

Company registration number 08168813 (England and Wales)

**OLD BASFORD SCHOOL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

D Appleby
E Pagliacci
S Rae
S Salmon
K Barnes

Trustees

K McLeod (Chair from 15 October 2024) (Appointed 30 January 2024)
D Lawson (Chair to 15 October 2024)
D Appleby (Resigned 17 November 2023)
J Ross
K Priddy
M Adewoye
S Brownlie (Resigned 15 January 2024)
Y Blair
C Aldrich
S Maher (Resigned 4 October 2024)
A Adedoyin
C Paechter
R Okechukwu (Resigned 12 December 2023)
L Duffin
J Thomas (Appointed 17 October 2023 and resigned 15 October 2024)
J Wirszycz (Appointed 14 May 2024)
E Singh (Appointed 15 October 2024)
N James (Resigned 5 November 2023)

Senior management team

- Head teacher L Duffin
- Deputy head E Young (From 29 August 2024)
- Assistant head teacher C Tee
- Assistant head teacher S Priddle
- Assistant head teacher J Thomas
- School Business Manager T Green (From 1 September 2023)

Company secretary

T Green

Company registration number

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Principal and registered office

Percy Street
Old Basford
Nottingham
NG6 0GF

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent auditor	UHY Hacker Young 14 Park Row Nottingham NG1 6GR
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 12-16 Parliament Street Nottingham NG1 3DA
Solicitors	Nottingham City Council Legal Department Loxley House Nottingham

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and 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 academy trust operates an academy for pupils aged 3 to 11 serving a catchment area in Basford. It has a pupil capacity of 430 in school plus 80 (40 morning & 40 afternoon) in Nursery. The census for October 2023 was 429 in school plus 37 in Nursery. The number of pupils in Nursery starts at a low point in September and then builds up through the year as children reach 3 years old.

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 charitable company operates as Old Basford School.

The trustees of Old Basford School are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

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

For the financial year 2023/2024, the trustees have liability insurance with the ESFA's RPA effective date 1st September 2023. There is unlimited indemnity.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

The management of the Academy is the responsibility of the Governors who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

Any governor elections will be held as soon as practicable after the occurrence of a vacancy. The objective will always be to ensure that the governing body's business is conducted with as many governorships as possible filled and as many governors as possible on the governing body.

We have delegated to the Head Teacher the overall responsibility for organising the election and to also undertake the role of returning officer. At any one time the structure of the governing body must be:

- Up to 5 Parent Governors
- Up to 6 Community Governors
- Up to 3 Staff Governors
- Head Teacher

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

New governors are invited to meet the Head teacher and the Chair of Governors before their first meeting.

All new governors are provided with Induction Training (generally sourced via Nottingham City Council LA Governors section). Governors are provided with ongoing training throughout their role.

Organisational structure

The full Governing Body meets each half term.

There is also an Audit & Finance Committee which meets once per term. The purpose of this committee is to consider all financial matters including preparation of draft budget, approving virements and transfers, making contractual arrangements, approving write offs, monitoring of expenditure and considering audit reports.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The pay range for the Leadership Team is set by the Governing body and pay is reviewed by the Pay Committee on an annual basis.

When setting the pay range, governors consider national pay scales plus the needs of the school re recruitment and retention in order to attract and retain the very best candidates.

Trade Union Facility Time

For the period, no employees took paid or unpaid time off to undertake duties and activities as a Trade Union Representative and Old Basford School incurred no costs in relation to the above.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The Academy is a member of the Nottingham Schools Trust.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

We are an aspirational school for all of our pupils. Each one of them is valued as a unique individual and we set ourselves the goal of ensuring that they each meet their utmost academic potential and, in addition to this, unearth an individual talent beyond the academic curriculum.

At Old Basford School we strive to create learners who are imaginative, persistent, inquisitive, disciplined and collaborative. We passionately believe that ALL of our children are entitled to an inspiring curriculum that prepares them for life using The 4 E's.

We are PROUD to be a part of the Old Basford Community and through our curriculum we strive to deliver high quality learning and experiences.

THE 4 E's

At Old Basford School:

- You will be educated with the knowledge you need.
- You will be equipped with the skills you require.
- You will be enriched through our provision of opportunities that will inspire and motivate you.
- When you have been educated, equipped and enriched you will be empowered with the qualities to be life-long learners.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

The principal object of the Academy is the operation of Old Basford School to provide education for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 3 and 11 providing a broad and balanced curriculum.

In accordance with the articles of association the charitable company has adopted a 'Scheme of Government' approved by the Secretary of State for Education and skills. The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting pupils to the Academy, the catchment area from which the pupils are drawn, and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum.

To provide a safe, caring and inclusive school environment, which welcomes all children from our community.

To provide high quality teaching and learning experiences for every child, allowing all children to enjoy their time and reach their full potential whilst at Old Basford School.

To provide a challenging, motivating and relevant curriculum, which is matched to the needs of our learners, offering an excellent foundation of basic skills, whilst also enriching learning with a range of varied and creative experiences.

To allow all pupils to feel valued, regardless of gender, race and ability, continually encouraging respect for others, and ensuring that any discrimination or racism are always challenged.

To work in partnership with parents, governors and the community.

