**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 07952925** 

Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 August 2022

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# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# **Financial Statements**

# Year ended 31 August 2022

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# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

# Year ended 31 August 2022

Reference and administrative details

Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited Registered charity name

Company registration number 07952925

office

Principal office and registered Sparkwell All Saints Primary School

Sparkwell Plymouth

PL7 5DD

The trustees **U** Andrew

> C Bailey T Bruce F Mcloughlin L Newberv J Sparkes J Hall R Lanyon

C Taylor Appointed - 07/02/2022

Company secretary C Bailey

The members R May

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## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

#### Chair's report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year to 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

During the year, the Trustees have made strategic decisions on staffing and accommodation to ensure the school can operate well and meet the needs of all children. The Board has a strategic action plan and work closely with the headteacher to implement improvement and change.

The trust operates an Academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 serving an area in and close to Sparkwell, with the majority of families driving their children to school due to the rural setting. It has a pupil capacity of 105 with a pupil admission number of 15 and had a roll of 107 children from Reception to Year 6 in the school, as reported on the Autumn 2021 census. Due to several families moving away, in the Summer census 2022 we had 101 children on roll.

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## Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Structure, governance and management

#### Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The trustees of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Sparkwell All Saints Primary School.

Details of the trustees who served during the year 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

The academy trust through its Articles has indemnified its trustees to the fullest extent permissible by law. During the period the academy trust also purchased and maintained liability insurance for its trustees.

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

Interested parties may put themselves forward for trusteeship by submission of a completed application form. Subject then to the appropriate checks and the satisfactory outcome of a discussion/interview with the Members, appointment follows. The arrangement for the appointment of Parent Trustees is the subject of a ballot by the entire body of parents. The Headteacher is treated for all purposes as an ex officio trustee.

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

The trustees are firmly committed to the principle of formal governor training. Appropriate training sessions have been held during the year and further training is scheduled.

#### Organisational structure

Decision-making and administration are inevitably influenced by the small scale of the operation and the size of the professional team, embodying one Principal (also the accounting officer), four teachers, six teaching assistants (FTE) and two admin/finance staff. The curriculum (and its implementation) is designed by the Headteacher in close consultation with her teaching colleagues. The Headteacher, the School Administrator and the Finance Officer have authority to spend within the bounds of an agreed, detailed budget drawn up by the Finance Officer, the Headteacher and the Responsible Officer and formally approved by the Trustees. This is monitored on a half termly basis (by way of a visit to the school or an online scrutiny) by the Finance Trustee to review the management accounts/petty cash etc. with the Finance Officer. Following recommendations in the 2017-18 audit we strengthened our monitoring processes to ensure additional internal controls and a termly finance committee meeting.

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# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

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

Remuneration is reviewed annually as part of an appraisal process and an increment may be awarded by the remuneration committee if performance is deemed as good. In the case of the principal's pay award, an external adviser from the Local Authority takes part in the process as recommended by the DfE.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

None.

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# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Objectives and activities

#### **Aims**

To advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom through the establishment, maintenance and management of a primary school offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

#### Objectives, strategies and activities

We are committed to improving the quality of the educational provision for all our children which will enable them to attain the levels of knowledge, understanding and skills that society demands for their future lives. High quality education at Sparkwell Primary School will be achieved by:

- Positive, caring and clearly focused leadership;
- the whole staff team working together to ensure the best outcomes for all our children;
- the whole staff team having high expectations of our children's social, behavioural and academic performance;
- well planned, exciting and challenging teaching that develops lively, enquiring and open minds in our children:
- creating stimulating, organised and attractive learning environments in which our children can take a pride;
- fostering a calm, secure and purposeful working atmosphere that nurtures a positive esteem and self-image in all our children including those with additional needs:
- promoting respect for other people and the environment;
- working in partnership with parents, trustees and the local community to enrich opportunities for our children.

#### **Public benefit**

The academy provides educational services to children in the local area. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

In setting the objectives of the trust, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners general guidance on public benefit. The catchment area of the school embraces areas which house low-income families as well as rural and semi-rural communities. Pupils are admitted strictly in line with government policy, i.e. children with special educational needs and "looked-after" children having priority and admissions are managed for the school by Devon County Council. The school's aims firmly embody the principle of community engagement and there is a strong commitment to the encouragement of volunteering, community action and local service.

