The Eden Academy

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2022

Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number
08036395 (England and Wales)

The Eden Academy
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The Eden Academy
Reference and Administrative Information

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Company Secretary and Clerk to the Board	Keith Holroyd

[1] Member of the Finance Committee during 2021-22, continuing into 2022-23

[2] Member and Chair of the Finance Committee during 2021-22

[3] Member and Chair of the Finance Committee for 2022-23

[4] Member of the Finance Committee during 2021-22, continuing into 2022-23

[5] *Member of the Finance Committee for 2022/23*

Senior Leadership Team	
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Accounting Officer	Susan Douglas
Director for Academy Development	John Ayres (until 30 September 2021)
Director for Central Services and Schools	Paul Van Walwyk
Director of Finance and Operations	Sudhi Pathak
Headteacher of Alexandra School and Executive Head of Pentland Field School	Perdy Buchanan-Barrow
Headteacher of Grangewood School	Liz Edwards
Headteacher of Hexham Priory School	Liz Davison
Headteacher of James Rennie School	Kris Williams
Headteacher of Moorcroft School and Executive Head of Sunshine House	Andrew Sanders
Head of School, Pentland Field School	Ivan Talbot
Head of Setting, Sunshine House School	Mark Fuell

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The Directors of The Eden Academy ('the Academy Trust' or 'the Trust') present their annual report together with the financial statements and the auditor's report and accountant's report of the charitable company for the year to 31 August 2022. The Directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law are also the Trustees for The Eden Academy for the purposes of charity law, and as such, the terms Director and Trustee are used interchangeably within this report. This annual report serves the purposes of a Directors' Report under company law and a Trustees' report under charity law.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 45 to 50 of the attached financial statements and comply with the Academy Trust's memorandum and articles of association, applicable laws and 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Principal activities

The Eden Academy delivers education to pupils with severe and moderate learning difficulties in the Local Authority area of Hillingdon at Grangewood School, Moorcroft School and Pentland Field School, in the Local Authority area of Harrow at Alexandra School, in Northumberland County Council area at Hexham Priory School and in Cumbria County Council area at James Rennie School. The Eden Academy also had a contractual relationship with the RNIB Sunshine House School in the Local Authority of Hillingdon; with effect from 1 September 2021, the education provision, staff and pupils of those previously a part of Sunshine House School now fall under the direct control of The Eden Academy.

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Directors of The Eden Academy are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as The Eden Academy.

Members' liability

Each Member of The Eden Academy undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Academy Trust 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 (as detailed in the Articles of Association).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Directors' indemnities

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

Directors

The following Directors were in office during the year ended 31 August 2022 and/or up to the date of approval of this report except where shown.

Directors / Trustees	Appointed / Resigned	Appointing Body
Barry Nolan (Chair)		Members
Mary Canavan		Members
James Clarke	Term of office expired 31 August 2022	Members
Victoria Collis		Members
Karen Deacon	Resigned 31 August 2022	Members
Brian Eaton		Members
Emily Ellington		Members
Mark Greenwood		Members
Jane Inglese		Members
Mariangela Ladu		Members
Anne Marie Neatham	Appointed 1 September 2022	Members
Angela St John		Members

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Directors

In order to maintain the financial acumen within the Board, the company has a Trustee with responsibility for finance. The Board has also taken a decision to allocate portfolio roles to individual Directors to enable them to have an in-depth knowledge of an area of academy performance and to utilise individual expertise as effectively as possible. As such, the Board has Trustees with responsibility for:

- Finance, including chairing the Finance Committee;
- Audit and Risk Management [6];
- Standards and school performance;
- Safeguarding;
- Asset management, ICT and data protection/GDPR;
- Human resources, including chairing the Remunerations Committee;

[6] For 2022-23

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Directors (continued)

- Central Services[7];
- Therapy and Professional Development Services[8];
- Marketing and communications;
- Family engagement, incorporating Family Services;
- CEO Liaison; and
- Local Advisory Board Liaison.

New trustee appointments are approved by the Members following a rigorous appointment process. The Academy Trust publicly publishes vacancies through appropriate channels.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Directors

In addition to internal inductions, The Eden Academy purchases training from The Key, the Confederation of School Trusts and Schools HR Co-operative, specifically in relation to governance. In addition, it is a member of the National Governance Association (NGA). Trustees also receive annual training on safeguarding.

A detailed induction process is in place for new Trustees.

Organisational structure

An up to date organisation structure can be found in section 5 of the Governance Charter, a copy of which can be found in the Eden Academy website.

The Academy Trust has a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Academy Trust, who also acts as the Academy Trust's Accounting Officer. The CEO's role and responsibilities are as follows:

The role of the CEO

The CEO is responsible for leading the organisation in taking forward its vision, mission, values and strategy in collaboration with the Senior Leadership Team, Directors, staff and other stakeholders.

Strategic leadership

To work with the Senior Leadership Team, Board, staff and other key stakeholders to:

- Develop the vision, mission and values for The Eden Academy including the aim to educate, develop, enrich and nurture (EDEN) our pupils;
- Set, implement and review strategy for the organisation;

[7] For 2021-22

[8] For 2022-23

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Organisational structure (continued)

The role of the CEO *(continued)*

Strategic leadership (continued)

- Seek new opportunities and partnerships to enrich the work of The Eden Academy and develop its ethos, practices and reputation; and
- Support the Board in determining and identifying the success criteria and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the Senior Leadership Team.

Operational and financial management

- To provide a vision, strategic and operational plans for all staff at The Eden Academy;
- To ensure strategies are in place to build and motivate teams and develop their capabilities and performance;
- To ensure that all staff at The Eden Academy understand organisational goals and share a commitment to delivering them;
- To ensure that the organisation is in a healthy financial position and manages its finances and resources prudently and effectively;
- To work in close partnership with the Directors and the Senior Leadership Team to ensure clear and robust lines of accountability;
- To develop and maintain excellent working relations with The Eden Academy Board; and
- To support The Eden Academy Board so that it fulfils its governance function effectively.

External Communications

- To develop and communicate a consistent, appropriate and effective brand for the organisation based on The Eden Academy's core values;
- To represent the organisation effectively with external agencies including the DfE, policy makers and other key stakeholders;
- To build and develop networks in the local communities to promote and raise the profile of the Academy Trust and create sponsors and partners; and
- To develop The Eden Academy's profile as a pioneering, influential and thoughtful voice at the forefront of thinking in the Special Educational Needs (SEN) arena.

Policies

The Academy Trust has carried out a review of the current state of play of all policies across The Eden Academy covering all aspects of its work (i.e. finance, personnel, curriculum etc.) to align the best practice across the Academy Trust merging and refining these policies for approval by the Board of Directors.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Organisational structure (continued)

The role of the CEO *(continued)*

Policies (continued)
The Academy Trust has also worked on its structure to ensure that all six schools have worked to the high standards set by the Board of Directors. The collaboration between the six schools and Sunshine House has enhanced the continued professional development of the staff across The Eden Academy.

The role of the Accounting Officer
As the Academy Trust's Accounting Officer, the CEO is personally responsible to Parliament and to the Accounting Officer of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for the resources under her control. The essence of the role is a personal responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which they are answerable; for the keeping of proper accounts; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; for ensuring value for money; and for the efficient and effective use of all the resources in their charge. Essentially accounting officers must be able to assure Parliament and the public of high standards of probity in the management of public funds.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel
The key management personnel of The Eden Academy responsible for directing and controlling the Academy Trust comprise the Directors together with the Senior Leadership Team as detailed at page 3. During the year ended 31 August 2022, no individual was remunerated for their services as a Director.

The Eden Academy Board of Directors has appointed a Remuneration Committee, the terms of reference for which are reviewed annually and which comprises three Directors. The Remuneration Committee is responsible for setting the pay policy for the Academy Trust including that of the:

- CEO and the other members of the Senior Leadership Team;
- Heads, Deputy Heads and Assistant Heads of School; and
- Service Managers.