To foster an understanding and respect for the local and wider community, including the global community and our environment.

To develop an understanding of healthy lifestyles.

To encourage each child to grow in confidence and ability, enabling each person to continue their learning and successes in the future.

Public benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The academy has continued to provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities, and a Breakfast Club and an Afterschool club, for the benefit of its pupils and the school community. Extra-curricular after school clubs are provided free of charge in order to be totally inclusive and both the Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs are run as a non-profit making service.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The Academy looks to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Old Basford and the surrounding area: 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.

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Key performance indicators

The last Ofsted inspection was in December 2023 at which the school was judged Good.

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL RESULTS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

EYFS

	Reading	Writing	Maths	GLD
Expected	68%	67%	70%	65%

Phonics

	OBS Scores - Threshold (32+/40)	National 2023
Year 1	85%	79%
Year 2	87%	89%

Year 4 Times Table Check

	25/25	20+/25	16+/25
Old Basford School 2023/24	30%	66%	77%
Old Basford School 2022/23	16%	46%	72%
National 2022/23	29%	63%	76%

Key Stage 2

	Maths	Reading	Writing	GPS	Combined
Expected (& above)	69%	83%	73%	89%	61%
Greater Depth	5%	27%	17%	34%	3%

Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy Trust to continue as a going concern.

The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and after making appropriate enquiries, have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The school is over-subscribed and holds an excellent reputation in the community. This, together with careful financial management has resulted in the school having a positive reserve position. It is for these reasons in which the Trustees have concluded there are no material uncertainties about the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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

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Financial review

The Academy is funded by the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) using the Nottingham City Local Authority Funding Formula. In addition, the Academy receives ESG funding from the ESFA. There were no major building works during the year.

During the year ended 31 August 2024, incoming resources totalled £3,055,759 (2023: £2,746,079) and total expenditure was £2,922,772 (2023: £2,877,032) creating a surplus of £132,987 (2023: deficit of £130,953). When the movements on the local government pension scheme deficit of £8,000 (2023: gain £565,000) are considered there was a surplus of £124,987 (2023: £434,047).

An in-year surplus, excluding the fixed asset restricted fund and pension reserve, is £59,165 (2023: £20,317). Total reserves at 31 August 2024, excluding fixed asset fund and pension reserve, were £538,808 (2023: £479,643).

At 31 August 2024, the net book value of fixed assets was £3,708,127 (2023: £3,626,938) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 12 to the financial statements. During the year the assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the academy trust.

The pension reserve held within restricted funds was in deficit by £324,000 at 31 August 2024 (2023: £328,000). This does not mean an immediate liability for this amount crystallises. The deficit position will result in a cash flow effect for the academy trust in the form of employer's pension contributions assessed by the actuary.

Reserves policy

The academy has a reserves policy which is reviewed annually. This policy states that it is prudent to maintain reserves between £175,000 and £200,000 each year. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grant income and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance or long term sickness where unforeseen costs are incurred.

The level of reserves held considers the unexpected nature of income and expenditure streams. The academy needs to hold reserves to allow for contingencies such as unfunded building repairs, unexpected staffing costs and to allow for some uncertainty in future government funding. The Governors will keep this level under review

Total funds held at 31 August 2024 were £3,922,935. The total of unrestricted and restricted general reserves held at 31 August 2024 was £538,808. The restricted fixed asset fund of £3,708,127 (2023: £3,646,305) can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets.

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The governors are aware of the high percentage of carry forward reserves into 2024/25 and that it is significantly above the level of reserves that has been determined for the ongoing needs of the academy. However, it is anticipated that during 2024/25 works are to be carried out upgrading the school building and site and the carry forward reserves are expected to be used towards these costs.

The governors continue to consider additional activities related to the academy's objectives to which any excess reserves may be applied.

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Investment policy

Due to the nature of the funding cycle, the academy may at times hold large cash balances which may not be required for immediate use. The Governors have authorised the opening of additional short term bank investment accounts to take advantage of higher interest rates. No other form of investment is authorised. There have been no investments in the year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The academy has a policy for Risk Management which includes the Risk Register, and this is reviewed on an annual basis.

Currently, the major risks are loss of key personnel, appointing good quality teaching staff, decline in pupil numbers, changes to the funding formula, rising costs and damage/loss to the structure of the building which would necessitate the need to implement the emergency plan.

To mitigate these, the governing body encourages and monitors succession planning; monitors pupil numbers; retains funds in reserves for emergency maintenance and rising salary costs.

The Academy has inherited the local government defined benefit pension scheme deficit for associate staff which it is managing as advised by Barnett Waddingham, the pension actuarial experts.

School Estate

Old Basford School strives to create accessible, secure, stimulating and inspiring learning spaces for our pupils both indoors and outdoors, further enhancing their educational experience. To ensure it is safe there are statutory checks and registers that must be undertaken, maintained and actioned.

Through the use of the DFE's Good Estate Management for Schools templates this ensures a proactive and efficient approach to risk management. Although GEMS is guidance, and not legally binding, it is considered as best practice and adhering to it, helps ensure our school premises are safe, healthy, and suitable for their intended use.