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# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

### Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

### Achievements and performance

The school has continued to develop and grow and is now well established and again in 2021-22 was oversubscribed for entry into the Foundation Stage. We continue to manage the old school site and have spent money on essential maintenance this year, although we are currently exploring with the Diocese options to end this lease to ensure we get value for money.

The school had a full Ofsted inspection in May 2015 and was rated as a "Good" school, a short inspection in January 2019 stated that the school continues to be good. It stated that 'leaders throughout the school, including Trustees, have a secure understanding of the school's strengths. Trustees provide strong and effective challenge.'

Following the disruptions for 2 years with Covid-19 it was reassuring to return to a more normal school year and to allow visits out and visitors in.

After two years with no national assessments Statutory Assessments returned in 2022. We believe that our results reflect the disruption to learning caused by Covid in the last 2 years.

EYFS: 78% reached the Early Learning Goals required for a Good Level of Development

Year 1 phonics: 58% of Year 1 reached the required standard Year 2: Teacher assessments informed by SATs, see table below

Cohort of 13 children, 1 EHCP, 2 Pupil Premium and 3 with IEPs	<u> </u>	Working at expected (EXS)	Greater Depth (GDS)
Reading	28%	54%	15%
Writing	38%	61%	0
Maths	23%	61%	15%
Science	7%	92%	N/A

#### Year 6, see table below.

Cohort: 14 children, 5 with SEND and 2 with EHCP. I child disapplied, 2 children assessed as working at pre key stage 2	Not met standard	Working at expected	Greater Depth
Reading	31%	55%	14%
Writing	49%	29%	21%
Grammar, punctuation & spelling	41%	36%	23%
Maths	69%	31%	8%
Science	42%	58%	N/A

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# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

### **Key performance indicators**

As a non-profit making entity, the Trustees measure financial performance against the ability to continue to operate within the grant funding supplied by the Education Funding Agency and the assessment of the trust's capacity to continue to meet its charitable objectives against the approved grant funding for the coming year. The Trustees are satisfied that the trust's financial performance is in line with these principles.

# Key performance indicators:

- 16 first choice requests for September 2021 intake and all EYFS places were filled
- Places tend to fill quickly when they are available across the school and in the Autumn 2022 term we were over PAN with 107 pupils on roll
- School attendance 2021-22 at 94.4%
- Stable staffing, with no teacher turnover during 2021-20

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Objectives and activities (continued)

#### **Financial review**

The academy held fund balances at 31 August 2022 of £1,767,148 (2021: £1,532,836) comprising of £262,614 (2021: £271,241) restricted funds, £1,437,985 (2021: £1,467,536) of Restricted Fixed Asset Funds, £92,549 (2021: £73,512) of unrestricted funds and a pension reserve deficit of £26,000 (2021: £279,453). The academy has a positive General Annual Grant carry forward of £188,125 (2021: £207,885).

In accordance with the Funding Agreement, the principal source of general funding with which to finance the operations of the Academy is the Department for Education.

#### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, 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.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees adopt a conservative approach to spending and have a policy of striving to achieve a surplus each year which will become part of a modest, accumulating reserve designed to provide for contingencies. This is important to us as a Single Academy Trust as we do not have other funds to draw on, this endorses the concept of building up a sensible reserve.

#### Investment policy

The trust's objects, as defined in the memorandum and articles, permit the trust to deposit or invest any funds not immediately required for the furtherance of its principal object. The trustees have made no investments, all funds being on deposit in the trust's bank account. The trustees' investment policy is to continue in this manner and there is no intention to make any form of investment other than the placement of funds on interest-bearing accounts with the trust's bankers.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks to which the trust is exposed are regularly considered and reviewed, including health and safety, business/financial risks, viability (notably the need to gain the required admissions annually), demographic changes, crisis management and reputational risk.

As a relatively small company, the trustees do not perceive that there are any risks or uncertainties facing the trust which will require any special measures or precautions. The performance against budget continues to be formally monitored on a monthly basis.

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# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Objectives and activities (continued)

#### Plans for future periods

The trust continues to engage with all relevant stakeholders and, through regular visits and contact, maintains a close, supportive relationship with the Headteacher and staff. The trust seeks to grow the pupil numbers by 15 children per annum in order to maintain a school population of 105 children.

