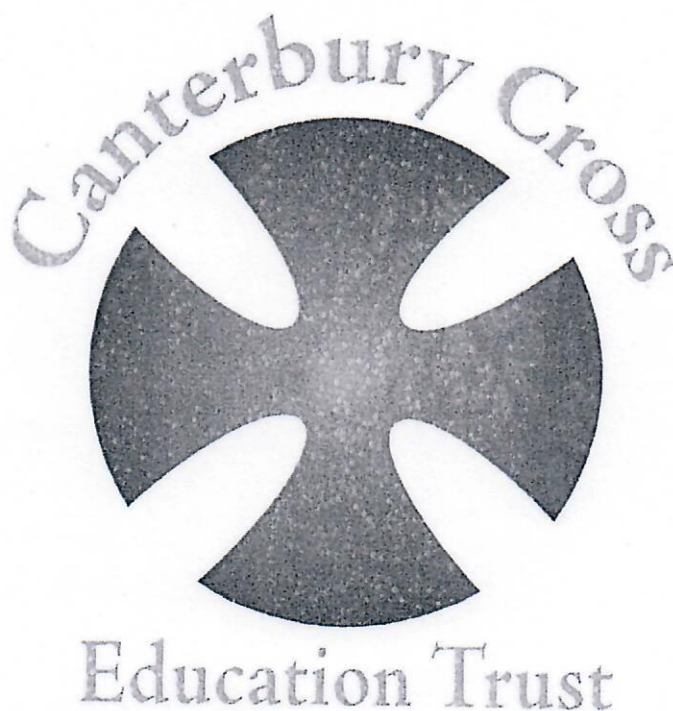


Canterbury Cross Education Trust

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

Company Registration Number
10509300 (England and Wales)



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**Report and Financial Statements
Period 1st September 2019 to 31 August 2020**

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Reference and Administrative Details

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Members | Members name | Appointment date | Resignation date |
| | Imran Rashid | 01/09/2019 | |
| | Imran Mogra | 01/02/2017 | |
| | Marc Ashford | 01/02/2017 | |
| | Roy Fackrell | 12/02/2018 | |
| Trustees | Position | Trustees name | Appointment date |
| | Chair | Imran Mogra | 01/02/2017 |
| | Executive Principal | Khalid Din | 01/02/2017 |
| | Director of Schools Improvement | Nadeem Bhatti | 01/02/2017 |
| | Director of finance | Nasmeen Rahman | 01/12/2019 |
| | Director | Mohammed Ali | 01/02/2017 |
| | Director | Marc Ashford | 01/02/2017 |
| | Director | Saleha | 02/12/2019 |
| | Director | Panchbhaya | |
| | Director | Safraz Patel | 02/12/2019 |
| Company secretary | Alison King-Harmes | | |
| Senior management team | | | |
| • Head teacher | | Khalid Din | |
| • Deputy Head teacher | | Clare James | |
| • Deputy Head teacher | | Saubia Nawaz | |
| Company name | Canterbury Cross Education Trust | | |
| Principal and registered office | Canterbury Cross Primary School Canterbury Road Birchfield Birmingham B20 3AA | | |
| Company registration number | 10509300 | | |
| Independent auditor | Feltons 8 Sovereign Court 8 Graham Street Birmingham B1 3JR | | |
| Bankers | Lloyds Bank Units 2 & 3 Caxton Gate 36/38 New Street Birmingham West Midlands B2 4LP | | |
| Solicitors | Browne Jacobson Victoria house Victoria Square Birmingham B2 4BU Telephone: 0121 237 3900 | | |

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Trustees' report

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2019 to 31st August 2020. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for pupils aged 3 to 11 serving a catchment area in Birmingham It has a pupil capacity of 498 and had a roll of 482 in the school census on 1st October 2020.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The trustees of Canterbury Cross Education Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as Canterbury Cross Education Trust.

Details of the trustees who served during the period are included in the reference and administrative details on page 1.

Conversion to academy trust

The company was incorporated at Companies House on 2nd December 2016. The signed commercial transfer agreement was dated 11th January 2017 with an academy conversion date of 1st February 2017.

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 an amount may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy has purchased insurance to protect trustees' and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are recruited by members who determine the recruitment requirements, initiate the process and select the trustee. The members ensure skills and experience of potential candidates are matched to the requirements of the board.

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Trustees report (continued)

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees: 1/02/2017

The selection procedures for the original trustees were as follows: a skills matrix was used to determine expertise by all interested parties; a number of potential candidates were presented to the DfE; they carried out due diligence tests and approved the trustees and members of The Canterbury Cross Education Trust.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees are invited to meet with the Clerk and the Chair of Trustees prior to their first meeting. The trust has subscribed to the NGA and Local Authority School and Governor Support who provide induction training for new Trustees and further specific training that can be selected according to needs. The Governing body has a Service Level Agreement with School and Governing support to provide training, advice and support to the board of trustees. It also has bought a trustee training package with S4S.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees assumes full responsibility for overseeing the strategic direction of the Multi-Academy Trust. The Trustees are accountable for the entire business of the MAT. Each school within the MAT will have a local governing body that has responsibility for the quality of teaching and learning, standards and safeguarding. Although the Board of Trustees will have overall control of the MAT, it is important that at the local level, schools have autonomy in these areas. Such local governance will include holding the school to account, challenging and supporting and reporting back to the trust board.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration for key management personnel

Pay and remuneration for senior management personnel is set by the Trust Board, taking independent professional advice where necessary. Pay for the CEO is subject to the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

Related parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

At present there are no members of Canterbury Cross Education Trust Board that have any related party interests.