Fundraising

As part of its work within the community, the academy trust undertakes fund-raising activities, for example through cake sales, non-uniform days, etc. The academy trust raises funds in order to support its own operations and also to make donations to local and national charities. The academy trust undertakes all such activities itself, with the help of pupils and their families. In relation to fundraising, the trustees confirm that no external fundraisers are used. All fundraising undertaken during the year was monitored by the Trustees.

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Plans for future periods

As a school, we continue to work hard to ensure our teaching supports the creative habits of learning, as well as supporting targeted pupil's mental health and ensuring all pupils personal development meets are met.

Area 1	Improve quality of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve maths attainment in KS1 and KS2• Increase grammar and handwriting teaching across all year groups to improve writing outcomes• Advance the teaching and outcomes of science in Key Stage 2• Promote accelerated progress for lower attainers in reading, writing, and maths across all year groups
Area 2	Improve pupils' behaviour and attitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance mental health support and regulation for named pupils in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 to improve attainment in core subjects• Establish a consistent approach to behaviour management for all staff
Area 3	Improve pupils' Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance the implementation of Voice 21 oracy work across all year groups to develop confidence• Expand Creative Collaboratives work to develop Creative Habits of learning across all subjects.• Increase the citizenship education programme within the school curriculum to enhance individuals respect and tolerance to others
Area 4	Improve leadership and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance leadership capabilities among the new chair of governors, deputy headteacher, and phase leaders.• Develop the skills of subject leaders especially RE, PSHE, PE, DT, and Computing.• Ensure the continued effectiveness and robustness of safeguarding measures.• Enhance the strategic capability of governors through effective monitoring
Area 5	Improve the effectiveness of the early years provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance Writing provision and learning opportunities to increase outcomes• Improve Continuous Provision through explicit enhancements• Implement focused Oracy work to improve GLD
Area 6	Building and finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete CIF bid for new roof and perimeter fencing• Improve internal decoration• Redesign and refurbish internal rooms including new special needs provision room (The Willow)

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Academy Trust does not hold funds on behalf of others.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

K McLeod

Chair of Governors

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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Scope of responsibility

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

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

The board of governors 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 Old Basford School and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the board of governors 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 six times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
K McLeod (Chair from 15 October 2024) (Appointed 30 January 2024)	3	4
D Lawson (Chair to 15 October 2024)	6	6
D Appleby (Resigned 17 November 2023)	1	2
J Ross	6	6
K Priddy	6	6
M Adewoye	2	6
S Brownlie (Resigned 15 January 2024)	1	3
Y Blair	4	6
C Aldrich	5	6
S Maher (Resigned 4 October 2024)	6	6
A Adedoyin	4	6
C Paechter	3	6
R Okechukwu (Resigned 12 December 2023)	0	2
L Duffin	6	6
J Thomas (Appointed 17 October 2023 and resigned 15 October 2024)	6	6
J Wirszyycz (Appointed 14 May 2024)	1	1
E Singh (Appointed 15 October 2024)	0	0
N James (Resigned 5 November 2023)	1	2

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Governance review

The Board of Trustees has worked with the Senior Leadership and school staff to ensure the school operates as effectively and efficiently as possible.

- Area 1 - Improve quality of education
- Area 2 - Improve pupils' behaviour and attitudes
- Area 3 - Improve pupils' Personal Development
- Area 4 - Improve leadership and management
- Area 5 - Improve the effectiveness of the early years provision
- Area 6 - Building and Finance

The governors' primary role in this area is participating in identifying areas of improvement and agreeing the strategic objectives of the school, then monitoring the impact of agreed actions. The governors carried out this role in various ways, seeking to triangulate evidence to support their judgements. This included their own monitoring through virtual monitoring visits, reviewing planning and the impact of managers' planning and training on other staff's planning teaching etc., receiving and interrogating/challenging reports from the headteacher and curriculum leads and importantly from the independent School Improvement Advisor appointed through the Nottingham Schools Trust, and the review of data.

Governors produce reports on their monitoring, presenting them at Governing Body meetings and holding the school leaders to account for meeting their targets.

Conflict of interest

As trustees we need to be conscious of conflicts at all times. At Old Basford School we manage potential conflicts of interests by ensuring there is systematic capturing of Declarations of Interest and any conflicted individuals are removed from the decision-making process.

The Clerk to the Governance Team will keep a Register of Interests on GovernorHub and shall ensure the register is updated at least annually. The Clerk to the Governance Team annually issues (online) the Declaration of Interest forms to all members and trustees and will collate a central register of interests. The Register of Interests will be used to identify any potential, actual or perceived Conflicts of Interest in order to enable the Trust to avoid or appropriately manage them.

As a standard agenda item at the beginning of each board meeting all trustees are asked to declare any actual or potential conflict of interest. A Related Party disclosure is made annually to support the annual statement of accounts which discloses relationships with other persons and entities.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

The Finance, Risk and Audit Committee is a sub committee of the main governing body. Its purpose is to discuss financial matters including preparation of draft budget, approving journals and transfers, making contractual arrangements, approving write offs, maintaining a charges and remissions policy, monitoring of expenditure and considering audit reports. Approval of the budget, Best Value Statement and journals over £50,000 will remain the responsibility of the Full Governors.