#### Funds held as custodian trustee

None.

#### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

#### **Auditor**

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved onon behalf of the board of trustees by:	and sig	ned
on behalf of the board of trustees by.		

T Bruce Chair of Trustees

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Scope of Responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to Headteacher F. McLoughlin, 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 Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 9 times during the year at meetings of the board or Trustees was as follows:

	Meetings attended	Out of possible
T A R Bruce	8	8
J Hall	7	8
L Newbery	4	6
F M McLoughlin	8	8
J Sparkes	6	6
C S Bailey	6	8
U T Andrew	5	6
B Lanyon	6	6
C Taylor	5	6

During the year 2021-22, we had no new Trustees. Two new members were appointed.

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Structure, governance and management (continued)

#### **Governance reviews**

During 2021-22 the Board of Trustees reviewed its governance composition and did not need to appoint any new Trustees. In September of each year it elects the key roles of Chair and vice-chair and allocates responsibility roles to each Trustee. In September 2018 it was decided to re-introduce a Finance Committee to ensure there was sufficient overview of all financial matters and this continued into 2021-22. Two new members were also appointed following the resignation of two long-serving Members.

#### **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 achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The accounting officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

Switched energy suppliers as they found a more competitive quote and fixed deal and when annual renewals come up for services such as staff absence insurance they always sought comparable quotes before renewing.

### The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited for the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

#### **Capacity to Handle Risk**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process and the Risk Register is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

## Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

### Year ended 31 August 2022

### Structure, governance and management (continued)

#### The Risk and Control Framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the board of trustees of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed C Bailey as Responsible Officer (RO); he is a very experienced financial director. The RO's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial records and systems. Regular visits are made to the school or carried out online by the RO when the following records are reviewed:

- monthly management accounts (P & L and Balance Sheet)
- budget spreadsheet (actuals against budget)
- monthly bank reconciliation statement
- payroll and significant receipts/payments
- petty cash

On a quarterly basis, the RO is due to report to the Board of Trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

Following the resignation of our previous finance officer after a period of ill health, we were pleased to recruit and appoint a new finance officer who started working for the Trust in February 2022; she quickly familiarised herself with the requirements of the post and prepared us well for the audit.

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

#### **Review of Effectiveness**

As Accounting Officer, F McLoughlin has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the Responsible Officer;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.
- The work of the Trust's finance officer

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by
T A R Bruce <b>Trustee</b>
Joan McLoughlin Accounting Officer Trustee

Structure, governance and management (continued)

#### Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As Accounting Officer of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2019-2020. I confirm that I and the academy trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2019-2020. I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.

Joan Mc J

F McLoughlin Accounting officer

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

## Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2022

Structure, governance and management (continued)

#### Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction published by the Education & Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards [FRS 102] have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board on and signed on its behalf by:	
T A R Bruce <b>Trustee</b>	
Date:	

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited

#### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 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.

#### **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 financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' 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 charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' 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 financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Responsibilities of trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

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

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a
  material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience
  and through discussion with the directors and other management. We communicated
  identified laws and regulations throughout our team, and remained alert to any indications of
  non-compliance throughout the audit.
- The company is subject to laws and regulations that govern the preparation of the financial statements, including financial reporting legislation, and other companies legislation. The company is also subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material impact on the amounts or disclosures within the financial statements, including employment, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering.
- Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. In any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited (continued)

#### Year ended 31 August 2022

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not
  detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error,
  as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override
  of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate 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.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Adam Croney ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Westcotts (SW) LLP Chartered accountants & statutory auditor Plym House 3 Longbridge Road Plymouth PL6 8LT

Date

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regulatory to Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

### Year ended 31 August 2022

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 28 September 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Sparkwell All saints Primary Trust Limited during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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 Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited 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 Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

# Respective responsibilities of the Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 30 June 11 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, 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 2021 to 2022. 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 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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.

