

Woodhouse Academy

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Reference and administrative details

Members	Mrs N Perkin Mr J Shaw Mrs S Haydon Mr M Maydew
Trustees	Mrs N Perkin, Chair of Trustees ¹ Mrs D Farr, Principal and Accounting Officer ¹ Mrs C Quinn, Vice chair Mrs E Cox ¹ Mr G Frost Mrs C Anthony (resigned 3 February 2025) Mr P Hassall (appointed 17 October 2024) ¹ Mrs V Jackson Mr L Jewess Mrs E Postlethwaite Mr J Wyse (appointed 5 December 2024) ¹ ¹ Finance and General Purposes Committee
Company registered number	09055607
Company name	Woodhouse Academy
Principal and registered office	Woodhouse Lane Biddulph Stoke on Trent Staffordshire ST8 7DR
Senior management team	Mrs D Farr, Principal Mrs A Clack, Business Manager Mr P Reynolds, Deputy Principal (resigned 1st September 2025) Mrs J Mullock, Deputy Principal (from 1st September 2025) Mrs J Stevenson, Assistant Principal (until 23 May 2025 maternity cover, permanent 1 September 2025)

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Trustees' Report
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report and strategic report under company law.

The trust operates an Academy for pupils aged 9 to 13 serving a catchment area in Biddulph and surrounding towns. It has a pupil capacity of 480 and had a roll of 420 in the Academy census on 15 May 2025.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The academy trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity.

The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The Trustees of Woodhouse Academy are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

The charitable company operates as Woodhouse Academy (company number 9055607).

Details of the Trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved are included in the Reference and administrative details on page 1 & 2.

b. Members' liability

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

c. Trustees' indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy trust has purchased insurance through The Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) to protect Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The RPA Administrator's Limit of Liability in respect of each Academy shall be £10,000,000 for each and every loss and shall be the maximum aggregate liability of the RPA Administrator from all losses from an academy whose academy trust is a member during any one Membership year.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the academy trust shall have the following Governors:

Governors - The Members may appoint up to 9 Governors. The total number of Governors (including the principal) who are employees of the Academy shall not exceed one third of the total number of Governors.

Staff Governors - appointed through such process as the governing body may determine.

Parent Governors - shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy. A parent governor must be a parent of a pupil at the Academy at the time when he is elected.

The Principal

Co opted Governors - appointed by the existing governing body through such process as the governing body may determine.

The term of office for any governor shall be four years. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of governor, any governor may be re appointed or re elected.

e. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All new Governors are issued with the necessary documentation to carry out their new role. As part of the induction process there is opportunity to tour the site, meet members of the senior leadership team and pupils. Training will be assessed on an individual needs basis dependent on prior experience and requirements.

f. Organisational structure

The governing body is responsible for ensuring that high standards of corporate governance are maintained. It should exercise its powers and functions with a view to fulfilling a largely strategic leadership role in the running of the Academy, addressing such matters as:

- policy development and strategic planning, including target setting to keep up momentum on Academy improvement
- ensuring sound management and administration of the Academy, and ensuring that managers are equipped with relevant skills and guidance;
- ensuring compliance with legal requirements;
- establishing and maintaining a transparent system of prudent and effective internal controls.
- management of the Academy's financial, human and other resources;
- monitoring performance and the achievement of objectives, and ensuring that plans for improvement are acted upon;
- helping the Academy be responsive to the needs of parents and the community and making it more accountable through consultation and reporting;
- setting the Academy's standards of conduct and values;
- assessing and managing risk (including preparation of a statement on the Academy's risk management for its

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

annual report and accounts).

Under the Articles of Association of Woodhouse Academy, the Governors may delegate to any governor, committee, the Principal or any other holder of an executive office, such of their powers or functions as they consider desirable to be exercised by them. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the Governors may impose and may be revoked or altered.

The Governing body of Woodhouse Academy is divided into two sub committees:

- Finance and General-Purpose Committee (also acts as the Audit Committee)
- Performance Review Committee

The senior leadership group consists of the Principal who is the Accounting Officer, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal and Business Manager who acts as the Principal Finance Officer. Together they are responsible for managing the Academy at an executive level reporting to the relevant committees and full governing body.

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

The governing body determines a broad pay range using its pay policy in conjunction with the 'School teachers pay and conditions document' (STPCD) to set the pay and remuneration for the senior leadership team.