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Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
K McLeod (Chair from 15 October 2024) (Appointed 30 January 2024)	1	2
D Lawson (Chair to 15 October 2024)	3	3
M Adewoye	2	3
C Aldrich	2	3
S Maher (Resigned 4 October 2024)	3	3
L Duffin	3	3

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Head teacher 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.

Old Basford School recognises its responsibility to achieve value for money from all its activities, however they may be funded. We are committed to the pursuit of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and seek to adopt good practice, and incorporate value for money principles in all our activities. Equipment, materials and services will be deployed to provide pupils and staff with resources that support quality of teaching and learning by ensuring:

- A high level of awareness and ownership of value for money in all functions and activities throughout the school in order to maximise the benefits to pupils whilst minimising cost;
- That all directors and staff have responsibility for promoting value for money principles; active consideration of value for money in the planning and delivery of Old Basford School's Development and Financial Plans; service delivery methods, including partnership working; and budget and resource allocation.

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

The E's Principle

Achieving value for money can be described in terms of three E's – Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness.

- Economy – minimising the cost of resources for an activity (doing things at the right price)
- Efficiency – performing tasks with reasonable effort (doing things in the right way)
- Effectiveness – the extent to which objectives are met (doing the right things)

Having the 'right people' is also an important aspect of ensuring value for money. Obtaining the best outcomes for pupils, within available resources, is the key to achieving value for money.

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The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Double accounting and checking of all invoices and cheques signed
- Three quotes obtained and governors Finance and Audit committee making final decisions on all purchases over £10,000.
- The Head Teacher ensuring that reasonable steps have been taken to obtain best value on all purchases between £1,500 to £10,000
- Clearly minuted ratification of the school budget for the Financial year
- Detailed financial reports for governors, including Pupil Premium
- Ensured that the Finance committee has regard to value for money in its discussions and decisions
- An efficient and effective staffing structure to facilitate the achievement of its strategic aims and objectives
- Ensured value for money principles are taken fully into account within existing management, planning and review processes
- Adopted and recognised good practice where it is appropriate to do so
- Responded to opportunities to enhance the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of activities observed the need for price quotations and for tender invitations according to the limits prescribed in Old Basford School's internal finance policies
- Ensured that all administrative systems and processes are designed to maximise integration and eliminate duplication and delay
- Promoted a culture of continuous improvement by all stakeholders
- Ensured that all staff recognise their continuing obligation to seek value for money for Old Basford School as part of their day to day activities.

Purchasing

Procedures are in place for assessing need, and obtaining goods and services that provide best value in terms of suitability, efficiency, time and cost. These include competitive tendering procedures for goods and services where appropriate, procedures for accepting best value quotes and purchasing certain goods or services from known, reliable suppliers.

Pupils Welfare

The quality of the school environment and ethos is reviewed to provide a supportive atmosphere conducive to learning and recreation.

Health & Safety

The quality of the school's buildings and equipment is kept under review, carrying out risk assessments where appropriate, in order to provide a safe working environment for all pupils, staff and visitors. We will continuously improve the resilience of our school estate, both land and buildings ensuring it is fit for purpose from which to grow.

In order to invest effectively in our school this will involve;

- Using data from both building and school condition reports to prioritise work required.
- Considering the future requirements of the school anticipating changes to government policy, statutory and legal obligations and pupil numbers.
- Making informed judgements about future financial capacity for capital and revenue expenditure.

In order to ensure our land and buildings are fit for purpose and in parallel with the school maintenance plan this will involve;

- Ensuring cyclical monitoring, servicing and testing, grounds maintenance and redecoration programmes are in place and budgeted through revenue funds.
- Have a programme of reactive maintenance in place e.g. minor works, low cost cyclical works (clearing roofs, gutters and drains).

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Monitoring

Examples of monitoring for best value include:

- In house monitoring by the governors, accounting officer and finance staff
- Annual budget planning
- Governors regular financial review
- Minutes of all governors' meetings
- Responsible Officer reports
- Audit reports
- Analysis of school performance data
- Analysis of DfE pupil performance data e.g. RAISEonline
- OFSTED inspection reports

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 Old Basford School 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 governors;
- regular reviews by the Audit and Finance Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has decided to employ Wright Vigar, Chartered Accountants as internal auditor.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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

- Purchasing
- Governance
- Payroll

The subsequent reports were emailed directly to the School Business Manager and forwarded to both the Headteacher and Chair of Governors. Reports were also presented to the Audit and Finance Committee.

The reviewer has completed their schedule of works.

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 auditor.
- 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
- correspondence from ESFA

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

Based on the advice of the finance, risk and audit 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 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

K McLeod
Chair of Governors

L Duffin
Accounting Officer

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

As accounting officer of Old Basford School, I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement 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 the following instance of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance discovered to date has been notified to the board of trustees and ESFA. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the board of trustees and ESFA:

Fixed asset expenditure governor approval

Under the trust's finance policy, any expenditure greater than £10k must be approved in advance by the governors. It has not been possible to locate written evidence of this approval process for the purchase of 32 Dell laptops for £11,282 in July 2024.

This financial commitment was entered into with the knowledge and approval of governors, however, there is no documentary evidence in the form of meeting minutes. This is a breach of the trust's finance policy. I will ensure that the written approval for all such expenditure is put in place in future.

