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STREETS BROOK ACADEMY TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

Mrs N Jamieson
Mr N Smitten
Miss S Lawless

Trustees

Mr A Pierssene (Chair)
Mrs C Llewellyn
Mrs L Minter (Headteacher)
Mr M Rogers
Mrs N Jamieson
Mr N Chadaway

Senior management team

- Headteacher	Mrs L Minter
- Deputy Headteacher	Mrs E Miller
- EYFS Leader	Mrs Z Ward
- Childcare Manager	Miss J Taylor
- SEN Co-ordinator	Mrs G Carey (Appointed 4 September 2023)
- Business Manager	Mrs F Miles

Company registration number

10225404 (England and Wales)

Registered office

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STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and auditor's 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 trust operates an academy for pupils from aged 3 to 7 serving a catchment area in Shirley. It has a pupil capacity of 240 and had a roll of 216 in the school census on 3 October 2024.

The Academy Trust's principle activities as outlined in the Articles of Association are as follows:

- 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 schools offering a broad and balanced curriculum
- b. to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the areas in which the Academies are situated the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants

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 trustees of Streetsbrook Academy Trust Limited are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Details of the trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

The charitable company is known as Streetsbrook Academy Trust and is also known as Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy.

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

There are no qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

There are clearly defined and approved procedures for the selection and appointment of Trustees which are outlined in the Article of Association. Trustees are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Headteacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any governor may be re-elected or re-appointed.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to enhance the effectiveness of the trust.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

There is an Induction programme for each Trustee which includes the allocation of a mentor to each new Trustee and agreeing a dedicated training programme. The training and induction provided will depend on their experience but will always include an induction meeting with the Headteacher and Governor Mentor, a tour of the Academy and an opportunity to meet with staff and children. All Trustees have access to policies, procedures, minutes, accounts and budgets and other documents they will need to undertake their role as a Trustee. Trustees make regular use of the training packages offered by Solihull MBC Governor Services, Warwickshire Governor Services and the National College. All Trustees are subject to DBS checks.

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Organisational structure

As of July 2024, the Academy Trust is made up of:

- 3 Member Appointed Trustees
- 2 Co-opted Trustees
- 4 Trustee/Governors
- 2 Co-opted Governors
- 2 Parent Governors
- 1 Staff Governor
- Headteacher

The Trustees have delegated the day-to-day responsibility of running the academy to the Headteacher, as CEO and Accounting Officer. Other work streams are delegated to the three committees, of which at least three of the Trustees are members.

- The Curriculum and Standards Committee
- The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee
- The Personnel and Pay Committee

The Curriculum & Standards Committee meets on a termly basis as does the Personnel & Pay Committee. The Finance & Audit Committee meet at least four times a year with a least one meeting being dedicated to the setting of the budget.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

At Streetsbrook, we strive to provide an equal chance for all to become caring, responsible citizens who lead happy and fulfilled lives, and are equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to shape the world they live in.

Aims

Every child matters at Streetsbrook, and to this end our aims are explicitly linked to the following six outcomes for children:

Be Healthy

- We aim to empower each child to become physically, mentally and emotionally healthy in order that they can learn effectively and choose a healthy lifestyle.

Stay Safe

- We aim to develop and sustain a happy and secure environment in which children become self-confident, articulate, emotionally aware, socially adept, literate and numerate in order to make the right life choices and, therefore, be inherently safer.

Enjoy and Achieve

- We aim to empower each child to experience the joy of learning and to achieve success, developing their capacity to learn independently and interdependently in order to choose to be positively engaged in lifelong learning.

Making a Positive Contribution

- We aim to empower each child to be actively engaged in the planning of their learning experiences. This gives them the confidence to express themselves in discussion and in writing and equips them with the necessary skills to choose to engage in social and community roles to become global citizens.

Achieve Economic Well-being

- We aim to empower each child to develop a positive attitude, become self-motivated, and develop key academic and social skills. This enables them to think creatively and choose to impact on, influence and shape the world they live in

Embrace our Schools Values and Culture

- We aim to empower each child to develop, socially, morally, ethically and spiritually.

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This is underpinned by the following values:

Desire to Learn

To enjoy the lifelong process and challenge of learning; alone and with others.

Love and Respect

To have respect for ourselves, others and the environment, recognising and celebrating individual lifestyles, cultures and faiths.

Happiness

Developing successful relationships where individuals can build and follow their dreams.