The Academy is assigned to a Headteacher group, which determines the Principal's salary range. The maximum of the Deputy or Assistant Principal's pay range must not exceed the maximum of the Headteacher group for the Academy. The pay range for a Deputy or Assistant Principal should only overlap the head teacher's pay range in exceptional circumstances.

The governing body must ensure that there is appropriate scope within the range to allow for performance related progress over time.

The Academy actively monitors and benchmarks staffing costs against similar academies to measure the Academy's efficiency.

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h. Trade union facility time

Relevant union officials

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

Percentage of time spent on facility time

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

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

	£	
Total cost of facility time	-	
Total pay bill	2,157,150	
Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time	-	%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours	-	%
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i. Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

As a converter Academy, Woodhouse Academy has no structural or commercial affiliation to any other organisation.

The Academy continues to have strong links with its local schools. The Academy also works closely with other Staffordshire middle schools through the Staffordshire Middle School Association and nationally via the National Middle Schools Forum. The Academy has links with The Golden Thread Teaching Hub, and works with Staffordshire University and Manchester Metropolitan University.

Objectives and activities

a. Objects and aims

The principal aim of the charitable company is the operation of Woodhouse Academy to advance, for the public benefit, the education and wellbeing for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 9 and 13.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

We aim to:

- Ensure that all young people, regardless of background or ability, have the very best opportunities in life and achieve the highest personal academic standards
- Deliver a curriculum of excellence that incorporates stretch and challenge, developing levels of literacy and numeracy for all students
- Provide a pastoral approach of supporting the 'whole child', keeping them safe and preparing them for their onward journey
- Develop the SEND and pastoral team offers to ensure no child is left without support
- Develop wider personal interests for pupils, especially those that are disadvantaged
- Nurture pupils' physical, aesthetic, moral and spiritual development
- Promote pupils' aspirational expectations and prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life
- Constantly develop our skills and focus in learning and teaching

The Vision for Education at Woodhouse Academy

The ethos of Woodhouse rests on three principles: working hard, working together as a community and working for the future.

We work to ensure that children feel secure and confident, supported and understood, and able to turn to those around them for guidance and encouragement. Our relationships are informed by values such as consideration, courage, resilience and aspiration. Working together ensures we bring out the best in one another. Our children are encouraged to appreciate and take pride in the community within which they live and to explore the wider community and opportunities presented beyond Biddulph.

We are unashamedly proud of our reputation as a school and achieve excellent results year on year. Extracurricular opportunities are a real strength of ours: we have an extensive sporting programme; nutrition and cookery classes; history clubs; and modern foreign languages taster sessions, and residentials, to name a few. Supporting our pupils to participate in at least one club over the course of the year is really important to us: the most unexpected and wonderful things can happen when children are put in unfamiliar contexts and then blossom.

As a learning community, we encourage our students to work through problems, rise to both academic and personal challenges, and understand that making mistakes is all part of lifelong learning. We are ambitious in our aspirations, but humble enough to accept that there is always more we can achieve.

If our students feel confident and safe, and enjoy learning, then we believe they will rise to the high expectations we have of them and they in turn have of themselves. The pursuit of excellence is a journey rather than a destination we work tirelessly to support our children to be the best they can be.

We are a collaborative, inclusive and purposeful community with excellent teaching and learning. Our children are at the heart of everything we do and nothing gives us more pleasure than watching them flourish, recognise their own strengths, and leave our school fully prepared for their onward journey. It is our aim to go above and beyond in our pursuit to ensure Woodhouse continues to be the nurturing, aspirational and happy place to learn and believe.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

Key Priorities for 2024/25

Leadership and Management

Objectives:

- Ensure safeguarding is effective
- Further investigate joining a MAT
- Ensure the pastoral systems are robust and maintain a consistent approach
- Ensure the curriculum is fit for purpose and builds on prior developments
- Develop the wider curriculum offer and aim for outstanding
- Ensure the school is able to maintain financial viability
- Develop further the SEND/vulnerable provision in the classroom
- Ensure parental communication supports both the school and home
- Protect staff and areas affected by the restructure process
- Ensure the MIS remains an effective tool to support staff