L Duffin
Accounting Officer

10 December 2024

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of Old Basford School 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 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

K McLeod
Chair of Governors

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OLD BASFORD SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Old Basford School 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OLD BASFORD SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OLD BASFORD SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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.

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

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to:

- child protection,
- the funding agreement,
- Academies Accounts Direction 2023-2024,
- the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.
- employment, health and safety regulation and estates management,
- anti-bribery, corruption and fraud.

We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to inflated income and surplus. Audit procedures performed included:

- review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation
- enquiries of management
- testing of journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the senior leadership team that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud
- evaluation of the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation
- review of correspondence and reports to the regulator, including correspondence with the Education and Skills Funding Agency and
- review of internal audit reports in so far as they related to the financial statements

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



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OLD BASFORD SCHOOL
(CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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.

Elizabeth Searby (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UHY Hacker Young

10 December 2024

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON
REGULARITY TO OLD BASFORD SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS
FUNDING AGENCY**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 17 August 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 Old Basford School during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of Old Basford School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Old Basford School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 25 May 2012 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance, and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the 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.

**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON
REGULARITY TO OLD BASFORD SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS
FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- An assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety within the trust.
- Testing of those areas identified through risk assessment, including reviewing internal controls, analytical review of enquiries of management.
- Consideration of the evidence and concluding on the work carried out.

In line with the Framework and guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts issued March 2024, we have not performed any additional procedures regarding the academy trust's compliance with safeguarding, health and safety and estates management.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matter listed below, 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.

Fixed asset expenditure governor approval

Under the trust's finance policy, any expenditure greater than £10k must be approved in advance by the governors. It has not been possible to locate written evidence of this approval process for the purchase of 32 Dell laptops for £11,282 in July 2024.

There is nothing to suggest that this financial commitment was entered into without the knowledge and approval of governors, however, documentary evidence in the form of meeting minutes has not been produced or retained within the trust. This is a breach of the trust's finance policy.

Reporting Accountant

UHY Hacker Young
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Dated: 10 December 2024

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

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	3,404	-	86,689	90,093	32,788
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	2,800,909	-	2,800,909	2,564,029
Other trading activities	5	87,342	77,339	-	164,681	149,192
Investments	6	76	-	-	76	70
Total		<u>90,822</u>	<u>2,878,248</u>	<u>86,689</u>	<u>3,055,759</u>	<u>2,746,079</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	26,963	7,587	-	34,550	31,392
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	8	-	2,768,129	120,093	2,888,222	2,845,640
Total	7	<u>26,963</u>	<u>2,775,716</u>	<u>120,093</u>	<u>2,922,772</u>	<u>2,877,032</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		63,859	102,532	(33,404)	132,987	(130,953)
Transfers between funds	16	-	(95,226)	95,226	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial (losses)/gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	(8,000)	-	(8,000)	565,000
Net movement in funds		63,859	(694)	61,822	124,987	434,047
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		<u>225,285</u>	<u>(73,642)</u>	<u>3,646,305</u>	<u>3,797,948</u>	<u>3,363,901</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>289,144</u>	<u>(74,336)</u>	<u>3,708,127</u>	<u>3,922,935</u>	<u>3,797,948</u>

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Comparative year information		Unrestricted	Restricted funds:		Total
Year ended 31 August 2023		funds	General	Fixed asset	2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	4,255	-	28,533	32,788
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	2,564,029	-	2,564,029
Other trading activities	5	80,333	68,859	-	149,192
Investments	6	70	-	-	70
Total		<u>84,658</u>	<u>2,632,888</u>	<u>28,533</u>	<u>2,746,079</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	24,040	7,352	-	31,392
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	-	2,742,792	102,848	2,845,640
Total	7	<u>24,040</u>	<u>2,750,144</u>	<u>102,848</u>	<u>2,877,032</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		60,618	(117,256)	(74,315)	(130,953)
Transfers between funds	16	-	5,955	(5,955)	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	565,000	-	565,000
Net movement in funds		60,618	453,699	(80,270)	434,047
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>164,667</u>	<u>(527,341)</u>	<u>3,726,575</u>	<u>3,363,901</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>225,285</u>	<u>(73,642)</u>	<u>3,646,305</u>	<u>3,797,948</u>

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		3,708,127		3,626,938
Current assets					
Debtors	13	62,979		54,014	
Cash at bank and in hand		688,095		618,498	
		<u>751,074</u>		<u>672,512</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(212,266)		(173,502)	
Net current assets			<u>538,808</u>		<u>499,010</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			4,246,935		4,125,948
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	18		(324,000)		(328,000)
Total net assets			<u>3,922,935</u>		<u>3,797,948</u>
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds	16				
- Fixed asset funds			3,708,127		3,646,305
- Restricted income funds			249,664		254,358
- Pension reserve			(324,000)		(328,000)
Total restricted funds			<u>3,633,791</u>		<u>3,572,663</u>
Unrestricted income funds	16		<u>289,144</u>		<u>225,285</u>
Total funds			<u>3,922,935</u>		<u>3,797,948</u>

The accounts on pages 25 to 51 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 10 December 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

K McLeod
Chair of Governors

Company registration number 08168813 (England and Wales)

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	19		169,773		(83,698)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		76		70	
Capital grants from DfE Group		86,689		28,533	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(186,941)		(3,211)	
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities			<u>(100,176)</u>		<u>25,392</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			69,597		(58,306)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			<u>618,498</u>		<u>676,804</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			<u><u>688,095</u></u>		<u><u>618,498</u></u>

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Old Basford School is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the Trustees' report.

