworth - Teaching Assistant

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### Strategic Report

The Academy set out its priorities for the academic year;

#### School Improvement 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 School Improvement Planning targets were as follows:

Leadership - to ensure our CPD offer continues to ensures that development opportunities are high-quality, evidence-supported embedded programmes that make teachers think and act differently;

Curriculum - to ensure that our out of classroom provision continues to evolve, ensuring that its quality is as effective as our classroom practice (before, during and after the school day; both on and off site);

Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes - for our inclusion room to be developed in a way to ensure all children receive a full and rich curriculum working on EHCP, social development targets and working on independence skills that can be transferred to the classroom;

Literacy - to further enhance the outstanding reading provision across the school by ensuring all early readers are provided with the tools they need to build on and older readers given the opportunities to close attainment gaps where needed;

Numeracy - to evolve our maths pedagogy, training, teaching and learning so that we can provide the children with even better learning opportunities and

Early Years - to provide CPD opportunities for staff to be able to accelerate children's learning, both inside and outside of the classroom.

#### **Behaviour for Learning**

There were five children suspended in the 2023/2024 academic year, totalling 20 days.

#### **Pupil Outcomes**

Key Stage 2 Results 23/24 for 30 pupils

EXS	56.6
HS	26.6
EXP+	76.6
EXS	53.3
HS	23.4
EXP+	76.7
EXS	60.0
HS	23.3
EXP+	83.3
EXS	60.0
HS	10.0
EXP+	70.0
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Average scaled - Reading 103.4 (Nationally 105), Maths 104.7 (Nationally 104), GPS 102 (Nationally 105). EXP+ for 2024 (compared to Nationally) Reading 2.6%, Writing 4.7%, Maths 10.3%, GPS 2%. Combined RWM EXS+ for 2024 was 56.6% (Nationally 61.0%).

Key Stage 1 Results for 23/24 for 33 pupils

Reading	EXS	50.0
	HS	15.6
	EXP+	65.6
Writing	EXS	56.2
	HS	9.4
	EXP+	65.6
Mathematics	EXS	51.1
	HS	15.6
	EXP+	66.7

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Phonics screening shows 75% of the cohort achieved the expected standard (80.3% Nationally). Early Years GLD for 2022 was 64%.

In order to support and broaden the curriculum, a number of visits usually take place along with many visitors to the academy. This continues to inspire our pupils, present them with new opportunities, teaches them a variety of social skills alongside providing discussion topics and inspirational stimulation for work in school.

Venue	Date	Class	Impact and Benefits
Borwick Hall, Carnforth	19/06/2024	Y6	1. Children will become more independent and adventurous (OAA PE)
Acorn Farm Visit	1/7/2024	N	<ol> <li>Life cycles</li> <li>Animals to food.</li> <li>Communicating what children are seeing effectively.</li> </ol>
Windmill Farm	2/7/2024	R	1. Children will learn about the working life of a farm and different animals
Gullivers World	10/7/2024	Y5	<ol> <li>Learn the mechanisms of roller coasters.</li> <li>PHSE in the community</li> </ol>
Blackpool Zoo	11/7/2024	Y1/Y2	1.To learn about animals and their habitats2. To learn about animals in hot and cold climates
Farmer Ted's	17/7/2024	Y/Y4	<ul><li>1.To learn how science impacts the world around us</li><li>2.To learn about animal welfare</li><li>3. To understand and experience different habitats.</li></ul>

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

At the year end the School's total reserves were £2,158,278, including unrestricted funds of £104,392 and restricted funds of £2,053,886. Restricted funds includes the Fixed Asset Fund of £1,851,529, the Restricted General Fund of (£41,643) plus the LGPS pension scheme surplus of £244,000.

#### Principal funding sources

The School's total incoming resources during the year were £1,897,242. The majority of the School's income derives from central government funding via the Education and Skills Funding Agency in the form of current grants. Total funding received for the School's educational operations in the year was £1,750,771 and further details are provided in note 3 to the accounts.

Total outgoing resources for the year were £1,858,982, which related to the direct provision of educational operations. The excess of income over expenditure was £38,260.

At 31 August 2024 all assets shown in the accounts were used exclusively for providing education and associated support services to students of the School.

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Investment policy and objectives

All investments are agreed by the Governing Body, which has regard to the Charity Commission guidance in relation to charity investment policy. The school does not currently hold any investments other than cash, which is held for its normal operations the governing body has adopted a low risk strategy to its cash holdings. Surplus cash is held in a current account and a short term deposit account to ensure that there is always access to sufficient cash to meet short and medium term requirements.