For the Service Managers and the Heads, Deputy Heads and Assistant Heads of School, the Remuneration Committee has set pay thresholds within the leadership scale of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel (continued)

For the rest of the Senior Leadership Team, a separate pay scale has been created. In creating this pay scale the Remuneration Committee took into consideration methodology and advice set out in the STPCD, undertook a benchmarking exercise with similar size multi-academy trusts and took independent advice from the Managing Director of the Human Resources company from which we purchase services (Schools HR Cooperative).

Trade union facility time

In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017, the following information has been provided in respect of Trust employees involved in Trade Union Facility Time activity.

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
4	4

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	2
1-50%	2
51-99%	—
100%	—

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time	£587
Total pay bill	£168,764
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time	0.35%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total facility time hours	100.00%

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Engagement with employees

Leaders of schools, services and operations consult staff on key areas such as those that need improvement which informs the construction of the associated development plan. In addition, leaders will provide information, including that related to human relations, on matters of concern to them. Key performance indicators are produced as part of the development plan process which are shared with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and staff members enabling employee participation in the performance of the organisation. In addition SMI (School Management Information) data is produced on a termly basis which enables employees to track trends over time.

Eden Academy has adopted a Recruitment and Selection Policy and Procedure that is in line with all relevant legislation. The policy is published on the Eden Academy website.

With respect to finance, employees are consulted during the budget setting process for each school. The consultation is undertaken by the Director of Finance and Operations through the Head of each school and other senior staff. The budget setting and consultation process covers all aspects of the schools' operations and the budget is set according to the priorities of each school.

Regular formal fortnightly meetings are held between the Director of Finance and Operations and the Head of each school. These meetings enable the views of the Head to be incorporated into any decisions taken affecting the school and its employees. There is also a regular two way dialogue between the Head and the staff of the school in addition to regular staff newsletters.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others in a business relationship with the Trust

Eden Academy continues to foster good working relations with suppliers by ensuring:

- Payments to suppliers are made within required timescales;
- Where payments are delayed a dialogue is maintained with the supplier;
- Tender processes are clear and transparent and are published on the Academy Trust's website; and
- Clear escalation procedures are in place in case of a dispute with The Eden Academy.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objective of The Eden Academy is to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom. In particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools specially organised to deliver provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs ("the Special Academies").

Vision: The Eden Academy will create a centre of educational excellence where our young people will achieve exceptional outcomes.

Value statements

- **Inclusion:** a voice for everyone and everyone is heard;
- **Focus:** children and young people are at the core of all we do;
- **Collaboration:** together we are stronger;
- **Quality:** excellence through innovation, creativity and continuous improvement; and
- **Integrity:** transparency and fairness in all we do.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Every year The Eden Academy constructs an Academy Trust development plan detailing the main objectives for the year ahead, and updating the three year plan. The main objectives are to develop consistency and common approaches across the Academy Trust within the following areas:

- Schools;
- Services; and
- Operations (including marketing and communications).

The Eden Academy also aims to develop knowledge and understanding of the individual schools across the Academy Trust.

Public Benefit

The Eden Academy provides education for children and young people with moderate and severe learning difficulties. Parents and carers do not pay fees for the services provided by the Academy Trust. The Academy Trust employs a number of service managers to oversee and co-ordinate a range of services across the schools including therapy services, family services and professional development and support services.

The Academy Trust enjoys good relationships with the local communities in which the schools are situated many of whom contribute to fundraising efforts on behalf of their local schools.

The Directors have due regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

During 2021/22:

- All schools continue to provide at least good and often outstanding provision. This is evidenced through the school self-evaluations which are quality assured through a variety of mechanisms including 'deep dives' (carried out by the Director for Central Services and Schools), peer review and external scrutiny. Two members of staff were recognised with Silver Awards by the Pearson Teaching Awards.

- The Trust continued to work efficiently and effectively in order to ensure that all children received appropriate education and access to therapies even when they were not in school. It maintained provision for its young people throughout holiday periods and set up comprehensive services for families including supplying additional equipment and food to those most in need.

- The Trust continued to move forward with a complex free school project for pupils with severe learning difficulties. This will enable a primary and secondary school to exist in each of the North and South of the London Borough of Hillingdon, fulfilling demand and significantly reducing travel time for many students. As part of this project, the Trust worked towards the RNIB Sunshine House School becoming a full member which involved a TUPE process of all staff as well as the novation of all pupil contracts. This work took place during the Summer Term and was completed on 1 September 2021. The free school project is now predicted to be complete in January 2025.

- The Trust restructured its Senior Leadership Team to build capacity across the two hubs in anticipation of further expansion. This included the introduction of Regional Hub Directors who took up post in September 2022. At the end of 2021-22, one headteacher retired. A successful appointment was made who started in September 2022.

- The Trust set a balanced budget for each school taking account of accumulated reserves brought forward in a financially challenging climate. The funds available to the Academy Trust and the related expenditure have been kept under constant review.

- The Trust undertook a considerable policy project aligning all HR policies across the Trust following stakeholder.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Key performance indicators

The Eden Academy has just completed its ninth financial year during which it has consolidated its position. The Board of Trustees have focused on the Academy Trust's cash flow, recovery of income from the new way of working in regards to top-up fees and establishing best practices across the Academy Trust. Commentary on our financial performance for the 2021/22 year and year end position is provided as part of the financial review below.

The Trust also gathers, monitors and reviews information received termly from all constituent schools in a broad range of areas to ensure our understanding of our schools' performance is as accurate as possible. This information is shared across the Trust both in the spirit of openness and also to allow school leaders to work together on matters of school improvement. The Academy Trust has identified and reports on the following key performance indicators (KPIs) which are monitored for all constituent schools and the Trust:

School OFSTED grading

School	Grading
Alexandra School	Outstanding (2016 and 2019)
Grangewood School	Good (2020)
Hexham Priory School	Outstanding (2018)
James Rennie School	Outstanding (2018)
Moorcroft School	Outstanding (2019)
Pentland Field School	Good (2018)
RNIB Sunshine House	Outstanding (2019)

The Trust did not receive any Ofsted visits in the academic year 2021/22.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Key performance indicators (continued)

Student attendance rates

STUDENT ATTENDANCE				
School	**Attendance %**	**Authorised absence %**	**Unauthorised absence %**	**Persistent absence % (<90%)**
Alexandra	93.5	5.4	1.1	19.0
Grangewood	89.3	8.6	1.0	39.8
Hexham Priory	89.0	8.5	2.4	36.7
James Rennie	88.7	9.6	1.7	31.4
Moorcroft	90.0	9.4	0.6	34.0
Pentland Field	87.7	7.1	5.2	28.8
Sunshine House/GW	73.4	22.3	3.7	73.0
Sunshine House/MC	81.0	17.0	2.0	0.0

Special School Comparators

Local Authority	**Attendance %**	**Authorised absence %**	**Unauthorised absence %**	**Persistent absence % (<90% attendance)**
Hillingdon	89.6	8.8	1.5	30.8
Harrow	90.8	7.7	1.5	24.3
Outer London	90.1	7.9	2.1	30.2
Northumberland	89.7	7.1	2.4	28.1
North East	90.1	6.8	3.1	27.7
Cumbria	91.1	8.2	0.6	23.2
North West	89.7	7.6	2.7	29.2
England	89.9	7.8	2.3	28.8

Note - all comparators are for special schools and relate to 2018/19. No further comparator information is available due to Covid-19.

