Company Registration Number: 09280654 (England & Wales)

#### **APOLLO ACADEMIES TRUST**

(A company limited by guarantee)

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### **Members**

Mrs J Barber

Mr S Edge

Mr A Taylor

Mr A Chana

Mr G Hart

Mr D Fysh

#### **Trustees**

Mrs R Hartopp, Chair of Trustees (appointed 26 May 2020)

Rev J Boyd (appointed 25 November 2019)

Mr G Hill

Mrs G Isherwood (resigned 1 June 2020)

Mr R Lee

J Richards

Mr D Taylor

Mr R Williams, Chair of Trustees (resigned 29 May 2020)

#### Company registered number

09280654

#### Company name

Apollo Academies Trust

#### Principal and registered office

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#### Chief executive officer

Mr G Hill (Accounting Officer)

#### Independent auditors

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### **Bankers**

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#### **Solicitors**

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#### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

Apollo Academies Trust is established as a Multi Academy Trust and currently operates Howard Junior School in King's Lynn.

#### Structure, governance and management

#### a. Constitution

The Academy is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charity company's Memorandum of Association is the primary governing document of the academy trust. The Trustees of Apollo Academies Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law. The charitable company is known as Apollo Academies Trust.

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

The principal aim of the academy is to provide high quality educational opportunities and outcomes for the children enrolled in the school.

#### b. Members' liability

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

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

The management of the academy is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The Trustees are appointed by invitation only, after a skills audit to enhance our Trustees' skills set. They are then offered training through Norfolk County Council's Governor Services and Educator Solutions. Before Trustees are appointed they must be recommended by at least two members of the board and meet the Headteacher and Chair to be interviewed and receive a tour of the school.

#### d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All MAT Directors are encouraged to join professional networks and access high quality training opportunities that are available, for example events organised by the Regional School Commissioners' Office.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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

#### e. Organisational structure

Currently all directors' meetings are of the full Trustee Body. We hold the Finance meeting first, with Tracey Link our Finance Officer presenting data and answering any queries, followed by the Curriculum and Standards meeting. The focus of this meeting is varied to cover premises, staffing and curriculum and standards, as well as overall management issues.

Rodney Lee is the Chair for the Finance committee and Rachel Hartopp is the Chair for Curriculum and Standards.

Gregory Hill, the Chief Executive Officer, is designated as the Trust's Accounting Officer.

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

The Board of Trustees, the Headteacher and the Assistant Head Teachers comprise the key management personnel of the Trust, being responsible for directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust. Key management personnel remuneration is disclosed in notes 10 to the accounts.

Senior leadership pay is increased annually in line with any general increase given to teaching staff, subject to Board agreement. The Headteacher's performance management is conducted by the Chair and one other Trustee. The Headteacher conducts performance management of other senior staff.

#### Objectives and activities

#### a. Objects and aims

The trust's Object, as stated in its Articles of Association, are "to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without predjudice to the generality of the foregoing, by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools offering a broad and balanced curriculum ("the mainstream Academies") or educational institutions which are principally concerned with providing full-time or part-time education for children of compulsory school age who, by reason of illness, exclusion from school or otherwise, may not for any period receive suitable education unless alternative provision is made for them ("the alternative provision Academies") or 16 to 19 Academies offering a curriculum appropriate to the needs of its students ("the 16 to 19 Academies") or schools specially organised to make special educational provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs ("the Special Academies")"

The aim of the trust is "to support and enable all pupils to believe in themselves, achieve their full potential and develop the skills needed to succeed and enjoy life"

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Objectives and activities (continued)

#### b. Objectives, strategies and activities

- 1. Ensuring high levels of personal development and well-being, alongside academic progress for all pupils at the school
- 2. Being recognised as a centre of learning excellence and an integral part of our local community
- 3. Providing an innovative learning environment with high quality teaching, learning, resources and support
- 4. Helping pupils to become Reflective, Resilient, Resourceful and Responsible, and to promote respect and the skills for life-long learning
- 5. Engaging with parents/carers to support pupils' progress, well-being and achievement, encouraging an responding to the different voices within our communities
- 6. Valuing the commitment, creativity, diversity and flexibility of all staff, enabling outstanding performance, providing continuous professional development and promoting a high quality of work life

#### c. Public benefit

The Academy Trust Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The Trustees review the budget on a regular basis to ensure that all funds are used to the benefit of the children by providing outstanding learning opportunities. Checks and balances are in place to ensure that spending is controlled with specific limits on spending without prior consultation with the Trustees.

