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Knowle Church of England Primary Academy

Governors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 August 2019



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Reference and administrative details

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Rev G P Lanham (appointed 9 September 2019)

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Company registered

number

08437300

Company name

Knowle Church of England Primary Academy

Principal and registered

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Reference and administrative details (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2019

The Governors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Governors' report and a directors' report under company law.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The Governors of Knowle Church of England Primary Academy are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law. The charitable company operates as Knowle Church of England Primary Academy.

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

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 Governors

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

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Academy's Governing Body comprises the following:

- Up to 3 Governors appointed by the members
- Up to 3 Foundation Governors, which shall comprise the Incumbent as an ex officio Governor and up to 2 Governors notified to the Academy by the Diocese and Knowle United Charities acting together
- A minimum of 2, and no more than 5, Parent Governors who are elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy
- 3 Staff Governors
- 4 Community Governors
- The Principal, who is treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Governor

Governors are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Principal or the Incumbent. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Governor, any Governor may be re appointed or re elected.

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

Since becoming an academy, the Governors have regularly undertaken a full skills audit to determine any weakness in the range of expertise and experiences.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Governors

The Board of Governors has devised an informal induction process to ensure that all Governors understand their roles and responsibilities. The training and induction provided for new Governors will depend on their experience but would always include an induction meeting with the Principal and the Chair of Governors, a tour of the Academy with the Chair of Governors, and a chance to meet staff and pupils. All Governors have access to policies, procedures, minutes, accounts and budgets and other documents they will need to undertake their role as Governors. Governors make regular use of the training packages offered by the National Governors Association and Solihull LA Governor Services; these activities are coordinated by the Clerk to the Governing Body. All Governors are subject to DBS checks.

e. Organisational structure

The Governing Body - Full Board

- Resources and Planning Committee
- Scrutiny and Standards Committee
- Pay Committee
- Curriculum and Collaborative Partnership Committee

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

The academy has a Pay Policy which is reviewed annually by the Governors and is based on the locally agreed model policy, which is in turn based on the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document. This covers all key management personnel who are qualified teachers. The policy for other key management personnel is based on the terms and conditions of the National Joint Council for local authority services and the Solihull MBC pay bands; this is also agreed by the Governors.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Structure, governance and management (continued)		
g. Trade union facility time		
Relevant union officials		
Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the year Full-time equivalent employee number		
Percentage of time spent on facility time		
Percentage of time	Number of employees	
0% 1%-50% 51%-99% 100%	-	
Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time	£	
Total cost of facility time Total pay bill Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time	; = .	%
Paid trade union activities		
Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours	-	%

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Objectives and activities

a. Objects and aims

The principal object and activity of the charitable company is the operation of Knowle Church of England Primary Academy to provide education for pupils aged 3 - 11, in particular without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum;

The main aims of the Academy during the period ending 31 August 2019 are summarised below;

Preparing Children for the Future

Be Healthy

We aim to empower each child to become physically, mentally and emotionally healthy in order that they can learn effectively and choose a healthy lifestyle.

Embrace Christian Values

We aim to empower each child to develop socially, morally, ethically and spiritually by experiencing and sharing in our Christian beliefs and values

Make a Positive Enjoy and Achieve Contribution

We aim to empower children to actively engage in the planning of their learning experiences and have the confidence to express themselves in discussion and in writing in order that they will choose to engage positively in social and community roles, becoming global citizens.

We aim to empower each child to experience the joy of learning and to achieve success, developing their capacity to learn independently and interdependently in order that they choose to be engaged in lifelong learning.

Stay Safe

We aim to develop and sustain
a happy and secure
environment in which children
become self-confident,
articulate, emotionally aware,
socially adept, literate and
numerate in order to make the
right life choices and,
therefore, be inherently
safer.

Achieve Economic Well-being

We aim to empower each child to develop a positive attitude, become self-motivated, and develop key academic and social skills, which enable them to think creatively and choose to impact on, influence and shape the world they live in.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

The following key areas for development in 2018/19 were prioritised in the Academy Improvement Plan as follows:

Further improve the Assessment from Year 1 to Year 6 to ensure that the strategy for and implementation of AfL, formative and summative assessment ensures more effective provision and a more accurate view of pupil progress in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Review and improve current assessment procedures

Investigate options for a new tracking system, purchase and initiate trial

 Consult on a new Summative Assessment Schedule and Record, implement and integrate with new tracking system

Revise and update the academy's policy and procedures for Assessment & Record Keeping

Focus on CPD for Core Subject Leaders

Improve the academy's curriculum from EYFS to Year 6 to ensure that it more effectively meets the needs of all pupils but especially, promotes 'life in all its fullness' and supports our belief that 'learning should be immensely enjoyable'.

