Company Registration Number: 07763421 (England & Wales)

# HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023



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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Hazel Phillips, Chair1

Adrian Jones, Vice Chair1

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Shona Howard1 Heidi Hughes2 Joanne Boichot2 Ben McLewis<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Finance & Resources Committee

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Company registered

number

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Adam Barber, Headteacher (to 31/08/2023)

Nicola O'Brien, Business Manager

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. 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 7 to 11 serving a catchment area in north-west Bristol. It has a pupil capacity of 360 and had a roll of 369 in the school census on October 2022.

#### 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 Henleaze Junior School Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as Henleaze Junior School.

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

#### 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.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Trustees' Indemnities**

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust. The limit of this indemnity is £10,000,000.

## Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Academy's Board of Trustees comprises the Co-Headteachers, a minimum of 2 Parent Trustees, Staff Trustees (providing that the total number of Trustees, including the Co-Headteachers, who are employees of the Academy Trust, does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees) and up to 3 other Trustees. The Academy Trust shall have the following Trustees as set out in its Articles of Association and funding agreement:

- up to 7 Trustees who are appointed by members.
- A minimum of 2 and up to a maximum of 5 Parent Trustees who are elected by Parents of registered pupils at the Academy.
- staff Trustees appointed by members
- up to 3 Community Trustees who are appointed by members
- the Co-Headteachers who are treated for all purposes as being ex officio Governors.

Trustees are appointed for a four-year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Co-Headteachers. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be reappointed or re-elected.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy's development.

# Policies and Procedures adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The Academy has a Trustee Recruitment, Induction and Training policy available from the Clerk to the Trustees.

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but would always include a tour of the Academy and a chance to meet staff and pupils. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. As there are normally only two or three new Trustees a year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the Local Authority and other bodies.

A Trustees' day is organised each year when all Trustees spend the day in school to gain a better understanding of how the school operates and the impact of their roles and responsibilities. However, due to the national lockdown in place, the school was unable to hold the Trustees Day during this academic year.

## Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets once each term. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines Trusteeship, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

There are 2 committees as follows;

- Finance and Resources Committee this meets at least six times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, receiving reports from the Responsible Officer and drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels. It incorporates the role of an audit committee. It is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the premises. This committee will also monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to Health and Safety. This committee is also responsible for Staffing and Wellbeing, overseeing policies relating to HR, pay and conditions, recruitment, training, performance management and working conditions.
- Pupil Progress and Curriculum Committee this meets once a term to monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting and assessment, examinations and all pastoral and welfare issues.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees: to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to appoint the Headteacher and Clerk to the Trustees, to approve the Annual Development Plan and budget.

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

The Trustees and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day-to-day management of the Academy to the Headteacher and Senior Management Team (SMT). The SMT comprises the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, senior Teachers, SENDCo and the Business Manager. The SMT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Academy has a leadership structure which consists of the Trustees, The Senior Leadership Team and Senior Management Team. The aim of the leadership structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) consists of the Co-Headteachers and Business Manager. The SLT controls the Academy at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and reporting back to them. The Co-Headteachers, Business Manager and Finance and Resources Committee are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets; a summary of this is in the Scheme of Delegation. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Scheme of Delegation. The Headteacher is responsible for the appointment of staff, though appointment panels for teaching posts always include a Governor.

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

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the senior leadership team comprise the key management personnel of the Academy in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of key management personnel is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings.

The pay of key management personnel is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with School Teachers' Pay and Conditions guidance and National Joint Council pay award for school support staff.

Trade Union facility time – regulations do not apply (< 49 FTE employees)

#### Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

The Academy has strong collaborative links with Henleaze Infant school and Claremont Special School, with a Campus Collaboration Committee comprised of governors from all three schools overseeing matters of common interest.

HENSA (Henleaze Junior School Parent Teacher Association) is associated with the Academy.

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of Henleaze Junior School.

#### Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

The Trust engages with their employees through many means and methods, including:

- Consulting with employees on key matters
- Have a staff representative on the board

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objects and Aims**

The principal object and activity of the Trust is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school, offering a broad range of curriculum for pupils of different abilities.

The principal object and activity of the Charitable Company is the operation of Henleaze Junior School to provide free education and care for pupils of different abilities.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The aims of the Academy during the year ended 31 August 2023 are summarised below:

- to continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of all pupils.
- to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including extra-curricular activities.
- · to develop students as more effective learners.
- to develop the Academy site so that it enables students to achieve their full potential.
- to ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care.
- to improve the effectiveness of the Academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review.
- to provide value for money for the funds expended.
- to comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements.
- to conduct the Academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness

At Henleaze Junior School we aim to achieve the best for, and from, each child. We intend to enable each child to realise his or her full academic, creative and physical potential and to develop positive social and moral values. Our school is a community in which children, staff and parents should be part of a happy and caring environment.