#### d. Activities for Achieving Objectives

- 1. Personalised Learning Targets through a comprehensive system of support for all pupils that support and challenges at all levels of ability, so that all pupils achieve well, enjoy learning and are aspirational
- 2. The school has been recognised as a leading institution in digital learning and is an accredited Apple Regional Training Centre. We also have Apple Distinguished School status
- 3. A major commitment to a wide range of enrichment activities including visits from world renowned experts and visits to stimulating, challenging and uplifting places of interest
- 4. Responding with sensitivity to the needs of the local community by ensuring that all concerns and particular requirements are addressed with sensitivity and understanding
- 5. Supporting all staff to achieve extraordinary standards by providing leading edge opportunities in all aspects of education thinking and development. In particular, to develop personalised paths for professional development

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Strategic report

#### Achievements and performance

#### a. Key performance indicators

#### **Key Stage 2 SATs Results**

Our commitment to high standards of achievement for all pupils is never ending and in 2019 we were 6% above Norfolk average in combined Reading, Writing and Maths. Our 2020 March data (no SATS in 2020 due to Covid 19) showed we had already met our 2019 combined results and were due to exceed this. Demonstrating our consistent ability to improve our results, despite the challenges we have of high SEND pupils, social deprivation etc.

2019	Writing	Reading	Maths	GPS
Howard	72%	68%	81%	79%
Junior	/ Z 70	00%	0170	7 9 70
Norfolk	75%	70%	75%	71%
National	78%	73%	79%	78%
	6% below	5% below	2% above	1% above
	National	National	National	National
Difference				
	2% below	1% below	7% above	8% above
	Norfolk	Norfolk	Norfolk	Norfolk

Maths is above national, and well above results in Norfolk. Our Reading and Writing is just below national. We achieved 100% in Science, Norfolk was 82% and the National Average was 83%.

Our combined Sats 2019 result was 66%, Norfolk average was 60%, 6% higher than the Norfolk result in 2019.

2020 combined predicted in March was 66%. Results were predicted for actual test to be 70%, but SATS were cancelled, showing improved scores in 2020.

#### b. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue 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 accounting policies.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Strategic report (continued)

#### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

#### c. Review of activities

In addition to academic high achievement we work tirelessly to provide a rich educational experience with a wide range of visits, visitors and curriculum enrichment activities.

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions our trips and visits were suspended from May 2020.

#### Autumn Term 2019:

We held the following events within school:

- Roald Dahl Day
- Movie Night
- Dalek Day and opening of new corridor
- Elf Day for Alzheimers
- West Midlands Drama Group to present The Blue Bird play
- Surprise Reindeer visit
- Christmas production The Day that Baby Jesus came to Town
- Christmas Fayre
- Christmas Jumper Day

#### We provided the following trips:

- Year 3 Church visit
- Year 3 Norwich Castle
- Year 4 Time and Tide Pirate Day
- Year 5 Time and Tide Museum
- Year 5 Legoland at Windsor
- Year 6 The Tower of London
- The Deep in Hull
- Banham Zoo Lego Display
- Christmas at Holkham Hall

#### Forest School organised a number of trips to:

- Forest School Trip to Lincolnshire
- Forest School trip to see the Farrier
- Forest School trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park

#### Spring Term 2020:

#### Events held within School:

- WIRES Collection for Australian Bush Fires Appeal
- Exotic Animal Day

#### We provided the following trips:

Scroll Through Lynn - History presentation at KL Town Hall

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Strategic report (continued)

#### Achievements and performance (continued)

Forest School Trips:

- Pensthorpe Natural Park
- Kenhill Farms Estate

As well as involving ourselves in community activities such as:

- School sports team for football, netball, rugby, tennis, athletics, speed stacking and more
- School Choir visiting Residential Centres
- School Choir singing in public for charity
- Church Services for Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter
- Piano lessons in school
- Childrens' University
- Lego Town Workshop
- Radio Interview on KLFM about Year 3 iPad units and digital learning
- Traffic Survey
- Poppy presentation at Tower Gardens

We organise many special activity days throughout the year that help the children to think imaginatively and creatively.

#### **Financial review**

#### a. Review

During the year ended 31st August 2020 total income was £1,202,143 (2019: £1,209,853). Total expenditure was £1,283,118 (2019: £1,226,943), giving net expenditure of £80,975 (2019: £17,090). Pension scheme actuarial losses totalled (£250,000) (2019: £122,000) giving a total net deficit in funds for the year of (£330,975) (2019: deficit £139,090) and total funds carried forward of £2,569,317 (2019: £2,900,292).

Unrestricted funds total £255,819 (2019: £236,807), with £40,000 of this being designated for building improvements and technology (2019: £40,000).

Restricted revenue funds total £392,484 (£366,655) after excluding the pension reserve deficit of £559,000 (2019: £238,000). The fixed asset fund stands at £2,480,014 (2019: £2,534,830) at the year end.

Funds are reviewed in more detail in note 17 of the financial statements.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Strategic report (continued)

#### Financial review (continued)

#### b. Reserves policy

Free reserves, comprising unrestricted funds and GAG, stands at £648,303 (2019: £603,462), although £40,000 of this is designated to cover future developments and refurbishment costs for buildings and technology.

The organisation aims to have free reserves of least 3 months salary costs. This is approximately £170,000. Our current reserves are above this to allow for extra contingency measures and for school expansion, including over a MAT platform, plus reserves for technical assistance for the MAT, should this be necessary.