Persistent absence refers to the percentage of pupils that were not present at school for at least 90% of the time.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Key performance indicators (continued)

Student occupancy

School	On roll	Capacity	% Occupancy
Alexandra	80	80	100.0%
Grangewood	92	90	102%
Hexham Priory	119	112	106.3%
James Rennie	154	150	102.7%
Moorcroft	108	109	99.1%
Pentland Field	146	140	104.3%
Sunshine House	45	50	90.0%

** Capacity statistics are based on the numbers upon which funding had been originally allocated rather than being linked to the availability of physical space. Where occupancy levels have exceeded 100%, this is as a result of additional student numbers agreed with our funders, and further to consent from of our regulators. The occupancy percentage is calculated based on an average for the academic year.*

Number of safeguarding concerns raised

	Child protection plans		Children-in-need plans			LADO referrals			
School	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	MASH referrals	Open	Resolved	Early help	DSLs
Alexandra	1	1	6	1	16	0	0	4	3
Grangewood	2	0	23	0	4	0	0	1	4
Hexham Priory	2	1	45	0	0	0	2	0	4
James Rennie	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Moorcroft	0	3	42	1	4	0	1	3	3
Pentland Field	1	1	32	2	2	1	0	0	4
Sunshine House	1	1	24	0	2	1	1	1	8

MASH = Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub *LADO = Local Authority Designated Officer*
DSL = Designated Safeguarding Leads

A small number of pupils are under child protection plan under section 47 of the Children's Act 1989. A greater number are on Children in Need Plans under section 17 of the Children's Act 1989. In a special school this may be because these pupils are in need of additional support due to their special needs. Data was collected in July 2022 and indicates cases still open at this time and cases closed in the course of the academic year.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Key performance indicators (continued)

Financial KPIs

	Teachers' salaries as % of total actual spend	All staff salaries as % of total actual spend
Alexandra		
2019/20	40%	83%
2020/21	38%	75%
2021/22	40%	78%
Grangewood		
2019/20	27%	84%
2020/21	27%	84%
2021/22	25%	81%
Moorcroft		
2019/20	24%	84%
2020/21	28%	84%
2021/22	26%	77%
Pentland Field		
2019/20	29%	84%
2020/21	29%	85%
2021/22	27%	82%
James Rennie		
2019/20	38%	85%
2020/21	36%	81%
2021/22	36%	81%
Hexham Priory		
2019/20	39%	85%
2020/21	39%	84%
2021/22	33%	75%
Schools Total		
2019/20	**33%**	**84%**
2020/21	**32%**	**83%**
2021/22	**31%**	**79%**

Changes in the above ratios between years may arise for a variety of reasons and should not be interpreted as the Academy Trust achieving less value for money. For example, costs savings achieved with respect to non-payroll related costs may give rise to a larger percentage. A change in the composition of staff may also influence the above ratios.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Financial review

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 42.

Income for the year ended 31 August 2022 totalled £24,509k (2021 - £21,412k). The Academy Trust's income was principally derived through a combination of ESFA placement funding and local authority top-up funding. Top up fees from Hillingdon, Northumberland and Cumbria are provided using a banded system based on the needs of each pupil identified through individual Education Health Care Plans. Top up fees from Harrow were negotiated in 2019/20 with new rates taking effect from the start of the 2020/21 financial year. Out of Borough top up fees are negotiated on a case-by-case basis and agreed with each Head and the Director of Finance and Operations.

Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2022 totalled £28,345k (2021 - £24,038k). The major part of the Academy Trust's expenditure is in relation to its staff costs which amounted to £22,561k (2021 - £19,474k). In addition, expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2022 also includes an impairment charge of £1,105k (2021 - £1,105k) in relation to the existing Grangewood estate which is expected to be demolished as part of the free schools project in the summer of 2023 – further details are provided within notes 10 and 18 to the financial statements.

After accounting for the actuarial gains on the Local Government Pension Schemes of £22,577k (2021 – losses of £4,695k), the overall net increase in funds was £18,741k (2021 – net decrease of £7,321k).

Excluding movements relating to the Academy Trust's fixed assets and the effects of non-cash adjustments made in respect of the LGPS liability, the operational surplus for the year (being equal to the movement on revenue reserves (see 'reserves policy and financial position' below) amounted to £3k (2021 - £556k).

Reserves policy and financial position

The Academy Trust has ended the year with total reserves of £27,022k (2021 - £8,281k) which comprises the balance on the fixed assets fund of £28,158k (2021 - £28,776k) a restricted income fund balance of £1,604k (2021 - £1,664k), an unrestricted income fund balance of £2,129k (2021 - £2,066k) and the pension deficit fund balance of £4,869k (2021 - £24,225k).

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Reserves policy and financial position (continued)
The aggregate of the restricted income fund balance and the unrestricted income fund is £3,733k (2021 - £3,730k) and this is considered to be the free reserves, or revenue reserves, of the Academy Trust available to meet the day-to-day requirements of The Eden Academy. All restricted income funds were from revenue funding and are available for the general purposes of the Academy Trust. The growth in the value of the Academy Trust's free reserves – £3k (2021 - £556k) – is effectively the Academy Trust's operational surplus for the year (after accounting for fixed asset purchases made from revenue reserves).

The reserves policy was last approved by the Board in November 2019 and is reviewed every three years. The Academy Trust aims to hold free reserves of between 2% and 6% of income (excluding conversion balances and capital income). At the end of August 2022, the level of free reserves were at 15.9% (2021 – 18.0%) of income (excluding conversion balances and capital income). The Trustees acknowledge that the reserves held is in excess of the target level set. However, they also acknowledge that holding additional reserves will be prudent in the short term to cover:

- The risk attached to the complexities of the free school project (see 'principal risks and uncertainties' below);
- Uncertainties around future funding (see 'principal risks and uncertainties' below); and
- The funding requirements for capital projects in line with the priorities of the Academy Trust's Asset Management Plan.

Therefore, the Trustees are satisfied with the Academy Trust's reserves position at 31 August 2022.

Eden Academy continues to work with the ESFA to progress the two new planned free schools. Progress has been delayed due to construction issues with the site. Regular liaison with DfE is in place. PDG (Project Development Grant) funding has been received in respect of one of the free Schools (Grand Union Village) and additional funding has been requested due to the delays and additional expenditure that will be incurred as a result.

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

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Going concern (continued)
In forming this assessment, the Directors have considered the impact of the current Coronavirus pandemic on the Academy Trust, with a particular focus on its effect on the Academy Trust's financial position including its income, expenditure and reserves; its beneficiaries, and its employees. Whilst the Directors acknowledge the disruption caused by the pandemic to the Academy Trust's day-to-day operations, they do not consider this to be cause for material uncertainty in respect of the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Investment policy
The Academy Trust's policy is to hold any surplus funds in appropriate bank accounts.

Fundraising
Each of the schools within The Eden Academy, with the exception of Pentland Field School, is supported by a separate independent charity which fundraises on behalf of that school, but which is not directly controlled by the Academy Trust. The not-for-profit status of these charities allow them to apply for grants through organisations such as the Lottery and Children in Need. Each supporting charity has secure systems in place for managing funds raised and its financial records are subject to annual independent scrutiny.

We are also supported by a number of other local charities on a regular basis. However, The Eden Academy does not employ professional fundraisers to seek funds on its behalf.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

The Academy Trust provides the following information concerning its energy usage:

UK greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data	**Year ended 31 August 2022**	Year ended 31 August 2021
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	**3,661,303**	3,201,750
Scope 1 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e		
• Gas consumption	**526**	443
• Owned transport – mini-buses	**8**	2
Total scope 1	**534**	445
Scope 2 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e Purchased electricity	**283**	279
Scope 3 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e Business travel in employee owned vehicles	**3**	0
Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	**817**	724
Intensity ratio Tonnes CO2e per pupil	**1.18**	1.05

Quantification and Reporting Methodology:
We have followed the 2019 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines. We have also used the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard and have used the 2020 UK Government's Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

Intensity measurement:
The chosen intensity measurement ratio is total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e per pupil, the recommended ratio for the sector.

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency:

- Staff are reminded to switch off lights when vacating rooms;
- We have an ongoing programme to upgrade lighting from traditional mediums to energy efficient LED bulbs;
- New doors and windows with improved insulation efficiency were installed at one of our schools;
- The roof was replaced at four schools providing better insulation; and
- Boilers have been replaced at 2 schools.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties

Funding

The ongoing review of funding for schools by government is posing uncertainty for the Academy Trust with regards to the levels of funding for the future. Along with the continued pressure on Local Authority budgets, this poses a risk on the availability of funding for the significant needs of our pupils. This is managed through tight policies, continued review of performance and a focus on future opportunities including collaborative working with local schools and Local Authorities.