## Objectives, Strategies and Activities

Key priorities for the year are contained in our School Development Plan which is available from the School Office. Improvement focuses identified for this year include:

- To have a broad and balanced curriculum that reflects our concern for the progress of every individual
- To have high expectations for all
- To equip children with the tools and attitudes that will enable them to become confident individuals, responsible citizens and lifelong learners
- To value the environment and to use it with care as a tool for learning
- To work with our school community and the community at large in order to improve opportunities for all
- To be a fair employer with commitment to equal opportunities and to the professional development of all staff, recognising and celebrating their dedication and commitment
- To work with others in the education community in mutual support for the improvement of children's learning
- · To enrich the learning of all those with whom we work

#### ONGOING PRIORITIES

These have been and will continue to be the means by which Henleaze Junior School establishes itself as a distinctive, outstanding school serving its local community

- 1. Maintain high standards of attainment in core subjects
- 2. Deliver an exciting, relevant, broad, enriched curriculum
- 3. Recognise achievement in all its manifestations
- 4. Aim for all teaching to be good or better, with an increasing consistency of outstanding teaching resulting in outstanding progress
- 5. Identify and provide for children with additional needs (including the more able)

# PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR - from the School Development Plan 2022-23

We continued to see the impact of the global pandemic on our school community.

In this context we continued to promote the high aspirations and creative approach to curriculum that are hallmarks of Henleaze Junior School. The review of our values in 2020 resulted in a powerful endorsement of the inclusive and forward-thinking ethos of the school, and continues to inform our school development plan.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Our primary goal this year was to have in place a robust plan to deliver quality education and care to pupils whilst doing everything possible to keep our workforce healthy and happy. Our priorities for the year were:

- Ensure that the curriculum we deliver matches our intent: to inspire and excite with relevant and deep learning
- Maintain high expectations for all, not limited by preconceptions or "labels". Bring leadership of SEN
  and Pupil Premium together into a more unified team, rationalising procedures to ensure all
  vulnerable or disadvantaged learners' needs are met.
- Increase the "mental wealth" of the school by raising awareness and developing proactive approaches
  to spot signs of difficulty, understand factors influencing mental health and wellbeing and offer
  appropriate support.

#### Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

As an Academy we have a duty to support other schools. The Academy is a member of a number of groups throughout Bristol and in particular a member of NW24 Teaching and Learning Partnership. We work collaboratively with other schools in these groups by sharing best practice across a wide range of areas.

The Academy provides facilities for recreational and other leisure time occupation for the community at large in the interests of social welfare and with the interest of improving the life of the said community.

#### STRATEGIC REPORT

#### **Achievements and Performance**

Henleaze Junior School has been judged Outstanding by OFSTED in 3 consecutive inspections - 2005, 2009 and 2013. OFSTED inspections were suspended during the pandemic, but resumed in September 2021, with the exemption for schools previously rated "Outstanding" being removed. HJS expects to be inspected during the 2023-24 academic year.

A successful leadership transition has been undertaken this year, which was the second year of a two-year phased retirement programme for the Headteacher, during which time the Head and Deputy have been leading the school as Co-Headteachers. This plan has ensured that the school is strong, that the vision is clear, and that the trustees are able to handover smoothly to new leadership at the beginning of the next academic year. Having successfully co-headed during this time, the Deputy has been appointed as interim Headteacher to take the school forward during a period of change as it adjusts to the impact of the reduction in PAN. A Deputy Headteacher has been appointed to start in September and two experienced teachers will be also be joining the Senior Management Team. The strength of this plan has reassured staff and the local community that the school will continue to provide an outstanding educational experience for all children, in accordance with our core values.

We continued to develop the intent and impact of our Foundation Curriculum, defining expectations regarding progression of skills in Computing, Design Technology, Music and PE, and progression in key knowledge in the Humanities. We reviewed the HJS Assessment Framework for the core subjects and closely monitored standards in Writing in order to increase the percentage of children meeting expectations. We also published HJS Guides to teaching Reading, Writing and Maths. We trained staff in raising standards in writing through a greater focus on non-fiction text types and robust moderation, in the delivery of an effective DT and Computing curriculum, and in provision for pupils with English as an Additional Language, who form a growing cohort at HJS. We also launched an induction programme for Early Career Teachers, with our first ECT completing the year successfully.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

We improved the consistency in the writing of targets in HJS Support Plans for pupils with SEND, enabling us to evaluate more effectively the impact of interventions and strategies put in place. We commissioned an independent review of SEND provision from the LA which confirmed the general effectiveness of our practices and provided a steer for future professional development, which we are planning into next year. We also improved our communication and collaboration with parents/carers through a revised approach to parent consultations and the offer of campus coffee mornings for parents of children. The parent/carer survey results showed that the steps taken have had a very positive impact. We developed our provision for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs by developing an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant programme and we are expanding this next year due to its success.