The school continues to develop its immersive learning environment and reserves some funds to develop and update this vibrant environment for its pupils.

The Board are considering the levels of reserves held and the future plans for these.

#### c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the academy is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the academy, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The school is fully insured for risks – fire, flood and damage. There is always the risk of unforeseen circumstances but we do have a business continuity plan to keep the school open in the event of significant issues. This also includes the risk of a cyper attack, terrorism, the loss of key staff, pupil numbers decreasing and any other relevant factors that could affect the school.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Strategic report (continued)

Financial review (continued)

#### d. Effects of COVID 19

#### Capacity

Covid 19 has caused considerable disruption to staffing. Staff are having to work in bubbles and so additional staff have been required to do jobs that these staff may have previously done. Each bubble requires a full time Teaching Assistant, to not only help with teaching but also as a second pair of hands, to help with distribution of lunches, trips to the toilet, regular hand washing and temperature checks, supervision of outside play etc. Staff cannot mix bubbles, which has been complex to administer.

A Teaching Assistant has been re-allocated as the 'Howard Runner' and is responsible for whole school photocopying, delivering of registers, snack and lunch trolley, pupil movement from office to class and to oversee the Covid medical room when required.

The Covid medical room has been installed in the Music Room and this is used primarily as a holding base for pupils with Covid symptoms to await collection from parents. The disabled toilet next door is used only for these pupils.

Additional costs have been made to recruit two further Teaching Assistants and to enhance the cleaning staff budget to ensure the school is as clean as can be to supress the spreading of germs.

#### **Proactivity**

Howard Junior School has been proactive seeking out guidance from Norfolk County Council, DFE and Public Health England. Howard Junior has kept an open dialogue with the feeder infant school. Staff are kept abreast of additional services that they can access with regards to supporting the emotional wellbeing of children / young people both prior to and following their return to school.

#### Reaction

The following actions were implemented before the start of the new academic year (September 2020)

- All members of the Trustee Board to have read the full DFE guidance.
- All Trustees to receive the updated/revised risk assessment from the Headteacher.
- Meeting arranged to approve final risk assessment and discuss this via zoom.
- Trustees could also access the Trustee checklist on the Norfolk County Council website to ensure they
  were fully informed of their duties and roles.

As with any plans made, they will continue to be monitored and revised on a regular basis. Timescales for monitoring and revision will be regularly reviewed.

#### Evidence

Howard Junior School has a risk assessment trail of the planning and preparation required for dealing with the current Covid 19 pandemic. This has been shared with staff and is available to parents via the school website. In addition to this information the school have created a question and answer session for parents on the website to keep them fully updated of any changes and addressing any worries or concerns. School recognised the

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Strategic report (continued)

#### Financial review (continued)

effective use of partnerships help to reduce misunderstandings and helped to secure a successful return to school.

The school's risk assessments provided all Howard Junior staff, parents and pupils the assurance that appropriate control measures had been put in place in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and that the measures reflected those of school guidance and Public Health England.

Trustees have been updated on Covid 19 matters through regular emails and at virtual trustee meetings, as demonstrated in the minutes.

Staff and senior leaders have contributed to the writing of Covid 19 plans, risk assessments and associated documentation.

#### e. Principal funding

The principal funding is the block grant from the Education Funding Agency. Funding of additional activities is by voluntary contributions from parents to activities such as residential school visits.

#### **Fundraising**

The academy trust does not use any external fundraisers. All fundraising undertaken during the year was monitored by the Trustees.

#### Plans for future periods

The Trustees' policy is to ensure that the Trust remains at the cutting edge of educational thinking and delivery. To this end the Headteacher is charged with researching such advances and advising the Members/Trustees on those opportunities that will best benefit the children. The Members/Trustees then allocate funding over a period of years to achieve these ambitious goals.

We continue to be open to opportunities of other schools joining our MAT and uphold the ability to expand our Trust as required.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that 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 auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 2 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs R Hartopp Chair of Trustees

Rev J Boyd

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

#### Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Apollo Academies 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 4 times during the year. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we have corresponded via email in lieu of a further 2 meetings which did not take place due to COVID-19. This has allowed the Trustees to maintain effective oversight of the Trust.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs R Hartopp, Chair of Trustees	1	1
Rev J Boyd	2	3
Mr G Hill	4	4
Mrs G Isherwood	3	4
Mr R Lee	2	4
J Richards	0	4
Mr D Taylor	3	4
Mr R Williams, Chair of Trustees	4	4

The members are taking the opportunity to review the membership of the Trustee Body and have co-opted additional Trustees with a broad range of expertise. This process is continuing.

The Board going into the new financial year consists of 6 members which gives a stable board of 6 experienced Trustees. The Trustee experience ranges from HR, local community profile, finance and education. Skills analysis is now an annual event. The Trustees receive Headteacher's Reports, Finance Reports, DFE Data and Norfolk County Council Data. The Board finds this data acceptable because all sources corroborate one another.