Confidence

Having the self-belief to embrace and follow their own choices.

Being a Good Citizen

Making a positive contribution to communities on a local and global scale.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The main objectives of the academy during the year ended 31 August 2024 were as follows:

Ofsted (January 2023) identified two key areas for development for the school to action:

- There is some variability in the way that phonics is delivered. This means that some pupils are not benefiting from a consistent approach to how they are taught phonics. Leaders should ensure that staff use the training they have had to deliver the phonics scheme consistently well in order to achieve the intended outcomes for pupils.
- Leaders have not ensured that some pupils who are falling behind with reading always receive the right support at the right time. As a result, some pupils who are learning to read do not consistently receive the precisely targeted teaching that they need. This slows their learning and hampers them from catching up quickly. Leaders should make sure that there is sufficient focus on ensuring that pupils who are falling behind with reading receive high-quality support and are able to catch up quickly.

It is important to note that this work was already under way at the time of the inspection and this was shared explicitly in the initial conversation with the Lead Inspector. An additional action plan was developed post-inspection.

Priorities in this year's SIP link explicitly to the areas for development identified by Ofsted as well as the school's own self-evaluation of the quality of the English curriculum.

The Quality of Education
• To embed Little Wandle across the school and ensure the scheme is delivered consistently well in order to achieve the intended outcomes for our children • To further develop our Reading for Pleasure (RfP) provision to motivate and inspire children to develop a life-long love of reading • To use quality texts to develop language acquisition, talk, comprehension and composition
Behaviour and Attitudes
This is not a priority for 2023-24; provision was judged to be outstanding.
Personal Development
This is not a priority for 2023-24; provision was judged to be outstanding.
Leadership & Management
Please see CAPs.

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Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with the requirement in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

As outlined above, following our successful Ofsted Inspection in January 2023, our main focus for improvement for this academic year has been on embedding staff knowledge and understanding of the Little Wandle Scheme for Phonics and Reading as well as developing the children's love of reading.

As always, the staff have embraced the activities linked to these priorities and our end of year outcomes in reading and phonics, outlined below, reflect the progress we have made with this. The books that were housed in the library, but rarely accessed, have been moved into the corridors and this has resulted in the children being able to access the books more readily. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging in a huge number of reading-related activities throughout the year, including reading sessions in the hall, half-termly Class Book Clubs and Secret Reader sessions as well as Breakfast Reading Cafes for all year groups. We also had a lunchtime book club for more able Year 2 readers – 'S-Club Readers'. It has also been lovely to see the increased engagement from our parents with a wider range of opportunities too.

We are delighted with the implementation of our Nest Provision, which has been specifically set up to focus on the children's physical development as well as their mental health and well-being. The staff involved have worked tirelessly to develop a wonderful outside area for the children to learn in. This has resulted in a visible improvement in the children's physical abilities as well as increases in confidence and self-esteem.

The school's financial situation has also been a significant area of focus with regular input from the ESFA. A Scheme of Delegation, which includes Financial Delegation has been developed and approved and Terms of Reference have been updated to reflect the changes. Balance Sheets and Cashflow analysis are now routinely produced along with detailed accompanying notes, and Key Financial Indicators identified and reviewed.

A full analysis of our SEND spend has been completed and we are now fully aware of the available resources compared to our actual spend. This has resulted in us having to re-think how we organise and resource our SEND provision. Following visits to other schools to look at their SEND provision, Streetsbrook will be opening The Hive in September 2024, which will primarily be set up to meet the needs of six children in KS1 with EHCPs. The provision will be based in the space that was originally used to house the school's library.

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Key performance indicators

The assessment processes for the End of Key Stage 1 are based on a series of observations, scrutiny of work, informal tests, phonic screening and the End of Key Stage 1 assessments which are completed in the Summer Term prior to them moving to the Junior School.

The focus is based on whether the child has made the Age Related Expectations for that Year (ARE). Teacher assessments throughout the year are recorded on our School Management System – SIMS.

End of Year Outcomes in the period from 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024 were as follows

EYFS Results 2024

- 73% of the children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD), compared to 68% nationally

Year 1 Phonics Results 2023

- 92% of the Year 1 cohort met the expectations of the Phonics Check compared to 79% nationally

Year 2 Phonics Check

- 97% of the Year 2 cohort met the expectations of the Phonics Check (3% were disapplied due to SEND)

KS1 Results 2024

- The following table shows the % of children who met the expected standard or above:

	Reading (%)	Writing (%)	Maths (%)
Expected +	80	65	83
Greater Depth	27	10	13
Expected	53	55	70
Working Towards	13	25	7
Pre-Key Stage	6	10	10

We continued to prioritise the importance of positive mental health for all children through the use of Jigsaw and the implementation of our Nest provision.