The Academy Trust is in active negotiations with:

- Harrow Council regarding the top up funding for the next three year period;
- Hillingdon Council on the principle of using a banded funded model;
- Cumbria County Council who have increased the level of top up fees for 2022-23; and
- Northumberland County Council on the lack of a review of top up fees for the last eight years.

Competitors

The schools within The Eden Academy have a good reputation and are currently close to or over capacity. There are no significant competitors within the local area at the moment. Risks from competitors have been significantly reduced by the Trust's successful bid to open two new free schools. The Eden Academy's specialism with pupils with severe and moderate learning difficulties means it does not compete directly with mainstream schools.

Free Schools Project

The Free Schools Project presents an opportunity and a risk for the Academy Trust. The project has been approved by the DfE and the timings of the two builds have now been agreed. The Finance Committee and the Board are fully aware of the risks and these are also detailed in The Eden Academy's Risk Register. See also 'plans for future periods' below

Covid-19 virus

The Board is aware of the risks to the organisation from Covid-19 and these are detailed in a separate Covid-19 risk register. Financial uncertainties as a result of Covid-19 are centred on two key areas. Firstly, the increased cost of additional on-going cleaning and secondly the cost of staffing cover in instances where staff are unable to attend the school site and replacement staff are needed. The impact of these costs have been absorbed in the 2020/21 academic year aided by additional Covid related funding. The impact on cashflow and reserves has been monitored for each school and, to date, this has not been significant.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

In 2016/17 the Academy Trust was successful with two free school bids to the Department of Education. Construction of the first of the two free schools, Grand Union Village, began in February 2022 and is expected to be completed in April 2023. Once construction of Grand Union Village is completed, the pupils and staff of the current Grangewood School will relocate to the new school. This is expected to take place in May 2023. The existing building on the current Grangewood site will then be demolished in Summer 2023 before a new school is built in its place. This is expected to be completed in January 2025.

The Trustees continues to focus on the priorities laid out in its strategic plan for 2021-24. This strategy focuses on:

- Our team: recruitment, retention and succession planning.
- Our outcomes: planning and achieving excellent outcomes for all our pupils.
- Our culture: building a universal sense of being part of the EAT family.
- Our future: delivering two new free schools and consolidating our northern hub.
- Our reputation: building our reputation as SEND specialists at home and abroad.

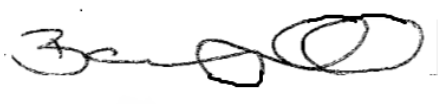
The Eden Academy had several strategic discussions with a number of schools interested in becoming part of the Trust.

AUDITOR

In so far as the Directors are aware:

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

The Directors' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the members of the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:



B Nolan
Chair of Directors

Date: 13th December 2022

Scope of responsibility

As Directors, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that The Eden Academy ('the Academy Trust' or 'the 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 Directors have delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), 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 the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. The CEO is also responsible for reporting to the Board of Directors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

As Directors, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance.

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

Director	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Barry Nolan (Chair)	9	9
Mary Canavan	7	9
James Clarke[9]	3	9
Victoria Collis	8	9
Karen Deacon	6	9
Brian Eaton	8	9
Emily Ellington	5	9
Mark Greenwood	6	9
Jane Inglese	8	9
Mariangela Ladu	9	9
Angela St John	8	9

[9] On sabbatical from January 2022.

Conflicts of interest

The Academy Trust maintains a register of interests for all members of the governance community (Members, Trustees (Directors) and members of the Local Advisory Boards. A similar register is maintained for senior executive leaders. The registers are published on the Trust and schools' websites as appropriate. An annual review exercise is undertaken in the autumn terms where all those in the above groups are required to review and update or reconfirm their declarations. This process also reminds individuals of the requirement to advise the Trust's Governance Professional of any changes to their declaration during the course of the year. New appointees are required to complete a declaration on appointment with the information added to register(s). Every Board, Members and committee meeting includes a specific agenda item where participants are required to advise the clerk of any changes to their declared interests, any items on the agenda which may give rise to a conflict of interest and/or the offer/receipt of gifts or hospitality.

Governance review

In September 2018 the Trust engaged a National Leader of Governance to undertake a review of governance which found that the structure of The Eden Academy was robust and fit for purpose. Trustees undertake an annual review of Board performance during the summer term, which is used to inform the Chair's reporting to Members and informs recruitment and training for the following year.

The next review of governance will take place during the academic year 2022/23.

A number of changes have been made to the Board, and those which took place during the year of report are detailed below:

- One Director's term of office expired on 31 August 2022;
- One Director resigned with effect from 31 August 2022;
- One new Director was recruited in July 2022 who took up office on 1 September 2022 with expertise in finance and operations.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Directors.

A detailed set of accountabilities and responsibilities across The Eden Academy is contained within the Academy Trust's Scheme of Delegation. The Finance Committee normally meets six times during the course of the academic year to oversee the following:

Financial management strategy

- establish and maintain an up-to-date three-year strategic financial plan;
- maintain an oversight of the long term financial health of the Academy Trust, including risk management and escalation to the Board of Trustees as appropriate;
- consider the levels of top up fee charged across the Academy Trust;

Finance Committee (continued)

Financial management strategy (continued)

- consider a medium term plan report annually to inform the recovery of deficits, if applicable;
- review benchmarking data on an annual basis to secure best value for money; and
- to consider the investment and reserves strategy.
- recommend to the Board of Directors, the first formal budget plan of the financial year, carry out revisions and monitor the budget;
- consider a budget position statement including virement decisions at least termly and to report significant anomalies from the anticipated position to the Board of Directors;
- make decisions in respect of service agreements, contracts and insurance (buildings and public liability);
- make decisions on expenditure following recommendations from other committees (e.g. Remuneration Committee); and
- be responsible, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, for determining dismissal payments/early retirement.

Compliance

- ensure the Academy Trust is operating within its funding agreement;
- review and agree policies relating to finance as delegated by the Board of Directors e.g. Finance Policy, Record of Financial Responsibility including levels of delegation;
- approve Audit Committee arrangements including the Statement of Internal Control;
- receive reports from the Audit Committee and action where necessary; and
- review and approve the charges and remissions policies, expenses policies and best value statement.

Finance Committee (continued)

Compliance (continued)
Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Member	Status	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mark Greenwood	Director	5	7
Brian Eaton	Director	6	7
Rod Jones	LAB member (Hexham Priory)	7	7
Mariangela Ladu	Director	7	7
Rebecca Murphy	LAB member (Grangewood)	4	7
Barry Nolan	Director	7	7

LAB = Local Advisory Board

* Susan Douglas (as CEO and Accounting Officer) and Sudhi Pathak (as Chief Financial Officer) also attend the Finance Committee to report, advise and take part in discussions.

Audit Committee
The Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Directors. Its responsibilities comprise:

Regularity
- Ensuring Academy Trust wide visibility of financial regulations and procedures e.g. the 'Academies Financial Handbook' releases.
- Advising the Board of Directors on the effectiveness of the whole system of internal control, not just financial controls.
- Oversight of the controls surrounding IT systems. Those controls to include such things as:
    - Appropriate access to data entry, data authorisation, and data reporting;
    - Appropriate risk management of IT - backup and disaster recovery; and
    - Appropriate data protection procedures.
- Intervene if there are signs that something may be seriously amiss, in particular in connection with explanations given by auditors and management. Commissioning investigations and seeking professional advice as considered necessary.
- Commissioning investigations of potential instances of fraud or irregularity or cases of whistle blowing.

External audit
- Advising on the appointment and remuneration of external auditors.
- Oversight of the audit plan.

Audit Committee (continued)

External audit (continued)

- Ongoing monitoring / ensuring audit deadlines are met.
- Advising the Board of Directors on the external audit findings reports and management letters.