The Trustees' review reported that it is effective, pro-active and conforms with all legal requirements and the financial health of the school is excellent. Education in the school is performing well as confirmed in our Ofsted visit of October 2017. The board will conduct its next self-evaluation in February 2021.

The Trustees form two committees - Curriculum and Standards with Rachel Hartopp as Chair and Finance with Rod Lee as chair.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### **Governance (continued)**

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr R Lee	1	3
Mr R Williams	3	3
Mr G Hill	3	3
Mrs G Isherwood	3	3
Mr D Taylor	2	3
J Richards	0	3
Mrs J Boyd	1	2

#### Review of value for money

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

The accounting officer considers how the academy's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The accounting officer for the academy has delivered improved value for money during the year by tendering for the development of the immersive learning environment to include Under the Sea Corridor, Dr Who Corridor, outside Go Kart Track and Go Karts.

We have installed 3 Air Conditioning Units in the Hall for the comfort of parents during Assemblies and school events.

Due to Covid 19 requirements we have added extra cleaning supplies and provided 3 temperature checking tablets throughout the school.

We have held Performance Management reviews and conducted pay reviews for staff. We also have a rolling programme for the refresh of all our technology and hold reserves to ensure the school will always be able to move in line with the latest technology which is available to assist with all our pupils learning needs. This includes pupils who have Special Needs and pupils who have English as an additional language.

#### The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy 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 Apollo Academies Trust for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 reports (managed by the Headteacher and administered by the Finance Officer) that are reviewed and agreed by the Trustees, who attend regular meetings covering finance.
- Regular reviews of reports that indicate financial performance against the forecasts and major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes. Trustees conduct a benchmarking exercise and look at 'best value' principles.
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance, using published schools benchmarking data.
- Clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines and having this agreed in our finance policy. This is reviewed annually.
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Declaration of business interest forms completed.
- Identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has decided to employ Norfolk County Council as internal auditor.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial and other matters and performing a range of checks on the academy's financial systems. On an annual basis, the Internal Auditor 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.

Internal auditing has taken place as planned on an annual basis - this year the audit had to be conducted remotely due to Covid 19 restrictions. The Trustees policy is that the Headeacher and the School Business Manager work together with Norfolk County Council so that the finances are managed to ensure the best educational opportunities for the children currently in school, whilst maintaining appropriate balances in line with the Reserves Policy.

The focus of the internal audit was on:

- The financial responsibilities of the board are being properly discharged
- Financial considerations are fully considered in reaching decisions
- Advice and guidance are provided to the board on how to addressweaknesses in financial and other
  controls, recommending improvements but without weakening the responsibility of the management for
  the day to day running of the trust.
- Risks are adequately identified, reported and managed.

No material control issues arose.

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### Review of effectiveness

We consider how the academy's use of its' resources have provided good value for money during each academic year and we report to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. As accounting officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the Internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditors;

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- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy 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 the committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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

Mrs R Hartopp

Chair of Trustees

Date: 2 December 2020

Mr G Hill

**Accounting Officer** 

#### STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

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

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

Mr G Hill

Accounting Officer
Date: 2 December 2020

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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 of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 2019 to 2020;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

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

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Mrs R Hartopp (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 2 December 2020

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF APOLLO ACADEMIES TRUST

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Apollo Academies Trust (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 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'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; and
- 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 and Skills Funding Agency.

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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'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.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF APOLLO ACADEMIES TRUST (CONTINUED)

#### Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Other information includes the Reference and administrative details, the Trustees' report including the Strategic report, and the Governance 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 matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report and the Strategic 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 and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report.

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

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

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF APOLLO ACADEMIES TRUST (CONTINUED)

#### Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

#### Use of our report

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

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Giles Kerkham FCA DChA (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Larking Gowen LLP Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors
King Street House
15 Upper King Street
Norwich
NR3 1RB

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Date: 14 December 2020

### INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO APOLLO ACADEMIES TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 1 August 2018 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 Apollo Academies Trust during the year 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 Apollo Academies Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Apollo Academies 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 Apollo Academies Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of Apollo Academies Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Apollo Academies Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 December 2014 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 year 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.

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### INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO APOLLO ACADEMIES TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

#### **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's income and expenditure.

In planning and conducting our work we had due regard to professional guidance, including the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 and the ICAEW Assurance Sourcebook. The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion, includes, but is not limited to:

- Enquiry of senior management and the Academy's Governors
- Inspection and review of the accounting records, meeting minutes, prior year regularity report, internal control procedures, management representations and declarations of interest.
- Observation and re-performance of the financial controls
- Review of the results of the Academy's process of independent checking of financial controls, systems, transactions and risks
- Review of governance procedures

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#### Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 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.