What We Did/KPIs

- Safeguarding training all up to date for governors and staff. Designated Safeguarding Lead gave a refresher on low level concerns, and level 1 training. The Principal and Chair of Governors attended training on low level concerns as recommended in 175 audit. Senior staff took updated safeguarding level 2/3 training as needed
- My Concern continues to be an excellent system to triage safeguarding concerns immediately and follow up with actions
- New deputy head and assistant head appointed in the summer term, ensuring excellence and continuity
- Reviewed performance management and integrated new one-to-one meetings to happen more frequently with clear links to whole school development plan and pupil outcomes. Clear upper pay scale targets given as appropriate that are linked to the whole-school development plan, are time bound and have a direct impact on the students/school
- Management Accounts presented termly to finance committee and half termly to full governing board. Management Accounts sent to Chair of Governors and principal monthly. Deficit reduced through prudence, restructure, revision of spending and support from SMRA and Three Spires Trust. 3-year budget forecast presented to governors and used to determine future plans
- Meetings taken place over the course of the year to discuss joining the Three Spires Trust with follow up meetings in the autumn term 2025 Members/governors' meeting in October 25 planned to discuss next steps
- Staff welfare continuing to be high on agenda with access to leaders, one to one meetings, requests for time off are approved where possible, support for new members of staff with leaders in the classroom regularly, senior leadership team alert system to support staff with class behaviour
- A suite of staff training has been delivered across the year covering topics such as teaching and learning, safeguarding, pastoral and welfare. The SENDCO and head of humanities lead training on adaptive teaching and supporting special educational needs pupils
- All middle managers meet bi-weekly to discuss the whole-school development needs and put actions into place

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Objectives and activities (continued)

- which cascade to all staff
- Principal attending Biddulph Pyramid and middle school heads' meetings to ensure best practice shared and continuity across the Biddulph community
- Policies are compliant, reviewed when needed and ratified at governors
- Lines of communication into school working well and staff/parents are following guidelines
- Arbor continuing to be an excellent source of communication between staff and parents and within school to identify student needs
- Our year 5 students spent the day on their own in September before the rest of the pupils returned then a 'Welcome Evening' was held later in September for parents to visit the school with their child. This was opened up to parents/carers in all years to visit during the day. A separate bump up day for year 5 and 8 is held in the summer term with an additional welcome evening for year 5 and parents/carers in June
- The Open Evening for prospective pupils is planned for 20th October 2025 and adapted based on parent/pupil views to include more activities and time to see the school
- Systems are reviewed termly by senior and middle leadership and adapted as needed
- Whole-school development and department plans reviewed every term and updated as needed
- Fundraising flyers sent out in the summer term to reinstate a group to drive from September
- Five new members of staff employed in the summer term: English, maths, geography, teaching assistant and office support
- Links with our twinning town Fusignano in Italy continue to grow. Plans for the 2025 trip where our pupils get to visit Fusignano are already underway with large number of students wishing to take part. The Italian children then have the opportunity to visit Biddulph and Woodhouse on their exchange visit towards the end of the summer term
- A new trip for year 8 to London was advertised within the summer term, which was immediately filled
- Our excellent transition programme between first and middle schools continues to maintain strong links between the schools with Woodhouse being a lead school in the pyramid for curriculum planning
- Events calendar planned to ensure parents in Biddulph Schools have access to dates and events across the pyramid of the first, middle and high schools.

Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development

Objectives:

- Continue to demonstrate high expectations for learners' behaviour and conduct, ensuring procedures are applied consistently and fairly
- Ensure there is a clear programme of pastoral development that is time bound
- Drive a programme of continual support for vulnerable students
- Review the role and accountability of form tutors
- Ensure the provision for pupils' mental health and wellbeing is regularly reviewed
- Create an outstanding Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) and personal development programme
- Ensure the careers programme is fully covered
- Further develop the house reward system
- Review the current values system