Review our current curriculum to ensure appropriate balance between rigour and creativity

• Focus on: integration/amalgamation of subjects, increased extended writing, middle to low prior attainers & building 'Resilience'

Further develop the 'Talk for Writing' approach to writing across the academy

 Monitoring and evaluation of the quality of teaching in Mathematics, predominantly, with a focus on the impact on middle to low prior attainers

CPD to improve staff knowledge and understanding of the importance of teaching for 'resilience'

Implement the academy's revised provision for early years (Nursery) to facilitate a seamless integration of early education and childcare incorporating a reorganisation of teaching and learning and a new curriculum to support a more flexible approach.

- Development of a strategy, procedure and policy to admit non-statutory age pupils (Nursery) ready for September 2019 in take onwards
- Review and develop organisation of early years teaching/childcare to facilitate a more irregular and mixed intake of children
- Review and develop the current Early Years curriculum to reflect the changes in intake

To further develop the academy site to facilitate the move of the 90 pupil cohort across to Key Stage 2 in September 2019 whilst ensuring that facilities for Extended Services provision are maintained (as a minimum) or improved is possible.

- Engage with the LA Planning Team well in advance to ensure the new facilities are delivered on time
- Organisation of the additional work programme re. Extended Services Room and furnishing for the new classroom are coordinated with the LA schedule
- Monitoring and close scrutiny of pupil progress by key personnel and the Governing Body

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Review of activities

The achievements and performance of the Academy will be demonstrated in the following key areas:

Achievement at Key Stage 1

During the period ended 31 August 2019 the attainment of pupils in Key Stage 1 was above the national average.

Key Stage 1 Results 2019

	2019 Exp	ected +	2019 High Standar		
Subject	Knowle	National	Knowle	National	
Reading	77%	75%	40%	25%	
Writing	76%	69%	18%	15%	
Maths	79%	76%	37%	22%	

Achievement at Key Stage 2

During the period ended 31 August 2019 the proportions of pupils in Key Stage 2 who reached the expected standard+ in all three areas was above the national average.

Key Stage 2 Results

2019 Expected +			2019 High Standard		
Subject	Knowle	National	Knowle	National	
RWM	70%	65%	15%	11%	
Reading	77%	73%	33%	27%	
Writing	85%	78%	22%	20%	
Maths	83%	79%	37%	27%	
SPAG	87%	78%	50%	36%	

Improved outcomes from last year are highlighted green in the above table.

Progress in Key Stage 2

	2019
Reading	-1.1
Writing	-1.3
Maths	-0.6

Improved outcomes from last year are highlighted green in the above table.

Attendance

During the year ended 31 August 2019 the attendance of pupils at the academy was above the national average. In 2018/19 the attendance figure was 97.4% and there were 10 persistent absentees (pupils who ended the academic year on less than 90% attendance).

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Objectives and activities (continued)

Extended Services

The academy achieved its aim to further develop and embed the ethos, systems and structures necessary to provide an outstanding, school run childcare and wraparound facility. This is now a thriving business providing a much needed service for our families.

d. Public benefit

The Governors confirm that they have complied with the requirement in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

The Governors aim to ensure that the Academy meets the following financial requirements:

- Operates within its means and remains solvent
- Achieves best value for all activities undertaken and contracted services
- Maintains appropriate reserves
- Maintains a balanced budget going forward, taking likely contingencies into account
- Seeks to maintain the numbers of children in the school

b. Going concern

The Governors assess whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Governors has a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Financial review

a. Review of financial performance

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants from the DfE during the period ended 31 August 2019 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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

During the year ended 31 August 2019, total expenditure (excluding movements on the Fixed Asset Fund and movements on the pension reserve) of £2,215,204 was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE, together with other incoming resources of £2,310,165 without the use of any of the Academy's brought forward funds.

At 31 August 2019, the net book value of fixed assets was £5,798,776 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Strategic report (continued)

Financial review (continued)

b. Reserves policy

The Governors review the reserve levels of the Academy termly. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Governors take into consideration the future plans of the Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review. The Academy's policy is not to exceed a reserve of Restricted Funds in excess of 8% of its total budget.

The Academy's current level of unrestricted reserves is £268,711 (2018 - £206,641). The Governors plan to use these funds to further augment staffing to support the teaching of reading and support pupils with SEND; to provide training and support for Subject Leaders as they review and improve the curriculum and to supplement the budget in the future as forecasts indicate that this will be necessary. The Academy's current level of free reserves is £268,711 (2018 - £206,641).

c. Investment policy

The Governors have reviewed the academy's policy in light of improved cash flow due to some changes in the management of income and expenditure. After taking financial advice they have invested £250,000 in a one year fixed term savings account with Lloyds Bank. This will be reviewed annually.

d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

Whilst the Academy has an adequate intake of pupils, risks to revenue funding from a falling roll are small. The changes to the way in which the Government funds education, i.e. the National Funding Formula has had a positive impact on the academy, which has been historically less well funded than similar schools in other areas however, increasing employment and premises costs mean that budgets will be increasingly tight in coming years.