Internal audit

- Advising on the scope of work and objectives of internal audit.
- Advising on the appointment and remuneration of internal audit.
- Oversight of internal audit plans and audit needs assessments, relating this to the risks identified.
- Ensuring co-ordination between the internal audit service and external auditors.
- Advising on internal audit assignment reports and annual opinions.
- Monitoring implementation of recommendations in audit reports and management letters.

Risk registers

- Assisting the management team in developing the school level and consolidated risk registers and action plan reporting.
- Initial questioning against the risk registers so produced.
- Ensuring adequate escalation to the Board of Directors for further scrutiny and action.

Other

- Reporting regularly to the Board of Directors on the work of the Audit Committee.
- Addressing any freedom of information requests and management responses and advise on content as necessary to ensure these are full and compliant.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Committee Members	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mark Lemon (Chair)[10]	5	5
Martin Hand[11]	5	5
Gill Kennedy	3	5

[10] Stood down from the Committee at the end of 2021-22

[11] Stood down from the Committee at the end of 2021-22

The impact of Covid-19

During the year ways of working across the academy continued to need adaption in order to take account of the effect of Covid-19. The impact has been managed well by those charged with Governance and by staff within the schools. Key changes include:

- Clear guidance to all staff on measures required to comply with Covid-19 guidance from the government in the day-to-day running of the school environment.
- Specific Covid-19 risk register for the Academy Trust.
- Virtual meetings for all committees using the technology available. No committees were cancelled due to Covid-19.
- Virtual meetings with Heads and the Finance Team.
- Scanning of documents and email authorisations for financial transactions in order to maintain a robust audit.
- Suppliers affected by changes in the school environment due to Covid-19 were assessed on a case-by-case basis and paid where appropriate e.g. agency staff and other regular contactors who were unable to attend site due to Covid-19 restrictions school continued to be paid.

Review of value for money

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

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

- Ensuring that all works are tendered in line with procurement rules.
- Continuing to review contracts and renegotiating on a cross school basis including:
  - Utilities;
  - Grounds maintenance;
  - Health and Safety support;
  - Provision of IT support; and
  - Use of agency staff.

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 the Academy Trust's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place at the Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

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

The risk and control framework

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

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

The risk and control framework (continued)

The Board of Directors has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However the Directors have appointed a non-remunerated Director and a non-remunerated Local Advisory Board member, to carry out a programme of internal checks. The reviewers' role includes performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems and reporting to the Audit Committee on the same.

In 2021/22, internal assurance work was carried out and three reports produced covering:

- The Southern Hub – report finalised;
- Northern Hub James Rennie – report finalised;
- Northern Hub Hexham Priory – report finalised.

Review of effectiveness

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

- reviews of internal controls review work carried out by non-remunerated Director and non-remunerated Local Advisory Board member;
- the work of the External Auditor; and
- the work of the Senior Leadership Team within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

Review of effectiveness (continued)

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

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





B Nolan
Chair of Directors

S Douglas
Accounting Officer

Date: 13th December 2022

The Eden Academy
Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance Year ended 31 August 2022

As Accounting Officer of The Eden Academy ('the Academy Trust'), I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Directors and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Directors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

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 Directors and ESFA.



S Douglas
Accounting Officer

Date: 13th December 2022

The Eden Academy
Statement of Directors' Responsibilities Year ended 31 August 2022

The Directors (who act as Trustees of The Eden Academy ('the Academy Trust') for the purposes of charity law and are also the Directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors 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 Academy Trust and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Academy Trust will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Academy Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Academy Trust 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 Academy Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Academy Trust'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 Directors and signed on its behalf by:



B Nolan
Chair of Directors Date:13th December 2022

Independent auditor's report on the financial statements to the Members of The Eden Academy

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Eden Academy (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, and the notes to the financial statements including the principal accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), 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) (the Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Conclusions relating to going concern (continued)
Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report (including the strategic report), which is also the trustees' report for the purposes of charity law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the directors' report (including the strategic report), has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made;

Matters on which we are required to report by exception (continued)

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors (who are also the trustees for the purposes of charity 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement director ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with management, and from our knowledge of the academy trust sector;

- the identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit;

- we considered the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, the Academy Trust Handbook 2021, and the academy trust's funding agreement with the ESFA as well as legislation pertaining to safeguarding in the UK;

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

- we understood how the charitable company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to management and those responsible for legal, compliance and governance procedures. We corroborated our inquiries through our review of the minutes of directors' meetings and relevant provided to the directors;

- we planned and carried out a separate limited assurance engagement in respect of regularity, propriety and compliance in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts issued by the ESFA, as set out in our separate independent reporting accountant's assurance report on regularity.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management and those charged with governance as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and

- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;

- reviewed journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

- tested the authorisation of expenditure as part of our substantive testing thereon; and

- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;

- reviewing the minutes of directors' meetings;

- enquiring of management and those charged with governance as to actual and potential litigation and claims;

- reviewing any available correspondence with Ofsted, ESFA and HMRC; and

- the work undertaken in relation to the limited assurance engagement in respect of regularity, propriety and compliance in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts issued by the ESFA, as set out in our separate independent reporting accountant's assurance report on regularity.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. International Standards on Auditing also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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 auditor's report.

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



Gumayel Miah (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
EC2V 6DL

Date: 19 December 2022

Independent accountant's report on regularity to The Eden Academy and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 13 July 2018 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Eden Academy ("the Academy Trust") during the period from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to The Eden Academy and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to The Eden Academy and the 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 The Eden Academy and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of The Eden Academy's Accounting Officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Eden Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 30 May 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

Approach (continued)

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- An assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety across all of the Academy Trust's activities;
- Further testing and review of the areas identified through the risk assessment including enquiry, identification of control processes and examination of supporting evidence across all areas identified as well as additional verification work where considered necessary; and
- Consideration of evidence obtained through the work detailed above and the work completed as part of our financial statements audit in order to support the regularity conclusion.

Conclusion

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

Buzzacott LLP
Reporting Accountants
130 Wood Street
London
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Date: 19 December 2022

The Eden Academy
Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account) Year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted general fund £000	Restricted general fund £000	Restricted fixed assets fund £000	**31 August 2022 £000**	31 August 2021 £000
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	2	22	—	1,022	**1,044**	678
Charitable activities						
. Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations	4	—	23,256	—	**23,256**	20,145
Other trading activities	3	209	—	—	**209**	589
Total income		231	23,256	1,022	**24,509**	21,412
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
. Academy Trust's educational operations	6	—	26,537	1,808	**28,345**	24,038
Total expenditure	5	—	26,537	1,808	**28,345**	24,038
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		231	(3,281)	(786)	**(3,836)**	(2,626)
Transfers between funds	13	(168)	—	168	**—**	—
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		63	(3,281)	(618)	**(3,836)**	(2,626)
Other recognised gains and losses						
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	16	—	22,577	—	**22,577**	(4,695)
Net movement in funds		63	19,296	(618)	**18,741**	(7,321)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total fund balances brought forward at 1 September		2,066	(22,561)	28,776	**8,281**	15,602
Total fund balances carried forward at 31 August		2,129	(3,265)	28,158	**27,022**	8,281

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

The Academy Trust has no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The Eden Academy
Balance Sheet 31 August 2022

	Notes	2022 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000	2021 £000
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	10		**27,576**		28,491
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**756**		419	
Cash at bank and in hand		**4,973**		4,777	
		5,729		5,196	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(1,414)**		(1,181)	
Net current assets			**4,315**		4,015
Net assets excluding pension scheme liability			**31,891**		32,506
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	16		**(4,869)**		(24,225)
Total net assets			**27,022**		8,281
Restricted funds					
Fixed assets fund	13		**28,158**		28,776
Restricted income fund	13		**1,604**		1,664
Pension reserve	13		**(4,869)**		(24,225)
			24,893		6,215
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	13		**2,129**		2,066
Total funds			**27,022**		8,281

The financial statements on pages 42 to 67 were approved by the Directors, and authorised for issue and are signed on their behalf by:



B Nolan
Chair of Directors

Date: 13th December 2022

The Eden Academy
Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number: 08036395 (England and Wales)

The Eden Academy
Statement of Cash Flows Year ended 31 August 2022

		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Net cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	A	**116**	1,214
Cash flows from investing activities	B	**80**	(273)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**196**	941
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds:			
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		**4,777**	3,836
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	C	**4,973**	4,777

A Reconciliation of income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Net (expenditure)/income for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)	**(3,836)**	(2,626)
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation charges (note 10)	**703**	759
Impairment charge (note 10)	**1,105**	1,105
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income (note 2)	**(973)**	(640)
Defined benefit pension scheme service cost adjustment (note 16)	**3,570**	1,767
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost adjustment (note 16)	**(349)**	316
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	**(337)**	(119)
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	**233**	652
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	**116**	1,214

B Cash flows from investing activities

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(893)**	(913)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	**973**	621
Capital funding received from others	**—**	19
Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities	**80**	(273)

C Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	**4,973**	4,777
Total cash and cash equivalents	**4,973**	4,777

D Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2021 £'000	Cash flows £'000	**At 31 August 2022 £'000**
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank and in hand	4,777	196	**4,973**
Debt			
Salix loan (note 12)	(27)	2	**(25)**
Net debt	4,750	198	**4,948**

1 Principal accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of The Eden Academy ("the Academy Trust"), which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds.