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

The main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the Balance Sheet date. In particular, the management of spending against General Annual Grant (GAG) requires special attention. In period under review, £15,717 was carried forward representing 1% of GAG.

As funding is based on pupil numbers this is also a key performance indicator. Pupil numbers for 2023 were 369, a slight increase over 2022. Birth rate statistics for north-west Bristol suggest a fall in the number of primary places required over the next few years.

Another key financial performance indicator is staffing costs as a percentage of GAG. For 2023 this was 86%, compared to 91% in 2022.

The following KPI's were set at the start of the year:

	Target	Actual
GAG carry forward %	>1%	1%
Total unrestricted funds balance	£140,000	£341,645
Student attendance %	95%	94%
SATs	Above LA and National average for RWM combined and in achieving the higher standard	RWM combined: HJS 67%, LA 58%, National 59% RWM Higher standard: HJS 12%, LA 7% and National 7%

Attendance was lower than expected due to the number of absences due to Covid-19.

#### 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.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### Financial review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2023 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE which are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the Fixed Asset Fund. The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned, as defined in the Academy's accounting policies.

During the year ended 31 August 2023, the Academy received total income of £2,023,888 and incurred total expenditure of £2,063,833. The excess of expenditure over income for the year was £39,945.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be approximately £140,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance (teaching infrastructure). Total reserves of the academy amount to £357,362. This represents two months of normal recurring expenditure.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually to ensure that it is appropriate for the needs of the school.

## **Investment Policy**

Due to the nature and timing of receipt of funding, the Academy may at times hold cash balances surplus to its short-term requirements. The Trustees 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.

Trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are managed in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk. Any cash not required for operating expenses is placed on deposit at the most favourable rate available from providers covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Day to day management of the surplus funds is delegated to the Headteacher and Finance Director within strict guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major 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 principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are as follows:

Financial - the Academy has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In the last year 81% of the Academy's incoming resources were ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

Failures in governance and/or management - the risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Academy's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Academy is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk, Trustees ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

Estates safety and management – the Trustees are responsible for ensuring the Trust's estate is safe, well maintained and complies with relevant legislation. The estate risks are managed by the Trust, with the key risks being site safety in respect of building work.

Safeguarding and child protection - the Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Staffing - the success of the Academy is reliant upon the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds - The Academy has appointed an internal auditor to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Academy has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the year by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The Academy has agreed a Risk Management Strategy, a Risk Register and a Risk Management Plan. These have been discussed by Trustees and include the financial risks to the Academy. The register and plan are regularly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. Where significant financial risk still remains, they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

Trustees are aware of risks to revenue funding from a falling roll. The freeze on the Government's overall education budget, changes in funding arrangements for High Needs and increasing employment and premises costs mean that budgets will be increasingly tight in coming years.

The Trustees examine the financial health formally every term. They review performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all Board and Finance Committee meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the year end, the Academy had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors that would have a significant effect on liquidity.

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit pension scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in Note 22 to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However, as the Trustees consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### **FUNDRAISING**

The school has set up Henleaze School Fund so parents who wish to contribute on a voluntary basis, can do so directly. The school does not undertake any formal fundraising.

#### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Academy will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The Academy will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff in order to deliver its objectives.

The Academy will continue to work with partner schools to improve the educational opportunities for students in the wider community.

Full details of our plans for the future are given in our School Development Plan, which is available on our website or from the Clerk to the Trustees.

#### FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

The Academy and its Trustees do not act as the Custodian Trustees of any other Charity.

#### **AUDITOR**

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- · there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware
- 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.

A statement may also be included in respect of the reappointment of the auditor.

Hazel Phillips
Chair of Trustees

Date: 12th December 2023

Jonathan Parr Accounting Officer

### GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Henleaze Junior 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.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Henleaze Junior School and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 6 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

	Finan Resou Comm	irces	Pupil Pro Curric Comm	ulum	Full Gov Bo		Total M	eetings
Name	Attended	Total Possible	Attended	Total Possible	Attended	Total Possible	Attended	Total Possible
Katie Yeo	0	0	3	4	5	6	8	10
Adrian Jones	4	6	0	0	4	6	8:	12
lan Irvine	6	6	0	0	5	6	11	12
Heidi Hughes	0	0	3	4	5	6	8	10
Julian Wenban	5	5	0	0	6	6	11	11
Rekha Rao- Nicholson	4	6	0	0	2	6	6	12
Ben McLewis	0	0	3.	4	6	6	9.	10
Shona Howard	.3	6	0	0	4	6	7	12
Jayne Storey	0	0	3	4	4	6	7	10
Hazel Phillips	0	0	4	4	6	6	10	10
Jo Boichot	0	0	3	4	5	5	8	9
Mortaza Hemmati	2	6	0	Ó	4	6	6	12
Alison Stott	4	6	0	0	5	6	9	12
Adam Barber	1	1	3	3	6	6	10	10
Jonathan Parr	5	5	1	1	6	6	12	12
Nicola O'Brien	6	6	0	0	6	6	12	12
Melissa Garrett	0	0	2	2	5	5	7	.7