What We Did/KPIs

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- Students were given clear expectations on return to school in September through assemblies and rules were then embedded across the school with staff
- Bi-weekly assemblies with key stages to instil school values and revisit regularly
- System on Arbor changed as result of pastoral team meetings to ensure recording for victims is accurate. Presented to Full Governors
- Pastoral officer continuing to play a vital role in supporting home/school communication, assisting vulnerable students in school (less impact on leaders), and ensuring actions are swiftly followed up and actions communicated to parents
- Attendance: please refer to the table below. Monitoring this, and lateness, by the Deputy Principal and pastoral officer ensures learning is at its optimum and students are in school. Also read out weekly to forms and celebrated at the end of each half-term in assemblies.
- Monitored the use of embedded systems through observations, learning walks, meetings and asking students
- Ensured pupils understood, through assemblies, form time and PSHE programme, the different forms of bullying, have strategies to deal with it and encouraged a culture of continuing to report to staff
- Ensured learning walks took place to observe positive behaviour
- Senior leadership team continued with an 'on call' system of support for staff - notified through Arbor and immediate support. Impact was tangible and staff welcome this
- Buddy Rota support used throughout the year to support staff (staff offer to have a student who may need to be removed from class)
- New Management Information System enabled immediate feedback and follow up for parents, with instant notifications of rewards and consequences (positive feedback from stakeholders)
- Police Constable Support Officers continue to work closely with school to support behaviour policies, often visiting school with walk rounds
- Ethos and values continue to be the cornerstone through lessons, assemblies and constant reference. The house point system is being adapted again from autumn 25, specifically linking to the change from 12 to 6 values from September 2025
- A real shift seen in the number of boys gaining positive behaviour points with a further plan from September 2025
- All 15 forms completed their community project with their form tutor (e.g. charity fundraising, helping our local Zone community project, writing to our local neighbours, litter picks, baby hampers)
- A full timetable of clubs started in September with all staff offering a least one. Sporting remains a significant part of this (we were the Staffordshire gala winners at the autumn 2 swimming competition), the year 4 Tag Rugby Festival was held at Woodhouse in spring 2, interhouse competitions. The new house point system is trying to promote more interhouse within other areas/depts. in the school.
- Visits to Old Hall, school council at the Town Hall, various sporting fixtures, Moon Rocks activity on science week with first schools (years 3 and 4) invited, Black Friday a huge success (as it is annually), Year 8 students visited Brampton Art Museum in autumn 2, Safe and Sound visit to local fire station for all year 5, year 5 went to Borreaton Residential in November, Standon Bowers residential for year 6, Italy trip for year 8 with reciprocal visit from the Italians and Twinning Committee in summer, end of term discos, Christmas Concert, Young Voices, year 8 Robotics Scrimmage at St Margaret Ward (and on to nationals)
- Winning students with parents invited to end of term reward events led by pastoral leaders for those below 10 behaviour points
- Transition programmes worked effectively on the whole. Year 45 excellent and significant improvements 8-9 as more discussions and opportunities
- All staff offering at least one club over the year

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Objectives and activities (continued)

- Careers programme effective, linked with the high school for coverage, working with Compass for guidance and new lead trained on this. Member of staff on upper pay scale taken on as responsibility, working with new assistant head
- Bump up day in June for year 8 to Biddulph High School, first schools up to Woodhouse Academy on same day. Additional special needs and vulnerable student days to Biddulph High School in summer term. All year 8 visited the high school in their forms in the summer term
- Uniform and homework paybacks now separated from Key stage lead paybacks to ensure supportive conversations are able to take place
- Disadvantaged students tracked separately to ensure they are accessing as many curricular opportunities as possible and encouraged if not
- Nurse on site bi-weekly and Mental Health Support Team weekly for our students who need additional support. New assistant head trained for lead in school on mental health support

Quality of Education

Objectives:

- Review the current curriculum provision to ensure it is outstanding
- Drive standards in the English department and leadership
- Review and quality assure each dept to ensure curriculum is ambitious, designed and implemented to enable all pupils to succeed
- Ensure SEND provision and learning is excellent both inside, and out, of the classroom
- Review the current homework system used
- Develop the assessment system to ensure it is robust and fit for purpose
- Ensure learning walks are specific to whole-school development and have an impact on students' learning
- Develop curriculum provision and continuity within the pyramid
- Review the current provision for reading and intervention

What We Did/KPIs

- Consistently monitored, reviewed and evaluated each department's curriculum and 'curriculum offer', working with departments to identify strengths and areas for improvement, using half-termly 'quality-assurance' meetings and a curriculum and enrichment audit in the autumn term.
- Used the National Curriculum as a working document to underpin all teaching and learning monitoring such as learning walks, observations, conversations about learning with pupils and all staff.
- New staff were trained and supported in new roles (Design/Technology, Religious Education, Languages) to ensure the curriculum delivery is excellent
- Ensured each department contributed to the wider life of the school and had regular opportunities to showcase their department to the rest of the school, parents and the community through assemblies, drop-down days, regular communication and updates via the school's website and social media pages.
- Created meaningful transition links within subjects and a seamless learning journey that starts at First School and ends at High School using pyramid liaison meetings as a vehicle for this. Woodhouse was a lead on this for all subject learning journeys between first and middle schools.
- Ensured all teaching is at least good, but used regular and appropriate staff training to aim for outstanding and

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Objectives and activities (continued)

ensure staff know how to achieve it. Each week the teaching and learning co-ordinator shared a 'teaching method' and invited other staff to do so, creating a 'teachers teach teachers' culture.