School Values and Curriculum Statement of Intent (Aims and Objectives)

We use our Values of SHARE (Safety, Health and Happiness, Achieve and Enjoy, Respect and Equality) to promote positive attitudes to learning which reflect the values and skills needed to promote responsibility for learning and future success. We want our children to develop as independent, confident, successful learners with high aspirations who make positive contributions, in wider society.

At Canterbury Cross Primary School, the curriculum is designed to ensure ALL pupils achieve their full potential. Our learners are enthusiastic; they enjoy coming to school. Our schemes of work are personalised using the national curriculum content, we reflect the content and challenge of the connected curriculum integrated into the school values of SHARE (Safety, Health and Happiness, Achieve and Enjoy, Respect and Equality). Our curriculum incorporates the learning and emotional needs of the pupils in our school. We believe our curriculum is exciting and inspires children to nurture their enthusiasm for learning.

The most-able are challenged to expand their knowledge and skills; those who find learning more difficult are supported to catch up quickly, and those with specific needs are helped to achieve their individual targets. We ensure this by systematically giving pupils the pre-requisite knowledge to access an age appropriate full curriculum.

The Curriculum is designed with a focus on pupil knowledge and understanding, so all pupils are able to apply their learning across the curriculum. A primary focus of our curriculum is to raise aspirations, engender a sense of personal pride in achievement, provide a purpose and relevance for learning and ultimately to help every student to find strengths and interests. We sequence groups of lessons, building upon children's prior learning, so they can connect their knowledge and become resilient thinkers.

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Trustees report (continued)

Subject leaders play an important part in the success of the curriculum; they are lead practitioners, who develop subject content, support teachers, review and monitor the curriculum and continuously self-evaluate. Teachers and support staff receive regular Continuous Professional Development across all areas of the curriculum. As a result of this, they are best prepared to provide outstanding curriculum provision. Developing the holistic child is of upmost importance and, with this in mind, we offer a broad and balanced curriculum, which encompasses academic subjects, Sport, Music, Art and PHSE Education.

Pupils leave Canterbury Cross, with a sense of belonging to a tightly knit community. They are confident learners who achieve their potential, and are fully equipped to access the secondary curriculum. We are particularly proud of the respect and care that our children show for one another, the environment and the community around them, as well as their fundamental belief in equality for all. Canterbury Cross ensures our pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain.

To ensure the objectives in School Values and Curriculum Statement of are met, Canterbury Cross Education Trust has and will continue to focus on:

- The development of the skills of trustees and senior leaders so they are able to identify priorities and eliminate barriers.
- An organisational culture that commits to pupil and staff well-being at all levels.
- A trust that had developed a reputation for innovation and enterprise.
- A commitment to continued professional development; staff accountability through performance management targets and adherence to the school INTENT statement.
- The development of central support expertise to build further capacity and excellence.

Public benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the board of trustees has given careful consideration to the general guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission on their website at www.gov.uk/topic/running-charity/managing-charity in exercising their powers or duties.

Canterbury Cross Education Trust is an equal opportunity employer, and strives to give full and fair consideration to all applicants for employment, training and promotions, irrespective of disability, gender, race, colour or sexual orientation.

Strategic Report

School Inspection

The school was inspected by OFSTED under section 8 OFSTED in December 2019. The outcome was that Canterbury Cross Primary remains a good school, with strong leadership. The inspection report highlighted many strengths, such as the high expectations of pupils and the curriculum being exciting and well-crafted. It was also very positive about the behaviour and attitude of the pupils at Canterbury Cross, and their eagerness to learn new content and skills. There were two areas for the school to improve on also; these included refining curriculum plans for some of the foundation subjects to develop depth of understanding. The other improvement area was handwriting which was not consistently well formed or joined, preventing pupils from writing fluently and at speed. Both these areas for improvement are now being addressed.

National Lockdown

In March, the school closed for all pupils because of a national lockdown. Pupils were learning from home, through home learning activities set by the teachers in school. These were a sequence of lessons for the core and foundation subjects, linked to what would have been delivered in school. School remained open throughout the period of enforced closure with support for pupils who were not able to access activities from home. In addition to the on-line learning activities, the school provided pupils with workbooks and activities to complete at home for all year groups from Nursery to Year 6.

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Trustees report (continued)

The school remained open for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable pupils throughout the lockdown. In June, the school undertook a risk assessment and invited back pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The home learning activities were further refined and improved over this period also. The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads contacted all pupils fortnightly to check on their well-being; vulnerable and at risk pupils were contacted more regularly and home visits were undertaken when needed. The school also provided food parcels for families who were in financial difficulty and fast-tracked free school meal vouchers for all families who were entitled to them.