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.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is also the functional currency of the Academy Trust, and prepared to the nearest £1.

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.

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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.

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.

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding 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.

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

Leasehold land	Over the term of the lease
Leasehold buildings	2% straight line
Leasehold improvements	2% straight line
Computer equipment	25% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line

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

1.6 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 of services it must provide.

1.7 Leased assets

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

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1 Accounting policies

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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 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.

1.10 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.

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1 Accounting policies

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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.

1.11 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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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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. Under FRS102 the discount rate is determined by reference to market yields at the year-end date on high quality corporate bonds. On this basis the trust's actuary has calculated a discount rate of 5.05% at 31 August 2024 which is slightly lower than the discount rate used at 31 August 2023. This decrease has a direct impact on the quantification of the overall pension deficit reported in these financial statements at 31 August 2024. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Changes in the discount rate have a particularly significant impact on the calculation of the defined benefit obligation. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

The ultimate responsibility for setting the assumptions is that of the Academy Trust, as the employer, however each year the LGPS actuary proposes a standard set of assumptions as part of the valuation exercise, using their expert opinion, and which comply with the accounting requirements. The Academy Trust has, in practice with most employers, adopted the recommended actuarial assumptions following further consultation with its auditors to ensure these assumptions are reasonable and in line with those adopted by other academy trusts.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Capital grants	-	86,689	86,689	28,533
Other donations	3,404	-	3,404	4,255
	<u>3,404</u>	<u>86,689</u>	<u>90,093</u>	<u>32,788</u>

Donations and capital grants in year ended 31 August 2024 totalled £90,093 (2023: £32,788) of which £3,404 related to unrestricted funds (2023: £4,255) and £86,689 related to restricted fixed assets (2023: £28,533).

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4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
DfE / ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	2,143,088	2,143,088	1,978,808
Other DfE / ESFA grants:				
UIFSM	-	50,474	50,474	48,251
Pupil premium	-	192,515	192,515	190,722
Teachers Pay grants	-	20,841	20,841	1,179
Teachers Pension grants	-	3,375	3,375	3,333
PE and Sports grant	-	23,932	23,932	15,398
Others	-	124,097	124,097	128,519
	-	2,558,322	2,558,322	2,366,210
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	76,959	76,959	43,543
Early Years	-	165,628	165,628	154,276
	-	242,587	242,587	197,819
Total funding	-	2,800,909	2,800,909	2,564,029

Funding for academy trust's education operations in year ended 31 August 2024 totalled £2,800,909 (2023: £2,564,029) of which £Nil (2022: £Nil) was unrestricted and £2,800,909 was restricted (2023: £2,564,029).

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Catering income	-	27,437	27,437	25,742
Other income	87,342	49,902	137,244	123,450
	87,342	77,339	164,681	149,192

The income from other trading activities was £164,681 (2023: £149,192), of which £87,342 was unrestricted (2023: £80,333) and £77,339 was restricted (2023: £68,859).

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6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Short term deposits	76	-	76	70
	<u>76</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>

Investment income in year ended 31 August 2024 totalled £76 (2023: £70), of which £76 (2023: £70) related to unrestricted funds and £Nil related to restricted funds (2023: £Nil).

7 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
		Premises £	Other £		
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	26,963	-	7,587	34,550	31,392
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	1,884,358	74,695	90,655	2,049,708	1,887,983
- Allocated support costs	309,107	184,178	345,229	838,514	957,657
	<u>2,220,428</u>	<u>258,873</u>	<u>443,471</u>	<u>2,922,772</u>	<u>2,877,032</u>

Expenditure in year ended 31 August 2024 totalled £2,922,772 (2023: £2,877,032), of which £2,220,428 (2023: £2,162,031) related to staff costs, £258,873 (2023: £291,278) related to premises costs and £443,471 (2023: £423,723) related to other expenditure.

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to auditor for audit services	11,800	11,000
Operating lease rentals	3,262	3,262
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	120,093	102,848
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	15,000	33,000
	<u>150,155</u>	<u>150,110</u>

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8 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
All from restricted funds:	£	£
Direct costs		
Educational operations	2,049,708	1,887,983
Support costs		
Educational operations	838,514	957,657
	<u>2,888,222</u>	<u>2,845,640</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	309,107	397,541
Depreciation	45,398	27,927
Technology costs	45,935	44,874
Premises costs	138,780	188,430
Legal costs	71,452	68,681
Other support costs	222,512	224,850
Governance costs	5,330	5,354
	<u>838,514</u>	<u>957,657</u>

9 Staff

Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the year were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,618,649	1,578,706
Social security costs	149,947	143,855
Pension costs	367,590	395,688
	<u>2,136,186</u>	<u>2,118,249</u>
Staff costs - employees	2,136,186	2,118,249
Agency staff costs	80,159	37,179
	<u>2,216,345</u>	<u>2,155,428</u>
Staff development and other staff costs	4,083	6,603
	<u>2,220,428</u>	<u>2,162,031</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	22	23
Administration and support	41	39
Management	4	4
	<u>67</u>	<u>66</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
£60,001 - £70,000	-	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	-
	<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 key management personnel employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £392,914 (2023: £330,964).