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Attendance

Pupil attendance has continued to be very good. Good attendance is promoted to parents and children through the weekly newsletter and the monthly attendance award. Termly letters go to parents when a pupils attendance has reached under 90%. Daily attendance is monitored and registers are completed by 9.30am every morning.

Self-Evaluation Processes

Throughout this academic year, our School Improvement Plan and SEF have been updated to reflect the changing picture of our Academy and the needs of our children. We have identified our areas of strength and areas for development using a range of information including self-evaluation and external agencies reports.

The Pupil Premium Strategy identifies funding available and what our priorities are for the children who are identified as vulnerable. A clear action plan has been developed to indicate how the funds will be spent to support the teaching and learning for these children. An impact report is then completed to evaluate against these actions.

The Trustees aim to ensure that the academy meets the following financial requirements:

- Operates within its means and remains solvent
- Achieves best value for all activities undertaken and contracted services
- Maintains appropriate reserves
- Maintain a balanced budget moving forward, taking likely contingencies into account
- Seeks to maintain the numbers of children in the school

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, the board of trustees continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the statement of accounting policies.

Financial review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants from the DfE during the period ending 31 August 2024 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grant funding from the DfE is not sufficient to cover the educational operation of the academy.

The Academy also receives an income from Streetsbrook Childcare.

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Whilst the Academy has a good intake of pupils, risks to revenue funding from a falling roll are small. However, increasing employment and premises costs related to the cost of living increases has meant that the budget is increasingly tight.

The Governors examine the financial health formally every half term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all Trustees, Governors and Finance, Risk & Audit Committee meetings.

At the year end the academy has no liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors where there would be a significant effect on liquidity.

The Trustees recognise that the defined benefit scheme (Local Government Pension Scheme) represents a significant potential liability. However, as the Trustees consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments to the foreseeable future, the risk to the liability is minimised.

The reserves/funds at 31 August 2024 (and comparison with 31 August 2023) were:

	31 August 2024 (£)	31 August 2023 (£)
Restricted Reserves/Funds	(242,000)	(325,000)
Fixed Asset Funds	3,417,484	3,433,948
Unrestricted Reserves/Funds	197,438	15,276
Total Reserves	3,372,922	3,124,224

Disclosure of funds in deficit is also included in the funds note in the financial statements (note 18).

Reserves policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy on a half-termly basis. The review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified in the risk review. The Academy continues to follow the recommendation of the Local Authority not to exceed a reserve of restricted funds in excess of 8% of its total budget.

The Academy's current level of unrestricted reserves is £197,438. The Trustees plan to use these funds to maintain the Academy's staffing structure.

Investment policy

Cash reserves which are deemed to be significant and long-term, may be invested in Treasury deposits with maturity dates which do not result in the cash funds being unavailable for longer than 8 weeks upon agreement of the Trustees.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the Academy faces, especially in the strategic risk areas and in relation to financial control. Systems have been introduced, including operational procedures and internal financial controls to minimise risk. The academy has an effective system of internal financial controls.

The Governors consider the principle risks and uncertainties facing the academy are:

- Complying with all legislative requirements regarding employment law, data protection, discrimination, child protection and the rules and regulations and legal requirements of Companies House, HMRC and the Charity Commission
- Financial risks –
 - Not operating within the budget, and running a deficit
 - Changes in funding
 - Inability to maintain current staffing ratios due to lack of funding which will impact significantly on educational standards
 - General Annual Grant is provided as 'flat cash' which does not take into account pay awards, inflationary increases and increasing employers pension contributions
 - Inappropriate or insufficient financial controls and systems
 - Impact of having a significant number of children with complex SEND needs, many requiring additional 1:1 support to enable them to access mainstream provision without impacting on the education of the rest of the class.