The Governors examine the financial health formally every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all full Governors' and Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings.

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

The Governors recognise that the defined benefit scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme) which is set out in Note 20 to the financial statements represents a significant potential liability. However, as the Governors consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, the risk from this liability is minimised.

e. Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are as follows:

- Financial considerable reliance on continued funding from ESFA
- Failures in Governance or Management
- Reputational
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Fraud and Mismanagement of Funds
- Staffing

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Strategic report (continued)

Financial review (continued)

f. Risk management

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Academy. With regard to financial risk, the Governors have developed a system to assess risks i.e. The Risk Management Policy/Risk Register. This ensures that systems and internal financial controls are reviewed at least annually in order to minimise risk; all identified risks are reviewed again on at least an annual basis. Where significant financial risk still remains the Governors have ensured that they have adequate insurance cover.

Fundraising

Fundraising for the Academy is undertaken by the Parents' Association. They operate as a registered Charity in their own right and are organised and managed by an elected committee of parents. A member of the academy staff has a designated role to act as liaison and, as such, attends all committee meetings, providing feedback to the Principal which enables effective oversight. The Governors are confident that the Parents' Association fundraising activities conform to recognised standards. The nature of the fundraising i.e. parents are invited to attend fundraising events which may be chargeable or invite financial contribution ensures that the approach is not unreasonably intrusive or persistent and does not result in undue pressure to donate.

Plans for future periods

The focus for school improvement in 2019/20 is to:

To further revise and improve our curriculum to ensure that it is tailored to all our pupils' needs, addresses our concerns with regards to Health and Well-being (SMILE) and continues to provide experiences that enable genuine breadth and depth of learning for our pupils.

To review and improve the way in which we teach reading across the school to ensure that when formally assessed, our pupils are attaining standards that are at least, in line with the individual's prior attainment and, by cohort, are better than both local and national age-related expectations with a particular focus on Middle Attainers.

Improve the quality of teaching in writing in those year groups where data and other forms of SSE have indicated that this is necessary.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Governors at the time when this Governors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Governor is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Governor has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Governor in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Auditors

The auditors, Dains LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Governors will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Governors.

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of Governors, as the company directors, on 9 December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Wackay

Chain of Trustees

J GodsaH⊸

Principal and Accounting Officer

Governance Statement

Scope of responsibility

As Governors, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Knowle Church of England Primary Academy 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 Governors has delegated the day to day responsibility to the Principal, 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 Knowle Church of England Primary Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Governors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' report and in the statement of trustees' responsibilities and in the Statement of Governors' responsibilities. The board of Governors has formally met 3 times during the year.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of Governors was as follows:

Meetings attended	Out of a possible
2	3
3	3
1	3
3	3
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Governance reviews:

During this academic year there have been the following changes to the composition of the board of trustees: Canon M Parker resigned as a Member of the Board to coincide with his retirement as the incumbent of Knowle Parish Church.

The Scrutiny and Standards Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Governors. As part of its remit members scrutinise data provided by the Senior Leadership of the Academy, the local authority and national data sets provided by the DfE and the STA (Standards and Testing Agency). The committee is able to compare and contrast the information provided via these different sources and is therefore confident that they have an accurate picture of the academic performance of the school.

As a result, the Board continues to function effectively, discharging all duties as required by the DfE in the 'Governance Handbook' – March 2019, the 'Competence Framework for Governors' – January 2017 and the 'Academies Financial Handbook 2019'.

Governance Statement (continued)

Governance (continued)

The Finance and General Purposes Committee (Resources and Planning) is a sub committee of the main Board of Governors. Its purpose is to:

- Monitor, evaluate and review policy and performance in relation to financial management
- Ensure compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements
- Set targets to measure financial and other performance
- Receive and act upon reports from the Responsible Officer
- Draft the annual budget
- Ensure delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identify and manage risks

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
H Ager	3	3
P A Allen	3	3
J Carver	3	3
S Day	2	3
H C Fitzgerald	2	3
J Godsall	3	3
C Harris (Maternity leave)	0	3
D N Hillier	3	3
L Mackay	3	3
P J Sidwell	3	3
C Welton	3	3

Review of value for money

As Accounting Officer, the Principal 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 Governors 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:

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has ensured the best possible educational and wider societal outcomes through the economic, efficient and effective use of all the resources in the trust's charge, the avoidance of waste and extravagance, and prudent and economical administration. This has been achieved by strict adherence to all agreed policies and procedures, open and transparent decisions about the recruitment, retention and deployment of staff, robust monitoring of all aspects of the Academy's work including monthly finance monitoring meetings and a full programme of Academy self evaluation processes. Providers of all goods and services are regularly reviewed for value for money and quality assurance purposes. Governors were kept informed and up to date throughout the academic year via the appropriate committee meetings.