Achievements and Performance

The school used its internal assessment systems and work in books to teacher assess standards at the key national assessment points. These were scrutinised and quality assured and agreed by senior leaders before they were shared with parents.

2020 Reception Teacher Assessments:

| | % Academy Expected+ |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| GOOD LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT | 77% |

2020 Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments

| | % Academy Expected + |
|--|----------------------|
| Reading Expected + | 72% |
| Writing Expected + | 70% |
| Maths Expected + | 77% |
| Science Expected | 65% |
| Reading Writing and Mathematics | 70% |
| Reading Writing and Mathematics (Greater depth) | 10% |

2020 Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessments

| | % Academy Expected + | % Academy Greater Depth |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Reading | 82% | 28% |
| Writing | 82% | 18% |
| SPAG | 92% | 60% |
| Maths | 82% | 25% |
| Reading Writing and Maths | 80% | 18% |

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Trustees report (continued)

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.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees continually monitor the reserves of the charitable company. This process encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams and the need to match commitments with income and nature of reserves.

The academy's 'free' reserves are its funds after excluding restricted funds. 'Reserves' are therefore the resources the academy has or can make available to spend for any or all of the academy's purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure. More specifically 'free reserves' represent income to the academy which is to be spent at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of any of the academy's objects but which is not yet spent, committed or designated.

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams. The trustees will ensure that an appropriate level of free reserves will be maintained across the MAT. 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.

It is the board of trustees' general policy to continue to build reserves which can be used for future educational purposes.

The academy had total funds at 31 August 2020 of £2,110,824 which included £128,257 restricted funds not available for general purposes of the academy trust, £235,740 of free reserves defined as unrestricted funds available for general purposes and £4,618,827 which can only be realised by the disposal of tangible fixed assets.

The balance on restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) plus the balance on unrestricted funds was a surplus of £363,997.

In addition, the deficit on the restricted pension fund of £2,872,000 arises from an actuarial deficit on the local government pension scheme which will be dealt with as advised by the actuary.

Principal funding

Most of the academy's income is obtained from the EFSA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted for particular purposes. The grants received from the EFSA during the year ended 31st August 2020 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

Investment Policy

There are no investments in place at present. All monies are currently in a deposit account.

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Trustees report (continued)

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees have considered the major risks and uncertainties facing the charitable company which include changes in legislation and regulations and cash flow management and have put in place procedures to deal with these matters.

Attention has also been focussed on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies in place, and regular awareness training for staff working in these operational areas.

The academy's exposure to risk is largely bank balances, cash and trade creditors, with limited trade debtors. The trust is satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate the academy's exposure to the major risks.

The academy has inherited the local government defined benefit pension scheme deficit for associate staff which increased during the year as advised by Barnett Waddingham, the pension actuarial experts.

The Academy has a risk register that is due for annual review by the Trustees. The register records the risks that have been identified and the control measures it has implemented. The statement of internal control is considered annually.

Auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 2nd December 2020 and signed on the board's behalf by:



..... Mr Imran Mogra - Chair of Trustees

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Governance

Scope of Responsibility

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Head teacher, 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 Canterbury Cross Education Trust 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 period. Attendance during the period at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows: Due to COVID-19 the meetings have been held via Microsoft TEAMS.

| Trustee | Meetings attended | Out of a possible |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Imran Mogra | 5 | 6 |
| Khalid Din | 6 | 6 |
| Nadeem Bhatti | 5 | 6 |
| Nasmeen Rahman | 5 | 6 |
| Mohammed Ali | 6 | 6 |
| Marc Ashford | 5 | 6 |
| Saleha Panchbhaya | 4 | 4 |
| Safraz Patel | 4 | 4 |

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Governance statement (continued)

Review of value for money

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

The accounting officer considers how the trust's use of 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 available. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the period by:

- Using in-house qualified employees to do electrical and building works
- 3 quotes on playground equipment purchase over the period
- Terminating contracts and self-managing
- Successful Grant application for Flat roof areas and skylights.

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Academy's 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 Canterbury Cross Education Trust for the period to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. An external provider: DRB produce a report termly, this is given to trustees.

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 on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period to 31 August 2018 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'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 trustees, of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint an external auditor - DRB

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Governance statement (continued)

DRB'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 include:

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of control accounts / bank reconciliations

On a termly basis, DRB reports to the board of trustees, on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Review of Effectiveness

As accounting officer, Mr Din has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the period in question, the review has been informed by:

- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the managers within the academy trust, who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by DRB 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 on ^{4th} December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Imran Mogra
Chair of Trustees



Mr Khalid Din
Accounting Officer

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Statement of regularity, propriety and compliance

As accounting officer of Canterbury Cross Education Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that I and the Governing Body are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

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 the ESFA.