Melissa Garrett joined the board of Trustees during the year.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

The Trust maintains an up-to-date register of interests. Trustees are required to declare any interests at the start of any meeting they attend. Where a conflict of interest is identified, the Trustee is required to withdraw from the meeting and has no part in any discussions.

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### **Governance Review**

The Trustees carry out a skills audit each year, to identify what skills and experience is needed on the board, what the Trust currently has, and where there are gaps. The audit helps to identify the range of skills, experience and characteristics the Trust wants to prioritise for recruitment and any training needs.

The Trustees also maintain and review a Governing Body Development Plan, identifying key priorities for the year.

The Finance and Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees.

## <u>Purpose</u>

To assist the decision making of the governing body, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the governing body's responsibility to ensure sound management of the academy's finances and resources, including proper planning, monitoring and probity. To make appropriate comments and recommendations on such matters, to the governing body on a regular basis. Major issues will be referred to the full governing body for ratification.

## <u>Membership</u>

The committee will be at least three governors, one of whom ideally will be the Chair of Governors. The Headteacher will be an automatic member. The School Business Manager to attend meetings as an advisor. Additional non-voting members may be co-opted as considered necessary. Associate members have the right to attend any meeting in a non-voting capacity. Each committee has the power to co-opt associate members as it sees fit.

### Quorum

The quorum for each meeting shall be three, of which the Headteacher must be one.

# **REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY**

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes, as well as estates safety and management achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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

- Robust financial governance and budget management.
- Value for money purchasing.
- Reviewing controls and managing risk.
- Making comparisons with similar Academies using data provided by the ESFA and the Government.
- Challenging proposals and examining their effectiveness and efficiency.
- · Deploying staff effectively.
- Using the services of a Health & Safety consultant to ensure that the trust's estate is safe, well-maintained and complied with regulatory requirements

# GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

## 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 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 Henleaze Junior School for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 have been in place for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

# THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

- Comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees
- Regular reviews by the Finance and Resources 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 (assets 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 to appoint Audit West as internal auditor

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

- Governance
- HR and Payroll
- Risk Management

The auditor reports to the Board of Trustees three times a year, through the Finance and Resources Committee, on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### **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 Business Manager within the Academy Trust who has responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework
- The work of the external auditor

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and Resources Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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

Hazel Phillips Chair of Trustees

Date: 12th December 2023

Jonathan Parr
Accounting Officer

# STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Henleaze Junior School, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the Academy 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 2022, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

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.

J Parr

Accounting Officer

Date: 12 Dec 2023

# STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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

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

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:

- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- 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 financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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

Hazel Philips
Chair of Trustees

Date: 12 Dec 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL

#### **OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Henleaze Junior School (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

#### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

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

# CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Academy'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 AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- 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 our knowledge and understanding of the Academy 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.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

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

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

# AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the Academy sector, control environment and the Academy's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management and the Trustee board, including the committees charged with governance over the Academy's finance and control, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the Academy's documentation of their policies and
  procedures relating to: identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they
  were aware of any instances of non-compliance; detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether
  they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; the internal controls established to mitigate
  risks of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations;
- how the Academy ensured it met its obligations arising from it being financed by the ESFA and other funders, and as such material compliance with these obligations is required to ensure the Academy will continue to receive its public funding and be authorised to operate, including around ensuring there is no material unauthorised use of funds and expenditure;
- how the Academy ensured it met its obligations to its principal regulator, the Secretary of State for Education; and
- these matters were discussed among the audit engagement team who also considered any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud, which included incorrect recognition of revenue, management override of controls using manual journal entries, procurement and payroll. We identified the greatest potential for fraud as incorrect recognition of revenue and management override using manual journal entries.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Academy operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Academies Accounts Direction, Academies Financial Handbook, UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Academy's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included safeguarding regulations, data protection regulations, occupational health and safety regulations, education and inspections legislation, building legislation and employment legislation.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

• reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess the recognition of revenue;
- enquiring of Trustees and management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing procedures to confirm material compliance with the requirements of its regulators;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- · reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing internal control reports; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; and assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from an error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed 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.