Governance Statement (continued)

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy 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 Knowle Church of England Primary Academy for the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Governors 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 Governors 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 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Governors.

The risk and control framework

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

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

The Board of Governors has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Governors have appointed Dains LLP, the external auditors, to perform additional checks.

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

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchases systems
- testing of petty cash and expense claim systems
- testing of income systems
- testing on bank reconciliations
- testing on fixed assets
- testing on month end procedures and journals
- testing on website content
- · testing on management accounts
- testing on governance

On an annual basis, the auditor's report to the Board of Governors on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Governors' financial responsibilities. Dains LLP has carried out their schedule of work as planned and has not identified any material control issues.

Governance Statement (continued)

Review of effectiveness

Chain of Trustees

As accounting officer, the Principal 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 external auditors;
- 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 Finance and General Purposes 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 Governors on 9 December 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

J Godsall

Accounting Officer

Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As accounting officer of Knowle Church of England Primary Academy I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy, 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 2018.

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 2018.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the board of Trustees and ESFA.

J Godsall

Accounting Officer
Date: 9 December 2019

Statement of Governors' responsibilities for the year ended 31 August 2019

The Governors (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 & Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Governors 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 Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019:
- 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 Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors on 9 December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Chair of Trustees

Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements to the Members of Knowle Church of England Primary Academy

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Knowle Church of England Primary Academy (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2019 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education & 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 2019 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 Knowle Church of England Primary Academy (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 Knowle Church of England Primary Academy (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: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. 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.

Andrew Morris FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of **Dains LLP**

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors

Birmingham

9 December 2019

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Knowle Church of England Primary Academy and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 24 August 2018 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Knowle Church of England Primary Academy during the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 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 Knowle Church of England Primary Academy and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Knowle Church of England Primary Academy 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 Knowle Church of England Primary Academy and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Knowle Church of England Primary Academy's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Knowle Church of England Primary Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 28 March 2013 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2018, 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 2018 to 2019. 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 2018 to 31 August 2019 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 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.

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Knowle Church of England Primary Academy and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (continued)

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Dains LLP

Chartered Accounts Statutory Auditors

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Birmingham

Date: 9 December 2019

Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	36,720	-	46,418	83,138	88,790
Charitable activities: Funding for the						
Academy's educational operations	4	295,245	1,965,878	_	2,261,123	2,135,833
Other trading activities	5	11,609	**	-	11,609	9,449
Investments	6	171	-	-	171	54
Total income		343,745	1,965,878	46,418	2,356,041	2,234,126
Expenditure on:					, <u> </u>	
Raising funds		232,995	-	-	232,995	220,133
Charitable activities		48,680	2,067,529	164,256	2,280,465	2,176,347
Total expenditure	7	281,675	2,067,529	164,256	2,513,460	2,396,480
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		62,070	(101,651)	(117,838)	(157,419)	(162,354)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	16	-	(233,000)	4	(233,000)	228,000
						
Net movement in funds		62,070	(334,651)	(117,838)	(390,419)	65,646
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought						
forward		206,641	(1,174,877)	5,959,421	4,991,185	4,925,539
Net movement in funds		62,070	(334,651)	(117,838)	(390,419)	65,646
Total funds carried forward		268,711	(1,509,528)	5,841,583	4,600,766	4,991,185

The notes on pages 28 to 52 form part of these financial statements.

Knowle Church of England Primary Academy

(A Company Limited by Guarantee) Registered number: 08437300

Balance sheet

for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Note		2019 £		2018 £
Fixed assets	Note		~		~
Tangible assets	13		5,798,776		5,918,388
Current assets					
Debtors	14	41,799		507,995	
Cash at bank and in hand		621,022		68,441	
		662,821		576,436	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one					
year	15	(280,831)		(290,639)	
Net current assets			381,990		285,797
Total assets less current liabilities			6,180,766		6,204,185
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	21		(1,580,000)		(1,213,000)
Total net assets			4,600,766		4,991,185
Funds of the academy Restricted funds:					
Fixed asset funds	16	5,841,583		5,959,421	
Restricted income funds	16	70,472		38,123	
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	16	5,912,055		5,997,544	
Pension reserve	16	(1,580,000)		(1,213,000)	
Total restricted funds Unrestricted income funds	16		4,332,055		4,784,544
General funds			268,711		206,641
Total funds	16		4,600,766		4,991,185
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The financial statements on pages 25 to 52 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 09 December 2019 and are signed on their behalf, by:

L Mackay Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 28 to 52 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 August 2019

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	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	18	550,636	17,599
Cash flows from investing activities	19	1,945	12,542
	-		
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		552,581	30,141
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		68,441	38,300
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	621,022	68,441

The notes on pages 28 to 52 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

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 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Knowle Church of England Primary Academy 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.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Donations

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

Other income

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

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.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the academy'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.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Depreciation 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 Property
Long Term Leasehold Land
Furniture and fixtures
Computer equipment
Catering equipment
- 2% straight line
- 10% straight line
- 10% straight line
- 10% straight line

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

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the academy; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.8 Debtors

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

1.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Liabilities

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

1.11 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the academy has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1,12 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 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to the academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

1.13 Taxation

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

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 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.

1.15 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, 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 2019. 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.

Critical areas of judgment:

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives taking into account resudual values where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors.

3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Trip income	36,344	-	36,344
Capital Grants	-	27,876	27,876
Other donations	376	18,542	18,918
Total 2019	36,720	46,418	83,138

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £
Trip income	33,052	-	33,052
Capital Grants	-	9,248	9,248
Other donations	18,190	28,300	46,490
Total 2018	51,242	37,548	88,790
4. Funding for the academy's educational operations			
	Unrestricted funds 2019	Restricted funds 2019	Total funds 2019
DfE/ESFA grants	£	£	£
General annual grant (GAG)	_	1,487,321	1,487,321
Pupil premium		59,640	59,640
Rates funding	~	2,961	2,961
PE sports grant	-	19,880	19,880
Universal infant free school meals grant	344	88,795	88,795
Teachers pay grant	-	15,525	15,525
	-	1,674,122	1,674,122
Other government grants			
Nursery funding	-	197,613	197,613
SEN income	-	16,505	16,505
Other for the c	-	214,118	214,118
Other funding Absence and maternity insurance claims	_	7,534	7,534
Outreach and training income	_	477	477
Catering income	-	69,627	69,627
Department sales income	2,138	-	2,138
Extended services income	292,215	-	292,215
Swimming fees	892	-	892
Total 2019	295,245	1,965,878	2,261,123

		Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £
	DfE/ESFA grants	-	,_	-
	General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,450,711	1,450,711
	Pupil Premium	-	47,889	47,889
	Rates funding	-	6,334	6,334
	PE Sports Grant	•	19,580	19,580
	Universal Infant Free School Meals Grant	-	85,434	85,434
		-	1,609,948	1,609,948
	Other government grants			
	Nursery funding	H	131,279	131,279
	Child and Family Mentor funding	-	10,230	10,230
		-	141,509	141,509
	Other funding			
	Outreach and training income	-	7,189	7,189
	Catering income	161	57,949	58,110
	Department sales income	3,169	-	3,169
	Extended services income	314,889	=	314,889
	Swimming fees	1,019	-	1,019
	Total 2018	319,238	1,816,595	2,135,833
5.	Income from other trading activities			
		Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
	Hire of facilities	10,471	10,471	7,785
	Photo commission	1,138	1,138	1,664
	Total 2019	11,609	11,609	9,449

6.	Investment income				
			Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
	Investment income		171	171	54
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7.	Expenditure				
		Staff Costs 2019 £	Premises 2019 £	Other 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Expenditure on raising voluntary income:				
	Direct costs Activities:	214,837	-	18,158	232,995
	Direct costs	1,382,111	110,397	240,418	1,732,926
	Support costs	228,087	88,035	231,418	547,540
		1,825,035	198,432	489,994	2,513,461
		Staff Costs 2018 £	Premises 2018 £	Other 2018 £	Total 2018 £
	Expenditure on raising voluntary income:				
	Direct costs Activities:	204,020	H	16,113	220,133
	Direct costs	1,286,095	109,867	259,584	1,655,546
	Support costs	217,104	87,002	216,695	520,801
		1,707,219	196,869	492,392	2,396,480

Analysis of expenditure by activities			
	Activities undertaken directly 2019 £	Support costs 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Educational operations	1,732,926	547,540	2,280,466
	Activities undertaken directly 2018 £	Support costs 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £
Educational operations	1,655,546	520,801	2,176,347
Analysis of direct costs			
	Activities 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
LGPS finance costs Staff costs Depreciation Educational supplies Technology costs Educational consultancy Supply teacher insurance	31,000 1,382,111 110,397 36,036 11,025 14,858 14,883 132,616	31,000 1,382,111 110,397 36,036 11,025 14,858 14,883	33,000 1,286,095 109,867 55,223 9,192 13,423 18,064
Catering Total 2019	1,732,926	132,616	130,682