### **Company Limited by Guarantee**

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regulatory to Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

### Year ended 31 August 2022

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- A review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an
  assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the Academy complied with
  the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the Trustees to
  assess the internal controls throughout the year.
- Detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and noncompliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

#### Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Adam Croney ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Westcotts (SW) LLP Chartered accountants & statutory auditor Plym House 3 Longbridge Road Plymouth PL6 8LT

Date

# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

				Restricted	2022	2021
Income and endowments	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	Fixed Asset funds	Total funds £	Total funds £
Donations and capital grants Charitable activities: Funding for the	3	-	274	5,114	5,388	6,346
academy trust's educational operations Other trading activities	4 5	34,410 775	564,125 	_ 	598,535 775	565,873 364
Total income		35,185	564,399	5,114	604,698	572,583
Expenditure Raising funds Charitable activities: Academy trust educational	6	459	_	-	459	164
operations	7	15,689	629,282	34,665	679,636	617,928
Total expenditure		16,148	629,282	34,665	680,095	618,092
Net income/ (expenditure) Other recognised gains /		19,037	(64,883)	(29,551)	(75,397) ———	(45,509) ———
(losses) Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension scheme		_	309,709	_	309,709	(57,961)
Net movement in funds		19,037	244,826	(29,551)	234,312	(103,470)
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward		73,512	(8,212)	1,467,536	1,532,836	1,636,306
Total funds carried forward		92,549	236,614	1,437,985	1,767,148	1,532,836

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# **Statement of Financial Position**

# 31 August 2022

Company Number 07952925

Company Number 07932923			
	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	12	1,612,615	1,645,418
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13	19,278 223,545	14,311 201,033
Liabilities		242,823	215,344
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	62,290	48,473
Net current assets		180,533	166,871
Total assets less current liabilities		1,793,148	1,812,289
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		_	_
Net assets excluding pension liability		1,793,148	1,812,289
Defined benefit pension scheme liability		26,000	279,453
Total net assets		1,767,148	1,532,836
Funds of the academy trust Restricted funds			
Restricted income fund Restricted fixed asset fund Pension reserve		262,614 1,437,985 (26,000)	271,241 1,467,536 (279,453)
Total restricted funds		1,674,599	1,459,324
Unrestricted funds		92,549	73,512
Total funds	18	1,767,148	1,532,836

These financial statements on pages 23 and 24 were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ......, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

F Mcloughlin Trustee

# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

# Year ended 31 August 2022

Cash flows from operating activities	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash provided by operating activities	21	24,374	32,142
Cash flows from financing activities	22	_	_
Cash flows from investing activities	23	(1,862)	(9,295)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		22,512	23,847
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		201,033	177,186
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		223,545	201,033

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 1. General information

The academy trust is a public benefit entity and a private company listed by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered academy trust in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Sparkwell All Saints Primary School, Sparkwell, Plymouth, PL7 5DD.

## 2. Accounting policies

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance and compliance 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 in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(Charities SORP(FRS102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 202 issues by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Sparkwell All Saints Primary Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### Going concern

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

#### Income

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

#### **Grants**

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

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

Capital grants are recognised in full where 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.

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Sponsorship income

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

#### **Donations**

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

#### Other income

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

#### Donated goods, facilities and services

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

#### **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 36 are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### Expenditure on raising funds

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

#### Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

#### Depreciation

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

Long leasehold property - 2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings - 20% straight line
Computer equipment - 33% straight line

#### Impairment of fixed assets

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.

### Liabilities

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

#### Leased assets

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

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **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 as detailed in note 17. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 18 and 19. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

#### Income tax

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 with 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 the charitable purposes.

#### **Pension benefits**

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

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

scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

#### **Fund accounting**

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

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

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

#### Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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 assumption used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. 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.

# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

# 3. Donations and capital grants

Cranto	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants Capital Grant	_	5,114	5,114	5,091
Other donations and legacies				
Other donations	_	274	274	5
Donated assets				1,250
	_	5,388	5,388	6,346