The key controls used by the Academy include:

- Detailed Terms of Reference for all committees
- Formal agendas and minutes for the Trustees, Governing Body and Committees
- Scheme of Governance and Decision Making Matrix
- Formal written policies
- Clear authorisation and approval levels
- Policies and procedures required by law to protect the vulnerable

Fundraising

The charities that have benefitted this year from the support provided by Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy have been:

- Royal British Legion
- Children in Need
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Educaid
- Renewal Foodbank
- The Brain Tumour Charity
- Brain Tumour Research

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Funds have continued to be raised on a voluntary basis through a range of dressing up days, non-uniform days and donations, mainly organised by the School Council.

As an Academy we also have a fundraising association – Parent, Teacher, Association (PTA). This is a fundraising group that operate from within the Academy. The aim of the PTA is to raise funds that are spent solely on buying resources and experiences for the children within the Academy.

The PTA normally raise money throughout the year by organising discos and events such as the Christmas and Summer fair.

All contributions are on a voluntary basis and in line with the Charities Act 2016 we ensure that there is no undue pressure put upon people to give money or resources to help the fundraising campaign.

As an Academy we seek to comply with best practice at all times and there have been no complaints about our practice with regard to Fundraising or Charity work with others.

Plans for future periods

The Improvement Priorities for 2024-25 are as follows:

The Quality of Education	
• Curriculum – to ensure there is consistency in documentation across all subject areas, including what is published on the website • (NB – in light of the review of the curriculum, we will not be making any changes to our curriculum content)	
Behaviour and Attitudes	Personal Development
• To implement and embed the Nurture UK principles into our everyday practice in order to further support child and staff well-being	
Leadership & Management	
• To implement, monitor and evaluate The Hive provision	

As well as our three improvement priorities, we also have a focus on inclusion in its broadest sense and a planned review of our SEND provision.

Auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Sumer Auditco Limited was appointed auditor to the charitable company. A resolution proposing re-appointment will be put to the members.

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 18 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr A Pierssene
Chair

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Scope of responsibility

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

The board of 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 Streetsbrook Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is 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 four times during the period from 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024. In addition, Trustees play an active role as Governors. The table below shows their attendance at Trust Board meetings, Governor meetings, and sub-committee meetings:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mr A Pierssene (Chair)	8	11
Mrs C Llewellyn	14	14
Mrs L Minter (Headteacher)	15	17
Mr M Rogers	8	14
Mrs N Jamieson	4	14
Mr N Chadaway	12	14

The Finance, Risk and Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of Governors. Its purpose is to provide financial oversight for the Academy. This includes:

- monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management
- ensuring compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- receiving and acting upon reports from the Responsible Officer
- drafting the annual budget
- identifying and managing risks

There were 4 meetings for the Finance & Audit Committee between 1 September 2023 to the end of August 2024.

Conflicts of interest

Streetsbrook Academy Trust have an up-to-date and complete Register of Interests. This is reviewed on a termly basis at Full Governors' Meetings. To date, we have not been in a situation where there has been any conflicts of interest but should the Academy find itself in this situation, it would follow the procedures set out in the Conflict of interests Policy.

Governance reviews

The Governors complete an annual self-evaluation using the Governor Competency Framework; areas of strength and areas for development are identified and support, including relevant CPD, is identified for individuals as appropriate. Areas for ongoing development that have been highlighted from this year's review are Governors' knowledge and understanding of risk management as well as benchmarking ourselves with similar schools locally and nationally. Governors also benefit from annual 1:1 sessions with the Chair of Governors. The meetings aim to provide an evaluation of the impact of each Governor and focus on individual roles and responsibilities, mental health & well-being, training attended and the identification of any further CPD that is needed. Attendance at meetings is also reviewed.

Independent, external reviews have not taken place but will be considered in 2024-25.

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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 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.

As Accounting officer, the Headteacher for the academy trust has ensured the best possible educational and wider outcomes through the, efficient and effective use of all the resources in the trust's charge, the avoidance of waste and extravagance and prudent and economical administration. This has been achieved by strict adherence to all agreed policies and procedures, open and transparent decisions about recruitment and deployment of staff, and rigorous monitoring of all aspects of the Academy's work.

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 Streetsbrook Academy Trust for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

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 period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The risk and control framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees;
- regular reviews by the 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;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- identification and management of risks.

The internal auditor has delivered their schedule of work as planned over the 2023-24 school year; no significant control issues were raised.