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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 principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as trustees.

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

L Duffin (Governor & Head teacher)

Remuneration £75,000 - £80,000 (2023: £45,000-£50,000)

Employer's pension contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2023: £10,000 - £15,000)

N James (Governor - resigned as governor 5 November 2023)

Remuneration £5,000 - £10,000 (2023: £25,000 - £30,000)

Employer's pension contributions £nil - £5,000 (2023: £5,000 - £10,000)

K Priddy (Governor)

Remuneration £45,000 - £50,000 (2023: £45,000 - £50,000)

Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2023: £10,000 - £15,000)

J Ross (Governor)

Remuneration £45,000 - £50,000 (2023: £40,000 - £45,000)

Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2023: £5,000 - £10,000)

J Thomas (Governor & Assistant Head Teacher from 17 October 2023 to 15 October 2024)

Remuneration £45,000 - £50,000 (2023: £nil)

Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2023: £nil)

During the year ended 31 August 2024, no governor expenses have been incurred (2023: £Nil).

11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

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

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold buildings	Leasehold improvements	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 September 2023	4,289,939	78,452	218,661	35,059	4,622,111
Additions	3,721	-	127,137	70,424	201,282
At 31 August 2024	4,293,660	78,452	345,798	105,483	4,823,393
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2023	786,698	2,135	183,292	23,048	995,173
Charge for the year	74,695	2,094	34,111	9,193	120,093
At 31 August 2024	861,393	4,229	217,403	32,241	1,115,266
Net book value					
At 31 August 2024	3,432,267	74,223	128,395	73,242	3,708,127
At 31 August 2023	3,503,241	76,317	35,369	12,011	3,626,938

Long leasehold land and buildings are held under a 125-year lease from Nottingham City Council at nil rent. They are valued at depreciated replacement cost and recognised in the trust's balance sheet.

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	13,437	3,491
Prepayments and accrued income	49,542	50,523
	62,979	54,014

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	-	239
Accruals and deferred income	212,266	173,263
	212,266	173,502

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15 Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	150,115	105,107
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred income at 1 September 2023	105,107	86,029
Released from previous years	(105,107)	(86,029)
Resources deferred in the year	150,115	105,107
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2024	150,115	105,107
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

At the balance sheet date, the academy trust was holding funds of £150,115 (2023: £105,107) received in advance for educational funding relating to the upcoming financial year. The deferred income provision includes Universal Infant Free School Meals grant, HLN funding, Early Years and SEN funding.

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16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	205,276	2,143,088	(2,051,898)	(95,226)	201,240
Teachers Pay grants	-	20,841	(20,841)	-	-
UIFSM	-	50,474	(50,474)	-	-
Pupil premium	32,348	192,515	(193,173)	-	31,690
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	151,404	(151,404)	-	-
Other government grants	-	242,587	(242,587)	-	-
Other restricted funds	16,734	77,339	(77,339)	-	16,734
Pension reserve	(328,000)	-	12,000	(8,000)	(324,000)
	<u>(73,642)</u>	<u>2,878,248</u>	<u>(2,775,716)</u>	<u>(103,226)</u>	<u>(74,336)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	3,102,263	-	(65,072)	-	3,037,191
DfE group capital grants	80,317	86,689	(33,141)	-	133,865
Capital expenditure from GAG	441,756	-	(17,690)	95,226	519,292
Donated fixed assets	11,864	-	(3,955)	-	7,909
Private sector capital sponsorship	10,105	-	(235)	-	9,870
	<u>3,646,305</u>	<u>86,689</u>	<u>(120,093)</u>	<u>95,226</u>	<u>3,708,127</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,572,663</u>	<u>2,964,937</u>	<u>(2,895,809)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>3,633,791</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>225,285</u>	<u>90,822</u>	<u>(26,963)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,144</u>
Total funds	<u>3,797,948</u>	<u>3,055,759</u>	<u>(2,922,772)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>3,922,935</u>

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16 Funds

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

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 governors.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Education and Skills Funding Agency / Department for Education where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose. A transfer of £95,226 was made from the restricted general fund to the restricted fixed asset fund (2023: £5,955 transferred from restricted fixed asset fund to restricted general fund).

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

The restricted fund balance of £16,734 relates to the school funds account held at 31 August 2024.

The pension reserve held within restricted funds was in deficit by £324,000 at 31 August 2024 (2023: £328,000). This does not mean an immediate liability for this amount crystallises. The deficit position will result in a cash flow effect for the academy trust in the form of employer's pension contributions assessed by the actuary.

The academy trust is not subject to GAG carried forward limits.