Reporting Accountant Larking Gowen LLP

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

Date: 14 December 2020

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	_	-	6,419	6,419	16,397
Charitable activities		20,785	1,149,298	-	1,170,083	1,169,556
Other trading activities		25,399	-	-	25,399	23,657
Investments	6	242	-	-	242	243
Total income Expenditure on:		46,426	1,149,298	6,419	1,202,143	1,209,853
Charitable activities		27,414	1,078,083	181,785	1,287,282	1,226,943
Total expenditure		27,414	1,078,083	181,785	1,287,282	1,226,943
Net income/(expenditure)		19,012	71,215	(175,366)	(85,139)	(17,090)
Transfers between funds	17	-	(116,386)	116,386	-	-
Net movement in funds before other						
recognised gains/(losses)		19,012	(45,171)	(58,980)	(85,139)	(17,090)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	24	-	(250,000)	-	(250,000)	(122,000)
Net movement in funds		19,012	(295,171)	(58,980)	(335,139)	(139,090)

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		236,807	128,655	2,534,830	2,900,292	3,039,382
Net movement in funds		19,012	(295,171)	(58,980)	(335,139)	(139,090)
Total funds carried forward		255,819	(166,516)	2,475,850	2,565,153	2,900,292

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 29 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

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#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note		2020 £		2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		2,475,850		2,534,830
			2,475,850	•	2,534,830
Current assets					
Stocks	14	10,808		12,752	
Debtors	15	45,654		49,878	
Cash at bank and in hand		675,544		630,103	
	_	732,006	_	692,733	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(83,703)		(89,271)	
Net current assets	_		648,303		603,462
Total assets less current liabilities			3,124,153	-	3,138,292
Net assets excluding pension liability			3,124,153	-	3,138,292
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		(559,000)		(238,000)
Total net assets			2,565,153	- -	2,900,292

(A company limited by guarantee) REGISTERED NUMBER: 09280654

### BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

Funds of the academy Restricted funds:	Note		2020 £		2019 £
Fixed asset funds	17	2,475,850		2,534,830	
Restricted income funds	17	392,484		366,655	
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	17	2,868,334		2,901,485	
Pension reserve	17	(559,000)		(238,000)	
Total restricted funds	17		2,309,334		2,663,485
Unrestricted income funds	17		255,819		236,807
Total funds			2,565,153		2,900,292

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

The financial statements on pages 24 to 53 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf, by:

Mrs R Hartopp Chair of Trustees

Date: 2 December 2020

The notes on pages 29 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

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#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Cash flows from operating activities	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Net cash provided by operating activities	19	156,734	157,239
Cash flows from investing activities	20	(111,294)	(62,851)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		45,440	94,388
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		630,103	535,715
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	21, 22	675,543	630,103

The notes on pages 29 to 53 form part of these financial statements

#### 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), judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Apollo Academies Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### 1.2 Going concern

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

#### 1.3 Income

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

#### Grants

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

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

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

#### Other income

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

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.4 Expenditure

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

#### Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £1,000 to £20,000 or more depending upon the class of assets are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold land - 125 years straight line (term of lease)

Long-term leasehold property
Fixtures and fittings
Computer equipment
Motor vehicles

- 2% straight line
- 10-15% straight line
- 33% straight line
- 25% straight line

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

#### 1.7 Debtors

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

#### 1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

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

#### 1.9 Liabilities

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

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

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

*Financial assets* - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.11 Pensions

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

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

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

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

#### 1.12 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 24, 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.

#### 3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020	Total funds 2020 £
Capital Grants	6,419	6,419
	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019	Total funds 2019
Grants	£ 16,397	£ 16,397

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 4. Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020	Total funds 2020 £
DfE/ESFA grants	2	_	2
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	979,366	979,366
Pupil Premium	-	110,938	110,938
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	58,994	58,994
	-	1,149,298	1,149,298
Other funding			
Catering income	20,295	-	20,295
Academy Trips	490	-	490
	20,785	1,149,298	1,170,083
	Unrestrictea	Restricted	Total
	funds 2019	funds 2019	funds 2019
	2019 £	2019 £	2019 £
DfE/ESFA grants	~	_	_
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	983,668	983,668
Pupil Premium	-	116,020	116,020
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	24,674	24,674
	-	1,124,362	1,124,362
Other government grants			
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	600	600
	-	600	600
Other funding			
Catering income	37,356	-	37,356
Academy trips	7,238	-	7,238
	44,594	1,124,962	1,169,556

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

## 5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from ancillary services	22,224	22,224
Hire of facilities	3,175	3,175
	25,399	25,399
	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from ancillary services	18,797	18,797
Hire of facilities	4,860	4,860
	23,657	23,657
6. Investment income		
	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Bank interest	<u>242</u>	242
	Unrestrictea funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Bank interest	<u>243</u>	243

7.	Expenditure				
		Staff Costs 2020 £	Premises 2020 £	Other 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Academy's educational operations:				
	Direct costs	685,132	125,921	89,272	900,325
	Support costs	126,592	82,411	177,954	386,957
	Total 2020	811,724	208,332	267,226	1,287,282
		Staff Costs 2019 £	Premises 2019 £	Other 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Academy's educational operations:				
	Direct costs	601,127	65,310	166,984	833,421
	Allocated support costs	118,863	130,809	143,850	393,522
8.	Analysis of expenditure by activities				
			Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
	Academy's educational operations		900,325	386,957	1,287,282
			Activities undertaken directly 2019 £	Support costs 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
	Academy's educational operations		833,421	393,522	1,226,943

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued) 8.