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Staff costs	228,087	228,087	217,104
Depreciation	53,859	53,859	56,512
Staff development	12,590	12,590	14,379
Technology costs	32,476	32,476	26,600
Other support costs	55,745	55,745	59,416
Recruitment and support	1,486	1,486	877
Maintenance of premises	26,154	26,154	28,948
Maintenance of equipment	3,453	3,453	3,621
Cleaning	8,735	8,735	9,253
Photocopying	21,099	21,099	16,813
Rates	6,716	6,716	5,804
Water rates	9,993	9,993	7,236
Energy	23,456	23,456	21,128
Insurance	12,981	12,981	14,633
Other occupancy costs	40,955	40,955	31,727
Governance costs	9,755	9,755	6,750
Total 2019	547,540	547,540	520,801

9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2019 £	2018 £
Operating lease rentals	5,244	5,594
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	164,256	166,379
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	6,200	6,100
- other services	5,220	1,950

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

10. Staff costs

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	1,364,216	1,286,082
Social security costs	103,296	98,634
Pension costs	357,523	322,503
	1,825,035	1,707,219
		

b. Staff numbers

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

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Teachers	23	22
Administration and support	38	38
Management	4	4
Extended services	15	15
	80	79

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2019 No.	2018 No.
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	1

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise key governors and the senior management team as listed on page 2. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension and national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £282,296 (2018 - £277,839).

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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:

		2019	2018
		£	£
J Godsall	Remuneration	80,000 - 85,000	80,000 - 85,000
	Pension contributions paid	10,000 - 15,000	10,000 - 15,000
H Fulker	Remuneration	30,000 - 35,000	20,000 - 25,000
	Pension contributions paid	5,000 - 10,000	0 - 5,000
C Harris	Remuneration	5,000 - 10,000	25,000 - 30,000
	Pension contributions paid	0 - 5,000	0 - 5,000
P A Allen	Remuneration	10,000 - 15,000	10,000 - 15,000
	Pension contributions paid	0 - 5,000	0 - 5,000

During the year, no Governors received any benefits in kind (2018 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2019, no Governor expenses have been incurred (2018 - £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 2019 was included in the total cost for insurance of £12,300 (2018 - £11,764).

13.	Tangible fixed assets					
		Longterm leasehold land and buildings £	Furniture and fixtures £	Computer equipment £	Catering equipment £	Total £
	Cost or valuation					
	At 1 September 2018	6,243,231	380,499	95,682	74,700	6,794,112
	Additions	17,500	1,520	25,624	**	44,644
	At 31 August 2019	6,260,731	382,019	121,306	74,700	6,838,756
	Depreciation					
	At 1 September 2018	586,810	162,729	85,722	40,463	875,724
	Charge for the year	110,397	38,055	8,334	7,470	164,256
	At 31 August 2019	697,207	200,784	94,056	47,933	1,039,980
	Net book value					
	At 31 August 2019	5,563,524	181,235	27,250	26,767	5,798,776
	At 31 August 2018	5,656,421 ————	217,770	9,960	34,237	5,918,388
14.	Debtors					
					2019 £	2018 £
	Due within one year					
	VAT repayable				12,069	488,190
	Other debtors				14	14
	Prepayments and accrued ir	icome			29,716	19,791
					41,799	507,995

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year 2019 2018 £ £ Trade creditors 131,363 149,448 Other taxation and social security 25,761 23,043 28,295 Other creditors 30,104 93,603 89,853 Accruals and deferred income 280,831 290,639 2019 2018 £ 72,517 68,452 Deferred income at 1 September 2018 Resources deferred during the year 60,135 72,517 Amounts released from previous periods (72,517)(68, 452)60,135 72,517

Included within deferred income are monies received in advance from the ESFA for free school meals and capital funding. Also included within deferred income is income recieved in advance for before and after school clubs.

16. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Unrestricted funds	-	-		~	-	_
General Funds	206,641	343,745	(281,675)		<u></u> .	268,711
Restricted funds			٠			
General Annual Grant (GAG) Other DfE/ESFA and	-	1,487,321	(1,489,662)	72,813	-	70,472
government grants	=	400,918	(283,585)	(117,333)	*	м
Other restricted income	×	8,012	(27,666)	19,654	-	-
Catering	38,123	69,627	(132,616)	24,866	-	
Pension reserve	(1,213,000)	-	(134,000)	-	(233,000)	(1,580,000)
	(1,174,877)	1,965,878	(2,067,529)	*	(233,000)	(1,509,528)
Restricted fixed asset funds	;					
Assets funded from GAG	20,489	,	-	-	-	20,489
Assets inherited on conversion	5,533,064	_	(114,949)	=	_	5,418,115
Devolved capital grant	16,239	27,876	(4,759)		-	39,356
Donations for capital assets	61,403	18,542	(10,004)		_	69,941
Capital maintenance fund	232,241	-	(32,775)	-	-	199,466
Local authority capital funding	95,985	-	(1,769)	-	_	94,216
	5,959,421	46,418	(164,256)		_	5,841,583
Total Restricted funds	4,784,544	2,012,296	(2,231,785)		(233,000)	4,332,055
Total funds	4,991,185	2,356,041	(2,513,460)	-	(233,000)	4,600,766

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

Designated funds

Designated funds represents amounts which have been ring fenced to be spent on specific projects.

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Unrestricted funds

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

Restricted general fund

This fund represents grants and other income received for the Academy's operational activities and development.

Surpluses made on catering are ring-fenced for kitchen equipment maintenance, which the Academy is responsible for.

Pension reserve

The pension reserve included within restricted general funds represents the Academy's share of the pension liability arising on the LGPS pension fund.

Restricted fixed asset fund

This fund represents grants received from the DfE, ESFA, Local Authority, the Parents' Association and other donations to carry out works of a capital nature.

Transfers between funds

Transfers include the transfer of Universal Infant Free School Meals grant income into catering income.

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 2019.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

16. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Unrestricted funds	~	~	~	~	~	~
Designated funds						
Refurbishment funds	14,000	-	-	(14,000)		H
General funds						
General Funds	114,522	379,983	(270,231)	(17,633)		206,641
Total Unrestricted funds	128,522	379,983	(270,231)	(31,633)		206,641
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG) Other DfE/ESFA and	-	1,450,711	(1,487,851)	37,140	•	-
government grants	-	300,746	(206,499)	(94,247)	-	-
Other restricted income	-	7,189	(7,000)	(189)	~	-
Catering	21,765	57,949	(130,520)	88,929	-	38,123
Pension reserve	(1,313,000)	-	(128,000)	-	228,000	(1,213,000)
	(1,291,235)	1,816,595	(1,959,870)	31,633	228,000	(1,174,877)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Assets funded from GAG	20,489	-	-	-	-	20,489
Assets inherited on conversion	5,648,013	-	(114,949) -	-	5,533,064
Devolved capital grant	16,757	9,248	(9,766) -	-	16,239
Donations for capital assets	40,621	28,300	• •		-	61,403
Capital maintenance fund	264,618	-	(32,377		-	232,241
Local authority capital funding	97,754	-	(1,769) -	-	95,985
	6,088,252	37,548	(166,379)	-	5,959,421
Total Restricted funds	4,797,017	1,854,143	(2,126,249	31,633	228,000	4,784,544
Total funds	4,925,539	2,234,126	(2,396,480)		228,000	4,991,185

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	~	-	5,798,776	5,798,776
Current assets	268,711	328,649	65,461	662,821
Creditors due within one year	-	(258,177)	(22,654)	(280,831)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,580,000)	-	(1,580,000)
Total	268,711	(1,509,528)	5,841,583	4,600,766

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,918,388	5,918,388
Current assets	206,641	323,279	46,515	576,435
Creditors due within one year	-	(285,156)	(5,482)	(290,638)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,213,000)	-	(1,213,000)
Total	206,641	(1,174,877)	5,959,421	4,991,185

18.	Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating act	ivities	
		2019 £	2018 £
	Net expenditure for the year (as per statement of financial activities)	(157,419)	(162,354)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	164,256	166,379
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(46,418)	(37,548)
	Interest receivable	(171)	(54)
	Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	134,000	128,000
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	466,196	(71,263)
	Decrease in creditors	(9,808)	(5,561)
	Net cash provided by operating activities	550,636	17,599
19.	Cash flows from investing activities		
		2019 £	2018 £
	Interest receivable	171	54
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(44,644)	(25,060)
	Capital grants from DfE Group	27,876	9,248
	Capital funding received from sponsors and others	18,542	28,300
	Net cash provided by investing activities	1,945	12,542
20.	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
		2019	2018 £
	Cash in hand	£ 621,022	68,441
	Total cash and cash equivalents	621,022	68,441

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21. Pension commitments

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

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

Contributions amounting to £28,972 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2019 (2018 - £27,150) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS or scheme) is a statutory, unfunded, defined benefit occupational scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended), and the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). These regulations apply to teachers in schools and other educational establishments, including academies, in England and Wales that are maintained by local authorities. In addition, teachers in many independent and voluntary-aided schools and teachers and lecturers in some establishments of further and higher education may be eligible for membership. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers and lecturers and, from 1 January 2007, automatic too for teachers and lecturers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract. Teachers and lecturers are able to opt out of the TPS.