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

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

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

**Chris Trantham (Senior Statutory Auditor)** 

for and on behalf of Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 10 Temple Back Bristol BS1 6FL

Date: 15 December 2023

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

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 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Henleaze Junior School during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Henleaze Junior School and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Henleaze Junior 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 Henleaze Junior School and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

# RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Henleaze Junior School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 12 October 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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's income and expenditure.

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes:

An assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety across all of the Trust's activities;

Further testing and review of the areas identified through the risk assessment including enquiry, identification of controls processes and examination of supporting evidence across all areas identified as well as additional verification work where considered necessary; and

Consideration of evidence obtained through the work detailed above and the work completed as part of our audit of the financial statements in order to support the regularity conclusion.

In line with the Framework and guide for external auditors and reporting accountants of academy trusts issued April 2023, we have not performed any additional procedures regarding the Trust's compliance with safeguarding, health and safety and estates management.

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

#### CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 10 Temple Back Bristol BS1 6FL

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Date: 15 December 2023

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants Other trading activities Charitable activities	3	- 9,532 118,990	- - 1,870,108	25,258 - -	25,258 9,532 1,989,098	18,107 8,751 1,899,133
Total income		128,522	1,870,108	25,258	2,023,888	1,925,991
Expenditure on: Charitable activities		48,168	1,896,210	119,455	2,063,833	1,973,790
Total expenditure		48,168	1,896,210	119,455	2,063,833	1,973,790
Net income / (expenditure)		80,354	(26,102)	(94,197)	(39,945)	(47,799)
Transfers between funds	16	_	(13,668)	13,668	-	~
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		80,354	(39,770)	(80,529)	(39,945)	(47,799)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	171,000	-	171,000	622,000
Net movement in funds		80,354	131,230	(80,529)	131,055	574,201
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		261,291	(435,513)	3,153,488	2,979,266	2,405,065
Net movement in funds		80,354	131,230	(80,529)	131,055	574,201
Total funds carried forward		341,645	(304,283)	3,072,959	3,110,321	2,979,266

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

The notes on pages 26 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

## HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER:07763421

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		3,072,959		3,153,488
			3,072,959		3,153,488
Current assets			8		
Stocks	13	2,282		2,937	
Debtors	14	45,139		58,495	
Cash at bank and in hand		366,845		330,157	
		414,266		391,589	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(56,904)		(80,811)	
Net current assets		007,50	357,362		310,778
Total assets less current liabilities			3,430,321		3,464,266
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	22		(320,000)		(485,000)
Total net assets			3,110,321	of Inspect	2,979,266
Funds of the Academy Restricted funds:					
Fixed asset funds	16	3,072,959		3,153,488	
Restricted income funds	16	15,717		49,487	
Restricted funds excluding pension reserve	16	3,088,676		3,202,975	
Pension reserve	16	(320,000)		(485,000)	
Total restricted funds	16		2,768,676	Jo collection	2,717,975
Jnrestricted income funds	16		341,645		261,291
Total funds		165,165	3,110,321	Major di etas m	2,979,266

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

The financial statements on pages 23 to 48 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 12th December 2023 and are signed on their behalf, by:

Hazel Phillips Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 26 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Note	2023 £	2022 £
18	50,356	(79,470)
19	(13,668)	(96,815)
•	36.688	(176,285)
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	330,157	506,442
20, 21	366,845	330,157
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The notes on pages 26 to 48 form part of these financial statements

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy 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 has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 INCOME

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

#### Grants

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

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

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

## Donations

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

#### Other income

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

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.4 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.5 TAXATION

The Academy 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 is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11, chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### 1.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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 requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets 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:

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

## 1.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Long-term leasehold property - Over the life of the lease

Furniture and equipment

- 8 - 10 years straight line

Computer equipment

- 4 years straight line

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

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

#### 1.7 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

#### 1.8 DEBTORS

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

## 1.9 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### 1.10 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 anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

#### 1.11 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.12 PENSIONS

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

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

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

#### 1.13 FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

# 2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT

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 makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2023. 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.

## 3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	-		_	10,046
Capital Grants	-	25,258	25,258	8,061
	<u>.</u>	25,258	25,258	18,107
TOTAL 2022	10,046	8,061	18,107	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

# 4. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

o	restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
EDUCATION				
DFE/ESFA GRANTS				
General Annual Grant	-	1,509,810	1,509,810	1,517,740
Pupil Premium	-	50,407	50,407	46,028
School Supplementary Grant	-	40,472	40,472	16,863
PE and Sports Grant	<u></u>	19,570	19,570	19,610
Other ESFA grants	-	22,978	22,978	8,588
_		1,643,237	1,643,237	1,608,829
OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS				400.000
High Needs	-	144,897	144,897	123,690
Other Local Authority Grants	-	1,250	1,250	2,400
		146,147	146,147	126,090
Other income from the Academy's education COVID-19 ADDITIONAL FUNDING (DFE/ESFA)	118,990	71,874	190,864	164,214
Recovery Premium	-	4,314	4,314	-
School Led Tutoring	-	4,536	4,536	-
_	-	8,850	8,850	-
TOTAL 2023	118,990	1,870,108	1,989,098	1,899,133
TOTAL 2022	103,838	1,795,295	1,899,133	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