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16 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)	246,818	1,978,808	(2,026,305)	5,955	205,276
Teachers Pay grants	-	1,179	(1,179)	-	-
UIFSM	-	48,251	(48,251)	-	-
Pupil premium	31,107	190,722	(189,481)	-	32,348
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	147,250	(147,250)	-	-
Other government grants	-	197,819	(197,819)	-	-
Other restricted funds	16,734	68,859	(68,859)	-	16,734
Pension reserve	(822,000)	-	(71,000)	565,000	(328,000)
	<u>(527,341)</u>	<u>2,632,888</u>	<u>(2,750,144)</u>	<u>570,955</u>	<u>(73,642)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transfer on conversion	3,167,335	-	(65,072)	-	3,102,263
DfE group capital grants	67,680	28,533	(15,896)	-	80,317
Capital expenditure from GAG	465,401	-	(17,690)	(5,955)	441,756
Donated fixed assets	15,819	-	(3,955)	-	11,864
Private sector capital sponsorship	10,340	-	(235)	-	10,105
	<u>3,726,575</u>	<u>28,533</u>	<u>(102,848)</u>	<u>(5,955)</u>	<u>3,646,305</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,199,234</u>	<u>2,661,421</u>	<u>(2,852,992)</u>	<u>565,000</u>	<u>3,572,663</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>164,667</u>	<u>84,658</u>	<u>(24,040)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,285</u>
Total funds	<u>3,363,901</u>	<u>2,746,079</u>	<u>(2,877,032)</u>	<u>565,000</u>	<u>3,797,948</u>

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17 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	-	-	3,708,127	3,708,127
Current assets	289,144	461,930	-	751,074
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(212,266)	-	(212,266)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(324,000)	-	(324,000)
Total net assets	289,144	(74,336)	3,708,127	3,922,935

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,626,938	3,626,938
Current assets	225,285	427,860	19,367	672,512
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(173,502)	-	(173,502)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(328,000)	-	(328,000)
Total net assets	225,285	(73,642)	3,646,305	3,797,948

18 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 the Nottinghamshire County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

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

No contributions were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023: £nil).

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.

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18 Pension and similar obligations

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI. The key elements of the valuation outcome are:

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

The result of this valuation was 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 £257,272 (2023: £229,664).

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 28.6% for employers and between 7.4% and 11.7% 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.

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18 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Total contributions made	2024	2023
	£	£
Employer's contributions	135,000	129,000
Employees' contributions	36,000	36,000
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Total contributions	171,000	165,000
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Principal actuarial assumptions	2024	2023
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.9	3.9
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.9	2.9
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.05	5.3
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.9	2.9
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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	2023
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
- Males	20.4	20.4
- Females	23.3	23.2
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	21.7	21.7
- Females	24.7	24.6
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Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Discount rate + 0.1%	(56,000)	(50,000)
Discount rate - 0.1%	57,000	51,000
Mortality assumption + 1 year	92,000	90,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year	(90,000)	(87,000)
CPI rate + 0.1%	57,000	51,000
CPI rate - 0.1%	(55,000)	(49,000)
Salary increase + 0.1%	2,000	1,000
Salary increase - 0.1%	(2,000)	(1,000)
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Defined benefit pension scheme net liability	2024	2023
	£	£
Scheme assets	2,934,000	2,633,000
Scheme obligations	(3,258,000)	(2,961,000)
Net liability	(324,000)	(328,000)

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

	2024	2023
	Fair value	Fair value
	£	£
Equities	1,774,000	1,633,000
Bonds	146,000	146,000
Gilts	70,000	52,000
Cash	177,000	161,000
Property	312,000	307,000
Other assets	455,000	334,000
Total market value of assets	2,934,000	2,633,000

The actual return on scheme assets was a gain £234,000 (2023: £376,000 gain)

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current service cost	108,000	167,000
Interest income	(141,000)	(94,000)
Interest cost	155,000	127,000
Administration expenses	1,000	1,000
Total operating charge	123,000	201,000

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18 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 September 2023	2,961,000	2,984,000
Current service cost	108,000	167,000
Interest cost	155,000	126,000
Employee contributions	36,000	36,000
Actuarial loss/(gain)	101,000	(283,000)
Benefits paid	(103,000)	(69,000)
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At 31 August 2024	3,258,000	2,961,000
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Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 September 2023	2,633,000	2,162,000
Interest income	141,000	94,000
Actuarial gain	93,000	282,000
Employer contributions	135,000	129,000
Employee contributions	36,000	36,000
Benefits paid	(103,000)	(69,000)
Administration expenses	(1,000)	(1,000)
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At 31 August 2024	2,934,000	2,633,000
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19 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		132,987	(130,953)
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(86,689)	(28,533)
Investment income receivable	6	(76)	(70)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	18	(27,000)	38,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	18	15,000	33,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		120,093	102,848
(Increase) in debtors		(8,965)	(2,435)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		24,423	(95,555)
		<u>169,773</u>	<u>(83,698)</u>

20 Analysis of changes in net funds	1 September	Cash flows	31 August
	2023		2024
	£	£	£
Cash	618,498	69,597	688,095
	<u>618,498</u>	<u>69,597</u>	<u>688,095</u>

21 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	3,212	3,212
Amounts due in two and five years	1,606	4,818
	<u>4,818</u>	<u>8,030</u>

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22 Capital commitments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the accounts	-	14,483
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23 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. The following related party transaction took place in the financial period:

Expenditure Related Party Transactions

EMPSN Services Limited, a company in which S Salmon (a member) is a director. The school is a customer of this company for broadband services. Broadband costs posted totalled £2,606 (2023: £2,371).

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

24 Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he 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.