# 4. Funding for the academy trusts educational operations

	Unrestricted		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds £	Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
DfE/ESFA grants	L	L	L	L
General Annual Grant (GAG)	_	455,100	455,100	471,941
Other DfE/ESFA grants		100,100	100,100	.,,,,,,,
UIFSM	_	14,631	14,631	17,822
Pupil Premium	_	24,190	24,190	17,620
PE Sports Premium	_	16,790	16,790	16,860
Others	_	4,000	4,000	4,000
		514,711	514,711	528,243
Other Government grants				
Local authority grants	_	19,017	19,017	13,136
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	_	19,017	19,017	13,136
Other income from the academy				
trust's educational operations		0.040	2 2 4 2	
Educational trips and visits	-	9,319	9,319	4,047
Catering income Other income	9,940	24.079	9,940	7,602
Breakfast and After School Club income	8,364 12,509	21,078	29,442 12,509	4,749 8,096
Music lessons parent contributions	415	_	415	0,090
Student placement income	3,182	_	3,182	_
Ctadoni piacomeni income				
	34,410	30,397	64,807	24,494
	34,410	564,125	598,535	565,873

# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

# 5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Hire of facilities	670	_	670	260
School shop sales	105	_	105	104
·				
	775	_	775	364

# 6. Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Expenditure on raising funds					
Direct costs	_	_	459	459	164
Academy's educational operations	3				
Direct costs	461,126	32,954	17,880	511,960	451,935
Allocated support costs	31,166	42,265	94,244	167,675	165,993
	492,292	75,219	112,583	680,094	618,092

# 7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

Educational Operations Support costs	Unrestricted Funds £ 1,869 13,820 15,689	Restricted Funds £ 510,091 153,856 663,947	Total Funds 2022 £ 511,960 167,676 679,636
Educational Operations Support costs	Unrestricted Funds £ 2,022 2,749 4,771	Restricted Funds £ 449,913 163,244 613,157	Total Funds 2021 £ 451,935 165,993 617,928

# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

### 8. Analysis of support costs

	Educational		
	Operations	<b>Total 2022</b>	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Staff costs	31,166	31,166	33,645
Premises	42,266	42,266	43,723
Technology costs	2,073	2,073	4,546
Governance costs	4,250	4,250	5,265
Depreciation	34,665	34,665	45,297
Other support costs	44,404	44,404	26,625
Legal costs	8,851	8,851	6,892
	167,675	167,675	165,993

### 9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	34,665	45,296
Auditors remuneration:		
Audit	4,250	4,500
Other services	<del>-</del>	600

# 10. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	337,805	326,359
Social security costs	21,681	21,181
Employer contributions to pension plans	72,486	66,118
Other employee benefits	6,065	3,405
	438,037	417,063

#### Staff numbers

The average head count of employees during the year was 20 (2021: 20). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Teachers	5	5
Administration and support	15	15
	20	20

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Higher paid staff

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

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
£60,001- £70,000	1	1

#### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £141,244 (2021: £140,820).

#### 11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

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

#### F M McLoughlin (Principal):

Remuneration: £60,000 - £65,000 (2021: £60,000 - £65,000). Employer's pension contributions: £10,000 - £15,000 (2021: £10,000 - £15,000).

#### J Sparkes (Teacher):

Remuneration: £40,000 - £45,000 (2021: £40,000 - £45,000). Employer's pension contributions: £5,000 - £10,000 (2021: £5,000 - £10,000).

During the year ended 31 August 2022, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £Nil (2021: £249) were reimbursed or paid directly to Nil Trustees (2021: 2).

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out in note 24.

# **Company Limited by Guarantee**

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 August 2022

12.	Tangible fixed assets				
		Long leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 September 2021 Additions	1,809,131 -	101,386 —	120,374 1,862	2,030,891 1,862
	At 31 August 2022	1,809,131	101,386	122,236	2,032,753
	<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 September 2021 Charge for the year	173,360 31,681	94,023 1,600	118,090 1,384	385,473 34,665
	At 31 August 2022	205,041	95,623	119,474	420,138
	Carrying amount At 31 August 2022	1,604,090	5,763	2,762	1,612,615
	At 31 August 2021	1,635,771	7,363	2,284	1,645,418
13.	Debtors				
	Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income VAT Recoverable			2022 £ 1,346 11,861 6,071 19,278	2021 £ 1,692 4,163 8,456 14,311
14.	Creditors: amounts falling due withi	n one year			
	Trade creditors Accruals and deferred income Social security and other taxes Other creditors			2022 £ 20,077 27,266 6,806 8,141 62,290	2021 £ 7,952 25,964 6,084 8,473 48,473
15.	Deferred income				
	At 1 September 2021 Amount released to income Amount deferred in year			<b>2022</b> £ 21,274 (21,274) 22,332	2021 £ 18,055 (18,055 21,274
	Amount defended in year			22,332	21,214

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 August 2022

At the balance sheet date deferred income totalled £22,332 (2021: £21,274) which comprised 3 components relating to UIFSM, Pupils premiums relating to August paid in September and a deferred capital grant.