5.	INCOME FROM OTHER TO	RADING ACTIVITI	ES			•
				Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Lettings Catering			9,112 420	9,112 420	8,751 -
				9,532	9,532	8,751
	TOTAL 2022			8,751	8,751	
6.	EXPENDITURE					
		Staff Costs 2023 £	Premises 2023 £	Other 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	EDUCATION:					
	Direct costs Allocated support costs	1,341,272 146,202	106,997 70,454	230,444 168,464	1,678,713 385,120	1,577,578 396,212
		1,487,474	177,451	398,908	2,063,833	1,973,790
	TOTAL 2022	1,387,442	216,172	370,176	1,973,790	
7.	ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITU	RE BY ACTIVITIE	s			
			Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Education		1,678,713	385,120	2,063,833	1,973,790
	TOTAL 2022		1,577,578	396,212	1,973,790	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

# ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) 7. **ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS**

Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Pension finance costs 15,000	14,000
Staff costs 1,146,781	1,204,422
Depreciation 106,997	101,634
Educational supplies 205,957	188,112
Staff development 9,487	9,465
Supply teachers 194,491	59,945
1,678,713	1,577,578
ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS	
Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Pension finance costs 5,000	5,000
Staff costs 146,202	123,075
Depreciation 12,458	10,779
Uniform purchases 3,023	1,183
Maintenance of premises and equipment 4,553	39,993
Cleaning 33,998	41,824
Rent and rates 4,100	4,938
Energy Costs 14,769	16,724
Insurance 32,217	30,951
Security and transport 576	280
81,063	79,255
Office Overheads 18,187	16,499
Legal and Professional 25,216	22,107
Bank interest and charges 1,748	
Governance 2,010	1,935
385,120	396,212

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
	Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:		
		2023 £	202
	Operating lease rentals	1,339	3,26
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Fees paid to auditors for:	119,455	112,41
	- audit		
	- other services	10,350 2,000	9,000 1,600
		2,000	1,000
•	STAFF		
	a. STAFF COSTS		
	Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
		2023 £	202
	Wages and salaries	980,514	974,838
	Social security costs	87,501	87,189
	Pension costs	224,968	265,470
		1,292,983	1,327,497
	Agency staff costs	194,491	59,945
		1,487,474	1,387,442
	b. STAFF NUMBERS		
	The average number of persons employed by the Academy during the ye	ear was as follows:	
		2023 No.	2022 <b>N</b> o.
	Teachare		
	Teachers Teaching Assistants	22	
	Teachers Teaching Assistants Administration and Clerical	14	19
	Teaching Assistants		19 19 3 3

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 9. STAFF (CONTINUED)

#### b. STAFF NUMBERS (CONTINUED)

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Teachers	13	14
Teaching Assistants	13	10
Administration and Clerical	2	2
Management	2	2
	30	28

#### c. HIGHER PAID STAFF

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	<u></u>
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1
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### d. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy was £342,510, to 5 members of the senior management team (2022 - £200.121 to 3 members of the senior management team).

### 10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy. 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: Adam Barber, remuneration £50,000 - £55,000 (2022: £50,000 - £55,000), employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2022: £15,000); Nicola O'Brien, remuneration £35,000 - £40,000 (2022: £35,000 - £40,000), employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2022: £5,000 - £10,000); Melissa Garrett, remuneration £40,000 - £45,000 (2022: not a Trustee), employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2022: not a Trustee).

During the year ended 31 August 2023, no expenses were distributed to Trustees (2022 - £NIL to Nil Trustees).

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

## 11. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The Academy 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 business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme membership.

#### 12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

13.

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
соѕт				
At 1 September 2022	3,286,746	740,858	169,425	4,197,029
Additions	-	25,477	13,449	38,926
At 31 August 2023	3,286,746	766,335	182,874	4,235,955
DEPRECIATION			-	
At 1 September 2022	554,991	338,866	149,684	1,043,541
Charge for the year	56,164	49,031	14,260	119,455
At 31 August 2023	611,155	387,897	163,944	1,162,996
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2023	2,675,591	378,438	18,930	3,072,959
At 31 August 2022	2,731,755	401,992	19,741	3,153,488
STOCKS				
			2023 £	2022 £
Uniform for sale			2,282	2,937