### Reserves policy

#### Restricted GAG reserves

The Governors have considered the level of GAG reserves which they believe will provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between the spending and receipt of grants and unexpected or planned future revenue and capital costs. At 31 August 2024 the school GAG reserves were  $\pounds(41,643)$ .

#### Fixed Asset Reserve Fund

The school holds a Fixed Asset Reserve Fund of £1,851,529, which can only be realised on disposal of fixed assets.

#### Unrestricted reserves

In addition to the GAG reserve, which can only be utilised for the restricted purposes set out in the funding agreement, the school holds unrestricted free reserves, which provide additional working capital and are not committed or designated. It is the Governors' policy to aim to hold £30,000 in unrestricted reserves, to provide an additional cushion over and above the restricted GAG reserve. At 31 August 2024 the level of unrestricted reserves held was £104,392.

#### Going concern

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

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The Academy plans to fully act upon the areas for development as detailed in the School Improvement Plan.

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of the academy and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Moorside CP Academy.

Details of the governors who served throughout the year, except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details.

#### 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 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 cease to be a member.

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Trustees' Indemnities

The Academy has purchased indemnity insurance to protect governors and officers from claims arising in connection with Academy business. The insurance provides unlimited cover.

#### Principal activities

The principal object and activity of the charitable company is the operation of a primary school to provide education for pupils of mixed abilities between the ages of 2 and 11. In accordance with the articles of association the charitable company has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Secretary of State for Education. The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the Academy, the catchment area from which the students are drawn, and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum.

#### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The governors who serve as trustees are appointed by the following:

Parent governors

Elected by parents of the students of the Academy

Staff governors

Elected by staff of the Academy

Other governors

Elected by existing governors of the Academy

### Organisational structure

The academy is governed by its governing body, whose members are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and trustees for the purposes of charity legislation. The organisational structure of the Academy consists of three levels; the governing body, the Headteacher and the Senior Management Team.

The governing body is responsible for setting general policies, adopting a school improvement plan and budget, monitoring the school's performance, making major policy decisions, appointing senior staff, electing of link governors, and reporting to Government and Companies House. Certain elements of these responsibilities are delegated to the following sub committees who make recommendations to the full Governing Body:

- Curriculum and Standards Sub-Committee
- Resources, Audit, Risk and Premises Sub-Committee

The Headteacher is also the Accounting Officer and has responsibility for:-

- Ensuring regularity and propriety
- Efficient and effective use of resources avoiding waste and extravagance
- Prudent and economical administration
- Day to day organisation, management and staffing pertaining to the academy

#### The Senior Management Team comprises

- Mr R Davis

-Head Teacher

- Mrs J Lee

-School Business Manager/Chief Finance Officer

- Mrs A Jameson

-Assistant Headteacher/Head of Early Years

- Mrs R Russell

-Senior Teacher/SenCo

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Induction and training of new trustees

All trustees are provided with copies of Duties and Responsibilities of Academy Governors on appointment. Induction training is provided by Browne Jacobson and ongoing training is provided through Lancashire County Council.

### Related parties

Governors and the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) are related parties of the academy. Any related party transactions with these people are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

#### FINANCIAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Academy Financial Objectives are:-

- The constant scrutiny of all finances at Moorside Academy Primary School;
- •Governors are aware that the monitoring of pupil numbers and fluctuations of the same is of major importance as this determines the schools income;
- To Monitor all budgets plan and use to set objectives, agree actions and allocate resources;
- To Monitor and evaluate Best Value in all areas purchases, services and staff;
- To prevent wastage;
- To maximise the value of the school's assets and obtain the best rate of return;
- To invest in a well thought out three year plan improving management and future financial stability;
- To utilise governor specialist professional knowledge;
- To implement the schools Risk and Investment Policies;

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Governors have undertaken a risk review and are completing a risk register. A risk policy has been developed to mitigate the risks identified.