- Reviewed and updated the home learning and curriculum overviews so parents/carers and student can access their learning journey and topics studied at any time, along with additional challenge tasks to stretch more able students.
- Supported the new languages teacher with curriculum delivery, behaviour management and KS2-KS3 expectations.
- Continued pastoral briefings with a slot for SEND students so staff and were constantly aware of the changing needs of specific students, identified and supported in lessons.
- All development plans and departments meetings had a specific SEND focus so it remains current and constantly updated.
- SENDCo liaises regularly with dept, senior leaders and all staff to ensure all individual's targets are clear and being met
- Targeted academic support in class strategies along with a large number of students receiving interventions outside of class, either in small groups or one to one.
- Our enrichment programme provided extensive opportunities to thrive for all students.
- All TAs had laptops to assist with pre-teaching and sharing lesson plans, as well as teacher/TA contracts in place.
- Ensured that homework was reviewed and that all students had the opportunity to gain rewards, stretch themselves and complete work that is appropriate to their need.
- Reviewed current systems at pyramid heads' meeting to ensure the curriculum is quality driven and of value.
- Extensive work between the teaching and learning lead and the head of English following a fragmented year. Staff held to account and the curriculum provision reviewed.
- Created a time bound action plan for English to review impact over the year and update as needed, working with our link governor in this area for support.
- Linked with first schools to ensure they were aware of areas that impinge on students meeting the age-related expectations in writing.
- Continued with our writing across the school programme each week to support writing skills and delivered training to staff as needed with a common framework to support students with their writing in school.

c. Public benefit

The trustees of Woodhouse Academy have referred to the charity commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the academy's aims, objectives and in planning its future activities.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

Attendance

Attendance	Autumn Term 01.09.24 – 20.12.24	Spring Term 06.01.25 – 11.04.25	Summer Term 28.04.25 – 18.07.25	Whole Year 01.09.24 – 18.07.25
Whole School	95.93%	95.51%	94.80%	95.40%
Pupil Premium	92.63%	91.23%	89.66%	91.35%

Data for the academic year ending July 2025 - Whole school Attainment and Progress

Year 5	Males	Females	PP	Non PP	Comments
PTM	104.8	101.1	100.7	105.5	Group significantly higher than national
PTS	105.2	103.9	105.5	105.7	Group significantly higher than national
NGRT	105.3	103.1	102.0	105.3	Group significantly higher than national

Year 6	Males	Females	PP	Non PP	Comments
PTM	102.5	97.6	88.8	101.7	Not significantly different to national
PTS	101.8	102.3	88.1	104.1	Group significantly higher than national
NGRT	108.3	110.3	95.0	111.11	Group significantly higher than national

Year 7	Males	Females	PP	Non PP	Comments
PTM	108.9	100.02	95.1	103.4	Group significantly higher than national
NGRT	111.5	110.5	106.0	111.8	Group significantly higher than national

Year 8	Males	Females	PP	Non PP	Comments
PTM	99.9	96.1	90.8	99.3	Group is not significantly different to national
PTS	99.4	95.5	88.7	96.2	Group is significantly lower than national
NGRT	108.8	110.3	102.4	108.0	Group significantly higher than national

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Achievements and performance (continued)

a. Key performance indicators

KS2 SATS Exams 2025

	At standard	Above standard
Reading	94%	48%
Maths	84%	38%
SPAG	95%	24%
Writing	93%	13%
Combined reading, writing and maths	80%	National 62%

Risk Analysis and Categorisation Process

Staffordshire Local Authority send out a notice to all middle schools. They split the categories into 'concern' 'some concern' and 'of no concern' (rated as 3, 2 and 1 respectively). The driving principles behind the risk analysis are the school's latest Ofsted grade, provisional 2025 performance data including attendance and exclusion data

Woodhouse Academy has been classified as a **Category 1**.