#### 16. Member liability

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

#### 17. Pensions 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 Devon County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £5,574 (2021 - £5,305) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2022 and are included within creditors.

#### **Teachers' Pension Scheme**

#### Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis - these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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### 17. Pensions and similar obligations (continued)

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme (continued)

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2024.

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amount to £20,748 (2021: £19,352).

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

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

#### Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £20,748 (2021: £19,352), of which employer's contributions totalled £15,174 (2021: £14,047) and employees' contributions totalled £5,574 (2021: £5,305). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.6 per cent for employers and 5.5-12.5 per cent for employees.

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

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### 17. Pensions and similar obligations (continued)

# Principal actuarial assumptions

	<b>2022</b> %	2021 %
Data of Commence in coloring		
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.85
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.85
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.20	1.70
Inflation assumptions (CPI)	2.90	2.85
RPI increases	3.10	3.10
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50.00	50.00

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Retiring today Males retiring today Females retiring today	21.70 22.90	22.70 24.00
Retiring in 20 years Males retiring in 20 years Females retiring in 20 years	23.00 24.30	24.00 25.40

# Sensitivity analysis

	At 31	At 31
	August	August
	2022	2021
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	177,523	385,650
Discount rate -0.1%	192,763	419,606
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	190,024	416,910
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	180,074	388,128
Long term salary increase rate +0.1%	184,982	402,262
Long term salary increase rate -0.1%	184,982	402,262
Pension increases and deferred revaluation +0.1%	192,855	419,391
Pension increases and deferred revaluation -0.1%	177,423	385,817

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# 17. Pensions and similar obligations (continued)

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Equities	84,322	76,864
Gilts	_	15,739
Other bonds	31,585	2,318
Property	15,849	15,737
Cash and other liquid assets	2,285	741
Other	13,167	11,410
Infrastructure	11,774	_
Total market value of assets	158,982	122,809

The actual return on scheme assets was (£5,099) (2021 - £18,417).

# Amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current service cost	(72,361)	(52,936)
Interest income	2,438	1,519
Interest cost	(7,013)	(4,412)
Admin expenses	(68)	(56)
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	(77,004)	(55,885)

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
At start of period	402,262	264,750
Current and past service costs	72,361	52,936
Interest cost	7,013	4,412
Employee contributions	5,574	5,305
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(352,370)	81,880
Benefits paid	15,018	_
Experience loss/(gain)	35,124	(7,021)
At 31 August	184,982	402,262

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# 17. Pensions and similar obligations (continued)

# Changes in the fair value of Academy Trust's share of scheme assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
At start of period	122,809	79,791
Interest income	2,438	1,519
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(7,537)	16,898
Admin expenses	(68)	(56)
Employer contributions	20,748	19,352
Employee contributions	5,574	5,305
Benefits paid	15,018	
At 31 August	158,982	122,809