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

14.	DEBTORS		
		2023	2022 £
		£	t.
	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	Trade debtors	14,382	90
	Other debtors	942	35,941
	Prepayments and accrued income	29,815	22,464
		45,139	58,495
15.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
101		2023	2022
		2023 £	£022
	Trade creditors	6,488	4,120
	Other taxation and social security	20,982	19,924
	Other creditors	14	14
	Accruals and deferred income	29,420	56,753
		56,904	80,811
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Deferred income at 1 September 2022	2,837	2,837
	Resources deferred during the year	-	2,837
	Amounts released from previous periods	(2,837)	(2,837)
	Amounts released nom previous peneds	• • •	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

STATEMENT O	F FUNDS					
	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Funds - all funds	261,291	128,522	(48,168)	_	-	341,645
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	49,487	1,509,810	(1,529,912)	(13,668)	"	15,717
Pupil premium	,	50,407	(50,407)	(10,000)		13,717
PE and Sports		00,107	(00,101)		-	-
Grant	_	19,570	(19,570)	-	-	_
Other ESFA grants	-	31,828	(31,828)	_	_	_
Local authority						
grants	-	1,250	(1,250)	-	-	-
High needs	=	144,897	(144,897)	-	<b></b>	-
Trip income School supplementary	-	71,874	(71,874)	-	-	-
grant	=	40,472	(40,472)	-	_	-
Pension reserve	(485,000)	-	(6,000)	-	171,000	(320,000)
	(435,513)	1,870,108	(1,896,210)	(13,668)	171,000	(304,283)

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

3,153,488

2,717,975

2,979,266

RESTRICTED

**TOTAL FUNDS** 

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**FUNDS** 

16.	STATEMENT OF	FUNDS (CONTI	NUED)				
		Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
	RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
	Fixed assets transferred on conversion	2,140,661	-	(42,836)	-	-	2,097,825
	Fixed assets purchased from GAG and other funds	1,012,827	25,258	(76,619)	13,668	-	975,134

(119,455)

(2,015,665)

(2,063,833)

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

## 16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS

General Annual Grant (GAG) - This represents funding received from the Education Skills & Funding Agency (ESFA) during the period in order to fund the continuing activities of the school.

Pupil Premium - This represents funding received from the ESFA for children that qualify for free school meals to enable the Academy to address the current underlying inequalities between those children and their wealthier peers.

Other DFE/EFSA - funding received from the DFE/ESFA in relation to PE and sports grant, rates relief and additional free school meals funding.

Local authority grants - represents high needs funding, which is to cater for pupils with learning difficulties and other disabilities, and pupil premium.

Donations represent monies received from parents in respect of educational outings and trips in the year.

Pension reserve - This represents the School's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

### RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS

Fixed assets transferred on conversion - This represents the buildings and equipment donated to the School from the Local Authority on conversion to an academy.

Fixed assets purchased from GAG and other funds - This represents funding from the ESFA and other sources to cover the purchase of the Academy's assets.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2023.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

# 16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	~					
General funds	226,499	112,589	(77,797)			261,291
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	41,541	1,517,740	(1,412,979)	(96,815)	-	49,487
Pupil premium	-	46,028	(46,028)	-	<b>-</b>	-
Other ESFA grants	-	45,061	(45,061)	••	-	-
Local authority grants	_	2,400	(2,400)	-	-	-
High needs	-	123,690	(123,690)	_	-	-
Recovery Premium	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	<u></u>	-
Trip income	=	70,422	(70,422)	-		-
Pension reserve	(1,044,000)		(63,000)	•	622,000	(485,000)
	(982,459)	1,805,341	(1,783,580)	(96,815)	622,000	(435,513)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

# 16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
Fixed assets transferred on conversion Fixed assets purchased	2,183,497	_	(42,836)	-	-	2,140,661
from GAG and other funds	977,528	8,061	(69,577)	96,815	-	1,012,827
	3,161,025	8,061	(112,413)	96,815	-	3,153,488
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	2,178,566	1,813,402	(1,895,993)	-	622,000	2,717,975
TOTAL FUNDS	2,405,065	1,925,991	(1,973,790)		622,000	2,979,266

### 17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

# ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-		3,072,959	3,072,959
Current assets	381,136	33,130	_	414,266
Creditors due within one year	(39,491)	(17,413)	_	(56,904)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(320,000)	•	(320,000)
TOTAL	341,645	(304,283)	3,072,959	3,110,321

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

17	ANALYSIS OF NET	ASSETS BETWEEN	I FUNDS (CONTINUED)

# ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,153,488	3,153,488
Current assets	281,229	110,360	-	391,589
Creditors due within one year	(19,938)	(60,873)	-	(80,811)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(485,000)	-	(485,000)
TOTAL	261,291	(435,513)	3,153,488	2,979,266

# 18. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(39,945)	(47,799)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:	-	
Depreciation	119,455	112,413
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(25,258)	(8,061)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(14,000)	44,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	20,000	19,000
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	655	(2,937)
Decrease in debtors	13,356	58,544
Decrease in creditors	(23,907)	(254,630)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	50,356	(79,470)

### 19. CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

	£	£
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(38,926)	(104,876)
Capital grants from DfE Group	25,258	8,061
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(13,668)	(96,815)

2023

2022

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

20.