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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:

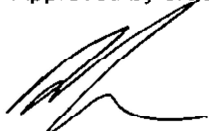
- the work of the internal reviewer;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process or the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- the work of the external auditor

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the audit committee and a plan to 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 board of trustees on 18 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr A Pierssene
Chair



Mrs L Minter
Headteacher

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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

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



Mrs L Minter
Accounting Officer

18 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of Streetsbrook Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 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 accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, 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 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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 that 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 accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 18 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr A Pierssene
Chair

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Streetsbrook 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 notes to the accounts, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- 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 the 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 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts' 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 accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts 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.

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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 trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report 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 academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report, including the incorporated strategic report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the accounts, 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 charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

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

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

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the academy has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The academy did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the academy.
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the academy, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the academy, together with the discussions held with the academy at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:

- Identifying and testing journal entries and the overall accounting records, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Reviewing and challenging the assumptions and judgements used by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to gifts in kind
- Assessing the extent of compliance, or lack of, with the relevant laws and regulations.
- Assessing the validity of the classification of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities between unrestricted and restricted funds.
- Documenting and verifying all significant related party transactions.
- Reviewing documentation such as the academy board minutes for discussions of irregularities including fraud.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities and fraud rests with the trustees of the academy.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the 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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the 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.



Mr Richard Alan Horton FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 22 November 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 Streetsbrook Academy Trust 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 Streetsbrook Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Streetsbrook Academy Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Streetsbrook Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Streetsbrook Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 15 June 2016 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 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.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- obtaining sufficient understanding of the framework and authorities;
- discussion of procedures relating to regularity with the accounting officer;
- review of work performed during the internal audit function;
- tailoring of specific tests in the following areas:
 - evaluation of the control environment
 - testing the application of funds
 - authorisation of expenditure
 - review of accounts with a greater susceptibility to impropriety
 - consideration of transactions outside of the delegated authority levels

STREETS BROOK ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO STREETS BROOK ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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.

Sumer Auditco Limited.

Reporting Accountant

Sumer Auditco Limited

Dated: *18 November 2024.*

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds: General £ Fixed asset £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	12,001	-	56,169	68,170
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	93,330	1,514,925	-	1,608,255
Other trading activities	5	373,649	-	-	373,649
Investments	6	34	-	-	34
Total		<u>479,014</u>	<u>1,514,925</u>	<u>56,169</u>	<u>2,050,108</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	2,350	-	-	2,350
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	294,502	1,467,925	72,633	1,835,060
Total	7	<u>296,852</u>	<u>1,467,925</u>	<u>72,633</u>	<u>1,837,410</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		182,162	47,000	(16,464)	212,698
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	20	-	36,000	-	36,000
Net movement in funds		182,162	83,000	(16,464)	248,698
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		15,276	(325,000)	3,433,948	3,124,224
Total funds carried forward		<u>197,438</u>	<u>(242,000)</u>	<u>3,417,484</u>	<u>3,372,922</u>

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2023		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds:		Total 2023
	Notes	£	General £	Fixed asset £	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	6,353	-	73,954	80,307
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	62,578	1,364,853	-	1,427,431
Other trading activities	5	349,688	-	-	349,688
Investments	6	22	-	-	22
Total		418,641	1,364,853	73,954	1,857,448
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	1,573	-	-	1,573
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	488,660	1,394,853	67,330	1,950,843
Total	7	490,233	1,394,853	67,330	1,952,416
Net income/(expenditure)		(71,592)	(30,000)	6,624	(94,968)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	20	-	657,000	-	657,000
Net movement in funds		(71,592)	627,000	6,624	562,032
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		86,868	(952,000)	3,427,324	2,562,192
Total funds carried forward		15,276	(325,000)	3,433,948	3,124,224

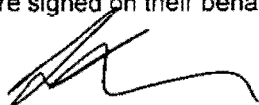
STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		3,416,320		3,431,675
Current assets					
Stock	13	302		62	
Debtors	14	42,138		65,493	
Cash at bank and in hand		431,266		253,960	
		<u>473,706</u>		<u>319,515</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(254,630)</u>		<u>(277,401)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>219,076</u>		<u>42,114</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,635,396</u>		<u>3,473,789</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		<u>(20,474)</u>		<u>(24,565)</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>3,614,922</u>		<u>3,449,224</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	20		<u>(242,000)</u>		<u>(325,000)</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>3,372,922</u></u>		<u><u>3,124,224</u></u>
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds	18				
- Fixed asset funds			3,417,484		3,433,948
- Pension reserve			<u>(242,000)</u>		<u>(325,000)</u>
Total restricted funds			<u>3,175,484</u>		<u>3,108,948</u>
Unrestricted income funds	18		<u>197,438</u>		<u>15,276</u>
Total funds			<u><u>3,372,922</u></u>		<u><u>3,124,224</u></u>