The principal risks are deemed to be

- Reductions in pupil numbers
- Safety of pupils
- Staff continuity

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Xeinadin Audit Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

# Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Moorside Community Primary Academy 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 of 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 Principal, 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 Moorside Community Primary Academy 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 Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### **GOVERNANCE**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Report of the Trustees and in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement. The board of trustees has formally met 3 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Governors	Descible
	Possible meetings - 3
D Hyman	0
R Davis	3
C Firth	1
O McSorley	3
Z Shimmin	2
J Lee	3
D Farrelly	3
K O'Hare	1
R Russell	3
M Tuffs	3
K Guinness	2
B McKechnie	0
M Parlour	3
L Ponsonby	1
J Dawson	1
A Jameson	1
M Snelson	3
KL Kirby	3

The Resources, Audit, Risk and Premises committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing body. Its purpose is to assist the decision making of the governing body, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the Governing body's responsibility, to ensure sound management of the academy's finances and resources (including proper planning, monitoring and probity), all matters relating to the maintenance and development of the premises and grounds, ensuring the health and safety of all children, visitors and employees and to make appropriate comments and recommendations on such matters to the Governing Body on a regular basis.

Major issues will be referred to the full governing body for ratification. Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:-

Governor	Possible meetings - 3
M Parlour (Chair)	3
R Davis	3
M Tuffs	2
K O'Hare	0
B McKechnie	1
C Firth	0
J Lee	3
L Ponsonby	1
J Dawson	2
A Jameson	1
R Russell	2

The Curriculum and Standards committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. Its purpose is to assist the decision making of the governing body, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the governing body's responsibility to ensure sound teaching and learning throughout the school and that a broad and balanced curriculum is taught to meet the needs of all children attending the school. Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:-

# Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Governor	Possible meetings - 3
A Jameson	2
R Davis	3
J Lee	3
O McSorley	0
D Farrelly	3
K Guinness (chair)	3
M Parlour	2
L Ponsonby	1
R Russell	1
Z Shimmin	2
M Snelson	2
KL Kirby	1
J Dawson	2

#### **REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY**

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

The accounting officer considers how the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

Monitoring staffing levels,

Making departments more accountable for their allocated budgets,

Reviewing expenditure to ensure efficient use of resources.

### 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 charitable company 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 Moorside Community Primary Academy School for the period 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 charitable company is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the charitable company's significant risks that has been in place for the period 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 for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 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 governing body;
- •Regular reviews by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of reposts which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- Clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- · Delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- Identification and management of risks.

The governing body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the governors have sought to appoint an external officer to perform internal scrutiny work. This includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial systems. On a termly basis, the officer will report to the governing body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the governing body's financial responsibilities. These arrangements should be in place for next year.

#### **REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS**

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

- ·The board;
- The Finance Committee;
- The financial manager and governance self-assessment process;
- External audit;
- The work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- Validation audit of the FMGE return.

Relevant policies and systems have been developed as part of Academy conversion. All recommendations made by the Responsible Officer and the audit of the FMGE return have been included in the School's improvement plan.

# Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

### 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 charity has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 17 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Der D. Farrelly - Trustee

Richard Davis - Accounting Officer

# Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

As accounting officer of Moorside Community Primary Academy School I have considered my responsibility to notify the charitable company board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the charitable company and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the charitable company board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the charitable company, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the charitable company's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

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

Richard Davis - Accounting Officer

17 December 2024

# Trustees' Responsibility Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees (who act as governors of Moorside Community Primary Academy School and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 to 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 the ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

D Farrelly - Trustee

### Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Moorside Community Primary Academy School

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Moorside Community Primary Academy School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

# In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024.

#### Basis for opinion

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

### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Moorside Community Primary Academy School

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiries with management, including governors, about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws, regulations and fraud.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Moorside Community Primary Academy School

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Keith Roberts (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Limited Citygate Longridge Road Preston Lancashire PR2 5BQ

17 December 2024

# Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Moorside Community Primary Academy School and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Moorside Community Primary Academy School during the period 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 Moorside Community Primary Academy School and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Moorside Community Primary Academy School and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Moorside Community Primary Academy School and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

# Respective responsibilities of Moorside Community Primary Academy School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Moorside Community Primary Academy School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education 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 period 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 Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

# Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Moorside Community Primary Academy School and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

#### Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 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.