Going Concern

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

In forming this assessment, the Directors have considered the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the Academy Trust, with a particular focus on its effect on the Academy Trust's financial position including its income, expenditure and reserves; its beneficiaries, and its employees. Whilst the Directors acknowledge the disruption caused by the pandemic to the Academy Trust's day-to-day operations, they do not consider this to be cause for material uncertainty in respect of the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

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

Grants

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet.

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Income (continued)

***Grants** (continued)*
Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance 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.

Where assets and liabilities are inherited by the Academy Trust upon schools joining the Academy Trust, the net assets inherited are measured at fair value and recognised in the balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the Academy Trust. An equal amount of income is recognised as transfer on conversion within donations and capital grant income to the net assets received.

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

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.

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure (continued)

Charitable activities
These are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Academy Trust apportioned to charitable activities. All expenditure is inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets
Assets costing £3,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. 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 such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the Academy Trust's depreciation policy.

Tangible fixed assets donated to, or inherited by, the Academy Trust are recognised at the asset's fair value at the point at which the risks and rewards of owning the asset transferred to the Academy Trust – this value is then subsequently deemed to be equal to the historic cost of the asset for accounting purposes.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost/valuation of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful economic life, as follows:

- Freehold buildings 50 years
- Long leasehold buildings 45 years
- Furniture and equipment 4 years
- Computer equipment 4 years
- Motor vehicles 4 years

Depreciation is charged from the month of acquisition.

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 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Debtors
Debtors were recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments were valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand represented such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

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

Provisions
Provisions are recognised when the Academy Trust 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.

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

Financial instruments
The Academy Trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy Trust and their measurement basis are as follows:

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

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

The Academy Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Academy Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Pensions benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Schemes ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the Academy Trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS are funded schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit 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 gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

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

- The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liabilities depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost / (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability; and

- Estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets for the purposes of calculating depreciation.

Critical areas of judgement

Other than the estimates discussed above, the Trustees do not consider that there are any key judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements.

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted fixed assets funds £'000	**2022 Total funds £'000**	2021 Total funds £'000
Capital grants	—	973	**973**	621
Other donations	22	49	**71**	57
	22	1,022	**1,044**	678

	Unrestricted funds £000	*Restricted fixed assets funds £000*	*2021 Total funds £000*
Capital grants	*—*	*621*	*621*
Other donations	*38*	*19*	*57*
	38	*640*	*678*

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	
	2022 Total funds £000	2021 Total funds £000
Hire of facilities	**128**	78
Trip income	1	1
Catering income - staff	—	1
RNIB Sunshine House recharges	—	351
Miscellaneous income	**80**	158
	209	589

Hire of facilities predominantly comprises rent receivable from Growing Trees Nurseries, an independent children's nursery, in both the current and prior year.

4 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	**2022 Total funds £'000**	2021 Total funds £'000
DfE / ESFA revenue grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	—	7,813	**7,813**	7,167
Pupil Premium	—	269	**269**	304
Universal Infant Free School Meals	—	17	**17**	17
Project Development Grant	—	9	**9**	120
Other DfE / ESFA Group grants	—	217	**217**	334
	—	8,325	**8,325**	7,942
Other Government grants				
Local Authority income	—	14,611	**14,611**	11,712
Other income from educational operations				
Catering income - pupils	—	67	67	57
Other income	—	91	91	140
	—	158	**158**	197
Covid-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)				
Catch-up and recovery premium	—	69	**69**	168
Other DfE / ESFA Covid-19 funding	—	93	**93**	24
	—	162	**162**	192
Covid-19 additional funding (non-DfE /ESFA)				
Mass testing funding	—	—	**—**	102
	—	23,256	**23,256**	20,145

4 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £'000	*Restricted funds £'000*	*2021 Total funds £'000*
DfE / ESFA revenue grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	*—*	*7,167*	*7,167*
Pupil Premium	*—*	*304*	*304*
Universal Infant Free School Meals	*—*	*17*	*17*
Project Development Grant	*—*	*120*	*120*
Other DfE / ESFA Group grants	*—*	*334*	*334*
	—	*7,942*	*7,942*
Other Government grants			
Local Authority income	*—*	*11,712*	*11,712*
Other income from educational operations			
Catering income - pupils	*—*	*57*	*57*
Other income	*140*	*—*	*140*
	140	*57*	*197*
Covid-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)			
Catch-up premium	*—*	*168*	*168*
Other DfE / ESFA Covid-19 funding	*—*	*24*	*24*
	—	*192*	*192*
Covid-19 additional funding (non-DfE /ESFA)			
Mass testing funding	*—*	*102*	*102*
	140	*20,005*	*20,145*

5 Expenditure

		Non pay expenditure			
	Staff costs (note 7) £'000	Premises £'000	Other costs £'000	**2022 Total £'000**	2021 Total £'000
Academy Trust's educational operations					
. Direct costs	16,153	1,809	(856)	**17,106**	15,530
. Allocated administrative support costs	6,408	2,169	2,662	**11,239**	8,508
	22,561	3,978	1,806	**28,345**	24,038

5 Expenditure (continued)

		Non pay expenditure		
	Staff costs (note 7) £'000	*Premises £'000*	*Other costs £'000*	*2021 Total £'000*
Academy Trust's educational operations				
. Direct costs	*15,077*	*—*	*453*	*15,530*
. Allocated administrative support costs	*4,397*	*993*	*3,118*	*8,508*
	19,474	*993*	*3,571*	*24,038*

Allocated administrative support costs comprises expenditure that is not directly attributable to the educational operations of the Academy Trust including finance, HR, administration and student support.

Net income / (expenditure) for the year is after charging:	**2022 Total £'000**	2021 Total £'000
Operating lease rentals	**13**	—
Depreciation (note 10)	**703**	759
Impairment charge (note 10)	**1,105**	1,105
Fees payable to auditor		
. Statutory audit		
.. Current year	**30**	30
.. Prior year under provision	**7**	—
. Other services	**6**	6

6 Academy Trust's educational operations

	2022 Total £000	2021 Total £000
Direct costs (educational operations)	**17,106**	15,530
Support costs (administrative) – see below	**11,239**	8,508
	28,345	24,038

	2022 Total £000	2021 Total £000
Support staff costs (administrative)**	**6,408**	4,397
Depreciation	**704**	759
Impairment charge	**1,105**	1,105
Technology costs	**170**	104
Premises costs	**1,465**	993
Legal costs – conversion	**—**	8
Legal costs – other	**3**	349
Other support costs	**1,343**	748
Governance costs	**41**	45
Total support costs	**11,239**	8,508

Support staff costs includes service cost adjustments made in respect of defined benefit pension schemes totalling £2,794,000 (2021: £1,767,000).