The accounts on pages 21 to 42 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 18 November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr A Pierssene
Chair

Company registration number 10225404 (England and Wales)

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by operating activities	21		185,036		3,530
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		34		22	
Capital grants from DfE Group		56,169		73,954	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(59,843)		(65,088)	
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities			(3,640)		8,888
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayment of other loan		(4,090)		(4,089)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(4,090)		(4,089)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			177,306		8,329
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			253,960		245,631
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			431,266		253,960

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 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, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts 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 accounts.

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 period 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.

Sponsorship income

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

Donations

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

Other income

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

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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 accounts until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Donated fixed assets

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

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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

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.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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 that require 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.

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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

Land and buildings	Between 20 and 125 years
Computer equipment	30% Straight Line Basis
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line Basis

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.

1.6 Liabilities

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

1.7 Leased assets

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

1.8 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.

Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. 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. 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.

1.9 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal. Provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock.

1.10 Taxation

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

STREETSBROOK ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 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 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. The 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 are recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

1.12 Fund accounting

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

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

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from the Education Funding Agency/Department for Education.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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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 20, 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.

Critical areas of judgement

The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated useful life of the asset and circumstances. As per the accounting policies, depreciation is charged on a straight line basis. The directors annually review the asset life and adjust as necessary to reflect current thinking on the remaining life in light of technological change, prospective economic utilisation and physical condition of the asset concerned. Changes in asset lives can have a significant impact on depreciation charges for the period. It is not practical to quantify the impact of changes to asset lives on an overall basis, as asset lives are individually determined.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Capital grants	-	56,169	56,169	73,954
Other donations	12,001	-	12,001	6,353
	<u>12,001</u>	<u>56,169</u>	<u>68,170</u>	<u>80,307</u>

4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	835,873	835,873	796,554
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
- Pupil premium	-	28,646	28,646	48,179
- Others	-	155,855	155,855	141,331
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020,374</u>	<u>1,020,374</u>	<u>986,064</u>
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	494,551	494,551	378,789
	<u>-</u>	<u>494,551</u>	<u>494,551</u>	<u>378,789</u>
Other incoming resources	<u>93,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,330</u>	<u>62,578</u>
Total funding	<u>93,330</u>	<u>1,514,925</u>	<u>1,608,255</u>	<u>1,427,431</u>

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5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other income	373,649	-	373,649	349,688

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Short term deposits	34	-	34	22

7 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
		Premises £	Other £		
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	-	-	2,350	2,350	1,573
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	1,088,117	-	44,725	1,132,842	1,197,079
- Allocated support costs	230,831	217,667	253,720	702,218	753,764
	1,318,948	217,667	300,795	1,837,410	1,952,416

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	75,198	73,457
Fees payable to auditor for audit services	7,110	6,780
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	15,000	41,000

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8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs				
Educational operations	127,159	1,005,683	1,132,842	1,197,079
Support costs				
Educational operations	167,343	534,875	702,218	753,764
	<u>294,502</u>	<u>1,540,558</u>	<u>1,835,060</u>	<u>1,950,843</u>
			2024	2023
			£	£
Analysis of support costs				
Support staff costs			230,839	289,425
Depreciation			75,198	73,457
Technology costs			42,791	47,147
Premises costs			142,469	122,586
Legal costs			31,065	28,727
Other support costs			169,426	181,972
Governance costs			10,430	10,450
			<u>702,218</u>	<u>753,764</u>

9 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,009,792	1,069,643
Social security costs	75,732	84,024
Pension costs	213,256	265,055
Staff costs - employees	<u>1,298,780</u>	<u>1,418,722</u>
Agency staff costs	20,168	25,168
	<u>1,318,948</u>	<u>1,443,890</u>
Staff development and other staff costs	1,754	6,010
Total staff expenditure	<u>1,320,702</u>	<u>1,449,900</u>

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9 Staff

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Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy trust during the year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Teachers	9	13
Administration and support	40	44
Management	6	7
	<u>55</u>	<u>64</u>

Higher paid staff

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

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£90,000 - £100,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £358,498 (2023: £337,252).

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The Headteacher and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as trustees.