Xeinadin Audit Limited Reporting Accountant Citygate Longridge Road Preston Lancashire PR2 5BQ

17 December 2024

# Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

				Restricted	2024	2023
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Fixed Asset Fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and capital grants	2	-	6,301	61,368	67,669	54,774
Charitable activities Funding for the academy's educational operations	3	_	1,750,771	_	1,750,771	1,596,904
Other trading activities Investment income	4 5	78,434 368	-	-	78,434 368	91,037
Total		78,802	1,757,072	61,368	1,897,242	1,742,738
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	7	3,136	208	-	3,344	9,515
Charitable activities Academy's educational operations	8	22,116	1,729,942	103,580	1,855,638	1,765,435
Total		25,252	1,730,150	103,580	1,858,982	1,774,950
Net gains on investments			48,000		48,000	295,000
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds	18	53,550 (68,942)	74,922 56,348	(42,212) 12,594	86,260 -	262,788
Net movement in funds		(15,392)	131,270	(29,618)	86,260	262,788
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		119,784	71,087	1,881,147	2,072,018	1,809,230
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		104,392	202,357	1,851,529	2,158,278	2,072,018

# Balance Sheet 31 August 2024

				Restricted	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds	Fixed Asset Fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Tangible assets	13	-	-	1,876,950	1,876,950	1,881,147
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	14	1,532 102,860	64,739 101	44,354	110,625 102,961	77,052 120,493
		104,392	64,840	44,354	213,586	197,545
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	15	-1	(76,859)	(69,775)	(146,634)	(144,894)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		104,392	(12,019)	(25,421)	66,952	52,651
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		104,392	(12,019)	1,851,529	1,943,902	1,933,798
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	-	(29,624)	-	(29,624)	(25,780)
PENSION ASSET	19	-	244,000	-	244,000	164,000
NET ASSETS		104,392	202,357	1,851,529	2,158,278	2,072,018
FUNDS Restricted funds: Restricted Fixed Asset Fund Restricted General Fund Restricted Pension Fund	18				1,851,529 (41,643) 244,000	1,881,147 (92,913) 164,000
Hamatolista I Conta					2,053,886	1,952,234
Unrestricted funds: General fund					104,392	119,784
TOTAL FUNDS					2,158,278	2,072,018
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# Balance Sheet - continued 31 August 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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# Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	28,246	(423,609)
Interest paid		(423)	-
			-
Net cash provided by/(used in) opera	ting activities	27,823	(423,609)
		· ·	n" v <del>"</del>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(99,383)	(68,452)
Sale of investment property		48,000	295,000
Interest received		368	23
Net cash (used in)/provided by invest	ting activities	(51.015)	226,571
iver cash (used hij) provided by hives	ing activities	(51,015)	
Cash flows from financing activities			
New loans in year		12,105	32,225
Loan repayments in year		(6,445)	=
			t. <del></del>
Net cash provided by financing activity	ties	5,660	32,225
		<del></del>	-
		-	( <del>-</del>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	in	(17 520)	(1.(4.010)
the reporting period  Cash and cash equivalents at the		(17,532)	(164,813)
beginning of the reporting period		120,493	285,306
beginning of the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the end	1		
of the reporting period	-	102,961	120,493
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# Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1.	. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITI				
			2024	2023	
			£	£	
	Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement	t of			
	Financial Activities)		86,260	262,788	
	Adjustments for:		000,000, <b>*</b> 0 *********************************		
	Depreciation charges		103,580	59,295	
	Gain on investments		(48,000)	(295,000)	
	Interest received		(368)	(23)	
	Interest paid		423	(23)	
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(33,573)	38,978	
	Decrease in creditors		(76)	(208,647)	
	Difference between pension charge and cash contributions		(80,000)	(281,000)	
	Difference between pension charge and cash contributions		(80,000)	(281,000)	
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operations		28,246	(423,609)	
	1		====	(120/00)	
2.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS				
		At 1.9.23	Cash flow	At 31.8.24	
		£	£	£	
	Net cash				
	Cash at bank and in hand	120,493	(17,532)	102,961	
		100		8)	
		120,493	(17,532)	102,961	
		-	-	2	
	Debt				
	Debts falling due within 1 year	(6,445)	(1,816)	(8,261)	
	Debts falling due after 1 year	(25,780)	(3,844)	(29,624)	

Total

(32,225)

88,268

(5,660)

(23,192)

(37,885)

65,076

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Moorside Community Primary Academy School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. At the year end there were no material uncertainties regarding the academy's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### Grants

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

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

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

#### Other income

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

### Donated goods, facilities and services

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

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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Charitable activities

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

#### Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the academy trust's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee meetings and reimbursed expenses.

All resources expended are inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT.

### Tangible fixed assets

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

Long leasehold

- 3% on cost and 2% on cost

Fixtures and fittings

- 10% and 20% on cost

Computer equipment

- 33% on cost

Assets costing £250 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed asset 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 the private sector, the are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy trust's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

A review for impairment 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.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

#### 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 basis are as follows:

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Financial instruments

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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 15 and 16. Taxation and social security are not included 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.