### **Analysis of support costs**

	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Staff costs	126,592	118,863
Depreciation	43,163	43,082
Technology costs	6,052	6,099
Premises costs	82,411	91,764
Other support costs	112,979	119,177
Legal costs - other	14,635	12,705
Governance costs	1,125	1,832
	386,957	393,522
Net income/(expenditure)		
Not income/(expenditure) for the year includes:		

### 9.

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets  Gain on disposal of fixed assets  Fees paid to auditors for:	181,785 (4,850)	170,071 (3,575)
- audit	8,225	8,000
- other services	4,600	3,500

2019

2020

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 10. Staff

### a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	523,377	513,154
Social security costs	40,780	41,062
Pension costs	184,307	125,029
	748,464	679,245
Agency staff costs	63,260	40,745
	811,724	719,990

### b. Staff numbers

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

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Teachers	8	8
Administration and Support	14	13
Management	2	3
	24	24

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 10. Staff (continued)

### c. Higher paid staff

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

2020 No.	2019 No.
-	1
1	-
	No.

#### d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy was £116,885 (2019 £86,124).

### 11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

		2020	2019
		£	£
Mr G Hill	Remuneration	70,000 -	65,000 -
		75,000	70,000
	Pension contributions paid	15,000 -	5,000 -
		20.000	10.000

During the year ended 31 August 2020, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2019 - £NIL).

### 12. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

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 £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £3,999 (2019 - £4,240). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

13.	Tangible	fixed	assets
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Uniforms

		Long-term leasehold property £	Plant and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Cost or valuation					
	At 1 September 2019	2,371,745	504,223	279,987	48,981	3,204,936
	Additions	39,747	56,238	26,820	-	122,805
	Disposals	-	-	(4,164)	-	(4,164)
	At 31 August 2020	2,411,492	560,461	302,643	48,981	3,323,577
	Depreciation					
	At 1 September 2019	206,326	241,202	207,783	14,795	670,106
	Charge for the year	43,163	80,499	45,878	12,245	181,785
	On disposals	-	-	(4,164)	-	(4,164)
	At 31 August 2020	249,489	321,701	249,497	27,040	847,727
	Net book value					
	At 31 August 2020	2,162,003	238,760	53,146	21,941	2,475,850
	At 31 August 2019	2,165,419	263,021	72,204	34,186	2,534,830
14.	Stocks					
					2020 £	2019 £

12,752

10,808

15.	Debtors		
		2020	2019
		£	£
	Due within one year		
	Trade debtors	-	1,361
	Prepayments and accrued income	38,495	37,744
	Tax recoverable	7,159	10,773
		45,654	49,878
16.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2020	2019
		£	£
	Trade creditors	40,932	49,113
	Other taxation and social security	9,194	10,785
	Other creditors	4,319	4,494
	Accruals and deferred income	29,258	24,879
		83,703	89,271
		2020	2019
		£	£
	Deferred income at 1 September 2019	1,361	3,400
	Resources deferred during the year	1,749	1,361
	Amounts released from previous periods	(1,361)	(3,400)
		1,749	1,361