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

Mrs L Minter (Headteacher):

- Remuneration £90,000 - £100,000 (2023: £90,000 - £100,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £20,000 - £25,000 (2023: £20,000 - £25,000)

During the year, travel and subsistence payments totalling £nil were reimbursed or paid directly to the trustees.

11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2024 was approximately £39 (2023: £39).

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 September 2023	3,557,718	68,829	52,078	3,678,625
Additions	54,259	-	5,584	59,843
At 31 August 2024	3,611,977	68,829	57,662	3,738,468
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	147,781	66,069	33,100	246,950
Charge for the year	64,349	2,488	8,361	75,198
At 31 August 2024	212,130	68,557	41,461	322,148
Net book value				
At 31 August 2024	3,399,847	272	16,201	3,416,320
At 31 August 2023	3,409,937	2,760	18,978	3,431,675

13 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
School uniform	302	62

14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	4,893	2,408
VAT recoverable	5,460	15,280
Prepayments and accrued income	31,785	47,805
	42,138	65,493

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	4,090	4,089
Trade creditors	43,400	103,832
Other taxation and social security	16,679	16,399
Other creditors	30,796	29,134
Accruals and deferred income	159,665	123,947
	<u>254,630</u>	<u>277,401</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	<u>20,474</u>	<u>24,565</u>
Analysis of loans	2024 £	2023 £
Wholly repayable within five years	24,564	28,654
Less: included in current liabilities	(4,090)	(4,089)
Amounts included above	<u>20,474</u>	<u>24,565</u>
Loan maturity		
Debt due in one year or less	4,090	4,089
Due in more than one year but not more than two years	4,089	4,089
Due in more than two years but not more than five years	12,267	12,267
Due in more than five years	4,118	8,209
	<u>24,564</u>	<u>28,654</u>

17 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	<u>121,033</u>	<u>63,089</u>
Deferred income at 1 September 2023	63,089	72,294
Released from previous years	(63,089)	(72,294)
Resources deferred in the year	<u>121,033</u>	<u>63,089</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2024	<u>121,033</u>	<u>63,089</u>

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18 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	835,873	(835,873)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	28,646	(28,646)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	155,855	(155,855)	-	-
Other government grants	-	494,551	(494,551)	-	-
Pension reserve	(325,000)	-	47,000	36,000	(242,000)
	<u>(325,000)</u>	<u>1,514,925</u>	<u>(1,467,925)</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>(242,000)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	2,743,499	-	(23,250)	-	2,720,249
DfE group capital grants	690,449	56,169	(49,383)	-	697,235
	<u>3,433,948</u>	<u>56,169</u>	<u>(72,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,417,484</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,108,948</u>	<u>1,571,094</u>	<u>(1,540,558)</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>3,175,484</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	8,683	479,014	(294,287)	-	193,410
Fixed asset	6,593	-	(2,565)	-	4,028
	<u>15,276</u>	<u>479,014</u>	<u>(296,852)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,438</u>
Total funds	<u>3,124,224</u>	<u>2,050,108</u>	<u>(1,837,410)</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>3,372,922</u>

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18 Funds

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

General Annual Grant (GAG)

The GAG must be used for the normal running costs of the academy.

Other DfE / ESFA grants

Other DfE / ESFA grants relates to other grants such as Sports Grant and Pupil Premium allocation.

Other government grants

Other government grants relates to local authority grants and funding for specific purposes such as special education needs.

Other restricted funds

Other restricted funds relates to funds received for specific purposes from other sources.

Pension reserve

The pension reserve relates to the deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme.

DfE / ESFA capital grants

DfE / ESFA capital grants relates to the Devolved Formula Capital Grant and Academies Capital Maintenance Grant.

General funds

General funds relates to funds which are unrestricted in nature and therefore can be used as the Trustees deem appropriate.