#### **Taxation**

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore 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 Taxes of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Pensions benefits

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Pensions benefits

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit 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 gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	-	3,212	t <del>-</del>	3,212	2,581
Other grants	<u></u>	3,089	61,368	64,457	52,193
		6,301	61,368	67,669	54,774

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

# 3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,102,085	1,102,085	1,035,554
Other Dfe/ESFA grants			1	
Pupil Premium	-	224,044	224,044	142,721
UIFSM		22,593	22,593	21,064
PE and Sports grant	-	17,790	17,790	17,740
Teachers Pay grant	-	22,819	22,819	1,536
Teachers Pension grant	-	10,102	10,102	4,340
School-led tutoring grant		6,413	6,413	14,904
Recovery premium grant	-	14,500	14,500	14,500
Rates reclaim		4,398	4,398	3,897
Supplementary Grant	-	-	=	33,652
Mainstream School Additional				
Grant	=	38,770	38,770	16,154
Others		7.008	7,008	15,517
		1,470,522	1,470,522	1,321,579
Other Government grants Local authority grants				
Early years funding	-	195,735	195,735	220,033
High needs block funding		78,612	78,612	48,312
Other		5,902	5,902	6,980
	-	280,249	280,249	275,325
		1,750,771	1,750,771	1,596,904

# 4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds $\pounds$	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Catering income	13,136	-	-	13,136	13,882
After school club	15,299	_	=	15,299	16,499
<b>Educational visits</b>	4,508	_	-	4,508	3,582
Nursery fees	15,173	-	a.	15,173	18,843
Sundry income	30,318		-	30,318	38,231
	78,434		-	78,434	91,037

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

# 5. INVESTMENT INCOME

				tricted d asset Tot funds 202 £ £	
Bank interest receivable		368	<u>-</u>	- 36	58 23
6. EXPENDITURE					
		Non nov	, avnanditura	2024	2023
	Staff	Non-pay	expenditure Other		
	costs	Premises		Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Costs of fundraising					
Allocated support costs	-	-	3,344	3,344	9,515
Charitable activities Academy's educational operations	4 207 467		WW 600	4.000.000	4 400 400
Direct costs	1,207,465	105 624	55,608	1,263,073	1,182,102
Allocated support costs	178,885	195,624	218,056	592,565	583,333
	1,386,350	195,624	277,008	1,858,982	1,774,950
Net income/(expenditure	e) is stated after (	charging/(cred	liting):		
				2024	2023
				£	£
Auditors' remuneration	1:1	.T.		6,610	9,000
Auditors' remuneration f		rK		4,259	3,570
Depreciation - owned ass Operating leases	eis			103,580 2,942	59,295 2,398
Operating leases				====	====

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

# 7. RAISING FUNDS

	Costs of fundraising					
					2024	2023
	Comment				£	£
	Support costs				3,344	9,515
					· <del></del>	
8.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITII	ES - ACADEMY	'S EDUCATIO	NAL OPERA	ΓIONS	
					2024	2023
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			funds	funds	funds	funds
			£	£	£	£
	Direct costs		22,116	1,240,957	1,263,073	1,182,102
	Support costs		-	592,565	592,565	583,333
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			22,116	1,833,522	1,855,638	1,765,435
			<del></del>			
					2024	2023
					Total	Total
					£	£
	Analysis of support costs					
	Support staff costs				178,885	163,387
	Depreciation				66,547	22,262
	Technology costs				25,891	20,246
	Premises costs				195,258	201,909
	Other support costs Governance costs				86,650	136,146
	Governance costs				39,334	39,383
	Total support costs				592,565	583,333
	11				====	====
_						
9.	SUPPORT COSTS			Ŧ .	1 11	
		Managamant	T:	Information	Governance	m . 1
		Management £	Finance £	technology £	costs £	Totals
	Costs of fundraising	2,921	423	E -	£	£ 3,344
	Academy's educational	2,721		-	-	3,344
	operations	557,332	(29,992)	25,891	39,334	592,565
	800	-		***		-
		560,253	(29,569)	25,891	39,334	595,909

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs:		
	2024	2023
Staff costs during the period were:	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,062,393	1,009,263
Employer's national insurance contributions	92,413	84,207
Employer's pension costs	224,452	198,431
	1,379,258	1,291,901
Supply teacher costs	7,087	3,165
Other staff related costs	7,332	8,513
	14,419	11,678