Khalid Din Mr Khalid Din – Accounting Officer

7 December 2020

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who act as governors of Canterbury Cross Education Trust and 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 Annual 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 year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards [FRS 102] have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on ^{4th December} 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

.....  Mr Imran Mogra – Chair of Trustees

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Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of
Canterbury Cross Education Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Canterbury Cross Education Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and 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 2019 to 2020 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 trust's affairs as at 31 August 2020, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education & 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the academy trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the academy trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter 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 (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have 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 trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' 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
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement (set out on page 12), the trustees (who are also the directors of the academy trust 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 trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the academy trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

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**Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Canterbury Cross
Education Trust
(continued)**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the academy trust'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 trust's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the academy trust and the academy trust's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



David W Farnsworth FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Feltons, Statutory Auditor

8 Sovereign Court

8 Graham Street

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20 December 2020

**Canterbury Cross Education Trust
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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Canterbury Cross Education Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 18 May 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Canterbury Cross Education Trust during the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 Canterbury Cross Education Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Canterbury Cross Education Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Canterbury Cross Education Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Canterbury Cross Education Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Canterbury Cross Education Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 31 January 2017 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2019, 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 2019 to 2020. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Canterbury Cross Education Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (continued)

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes :

- Consideration of the applicable legislation and the academy trust's funding agreement
- Review and evaluation of the academy trust's system of internal controls
- Examination and assessment of the Accounting Officer's statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance
- Examination, on a test basis, of third party evidence supporting income and expenditure
- Review of exceptional and unusual items

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



David W Farnsworth FCA (Reporting Accountant)

For and on behalf of Feltons, Statutory Auditor

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20 December 2020

Canterbury Cross Education Trust
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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2020
(including income and expenditure account)

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted pension fund £ | Restricted general funds £ | Restricted fixed asset funds £ | Total 2019/20 £ | Total 2018/19 £ |
|---|--------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income from : | | | | | | | |
| Donations and capital grants | 2 | - | - | - | 9,245 | 9,245 | 277,875 |
| Charitable activities : | 3 | | | | | | |
| Funding for the academy trust's educational operations | | 38,351 | - | 2,351,434 | - | 2,389,785 | 2,332,098 |
| Other trading activities | 4 | 3,640 | - | - | - | 3,640 | 12,000 |
| Investments | 5 | 1,119 | - | - | - | 1,119 | 339 |
| Total | | 43,110 | - | 2,351,434 | 9,245 | 2,403,789 | 2,622,312 |
| Expenditure on : | | | | | | | |
| Charitable activities: | | | | | | | |
| Academy trust educational operations | 6 | 31,067 | - | 2,184,889 | 115,702 | 2,331,658 | 2,738,723 |
| Total | | 31,067 | - | 2,184,889 | 115,702 | 2,331,658 | 2,738,723 |
| Net income/(expenditure) before transfers | | 12,043 | - | 166,545 | (106,457) | 72,131 | (116,411) |
| Transfers between funds | 14 | - | - | (69,522) | 69,522 | - | - |
| Net income/(expenditure) after transfers | | 12,043 | - | 97,023 | (36,935) | 72,131 | (116,411) |
| Other recognised gains/(losses) | | | | | | | |
| Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes | 14, 22 | - | (156,000) | - | - | (156,000) | (389,000) |
| Net movement in funds | | 12,043 | (156,000) | 97,023 | (36,935) | (83,869) | (505,411) |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 14 | 223,697 | (2,716,000) | 31,234 | 4,655,762 | 2,194,693 | 2,700,104 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 235,740 | (2,872,000) | 128,257 | 4,618,827 | 2,110,824 | 2,194,693 |

All of the Academy's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

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Company number : 10509300
Balance sheet as at 31 August 2020

| | Notes | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|---|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | | 4,630,983 | | 4,387,290 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 12 | 128,097 | | 140,630 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | <u>674,034</u> | | <u>712,645</u> | |
| | | 802,131 | | 853,275 | |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13(a) | <u>439,654</u> | | <u>319,236</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | 362,477 | | 534,039 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>4,993,460</u> | | <u>4,921,329</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 13(b) | | (10,636) | | (10,636) |
| Net assets excluding pension liability | | | <u>4,982,824</u> | | <u>4,910,693</u> |
| Defined benefit pension scheme liability | 22 | | (2,872,000) | | (2,716,000) |
| Total net assets | | | <u><u>2,110,824</u></u> | | <u><u>2,194,693</u></u> |
| Funds of the academy trust : | | | | | |
| Restricted funds | | | | | |
| Fixed asset fund | 14 | 4,618,827 | | 4,655,762 | |
| Restricted income fund | 14 | 128,257 | | 31,234 | |
| Pension reserve | 14 | <u>(2,872,000)</u> | | <u>(2,716,000)</u> | |
| Total restricted funds | | | 1,875,084 | | 1,970,996 |
| Unrestricted income funds | 14 | | 235,740 | | 223,697 |
| Total funds | | | <u><u>2,110,824</u></u> | | <u><u>2,194,693</u></u> |

The financial statements on pages 19 to 40 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 4th December 2020 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr Imran Mogra - Chair of Trustees

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Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 August 2020

| | Notes | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
|--|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities | 18 | 310,780 | 185,407 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | 19 | (349,391) | (77,939) |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period | | <u>(38,611)</u> | <u>107,468</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2019 | | 712,645 | 605,177 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2020 | 20 | <u>674,034</u> | <u>712,645</u> |

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

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.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance 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 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Canterbury Cross Education Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

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

Income

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

- **Grants**

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

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

Capital grants are recognised in full 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.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income (continued)

- **Donations**
Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.
- **Other income**
Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the academy trust has provided the goods or services.
- **Donated goods, facilities and services**
Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Upon sale the fair value of the goods is charged against, and the proceeds are recognised as, 'Income from other trading activities'.