7 Staff

(a) Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2022 Total £000	2021 Total £000
Wages and salaries	**13,612**	12,585
Social security costs	**1,219**	1,089
Pension costs		
. Employer contributions payable	**2,870**	2,573
. Service cost adjustment in respect of defined benefit schemes	**2,794**	1,767
Apprenticeship levy	**58**	49
	20,553	18,063
Supply staff costs	**1,993**	1,401
Staff severance	**15**	10
	22,561	19,474

(b) Severance payments

There was one severance payment made during the year ended 31 August 2022 for £15,000. Included in staff severance costs for the year ended 31 August 2021 was a single special severance payment of £10,000.

	2022 No.	2021 No.
£0 - £25,000	**1**	1
	1	1

(c) Special staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are special severance payments totalling £15,000 (2021: £10,000).

(d) Staff numbers

The average numbers of persons (including the Senior Leadership Team) employed by the Academy Trust during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Teachers and educational support	**548**	503
Administration	**33**	34
Management	**20**	31
	601	568

7 Staff (continued)

(e) Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose emoluments, excluding employer pension contributions, fell within the following bands was:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
£60,001 - £70,000	**5**	1
£70,001 - £80,000	**4**	3
£80,001 - £90,000	**3**	3
£90,001 - £100,000	**2**	1
£110,001 - £120,000	**—**	1

(f) Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Directors and the Senior Leadership Team as listed on page 3. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer's social security cost) payable in respect of key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £1,170,988 (2021 - £1,133,005).

8 Directors' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 August 2022, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £183 were reimbursed or paid directly to one Trustee (2021: £nil).

9 Central services

The Academy Trust has provided the following central services to its schools during the year:

- Human resources;
- Financial services;
- Legal services;
- Educational support services;
- IT services; and
- Provision of careers support for students aged 16 and over.

The Academy Trust charges for these services at between 5.75 and 6.00% of income (2021 – between 5.75% and 6.00% of income) for the schools in the South, and at 2.40% of income (2021 –2.40% of income) for the schools in the North.

9 Central services (continued)

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Alexandra School	**106**	114
Grangewood School	**189**	198
Hexham Priory School	**33**	55
James Rennie School	**35**	83
Moorcroft School	**277**	199
Pentland Field School	**314**	260
	954	909

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Lease-hold land and buildings £000	Furniture and equipment £'000	Computer equipment £'000	Motor vehicles £000	**Total funds £000**
Cost						
At 1 September 2021	7,670	25,891	124	165	168	**34,018**
Additions	—	805	—	—	88	**893**
At 31 August 2022	7,670	26,696	124	165	256	**34,911**
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2021	935	4,174	117	159	142	**5,527**
Charge in year	153	506	6	3	35	**703**
Impairment charge (see below)	—	1,105	—	—	—	**1,105**
At 31 August 2022	1,088	5,785	123	162	177	**7,335**
Net book value						
At 31 August 2022	**6,582**	**20,911**	**1**	**3**	**79**	**27,576**
At 31 August 2021	6,735	21,717	7	6	26	**28,491**

The Secretary of State for Defence and the Secretary of State for Education hold legal charges over property with a value of £2.5 million.

At 31 August 2022, the Academy Trust had capital commitments totalling £nil (2021 - £157,000) in respect of amounts contractually agreed, but not yet delivered to the Academy Trust by the balance sheet date.

As disclosed within note 18, the existing Grangewood School building is expected to be demolished at the start of the 2023/24 academic year as part of the development of Pinn River free school. Given the significant reduction in the useful economic life of the existing site to the Trust, the carrying value of the Grangewood site has been impaired. The remaining carrying value of the site will be written down over the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

11 Debtors

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Trade debtors	**381**	52
VAT recoverable	**71**	171
Other debtors	**41**	—
Prepayments and accrued income	**263**	196
	756	419

12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Taxation and social security	**213**	391
Salix Loan (see below)	**25**	27
Other creditors	**5**	61
Accruals and deferred income	**1,171**	702
	1,414	1,181
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September 2021	**355**	—
Released during the year	—	—
Resources deferred in the year	—	355
Deferred income at 31 August 2022 (see below)	**355**	355

Deferred income as at 31 August 2022 related to top-up fees received in advance for the 2022/23 academic year totalling £355,000.

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, losses and transfers £000	**Balance at 31 August 2022 £000**
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	—	7,813	(7,873)	—	**(60)**
Pupil Premium	—	269	(269)	—	**—**
Universal Infant Free School Meals	—	17	(17)	—	**—**
Project Development Grant	—	9	(9)	—	**—**
Catch-up Premium	—	69	(69)	—	**—**
Local Authority income	—	14,611	(14,611)	—	**—**
Other grants and income	1,664	468	(468)	—	**1,664**
Pension reserve	(24,225)	—	(3,221)	22,577	**(4,869)**
	(22,561)	23,256	(26,537)	22,577	**(3,265)**
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transfer on conversion	10,876	—	(1,425)	—	**9,451**
DfE/ESFA capital grants	17,881	973	(383)	—	**18,471**
Other capital income	19	—	—	168	**187**
Private sector capital sponsorship	—	49	—	—	**49**
	28,776	1,022	(1,808)	168	**28,158**
Total restricted funds	6,215	24,278	(28,345)	22,745	**24,893**
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	2,066	231	—	(168)	**2,129**
Total unrestricted funds	2,066	231	—	(168)	**2,129**
	8,281	24,509	(28,345)	22,577	**27,022**

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

ESFA revenue grant fund and other restricted funds

General Annual Grant (GAG)
Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

Fixed assets fund
These grants relate to funding received to purchase assets of a capital nature and buildings inherited on conversion. Transfers to the fixed asset funds from other revenue reserves are made when revenue reserves are used to fund tangible fixed assets.

Pension reserve
The pension reserve relates to the Academy Trust's share of the deficit of the Local Government Pension schemes.

13 Funds (continued)

Analysis of fund balance by academy

Fund balances at 31 August were allocated as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Alexandra School	**157**	286
Grangewood School	**336**	266
Hexham Priory School	**440**	552
James Rennie School	**661**	418
Moorcroft School	**613**	478
Pentland Field School	**781**	773
Central fund	**745**	957
Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	**3,733**	3,730
Restricted fixed assets fund	**28,158**	28,776
Pension liability	**(4,869)**	(24,225)
Total	**27,022**	8,281

The central fund includes a sum of £650,000 (2021: £650,000) ring-fenced for one of the schools within the Trust.

Analysis of academies by cost

Expenditure incurred by each school and the central fund during the year (excluding £703,000 (2021 - £759,000) of depreciation) was as follows:

	Teaching and education support staff costs £'000	Other support staff costs £'000	Educational supplies £'000	Other costs (excluding depreciation and impairments) £'000	**2022 Total £'000**	2021 Total £'000
Alexandra School	1,308	406	44	294	**2,052**	1,991
Grangewood School	3,414	841	188	545	**4,988**	2,932
Hexham Priory School	1,553	428	165	285	**2,431**	2,304
James Rennie School	2,857	597	159	411	**4,024**	3,421
Moorcroft School	2,256	738	93	431	**3,518**	3,078
Pentland Field School	2,333	912	68	436	**3,749**	3,657
Central services	451	4,468	15	841	**5,775**	4,791
Total net assets	14,172	8,390	732	3,243	**26,537**	22,174