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### 17. Statement of funds

Designated funds   Buildings and technology fund   40,000   40,000	Unrestricted	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Buildings and technology fund 40,000 40,000  General funds General Funds 196,807 46,426 (27,414) 215,819  Total Unrestricted funds 236,807 46,426 (27,414) 255,819  Restricted general funds General Annual Grant (GAG) 366,655 979,366 (800,151) (153,386) - 392,484 Pupil premium - 110,938 (110,938)	funds						
General funds         General Funds         196,807         46,426         (27,414)         -         -         215,819           Total Unrestricted funds         236,807         46,426         (27,414)         -         -         255,819           Restricted general funds         General Annual Grant (GAG)         366,655         979,366         (800,151)         (153,386)         -         392,484           Pupil premium         -         110,938         (110,938)         -         -         -         -           Other restricted funds         -         58,994         (58,994)         -         -         -         -           Pension reserve         (238,000)         -         (108,000)         37,000         (250,000)         (559,000)           Restricted fixed asset funds         Restricted Fixed Asset Funds         2,534,830         6,419         (181,785)         116,386         -         2,475,850           Total Restricted funds         2,663,485         1,155,717         (1,259,868)         -         (250,000)         2,309,334							
General Funds         196,807         46,426         (27,414)         -         -         215,819           Total Unrestricted funds         236,807         46,426         (27,414)         -         -         255,819           Restricted general funds         General Annual Grant (GAG)         366,655         979,366         (800,151)         (153,386)         -         392,484           Pupil premium         -         110,938         (110,938)         -         -         -         -         -           Other restricted funds         -         58,994         (58,994)         -         -         -         -         -           Pension reserve         (238,000)         -         (108,000)         37,000         (250,000)         (559,000)           Restricted fixed asset funds         Restricted Fixed Asset Funds         2,534,830         6,419         (181,785)         116,386         -         2,475,850           Total Restricted funds         2,663,485         1,155,717         (1,259,868)         -         (250,000)         2,309,334		40,000			<u> </u>		40,000
Total Unrestricted funds 236,807 46,426 (27,414) 255,819  Restricted general funds  General Annual Grant (GAG) 366,655 979,366 (800,151) (153,386) - 392,484  Pupil premium - 110,938 (110,938)	General funds						
Comparison   Com	General Funds	196,807	46,426	(27,414)		-	215,819
general funds         General Annual Grant (GAG)       366,655       979,366       (800,151)       (153,386)       -       392,484         Pupil premium       -       110,938       (110,938)       -       -       -       -         Other restricted funds       -       58,994       (58,994)       -       -       -       -       -         Pension reserve       (238,000)       -       (108,000)       37,000       (250,000)       (559,000)         Restricted fixed asset funds         Restricted Fixed Asset Funds       2,534,830       6,419       (181,785)       116,386       -       2,475,850         Total Restricted funds         Restricted funds       2,663,485       1,155,717       (1,259,868)       -       (250,000)       2,309,334	Unrestricted	236,807	46,426	(27,414)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	255,819
Grant (GAG)         366,655         979,366         (800,151)         (153,386)         -         392,484           Pupil premium         -         110,938         (110,938)         -         -         -         -           Other restricted funds         -         58,994         (58,994)         -							
Funds - 58,994 (58,994)	Grant (GAG) Pupil premium	366,655 -			(153,386) -	-	392,484 -
Restricted fixed asset funds  Restricted Fixed Asset Funds  Total Restricted funds  2,663,485 1,155,717 (1,259,868) - (250,000) 2,309,334		-	58,994	(58,994)	-	-	-
Restricted fixed asset funds  Restricted Fixed Asset Funds 2,534,830 6,419 (181,785) 116,386 - 2,475,850  Total Restricted funds 2,663,485 1,155,717 (1,259,868) - (250,000) 2,309,334	Pension reserve	(238,000)	-	(108,000)	37,000	(250,000)	(559,000)
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds 2,534,830 6,419 (181,785) 116,386 - 2,475,850  Total Restricted funds 2,663,485 1,155,717 (1,259,868) - (250,000) 2,309,334		128,655	1,149,298	(1,078,083)	(116,386)	(250,000)	(166,516)
Asset Funds 2,534,830 6,419 (181,785) 116,386 - 2,475,850  Total Restricted funds 2,663,485 1,155,717 (1,259,868) - (250,000) 2,309,334							
Restricted funds 2,663,485 1,155,717 (1,259,868) - (250,000) 2,309,334		2,534,830	6,419	(181,785)	116,386	_	2,475,850
Total funds 2,900,292 1,202,143 (1,287,282) - (250,000) 2,565,153	Restricted	2,663,485	1,155,717	(1,259,868)	-	(250,000)	2,309,334
	Total funds	2,900,292	1,202,143	(1,287,282)	-	(250,000)	2,565,153

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

The General Annual Grant (GAG) represents core funding for educational activities of the school that has

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 17. Statement of funds (continued)

been provided to the academy via the Education Skills Fundings Agency by the Department of Education. The GAG fund must be used for the normal running costs of the academy.

The pension reserve has been created to identify the pension deficit inherited from the local authority upon conversion to academy status and all subsequent pension scheme movements are recognised through this.

The other restricted reserves fund recognises restricted grant funding received to be used for the purpose of specific projects and assisting with the trust's educational operations.

The restricted fixed assets fund recognises the tangible fixed assets gifted to the academy upon conversion by the local authority and also those purchased by the academy following conversion that have been funded from GAG and other capital grants. Depreciation charged on tangible assets is allocated to the fund.

The designated funds of £40,000 are to be used for major building improvements and repairs together with the upgrading and purchasing of new advances in technology. The designated fund is made up of £15,000 for buildings and £25,000 for ICT.