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

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.

- **Expenditure on raising funds**
This includes all expenditure incurred by the academy trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.
- **Charitable activities**
These are costs incurred on the academy trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the academy trust apportioned to charitable activities.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £750 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. 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 over its expected useful life as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Long leasehold buildings | - straight line over 50 years |
| Fittings and equipment | - 20% straight line |
| Computer hardware | - 25% straight line |
| Motor vehicles | - 20% 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.

Liabilities

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

Leased assets

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

Financial instruments

The academy trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined by FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academy trust and their measurement basis are as follows :

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Taxation

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by 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.

Pension benefits

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of 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 trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to net income/(expenditure) are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Pension benefits (continued)

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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.

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

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 (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 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2020. 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.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

2. Donations and capital grants

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted general fund £ | Restricted fixed asset funds £ | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Capital grants | - | - | 9,245 | 9,245 | 277,468 |
| Other donations | - | - | - | - | 407 |
| | - | - | 9,245 | 9,245 | 277,875 |
| 2019 total | 407 | - | 277,468 | 277,875 | |

3. Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted general fund £ | Restricted fixed asset funds £ | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| DfE/ESFA grants | | | | | |
| General Annual Grant (GAG) | - | 1,802,334 | - | 1,802,334 | 1,797,816 |
| Other DfE Group grants | - | 372,591 | - | 372,591 | 285,605 |
| | - | 2,174,925 | - | 2,174,925 | 2,083,421 |
| Other government grants | | | | | |
| Local authority grants | - | 176,509 | - | 176,509 | 166,688 |
| | - | 176,509 | - | 176,509 | 166,688 |
| Other income from the academy trust's educational operations | 38,351 | - | - | 38,351 | 81,989 |
| | 38,351 | 176,509 | - | 214,860 | 248,677 |
| | 38,351 | 2,351,434 | - | 2,389,785 | 2,332,098 |
| 2019 total | 81,989 | 2,250,109 | - | 2,332,098 | |

4. Other trading activities

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hire of facilities | 3,640 | - | 3,640 | 12,000 |
| | 3,640 | - | 3,640 | 12,000 |
| 2019 total | 12,000 | - | 12,000 | |

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

5. Investment income

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Short term deposits | 1,119 | - | 1,119 | 339 |
| 2019 total | 339 | - | 339 | |

6. Expenditure

| | Staff costs £ | Non pay expenditure Premises £ | Other £ | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Direct costs | 1,431,872 | 65,623 | 110,595 | 1,608,090 | 1,770,609 |
| Allocated support costs | 367,864 | 157,757 | 197,947 | 723,568 | 968,114 |
| | <u>1,799,736</u> | <u>223,380</u> | <u>308,542</u> | <u>2,331,658</u> | <u>2,738,723</u> |
| 2019 total | 2,001,083 | 224,620 | 513,020 | 2,738,723 | |

Net income/(expenditure) for the period includes :

| | | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating leases | - plant and machinery | 2,865 | 2,684 |
| Depreciation | | 115,702 | 114,219 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | | 360 | - |
| Fees payable to auditor | - audit | 8,900 | 8,900 |
| | | <u>127,827</u> | <u>135,813</u> |

7. Charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted pension fund £ | Other restricted funds £ | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Educational operations | | | | | |
| Direct costs | 10,099 | - | 1,597,991 | 1,608,090 | 1,770,609 |
| Support costs | 20,968 | - | 702,600 | 723,568 | 968,114 |
| | <u>31,067</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,300,591</u> | <u>2,331,658</u> | <u>2,738,723</u> |
| 2019 total | 70,896 | 166,000 | 2,501,827 | 2,738,723 | |

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

7. Charitable activities (continued)

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted pension fund £ | Other restricted funds £ | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Analysis of support costs | | | | | |
| Support staff costs | - | - | 367,864 | 367,864 | 531,012 |
| Depreciation | - | - | 50,079 | 50,079 | 45,984 |
| Premises costs | 3,640 | - | 106,544 | 110,184 | 112,365 |
| Other support costs | 17,328 | - | 168,920 | 186,248 | 266,798 |
| Governance costs | - | - | 9,193 | 9,193 | 11,955 |
| Total support costs | 20,968 | - | 702,600 | 723,568 | 968,114 |
| 2019 total | 35,246 | 166,000 | 766,868 | 968,114 | |

8. Staff

a) Staff costs

Staff costs during the period were:

| | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries | 1,237,534 | 1,340,534 |
| Social security costs | 110,148 | 119,631 |
| Pension costs | 362,686 | 491,180 |
| | <u>1,710,368</u> | <u>1,951,345</u> |
| Agency staff costs | 89,368 | 49,738 |
| | <u>1,799,736</u> | <u>2,001,083</u> |

b) Staff numbers

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

| | 2019/20 Number | 2018/19 Number |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Teachers | 20 | 24 |
| Administration and support | 44 | 50 |
| Management | 3 | 4 |
| | <u>67</u> | <u>78</u> |

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 (continued)

8. Staff (continued)

c) Higher paid staff

| | 2019/20 Number | 2018/19 Number |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was : | | |
| £90,001 - £100,000 | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |

d) Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £265,767 (2019: £270,156).