13 Funds (continued)

Comparative information

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

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £000	*Income £000*	*Expenditure £000*	*Gains, losses and transfers £000*	*Balance at 31 August 2021 £000*
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	*124*	*7,167*	*(7,253)*	*(38)*	*—*
Pupil Premium	*—*	*304*	*(304)*	*—*	*—*
Universal Infant Free School Meals	*—*	*17*	*(17)*	*—*	*—*
Project Development Grant	*—*	*120*	*(120)*	*—*	*—*
Catch-up Premium	*—*	*168*	*(168)*	*—*	*—*
Mass testing funding	*—*	*102*	*(102)*	*—*	*—*
Other DfE/ESFA Covid funding	*—*	*24*	*(24)*	*—*	*—*
Local Authority income	*—*	*11,712*	*(11,712)*	*—*	*—*
Other grants and income	*1,664*	*391*	*(391)*	*—*	*1,664*
	1,788	*20,005*	*(20,091)*	*(38)*	*1,664*
Pension reserve	*(17,447)*	*—*	*(2,083)*	*(4,695)*	*(24,225)*
	(15,659)	*20,005*	*(22,174)*	*(4,733)*	*(22,561)*
Restricted fixed asset funds					
. Transfer on conversion	*12,388*	*—*	*(1,512)*	*—*	*10,876*
. DfE/ESFA capital grants	*17,487*	*621*	*(352)*	*125*	*17,881*
. Other capital income	*—*	*19*	*—*	*—*	*19*
	29,875	*640*	*(1,864)*	*125*	*28,776*
Total restricted funds	*14,216*	*20,645*	*(24,038)*	*(4,608)*	*6,215*
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	*1,386*	*767*	*—*	*(87)*	*2,066*
Total unrestricted funds	*1,386*	*767*	*—*	*(87)*	*2,066*
	15,602	*21,412*	*(24,038)*	*(4,695)*	*8,281*

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted General Funds £000	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £000	**Total 2022 £000**
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	27,576	**27,576**
Current assets	2,129	3,480	120	**5,729**
Current liabilities	—	(1,414)	—	**(1,414)**
Pension scheme liability	—	(4,869)	—	**(4,869)**
	2,129	(2,803)	27,696	**27,022**

14 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £000	*Restricted General Funds £000*	*Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £000*	*Total 2021 £000*
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	*—*	*—*	*28,491*	*28,491*
Current assets	*2,066*	*2,845*	*285*	*5,196*
Current liabilities	*—*	*(1,181)*	*—*	*(1,181)*
Pension scheme liability	*—*	*(24,225)*	*—*	*(24,225)*
	2,066	*(22,561)*	*28,776*	*8,281*

15 Members' Liability

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

16 Pension and similar obligations

The Academy Trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff. Both are defined-benefit schemes.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019 and of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £213,000 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2022 (2021 - £85,000)

Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS)

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

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

16 Pension and similar obligations (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; and
- the SCAPE discount rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. The assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £1,125,000 (2021 - £999,000).

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

Each LGPS is a multi-employer funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The contributions made for the year ended 31 August 2022 (as referenced by the actuaries in determining their estimates) was £2,023,000 (2021 - £2,006,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £1,591,000 (2021 - £1,574,000) and employees' contributions totalled £432,000 (2021 - £432,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are between 5.5% and 12.5% for employees and between 17.7% and 20.9% for employers.

16 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) *(continued)*

The funds that the Academy Trust is part of are: London Borough of Hillingdon Pension Fund (Grangewood School, Moorcroft School and Pentland Field School), London Borough of Harrow Pension Fund (Alexandra School), Northumberland County Council Pension Fund (Hexham Priory School) and Northumberland County Council Pension Fund (James Rennie School).

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

The principal assumptions used in determining the valuations are provided below. The values provided are an average of the two schemes.

Principal actuarial assumptions	**At 31 August 2022**	At 31 August 2021
Rate of increase in salaries	**3.9%**	3.8%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	**2.9%**	2.8%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	**4.2%**	1.7%

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

Mortality assumptions	**At 31 August 2022**	At 31 August 2021
Retiring today		
Males	**22.1**	22.3
Females	**24.8**	24.5
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	**23.4**	24.0
Females	**26.5**	26.8

Sensitivity analysis – net increase in liability	**At 31 August 2022 £'000**	At 31 August 2021 £'000
0.1% decrease in real discount rate (2021: 0.5% decrease)	**693**	1,214
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	**885**	—
0.1% increase in pension increase rate (2021: 0.5% decrease)	**659**	919
0.1% increase in salary increase rate (2021: 0.5% decrease)	**68**	120

16 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) *(continued)*

The Academy Trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the average expected rates of return across the schemes were:

	Fair value at 31 August 2022 £'000	Fair value at 31 August 2021 £'000
Equities	**9,747**	9,841
Corporate bonds	**4,919**	5,079
Property	**3,291**	2,568
Cash and other liquid assets	**810**	1,162
Other	**1,889**	1,490
Total market value of assets	**20,656**	20,140

Amounts recognised in statement of financial activities	**2022 £'000**	2021 £'000
Current service cost	**4,385**	3,341
Administration costs	**12**	9
Interest income	**(349)**	(282)
Interest cost	**764**	589
Total operating charge	**4,812**	3,657

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:	**2022 £'000**	2021 £'000
At 1 September	**44,365**	33,007
Current service cost	**4,385**	3,341
Interest cost	**764**	589
Employee contributions	**432**	432
Actuarial (gain) loss	**(24,085)**	7,358
Benefits paid	**(336)**	(362)
At 31 August	**25,525**	44,365

Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets:	**2022 £000**	2021 £000
At 1 September	**20,140**	15,560
Interest income	**349**	282
Actuarial loss	**(1,508)**	2,663
Admin expenses	**(12)**	(9)
Employer contributions	**1,591**	1,574
Employee contributions	**432**	432
Benefits paid	**(336)**	(362)
At 31 August	**20,656**	20,140

17 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations and the composition of the Board of Directors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which a Director has an interest. Where transactions involving such organisations take place, these are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

The spouse of the Head of School at Alexandra School is employed within the IT department. His earnings for the year were £6,848 (2021 - £6,833). The Governing Body interviewed for the role and decided on the hours and days worked (6 hours per week, 52 weeks per year). The Head of School at Alexandra declares an interest annually and includes her spouse in that declaration. In addition, at any business meeting where it might be relevant, the Head of School leaves the room when her spouse and his role are discussed.

Details of Directors' remuneration and expenses are provided at note 8.

The Academy Trust had no further related party transactions in the year.

18 Post balance sheet events

In 2016/17 the Academy Trust was successful with two free school bids to the Department of Education. Construction of the first of the two free schools, Grand Union Village, began in February 2022 and it is expected to be completed in April 2023. Once construction of Grand Union Village is completed, the pupils and staff of the current Grangewood School will relocate to the new school. This is expected to take place in May 2023. The existing building on the current Grangewood site will then be demolished in Summer 2023 before a new school (Pinn River) is built in its place. This is expected to be completed in January 2025.

The expected completion dates referenced above have been subject to change, however, the trustees are of the opinion that there is now a sufficient level of certainty over the project and its broad timelines and, given the anticipated demolition of the existing Grangewood site in the summer of 2023, believe that the carrying value of the Grangewood site is impaired. As such, an impairment charge of £1,105,000 has been recognised in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial statements. The remaining carrying value will be written down to nil in the 2022/23 accounts.

19 Comparative information

Comparative information for the preceding year is as follows:

	Notes	Unrestricted general fund £000	Restricted general fund £000	Restricted fixed assets fund £000	31 August 2021 £000
Income from:					
Donations and capital grants	*2*	*38*	*—*	*640*	*678*
Charitable activities					
. Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations	*4*	*140*	*20,005*	*—*	*20,145*
Other trading activities	*3*	*589*	*—*	*—*	*589*
Interest receivable		*—*	*—*	*—*	*—*
Total income		*767*	*20,005*	*640*	*21,412*
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
. Academy Trust's educational operations	*6*	*—*	*22,174*	*1,864*	*24,038*
Total expenditure	*5*	*—*	*22,174*	*1,864*	*24,038*
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		*767*	*(2,169)*	*(1,224)*	*(2,626)*
Transfers between funds	*13*	*(87)*	*(38)*	*125*	*—*
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		*680*	*(2,207)*	*(1,099)*	*(2,626)*
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	*16*	*—*	*(4,695)*	*—*	*(4,695)*
Net movement in funds		*680*	*(6,902)*	*(1,099)*	*(7,321)*
Reconciliation of funds					
Total fund balances brought forward at 1 September		*1,386*	*(15,659)*	*29,875*	*15,602*
Total fund balances carried forward at 31 August		*2,066*	*(22,561)*	*28,776*	*8,281*