# 18. Analysis of charitable funds

### **Restricted funds**

	At				At
	1 September			Gains, losses	31 August
	2021	Income	•	and transfers	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted general					
funds	007.005	455 400	(474.000)		400 405
General Annual Grant UIFSM	207,885	455,100	(474,860)	_	188,125
Pupil premium	_ 18,421	14,631 24,190	(14,631) (33,396)	_	9,035
Other ESFA grants	21,725	20,790	(33,396)	<del>-</del>	24,273
Other grants	23,210	49,688	(31,897)	<del>-</del>	41,001
Pension reserve	(279,453)	49,000	(56,256)	309,709	(26,000)
T CHSIOTI TCSCIVC	(275,455)		(50,250)		(20,000)
	(8,212)	564,399	(629,282)	309,709	236,434
Restricted fixed asset	t				
funds					
DfE/EFSA capital grants	14,975	5,114	_	_	20,089
Assets purchased since					
conversion	1,019,523	_	(34,665)	_	984,858
Donated assets	433,038				433,038
	1,467,536	5,114	(34,665)	_	1,437,985
Total restricted funds	1,459,324	569,513	(663,947)	309,709	1,674,599
Unrestricted funds	1,400,024	000,010	(000,041)	000,700	1,07 4,000
Unrestricted general					
fund	73,512	35,185	(16,148)	_	92,549
	1,532,836	604,698	(680,095)	309,709	1,767,148
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# 19. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of character fands						
Restricted funds						
	At				At	
1	September			Gains, losses	31 August	
	2020	Income	Expenditure	and transfers	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant	208,637	488,801	(489,553)	_	207,885	
UIFSM		17,822	(17,822)	_		
Pupil premium	11,069	17,620	(10,268)	_	18,421	
Other ESFA grants	16,976	4,749	(10,200)	_	21,725	
Other grants	15,098	19,135	10,993		23,210	
Pension reserve	(184,959)	15,155	(36,533)	(57,961)	(279,453)	
i ension reserve	(104,959)		(30,333)	(37,301)	(279,400)	
	66,791	548,127	(565,169)	(57,961)	(8,212)	
Restricted fixed asset funds						
DfE/EFSA capital grants Assets purchased since	12,575	5,091	(2,691)	_	14,975	
conversion	1,064,608	_	(45,085)	_	1,019,523	
Donated assets	432,000	1,250	(212)	_	433,038	
	1,509,183	6,341	(47,988)	_	1,467,536	
Total restricted funds	1,575,974	554,468	(613,157)	(57,961)	1,459,324	
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted general						
fund	60,332	18,115	(4,935)	_	73,512	
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	1,636,306	572,583	(618,092)	(57,961)	1,532,836	

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#### 20. Analysis of net assets between funds

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

- The General Annual Grant (GAG) restricted fund relates to the funding received from the ESFA for the ongoing provision of education services to children.
- The Academy received other restricted funding for the provision of education and training services to children.
- The defined benefit pension fund represents the current deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- The Academy operates restricted fixed assets funds. Income that is received by the Academy for the purchase of specific capital items or projects is allocated to these funds.

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	_	174,630	1,437,985	1,612,615
Current assets	92,549	150,274	_	242,823
Current liabilities	_	(62,290)	_	(62,290)
Pension scheme liability	_	(26,000)	_	(26,000)
	92,549	(186,094)	1,437,985	1,767,148

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Current liabilities Pension scheme liability	73,512 - -	177,882 141,832 (48,473) (279,453)	1,467,536 - - -	1,645,418 215,344 (48,473) (279,453)
	73,512	(8,212)	1,467,536	1,532,836

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21.	Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow	from operating	g activities	
			2022 £	2021 £
	Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financ Activities)	ial	234,312	(103,470)
	Adjustments for: Depreciation Remeasurement of net defined benefit scheme liability Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contribution Defined benefit scheme finance cost Decrease/(increase) in debtors Decrease/(increase) creditors		34,665 (309,709) 51,613 4,643 (4,967) 13,817	33,584 2,949 (6,770) 3,591
	Net cash from operating activities		24,374	33,142
22.	Cash flows from financing activities			
			2022 £	2021 £
	Capital funding received from sponsors		_	
	Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	i		
23.	Cash flows from investing activities			
			2022 £	2021 £
	Assets purchased		(1,862)	(9,295)
	Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<b>;</b>	(1,862)	(9,295)
24.	Analysis of changes in net debt			
		At 1 Sep 2021 £	Cash flows	At 31 Aug 2022 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	201,033	22,512 ———	223,545

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#### 25. Financial commitments

#### **Operating lease commitments**

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	4,000	4,000
Amounts due between one and five years	14,000	14,000
Amounts due after five years	43,125	47,125
	61,125	65,125

#### 26. Related parties

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations 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 a member of the Board of Trustees may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

Below are related party transactions in the year, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 11.

#### Income related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

#### **Little Orchard Montessori Nurseries Limited**

(A Trustee is a Director of the company)

The Academy received income from Little Orchard Montessori Nurseries Limited of £4,833 (2021 - £4,548). This was a direct recharge of the water and electricity usage that is billed to the Academy but relates to the nursery's usage. Therefore, as the Academy acts as an agent to pay these bills the income is netted off the expenditure giving a net SOFA impact.

At the balance sheet date the amount from Little Orchard Montessori Nurseries Limited was £546 (2021 - £Nil).