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

	2024	2023
Teachers	7	10
Administration and support	34	36
Management	3	3
	-	S <del></del>
	44	49

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

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	1	=
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1
	2	1

Related Party Transactions - Trustee's remuneration and expenses:

The principal and staff trustees only received remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of the principal and staff and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payment from the academy in respect of their role as trustees. The value of trustees remuneration including on costs was as follows:

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Remuneration £75,000 - £80,000 (2023: £70,000 - £75,000)Employer's pension contribution £15,000 - £20,000 Mr R Davies - Principal and Trustee: (2023: £15,000 - £20,000)

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

### 10. STAFF COSTS - continued

Remuneration £30,000 - £35,000 (2023: £30,000 -

£35,000) Employer's pension contribution £5,000-£10,000

Ms O McSorley - Staff and Trustee: (2023: £5,000 - £10,000)

Remuneration £35,000 - £40,000 (2023: £25,000 -

£30,000)Employer's pension contribution £5,000 - £10,000

Miss Z Shimmin - Staff and Trustee (2023: £5,000 - £10,000)

Remuneration £55,000-£60,000 (2023: £35,000 -

£40,000)Employer's pension contribution £10,000-£15,000

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Mrs A Jameson - Staff and Trustee (2023:£5,000-£10,000).

The number of unpaid trustees during the year was 12 (2023: 12).

# 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

### 12. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The academy trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or emissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance is provided through the Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA).

The insurance provides unlimited cover and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £5,566 (2023: £4,788).

The cost of this insurance has been included in the total insurance cost.

#### 13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		rixtures		
	Long	and	Computer	
	leasehold	fittings	equipment	Totals
	$oldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}$	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 September 2023	1,854,228	411,375	54,150	2,319,753
Additions		99,383	-	99,383
At 31 August 2024	1,854,228	510,758	54,150	2,419,136
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2023	305,243	88,559	44,804	438,606
Charge for year	37,033	60,658	5,889	103,580
At 31 August 2024	342,276	149,217	50,693	542,186
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2024	1,511,952	361,541	3,457	1,876,950
At 31 August 2023	1,548,985	322,816	9,346	1,881,147

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Deferred income at 31 August 2024

Included in cost of land and buildings is land of £184,500 (2023; £184,500)

4.4	DEPENDENT AMOUNTED FALLING DISCUSSION ON THE VEAR		
14.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	0004	2022
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Other debtors	1,564	1,309
	VAT	1,532	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	107,529	75,743
		110,625	77,052
15.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Other loans (see note 17)	8,261	6,445
	Trade creditors	1. <b>-</b>	20,531
	VAT	-	1,938
	Other creditors	27,314	24,343
	Accruals and deferred income	111,059	91,637
		146,634	144,894
	Deferred income	2024	2023
		£	£
	Deferred income at 1 September 2023	57,241	56,698
	Resources deferred during the year	19,978	57,241
	Amounts released from previous years	(57,241)	(56,698)

The deferred income relates to Universal Free School Meals Funding of £13,180 and DFC Grant of £6,798 received in advance for the following financial year.

57,241

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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

16.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR			2022	
	Other loans (see note 17)			2024 £ 29,624	2023 £ 25,780
	The other loans carry a rate of interest of 1	.3% and are rep	oayable over five	e years.	
17.	LOANS				
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is give	en below:			
				2024 £	2023 £
	Amounts falling due within one year on de Other loans	emand:		8,261	6,445
	Amounts falling between one and two year Other loans - 1-2 years	rs:		8,866	6,445
	Amounts falling due between two and five Other loans - 2-5 years	e years:		20,153	19,335
	Amounts falling due in more than five yea	rs:			<del></del>
	Repayable by instalments: Other loans more 5yrs instal			605	_
18.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	Restricted general funds	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.24 £
	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund Restricted General Fund Restricted Pension Fund	1,881,147 (92,913) 164,000	(42,212) (5,078) 80,000	12,594 56,348	1,851,529 (41,643) 244,000
		1,952,234	32,710	68,942	2,053,886
	Unrestricted fund General fund	119,784	53,550	(68,942)	104,392
	TOTAL FUNDS	2,072,018	86,260		2,158,278