The Teachers' Pension budgeting and valuation account

Although members may be employed by various bodies, their retirement and other pension benefits are set out in regulations made under the Superannuation Act (1972) and Public Service Pensions Act (2013) and are paid by public funds provided by Parliament. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go 'basis — contributions from members, along with those made by employers, are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the above Acts.

The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 require an annual account, the Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account, to be kept of receipts and expenditure (including the cost of pension increases). From 1 April 2001, the Account has been credited with a real rate of return, which is equivalent to assuming that the balance in the Account is invested in notional investments that produce that real rate of return.

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21. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The latest valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme has now taken place, in line with directions issued by HM Treasury and using membership data as at 31 March 2016. As a result of this valuation TPS employers will pay an increased contribution rate of 23.68% from September 2019 (this includes the administration levy of 0.8%). The timing of the implementation is to align its introduction with employers' budget planning cycles. Until then, employers will pay the current rate of 16.48%.

Scheme changes

The arrangements for a reformed Teachers' Pension Scheme, in line with the recommendations made by Lord Hutton, in particular the introduction of a Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) scheme, were implemented from 1 April 2015.

In December 2018, the Court of Appeal held that transitional protection provisions contained in the reformed judicial and firefighter pension schemes, introduced as part of public service pension reforms in 2015, gave rise to direct age discrimination and were therefore unlawful. The Supreme Court, in a decision made in June 2019, have rejected the Government's application for permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's ruling. The case will now be referred to an Employment Tribunal for a decision regarding the remedy which will need to be offered to those members of the two schemes who were subject of the age discrimination.

HM Treasury are clear that the ruling has implications for the other public service schemes, including the Teachers' Pension Scheme. Those implications are currently being considered and any impact on scheme costs is expected to be looked at within the next scheme valuation, which is currently scheduled to be based on April 2020 data and implemented in April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £124,000 (2018 - £118,000).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy 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 2019 was £143,000 (2018 - £139,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £112,000 (2018 - £108,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 31,000 (2018 - £31,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21.4 per cent for employers and 5.5 - 12.5 per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of 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.

21.	Pension commitments (continued)		
	Principal actuarial assumptions		
		2019 %	2018 %
	Rate of increase in salaries	3.75	3.80
	Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.25	2.30
	Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.85	2.65
	The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:	future improvements in mor	tality rates.
		2019 Years	2018 Years
	Retiring today		
	Males	20.9	21.9
	Females	23.2	24.4
	Retiring in 20 years		
	Males	22.6	24.1
	Females	<u> </u>	26.7
	Sensitivity analysis		
		2019 £000	2018 £000
	Discount rate +0.1%	(64)	(51)
	Discount rate -0.1%	65	53
	Salary increase rate +0.1%	8	7
	Salary increase rate -0.1%	(8)	(6)
	Pension increase rate +0.1%	57	46
	Pension increase rate -0.1%	(55)	(45)

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21. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	At 31 August 2019 £	At 31 August 2018 £
Equities	937,000	843,000
Gilts	148,000	96,000
Other bonds	59,000	49,000
Property	127,000	108,000
Cash	56,000	50,000
Other	232,000	186,000
Total market value of assets	1,559,000	1,332,000
The actual return on scheme assets was £91,000 (2018 - £16,000).		
The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:		
	2019 £	2018 £
Current service cost	(187,000)	(202,000)
Past service cost	(27,000)	-
Net interest cost	(31,000)	(33,000)
Administrative expenses	(1,000)	(1,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	(246,000)	(236,000)
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follow	s:	
	2019 £	2018 £
At 1 September	2,545,000	2,540,000
Current service cost	187,000	202,000
Interest cost	68,000	66,000
Employee contributions	31,000	31,000
Benefits paid	(6,000)	(49,000)
Past service costs	27,000	-
Actuarial (gains)/ losses	287,000	(245,000)
At 31 August	3,139,000	2,545,000

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21. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2019 £	2018 £
At 1 September	1,332,000	1,227,000
Return on plan assets (excluding net interest on the net defined pension liability)	54,000	(17,000)
Interest income	37,000	33,000
Employee contributions	31,000	31,000
Employer contributions	112,000	108,000
Benefits paid	(6,000)	(49,000)
Administration expenses	(1,000)	(1,000)
At 31 August	1,559,000	1,332,000

22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2019 the academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Not later than 1 year	5,819	3,637
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	8,424	1,607
	14,243	5,244

23. Members' liability

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

24. Related party transactions

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 11.