9. Related Party Transactions - Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the academy trust. The principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment.

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

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Khalid Din (principal and trustee) | |
| Remuneration | £90,000 - £95,000 (2019 : £90,000 - £95,000) |
| Employer's pension contributions paid | £20,000 - £25,000 (2019 : £10,000 - £15,000) |

During the year ended 31 August 2020, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £nil (2019 : £nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to nil (2019 : nil) trustees.

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 23.

10. Trustees' and officers' insurance

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

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11. Tangible fixed assets

| | Leasehold land and buildings £ | Assets under construction £ | Fittings and equipment £ | Computer hardware £ | Motor vehicles £ | Total £ |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | | | | |
| At 1 September 2019 | 4,186,380 | 345,051 | 39,075 | 86,306 | 5,500 | 4,662,312 |
| Additions | 13,834 | 332,023 | 2,220 | 11,678 | - | 359,755 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | (8,640) | - | (8,640) |
| At 31 August 2020 | <u>4,200,214</u> | <u>677,074</u> | <u>41,295</u> | <u>89,344</u> | <u>5,500</u> | <u>5,013,427</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | | | |
| At 1 September 2019 | 216,297 | - | 14,907 | 40,816 | 3,002 | 275,022 |
| Charge for the year | 84,005 | - | 8,260 | 22,337 | 1,100 | 115,702 |
| Released by disposals | - | - | - | (8,280) | - | (8,280) |
| At 31 August 2020 | <u>300,302</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>23,167</u> | <u>54,873</u> | <u>4,102</u> | <u>382,444</u> |
| Net book values | | | | | | |
| At 31 August 2020 | <u>3,899,912</u> | <u>677,074</u> | <u>18,128</u> | <u>34,471</u> | <u>1,398</u> | <u>4,630,983</u> |
| At 31 August 2019 | <u>3,970,083</u> | <u>345,051</u> | <u>24,168</u> | <u>45,490</u> | <u>2,498</u> | <u>4,387,290</u> |

Leasehold property was valued at 1 February 2017 by The Valuation Office Agency – DVS and the furniture and equipment and computer hardware were valued as at the same date by the trustees. The basis on which the valuations were made was depreciated replacement cost.

Cost or valuation at 31 August 2020 is represented by :

| | Leasehold land and buildings £ | Assets under construction £ | Fittings and equipment £ | Computer hardware £ | Motor vehicles £ | Total £ |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Valuation in 2017 | 4,186,380 | - | 10,000 | 29,300 | - | 4,225,680 |
| Cost | 13,834 | 677,074 | 31,295 | 60,044 | 5,500 | 787,747 |
| | <u>4,200,214</u> | <u>677,074</u> | <u>41,295</u> | <u>89,344</u> | <u>5,500</u> | <u>5,013,427</u> |

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12. Debtors

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| VAT recoverable | 2,530 | 5,700 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 125,567 | 124,250 |
| Other debtors | - | 10,680 |
| | <u>128,097</u> | <u>140,630</u> |

13. Creditors

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| (a) Amounts falling due within one year : | | |
| Creditors from operations | 2,341 | 19 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 311,631 | 180,567 |
| Other creditors | 125,682 | 138,650 |
| | <u>439,654</u> | <u>319,236</u> |
| Deferred income | | |
| Deferred income at 1 September 2019 | 34,542 | 38,493 |
| Resources deferred in the year | 37,347 | 34,542 |
| Amounts released from previous years | (34,542) | (38,493) |
| Deferred income at 31 August 2020 | <u>37,347</u> | <u>34,542</u> |

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for Universal free school meals

Included within other creditors falling due within one year is a loan of £1,520 (2019 : £1,520) from ESFA which is provided on the terms stated below.

(b) Amounts falling due after more than one year :

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other creditors | <u>10,636</u> | <u>10,636</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|

Included within other creditors is a loan of £10,636 (2019 : £10,636) from ESFA which is repayable over 8 years and provided interest free.