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18 Funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	796,554	(796,554)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	48,179	(48,179)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	141,331	(141,331)	-	-
Other government grants	-	378,789	(378,789)	-	-
Pension reserve	(952,000)	-	(30,000)	657,000	(325,000)
	<u>(952,000)</u>	<u>1,364,853</u>	<u>(1,394,853)</u>	<u>657,000</u>	<u>(325,000)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	2,766,749	-	(23,250)	-	2,743,499
DfE group capital grants	660,575	73,954	(44,080)	-	690,449
	<u>3,427,324</u>	<u>73,954</u>	<u>(67,330)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,433,948</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,475,324</u>	<u>1,438,807</u>	<u>(1,462,183)</u>	<u>657,000</u>	<u>3,108,948</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	74,148	418,641	(484,106)	-	8,683
Fixed asset	12,720	-	(6,127)	-	6,593
	<u>86,868</u>	<u>418,641</u>	<u>(490,233)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,276</u>
Total funds	<u>2,562,192</u>	<u>1,857,448</u>	<u>(1,952,416)</u>	<u>657,000</u>	<u>3,124,224</u>

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	4,028	-	3,412,292	3,416,320
Current assets	468,514	-	5,192	473,706
Current liabilities	(254,630)	-	-	(254,630)
Non-current liabilities	(20,474)	-	-	(20,474)
Pension scheme liability	-	(242,000)	-	(242,000)
Total net assets	<u>197,438</u>	<u>(242,000)</u>	<u>3,417,484</u>	<u>3,372,922</u>

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	50,501	-	3,381,174	3,431,675
Current assets	266,741	-	52,774	319,515
Current liabilities	(277,401)	-	-	(277,401)
Non-current liabilities	(24,565)	-	-	(24,565)
Pension scheme liability	-	(325,000)	-	(325,000)
Total net assets	15,276	(325,000)	3,433,948	3,124,224

20 Pension and similar obligations

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

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

Contributions amounting to £29,743 (2023: £29,117) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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 academy trusts. All teachers have the option to opt out of the TPS following enrolment.

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions.

Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 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:

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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 the TPS in the period amounted to £101,935 (2023: £106,097).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the academy trust 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 academy trust has set out above, the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 15.3% for employers and 5.5% to 6.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Total contributions made	2024 £	2023 £
Employer's contributions	163,000	164,000
Employees' contributions	33,000	36,000
Total contributions	196,000	200,000
Principal actuarial assumptions	2024 %	2023 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.65	3.95
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.65	2.95
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.00	5.20

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20 Pension and similar obligations

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

	2024 Years	2023 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	20.5	20.6
- Females	25.3	25.3
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	21.3	21.5
- Females	25.3	25.3

Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Discount rate - 0.1%	47	42
Mortality assumption + 1 year	70	62
CPI rate + 0.1%	0	42
Salary increase rate + 0.1%	48	1

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme

	2024 Fair value £	2023 Fair value £
Equities	780,520	822,600
Government Bonds	525,350	256,200
Cash/Liquidity	105,070	48,800
Property	90,060	85,400
Total market value of assets	1,501,000	1,213,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £112,000 (2023: £(21,000)).

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Current service cost	101,000	153,000
Interest income	(68,000)	(48,000)
Interest cost	83,000	89,000
Total operating charge	116,000	194,000

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20 Pension and similar obligations		(Continued)	
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations		2024 £	2023 £
At 1 September 2023		1,538,000	2,003,000
Current service cost		101,000	153,000
Interest cost		83,000	89,000
Employee contributions		33,000	36,000
Actuarial loss/(gain)		8,000	(726,000)
Benefits paid		(20,000)	(17,000)
At 31 August 2024		1,743,000	1,538,000
Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets		2024 £	2023 £
At 1 September 2023		1,213,000	1,051,000
Interest income		112,000	(21,000)
Employer contributions		163,000	164,000
Employee contributions		33,000	36,000
Benefits paid		(20,000)	(17,000)
At 31 August 2024		1,501,000	1,213,000
21 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		2024 £	2023 £
Notes			
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		212,698	(94,968)
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(56,169)	(73,954)
Investment income receivable	6	(34)	(22)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	20	(62,000)	(11,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	20	15,000	41,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		75,198	73,457
(Increase)/decrease in stocks		(240)	402
Decrease in debtors		23,355	15,921
(Decrease)/increase in creditors		(22,772)	52,694
Net cash provided by operating activities		185,036	3,530

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22 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	31 August 2024 £
Cash	253,960	177,306	431,266
Loans falling due within one year	(4,089)	(1)	(4,090)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(24,565)	4,091	(20,474)
	<u>225,306</u>	<u>181,396</u>	<u>406,702</u>

23 Long-term commitments

Operating leases

At 31 August 2024 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts due within one year	2,710	3,137
Amounts due in two and five years	2,987	5,697
	<u>5,697</u>	<u>8,834</u>

24 Related party transactions

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

25 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 or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member.