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

Fund balances at 31 August 2020 were allocated as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Howard Junior School	648,303	603,462
Restricted fixed asset fund Pension reserve	2,475,850 (559,000)	2,534,830 (238,000)
Total	2,565,153	2,900,292

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 17. Statement of funds (continued)

### Total cost analysis by academy

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total 2020 £
Howard Junior School	685,132	126,592	62,047	231,726	1,105,497

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total 2019 £
Howard Junior School	601,127	118,863	166,984	169,898	1,056,872

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

## 17. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Designated funds						
Buildings and technology fund	40,000	-				40,000
General funds						
General funds	160,765	68,494	(32,452)	-	-	196,807
Total Unrestricted funds	200,765	68,494	(32,452)			236,807
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG) Pupil Premium Other Restricted	297,782 -	983,668 116,020	(809,126) (116,020)	(105,669) -	- -	366,655 -
Reserves	-	25,274	(25,274)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(81,000)	-	(74,000)	39,000	(122,000)	(238,000)
	216,782	1,124,962	(1,024,420)	(66,669)	(122,000)	128,655
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	2,621,835	16,397	(170,071)	66,669		2,534,830
Total Restricted funds	2,838,617	1,141,359	(1,194,491)	<u>-</u>	(122,000)	2,663,485
Total funds	3,039,382	1,209,853	(1,226,943)	<u>-</u>	(122,000)	2,900,292

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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

### Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,475,850	2,475,850
Current assets	255,819	476,187	-	732,006
Creditors due within one year	-	(83,703)	-	(83,703)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(559,000)	-	(559,000)
Total	255,819	(166,516)	2,475,850	2,565,153
Analysis of net assets between funds - pr	ior period			
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			Restricted	
	Unrestrictea	Restricted	fixed asset	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	2019	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,534,830	2,534,830
Current assets	236,807	455,926	-	692,733
Creditors due within one year	-	(89,271)	-	(89,271)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(238,000)	-	(238,000)
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Total	236,807	128,655	2,534,830	2,900,292

		2020 £	2019 £
	Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of financial activities)	(85,139)	(17,090)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	181,785	170,071
	(Gain)/Loss on the sale of fixed assets	(4,851)	(3,575)
	Interest receivable	(242)	(243)
	Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	66,000	32,000
	Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	5,000	3,000
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks	1,944	(260)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	4,224	(4,428)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(5,568)	(5,839)
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(6,419)	(16,397)
	Net cash provided by operating activities	156,734	157,239
20.	Cash flows from investing activities		
		2020 £	2019 £
	Interest receivable	242	2 <b>4</b> 3
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(122,805)	(83,066)
	Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	4,850	<i>3,57</i> 5
	Capital grants from DfE Group	6,419	16,397
	Net cash used in investing activities	(111,294)	(62,851)
21.	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
		2020	2019
		£	£
	Cash in hand	675,543	630,103

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 22. Analysis of changes in net debt

		At 1 September 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2020 £
	Cash in hand	630,103	45,441	675,544
		630,103	45,441	675,544
23.	Capital commitments			
			2020 £	2019 £
	Contracted for but not provided in these financial statement	ents		
	Acquisition of tangible fixed assets		-	12,576

#### 24. Pension commitments

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

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

Contributions amounting to £4,319 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2020 (2019 - £4,494) and are included within creditors.

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

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

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

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 24. Pension commitments (continued)

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 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% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI, assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £82,616 (2019 - £75,029).

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

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

#### **Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £54,000 (2019 - £50,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £42,000 (2019 - £39,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 12,000 (2019 - £11,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18.8 per cent for employers and variable per cent for employees.

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

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 24. Pension commitments (continued)

### Principal actuarial assumptions

	2020	2019
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	2.9	2.6
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.2	2.3
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.7	1.8

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

	2020 Years	2019 Years
Retiring today		
Males	21.7	21.1
Females	23.9	23.5
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22.8	22.4
Females	25.5	25.0
•		
Sensitivity analysis		
	2020 £000	2019 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	(35,000)	(23,400)
Discount rate -0.1%	35,000	23,400
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	22,360	33,700
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(22,360)	(33,700)
CPI rate +0.1%	29,200	19,800
CPI rate -0.1%	(29,200)	(19,800)

Pension commitments (continued)		
The academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:		
	2020 £	2019 £
Equities	279,500	296,000
Debt instruments	196,000	218,000
Property	61,500	73,000
Cash	22,000	18,000
Total market value of assets	559,000	605,000
The actual return on scheme assets was £12,325 (2019 - £33,000).		
The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follo	ws:	
	2020	2019
	£	ź
Current service cost	(104,000)	(68,000
Past service cost	(4,000)	(3,000
Interest income	11,000	15,000
Interest cost	(16,000)	(18,000
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	(113,000)	(74,000
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as foll	ows:	
	2020	2019
	£	1
At 1 September	843,000	610,000
Current service cost	104,000	68,000
Interest cost	16,000	18,000
Employee contributions	12,000	11,000
Actuarial losses	314,000	136,000
Benefits paid	(9,000)	(3,000
Past service costs	4,000	3,000
At 31 August	1,284,000	843,000

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 24. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 September	605,000	529,000
Interest income	11,000	15,000
Actuarial gains	64,000	14,000
Employer contributions	42,000	39,000
Employee contributions	12,000	11,000
Benefits paid	(9,000)	(3,000)
At 31 August	725,000	605,000

### 25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2020 the academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Not later than 1 year	813	813
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,423	2,033
	2,236	2,846

### 26. 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 £NIL for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 27. Related party transactions

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

No related party transactions took place during the period of accounts other than the Headteacher's remuneration as disclosed in note 11.