		2023

 £
 £

 Cash in hand and at bank
 314,477
 278,596

 Notice deposits (less than 3 months)
 52,368
 51,561

 TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
 366,845
 330,157

**ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** 

# **366,845** 330,157

2022

### 21. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	330,157	36,688	366,845
	330,157	36,688	366,845

#### 22. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Academy'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 Avon Pension Fund. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS 31 March 2019.

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

#### **TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME**

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

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 22. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **VALUATION OF THE TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME**

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 26 October 2023. The key elements of the previous valuation as at 31 March 2016 which was effective for the year ended 31 August 2023 are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levv)
- 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 and effective until 31 March 2027. The employer contribution rate for this period will be 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy).

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £154,248 (2022 - £146,233).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2019/04/teachers-pensions-valuation-report.aspx) for 2016 and www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2023/10/valuation-result.aspx for 2020.

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The Academy 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 2023 was £102,000 (2022 - £92,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £85,000 (2022 - £76,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 17,000 (2022 - £16,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21.8 per cent for employers and 5.5 - 12.5 per cent for employees.

As described in note 1.12 the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the Academy, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the Scheme in the year. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the Academy at the balance sheet date.

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.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

CPI rate -0.1%

2.	PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)		
	PRINCIPAL ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS		
		<b>2023</b> %	2022 %
	Rate of increase in salaries	4.3	4.4
	Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.9	3.0
	Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.4	4.3
	Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.8	2.9
	The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for f The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:	future improvements in mor	tality rates.
		2023	2022
		Years	Years
	RETIRING TODAY	Years	Years
	RETIRING TODAY Males	Years 22	
			23.1
	Males	22	23.1
	Males Females	22	23.1 25.3
	Males Females RETIRING IN 20 YEARS	22 24	23.1 25.3 24.6
	Males Females RETIRING IN 20 YEARS Males	22 24 23.2	Years 23.1 25.3 24.6 27.3
	Males Females RETIRING IN 20 YEARS Males Females	22 24 23.2	23.1 25.3 24.6
	Males Females RETIRING IN 20 YEARS Males Females	22 24 23.2 25.7 ————————————————————————————————————	23.1 25.3 24.6 27.3
	Males Females RETIRING IN 20 YEARS Males Females SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS	22 24 23.2 25.7 2023 £000	23.1 25.3 24.6 27.3 2022 £000
	Males Females RETIRING IN 20 YEARS Males Females  SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS  Discount rate +0.1%	22 24 23.2 25.7 2023 £000 (18)	23.1 25.3 24.6 27.3 2022 £000 (24)
	Males Females RETIRING IN 20 YEARS Males Females  SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS  Discount rate +0.1% Discount rate -0.1%	22 24 23.2 25.7 2023 £000 (18) 18	23.1 25.3 24.6 27.3 2022 £000 (24) 24

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 22. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **SHARE OF SCHEME ASSETS**

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

A	At 31 August 2023	At 31 August 2022
	£	£
Equities	257,000	307,000
Bonds	68,000	54,000
Government bonds	160,000	73,000
Property	49,000	54,000
Cash	8,000	2,000
Other	244,000	251,000
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS	786,000	741,000
The actual return on scheme assets was £-(17,000) (2022 - £14,000).		
The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows	:	
	2023 £	2022 £
Current service cost	(71,000)	(120,000)
Interest income	34,000	12,000
Interest cost	(52,000)	(29,000)
Administrative expenses	(2,000)	(2,000)
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	(91,000)	(139,000)
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows	S.:	
	2023 £	2022 £
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	1,226,000	1,720,000
Current service cost	71,000	120,000
Interest cost	52,000	29,000
Employee contributions	17,000	16,000
Actuarial gains	(244,000)	, ,
Benefits paid	(16,000)	(10,000)
AT 31 AUGUST	1,106,000	1,226,000

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

## 22. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2023 £	2022 £
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	741,000	676,000
Interest income	34,000	12,000
Actuarial losses	(73,000)	(27,000)
Employer contributions	85,000	76,000
Employee contributions	17,000	16,000
Benefits paid	(16,000)	(10,000)
Administration expense	(2,000)	(2,000)
AT 31 AUGUST	786,000	741,000

#### 23. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2023 the Academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	1,339	1,339
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	1,339
	1,339	2,678

#### 24. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

#### 25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the Academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

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