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

### 18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
Dastricted general funds	£	£	£	£
Restricted general funds Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	61,368	(103,580)	1989	(42,212)
Restricted General Fund	1,757,072	(1,762,150)		(5,078)
Restricted Pension Fund	-	32,000	48,000	80,000
	1,818,440	(1,833,730)	48,000	32,710
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Unrestricted fund General fund	78,802	(25,252)		53,550
General fund	76,802	(23,232)	-	33,330
TOTAL FUNDS	1,897,242	(1,858,982)	48,000	86,260
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Comparatives for movement in funds				
		Net	Transfers	
		movement	between	At
	At 1.9.22	in funds	funds	31.8.23
	£	£	£	£
Restricted general funds				
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	1,678,804	(10,653)	212,996	1,881,147
Restricted General Fund	(64,097)	(62,652)	33,836	(92,913)
Restricted Pension Fund	(117,000)	281,000		164,000
	1,497,707	207,695	246,832	1,952,234
Unrestricted fund				
General fund	311,523	55,093	(246,832)	119,784
TOTAL FUNDS	1,809,230	262,788		2,072,018
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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Restricted general funds				
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	48,643	(59,296)	-	(10,653)
Restricted General Fund	1,603,035	(1,665,687)	_	(62,652)
Restricted Pension Fund	-	(14,000)	295,000	281,000
	1,651,678	(1,738,983)	295,000	207,695
Unrestricted fund				
General fund	91,060	(35,967)	-	55,093
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TOTAL FUNDS	1,742,738	(1,774,950)	295,000	262,788

General Annual Grant (GAG) must be used for the normal running expenses of the school and any amounts carried forward at the end of a financial period must be used in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2024.

Other DFE/ESFA grants comprise additional funding received for the furtherance of education, which must be used in accordance with the specific terms of each grant. Other DFE grants carried forward relate to capital grants received in the period.

The pension reserve represents the value of the School's share of the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme. The value of the deficit inherited on conversion was £120,000 and was a surplus of £244,000 at 31 August 2024.

Restricted fixed asset funds include assets inherited on conversion. Depreciation is charged against the fund.

#### 19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

The charity's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Mercer . 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 to the period ended 31 March 2022.

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

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

#### Teachers' pension scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

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

### Valuation of the teachers' pension scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to 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 and subsequent consultation 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 period amounted to £120,257 (2023 - £109,186).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The charity has set out above the information available on the scheme.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

### Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £137,204 (2023 - £119,762), of which employer's contributions totalled £104,195 (2023 - £89,245). and employees' contributions totalled £33,009 (2023 - £30,517). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 16.20 per cent for employers and 5.80 per cent for employees.

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

### 19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

		At 31
Principal actuarial assumptions	At 31 August	August
	2024	2023
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.1	4.3
Rate of increase in pensions in payment/inflation	2.7	2.9
Discount for scheme liabilities	5.0	5.2
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.6	2.8
Commutation of pensions to lump sums		

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

	At 31 August 2024	At 31 August 2023
Retiring today Males Females	21.0 years 23.5 years	21.0 years 23.4 years
Retiring in 20 years Males Females	22.2 years 25.3 years	22.2 years 25.2 years
The academy trusts' share of the assets were:	Fair value at 31 August 2024	Fair value at 31 August 2023
Equities Bonds Government bonds Property Cash Other	£ 855,000 2,000 2,000 152,000 25,000 756,000	£ 744,000 0 6,000 146,000 9,000 631,000
Total market value of assets	1,792,000	1,536,000

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

## 19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Present value of scheme liabilities Funded	(1,548,000)	(1,372,000)
Surplus/(deficit) in the scheme	244,000	164,000
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Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities	2024 £	2023 £
	02.000	101 000
Current service cost (net of employee contributions) Past service cost	87,000	101,000
Total operating charge	87,000	101,000
Analysis of pension finance income/(costs) Expected return on pension scheme assets Interest on pension liabilities Administration expenses	84,000 (72,000) (3,000)	65,000 (67,000) (3,000)
Pension finance income/(costs)	9,000	(5,000)
Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligations were	e as follows: 2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward Current service cost Past service cost Interest cost Benefits paid Employee contributions Actuarial (gain)/loss	1,372,000 87,000 0 72,000 (4,000) 33,000 (12,000)	1,558,000 101,000 0 67,000 (4,000) 31,000 (381,000)
At 31 August	1,548,000	1,372,000
Movements in the fair value of academy trust's share of scheme ass	eets: 2024 £	2023 £
Fair value of plan assets at the beginning of period Interest on plan assets Expected return on assets	1,536,000 84,000 36,000	1,441,000 65,000 (86,000)

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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

## 19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Actuarial gain/(loss)	-	
Employer contributions	110,000	92,000
Employee contributions	33,000	31,000
Administration expenses	(3,000)	(3,000)
Transfer in of new members	-	-
Benefits paid	(4,000)	(4,000)
At 31 August	1,792,000	1,536,000

The estimated value of employer contributions for the year ended 31 August 2024 is £110,000.