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14. Funds

| | Balance at 1 September 2019 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Gains, losses and transfers £ | Balance at 31 August 2020 £ |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Restricted general funds | | | | | |
| General Annual Grant (GAG) | 31,234 | 1,802,334 | (1,635,789) | (69,522) | 128,257 |
| Pupil premium | - | 190,527 | (190,527) | - | - |
| Other grants | - | 358,573 | (358,573) | - | - |
| | <u>31,234</u> | <u>2,351,434</u> | <u>(2,184,889)</u> | <u>(69,522)</u> | <u>128,257</u> |
| Restricted fixed asset funds | | | | | |
| Transfer on conversion | 3,977,962 | - | (92,784) | - | 3,885,178 |
| DfE Group capital grants | 633,205 | 9,245 | (18,817) | - | 623,633 |
| Capital expenditure from GAG | 44,595 | - | (4,101) | 69,522 | 110,016 |
| | <u>4,655,762</u> | <u>9,245</u> | <u>(115,702)</u> | <u>69,522</u> | <u>4,618,827</u> |
| Pension reserve | (2,716,000) | - | - | (156,000) | (2,872,000) |
| Total restricted funds | <u>1,970,996</u> | <u>2,360,679</u> | <u>(2,300,591)</u> | <u>(156,000)</u> | <u>1,875,084</u> |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| Other income | 223,697 | 43,110 | (31,067) | - | 235,740 |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>223,697</u> | <u>43,110</u> | <u>(31,067)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>235,740</u> |
| Total funds | <u>2,194,693</u> | <u>2,403,789</u> | <u>(2,331,658)</u> | <u>(156,000)</u> | <u>2,110,824</u> |

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

Restricted general funds

These comprise all restricted funds other than restricted fixed asset funds and include grants from The Education and Skills Funding Agency and Birmingham City Council.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2020.

Unrestricted funds

These comprise resources that may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy trust at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds

These comprise resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by The Education and Skills Funding Agency and Birmingham City Council where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

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14. Funds (continued)

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period

| | Balance at 1 September 2018 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Gains, losses and transfers £ | Balance at 31 August 2019 £ |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Restricted general funds | | | | | |
| General Annual Grant (GAG) | 28,167 | 1,797,816 | (1,935,315) | 140,566 | 31,234 |
| Pupil premium | - | 180,180 | (180,180) | - | - |
| Other grants | - | 272,113 | (272,113) | - | - |
| | <u>28,167</u> | <u>2,250,109</u> | <u>(2,387,608)</u> | <u>140,566</u> | <u>31,234</u> |
| Restricted fixed asset funds | | | | | |
| Transfer on conversion | 4,081,548 | - | (103,586) | - | 3,977,962 |
| DfE Group capital grants | 351,382 | 277,468 | (5,079) | 9,434 | 633,205 |
| Capital expenditure from GAG | 50,149 | - | (5,554) | - | 44,595 |
| | <u>4,483,079</u> | <u>277,468</u> | <u>(114,219)</u> | <u>9,434</u> | <u>4,655,762</u> |
| Pension reserve | <u>(2,161,000)</u> | - | <u>(166,000)</u> | <u>(389,000)</u> | <u>(2,716,000)</u> |
| Total restricted funds | <u>2,350,246</u> | <u>2,527,577</u> | <u>(2,667,827)</u> | <u>(239,000)</u> | <u>1,970,996</u> |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| Other income | 349,858 | 94,735 | (70,896) | (150,000) | 223,697 |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>349,858</u> | <u>94,735</u> | <u>(70,896)</u> | <u>(150,000)</u> | <u>223,697</u> |
| Total funds | <u>2,700,104</u> | <u>2,622,312</u> | <u>(2,738,723)</u> | <u>(389,000)</u> | <u>2,194,693</u> |

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31
August 2020 are
represented by:

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted pension funds £ | Restricted general funds £ | Restricted fixed asset funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | - | - | - | 4,630,983 | 4,630,983 |
| Current assets | 235,740 | - | 566,391 | - | 802,131 |
| Current liabilities | - | - | (438,134) | (1,520) | (439,654) |
| | <u>235,740</u> | - | <u>128,257</u> | <u>4,629,463</u> | <u>4,993,460</u> |
| Creditors due after one year | - | - | - | (10,636) | (10,636) |
| Pension scheme liability | - | (2,872,000) | - | - | (2,872,000) |
| Total net assets | <u>235,740</u> | <u>(2,872,000)</u> | <u>128,257</u> | <u>4,618,827</u> | <u>2,110,824</u> |

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

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

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted pension funds | Restricted general funds | Restricted fixed asset funds | Total funds |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible fixed assets | - | - | - | 4,387,290 | 4,387,290 |
| Current assets | 223,697 | - | 348,950 | 280,628 | 853,275 |
| Current liabilities | - | - | (317,716) | (1,520) | (319,236) |
| | <u>223,697</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>31,234</u> | <u>4,666,398</u> | <u>4,921,329</u> |
| Creditors due after one year | - | - | - | (10,636) | (10,636) |
| Pension scheme liability | - | (2,716,000) | - | - | (2,716,000) |
| Total net assets | <u>223,697</u> | <u>(2,716,000)</u> | <u>31,234</u> | <u>4,655,762</u> | <u>2,194,693</u> |

16. Capital commitments

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements | - | 254,901 |

17. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2020 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

| | Other | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts due within one year | 2,864 | 2,864 |
| Amounts due between one and five years | 3,701 | 6,566 |
| | <u>6,565</u> | <u>9,430</u> |

18. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ |
| Net income/(expenditure) for reporting period (as per the SoFA) | 72,131 | (116,411) |
| Adjusted for : | | |
| Depreciation (note 11) | 115,702 | 114,219 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 360 | - |
| Capital grants from DfE and other capital income | (9,245) | (277,468) |
| Interest receivable (note 5) | (1,119) | (339) |
| Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable (note 22) | (49,000) | 110,000 |
| Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost/(income) (note 22) | 49,000 | 56,000 |
| Decrease / (increase) in debtors | 12,533 | 46,651 |
| Increase / (decrease) in creditors | 120,418 | 252,755 |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities | <u>310,780</u> | <u>185,407</u> |

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19. Cash flows from investing activities

| | 2019/20 Total £ | 2018/19 Total £ |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Interest received | 1,119 | 339 |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | (359,755) | (355,746) |
| Capital grants from DfE Group | 9,245 | 277,468 |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities | <u>(349,391)</u> | <u>(77,939)</u> |

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

| | At 31 August 2020 £ | At 31 August 2019 £ |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 674,034 | 712,645 |
| | <u>674,034</u> | <u>712,645</u> |

21. 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.

22. Pension and similar obligations

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

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

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

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22. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge)
- 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 is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £164,471 (2019 : £123,152).

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

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

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22. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £294,000 (2019 : £167,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £265,000 (2019 : £137,000) and employees' contributions totalled £29,000 (2019 : £30,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21.6% for employers and between 5.5% and 10.5% for employees.

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

The trustees have agreed that the trust will make additional contributions in addition to normal funding levels over the next 28 years.

Principal actuarial assumptions

| | At 31 August 2020 | At 31 August 2019 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Rate of increase in salaries | 3.25% | 3.65% |
| Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation | 2.25% | 2.15% |
| Discount rate for scheme liabilities | 1.65% | 1.90% |
| Inflation assumption (CPI) | 2.25% | 2.15% |
| Commutation of pensions to lump sums | 50.00% | 50.00% |

Sensitivity analysis

| | As disclosed | Discount rate | CPI rate | In life expectancy |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | £'000s | + 0.1% pa £'000s | + 0.1% pa £'000s | + 1 year £'000s |
| Present value of total obligation | 3,788 | 3,686 | 3,870 | 3,933 |
| Projected service cost | 253 | 246 | 261 | 263 |
| | £'000s | - 0.1% pa £'000s | - 0.1% pa £'000s | - 1 year £'000s |
| Present value of total obligation | 3,788 | 3,893 | 3,708 | 3,649 |
| Projected service cost | 253 | 261 | 246 | 244 |

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

| | At 31 August 2020 | At 31 August 2019 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Retiring today | | |
| Males | 21.9 | 20.9 |
| Females | 24.1 | 23.2 |
| Retiring in 20 years | | |
| Males | 23.8 | 22.6 |
| Females | 26.0 | 25.1 |

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22. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

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

| | 31 August 2020 £ | 31 August 2019 £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Equities | 514,000 | 333,000 |
| Government bonds | 99,000 | 52,000 |
| Other bonds | 36,000 | 21,000 |
| Property | 69,000 | 45,000 |
| Cash/liquidity | 61,000 | 20,000 |
| Other | 137,000 | 82,000 |
| Total market value of assets | <u>916,000</u> | <u>553,000</u> |

The actual return on scheme assets was £66,000 (2019 : £28,000).

| | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities | | |
| Current service cost | 216,000 | 247,000 |
| Net interest cost | 49,000 | 56,000 |
| Total amount recognised in the SoFA | <u>265,000</u> | <u>303,000</u> |

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

| | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| At 1 September 2019 | 3,269,000 | 2,519,000 |
| Current service cost | 216,000 | 194,000 |
| Interest cost | 62,000 | 68,000 |
| Employee contributions | 29,000 | 30,000 |
| Changes in demographic assumptions | 92,000 | (145,000) |
| Benefits paid | (10,000) | - |
| Experience loss/(gain) on defined benefit obligation | (114,000) | - |
| Past service cost | - | 53,000 |
| Changes in financial assumptions | 244,000 | 550,000 |
| At 31 August 2020 | <u>3,788,000</u> | <u>3,269,000</u> |

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22. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

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

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| At 1 September 2019 | 553,000 | 358,000 |
| Interest income | 13,000 | 12,000 |
| Actuarial gains/(losses) | 13,000 | - |
| Employer contributions | 265,000 | 137,000 |
| Employee contributions | 29,000 | 30,000 |
| Benefits paid | (10,000) | - |
| Return on assets less interest | 53,000 | 16,000 |
| At 31 August 2020 | <u>916,000</u> | <u>553,000</u> |
| Net pension scheme liability | <u>(2,872,000)</u> | <u>(2,716,000)</u> |

23. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the 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 trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

The following related party transaction took place during the period:

Now Education Limited

| Company in which trustee Mr Marc Ashford is a director | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Services charged by related company during the period | <u>27,734</u> | <u>1,928</u> |

The trust conducted this transaction at arms' length following a competitive tendering exercise in accordance with its financial regulations, which Marc Ashford neither participated in, nor influenced.

In entering into the transaction the trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.