The history of experience adjustments is as follows:

	2024	2023
Present value of defined benefit obligations Fair value of share of scheme assets	£ (1,548,000) 1,792,000	£ (1,372,000) 1,536,000
Surplus/(deficit) in the scheme	244,000	164,000
Experience adjustments on share of scheme assets		
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities		

### 20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 August 2024 (2023: £nil).

### 21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 August 2024.

## 22. LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING OPERATING LEASES

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
	2,851	2,398
Within one year Between one and five years	3,824	5,794
		-
	6,675	8,192

The property is held on a 125 year lease at a peppercorn effect.

The legal owner of the property is The County Council of the Administrative County of the County Palatine of Lancaster of County Hall.

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Owing to the nature of the charitable company 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. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

The trust purchased sporting services amounting to £19,219 (2023: £22,007) from West Lancashire Sports Partnership where Mr Tuffs, a Trustee of the school, is employed as Head of Operations. The amount outstanding at 31 August 2024 was £nil (2023: £nil).

The trust made the purchases at arms' length. The service level agreements are ratified at a governors meeting on an annual basis and the contract is subject to a revised tendering process every three years. Mr Tuffs does not participate in, or exert any influence over this process.

The Trust made contributions to Lancashire County Council Prop Services Contribution Scheme amounting to £25,421 ( 2023: £33,622) where Mr C Firth, a Member and Trustee of the school is employed as a Chartered Surveyor.

The Trust made the contributions at arms' length. The service level agreements are ratified at a governors meeting on an annual basis and the contract is subject to a revised tendering process. Mr C Firth does not participate in, or exert any influence over this process,

All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the charitable company's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	for the Tear Effect of August 2024		
		2024	2023
		£	£
		2	4
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
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Donations and conital greats			
Donations and capital grants			
Donations		6,301	2,581
Other grants		61,368	52,193
		Art - Control of the	
		67,669	54,774
		07,003	34,774
Other trading activities			
Nursery fees		45 450	10.010
Catering income		15,173	18,843
		13,136	13,882
After school clubs		15,299	16,499
Educational visits		4,508	3,582
Sundry income		30,318	38,231
•			30,231
		70 404	01.007
		78,434	91,037
Investment income			
Deposit account interest		368	23
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Charitable activities		10	
General Annual Grant (GAG)		1,102,085	1,035,554
Pupil premium		224,044	
Grants			142,721
		144,393	143,304
Early years funding		280,249	275,325
		1,750,771	1,596,904
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Total incoming resources		1,897,242	1,742,738
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EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities			
Wages		4 000 000	
		1,200,378	1,128,515
Supply teacher costs		7,087	3,165
Educational supplies		55,608	50,422
		-	
		1,263,073	1,182,102
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Support costs			
Management			
Wages			
	Care Service	178,885	163,387
Maintenance of premises and equip	ement	41,988	49,127
Cleaning		41,809	34,828
Rent and rates		13,744	19,929
Carried forward			
		276,426	267,271

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

for the Tear Ended 31 August 2024		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Management		
Brought forward	276,426	267,271
Energy costs	22,701	40,074
Insurance	37,983	26,168
Catering	88,594	85,802
Long leasehold	37,033	37,033
Fixtures and fittings	60,658	14,828
Computer equipment	5,889	7,434
Other costs	30,969	39,336
	560,253	517,946
Finance		
Recruitment and support	5,008	4,273
Loan	423	- y
Expected return on pension scheme assets	(84,000)	(65,000)
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	72,000	67,000
Exceptional items	(23,000)	9,000
	(29,569)	15,273
Information technology		
Technology costs	25,891	20,246
Governance costs		
Other costs	28,465	26,813
Auditors' remuneration	6,610	9,000
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	4,259	3,570
	39,334	39,383
Total resources expended	1,858,982	1,774,950
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and		
losses	38,260	(32,212)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on investment		
property	48,000	295,000
Net income	86,260	262,788
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