Financial objectives

The trustees have evaluated financial health on a regular basis via the Finance and General Purposes Committee to:

- Keep expenditure within budget
- Ensure the Academy's liquidity

All objectives were met during the accounting period.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

The academy is also monitored through the completion of returns to the DFE:

- Audited financial statements
- Academy Accounts Return
- Budget Forecast Return
- Financial Benchmarking
- Independent Internal Audit Scrutiny
- School Resource Management Self-Assessment Tool

Financial review

The main streams of funding during the year were grants received from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) until 31st March 2025 when the ESFA closed and the funding is now received direct from the Department of Education (DFE) and the Local Authority (LA).

All grants received from the ESFA/DFE and LA during the period 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted general funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The trustees ensure that the identification, evaluation and monitoring of significant risks is a continuous process. Please refer to the Principal risks and uncertainties section which can be found on page 17.

The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) liability at 31 August 2025 totalled £nil. The current employer rate 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 is 25.2%. Future employer contribution rates 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is 24.2%.

During the year ended 31 August 2025 total expenditure of £2,587,004 (excluding depreciation) was covered by grant funding from the ESFA/DFE together with other incoming resources. The excess of expenditure over income for the year (excluding depreciation charge and LGPS adjustments) was £45,724, after adjusting for a capital transfer of £121,821.

Staffing costs have been significantly higher this year due to the number of long term sickness absences, severance costs and one off staff costs. Operational staffing costs make up 84% of the total operational costs.

At 31 August 2025 the net book value of tangible fixed assets was £5,387,972 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 14 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the academy.

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Strategic report (continued)

Key factors impacting the academy's financial position in future years:

- Increasing overheads and staff costs
- No certainty in funding, making strategic plans difficult
- Staff retention and wellbeing
- Falling pupil number on roll
- The reliance on funding through the education sector funding bodies
- Greater demand for pupil places of children with SEND needs and specialist support

Strategies to address the factors detailed above:

- Review sustainability of being a Standalone Academy
- Marketing strategies to attract new pupils
- Integrated curriculum and financial planning
- Continue to review curriculum offering and staff structure
- Continue to use procurement frameworks to achieve best value

a. Reserves policy

The policy of the Trustees' is that the academy trust has a project development plan to continually improve physical and technological infrastructure as well as maintain a balanced budget. The trustees will review the reserve levels annually to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet these needs. The academy's current level of free reserves (unrestricted funds) is £111,850 (2024 - £109,877).

At the 31 August 2025 the academy's fixed asset fund is £5,387,972 (2024 £5,416,796)

At the 31 August 2025 the total funds amounted to £5,709,957 (2024 £5,794,521). The academy has restricted funds of £210,135 (2024 - £267,848) and restricted pension funds of £nil (2024 £nil).

The academy's restricted funds (excluding pension reserve) plus the unrestricted fund at the 31 August 2025 amounted to £321,985 (2024 £377,725)

b. Investment policy

The Academy aims to manage its cash balance to provide for the day to day working capital requirements of its operations, whilst protecting the real long term value of any surplus cash balances against inflation. In addition, the Academy aims to invest surplus cash funds to optimize returns, but ensuring the investment instruments are such that there is no risk to the loss of these cash funds.

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c. Principal risks and uncertainties

A risk register has been developed and adopted by the Academy and will be reviewed on an annual basis or more frequently where necessary. The register identifies the key risks faced by the Academy and score the likelihood and impact of those risk occurring. Actions have been taken to reduce and mitigate the risks.

The Academy has developed and embedded systems of internal control to ensure that the Academy complies with risk management, best practice and sets out the current processes and responsibilities for risk management in the Academy.

The main risks identified are listed below, not all of the factors are within the Academy's control. Other factors besides those listed below may also adversely affect the Academy.

- Staff recruitment and retention
- Pupil numbers
- Reliance on DFE funding
- Changes in government education policies
- Strategic gaps in the disaster recovery plan

- ICT Infrastructure/Cyber security
- Governance recruitment to fill any skill gaps
- Governance MAT agenda
- Capital funding for building maintenance (works not covered by CIF funding).

Examples of some of the strategies the academy has in place to reduce the risks include:

- Consistent drive to market the Academy
- Regular updates to the full governing body on financial position.
- Internal and external audits carried out to ensure the Academy is meeting the musts detailed in the academies trust handbook
- Applying integrated curriculum and financial planning strategies
- Regularly review the academy project development plan to prioritise any capital works and apply for funding if available
- Build succession planning into everyday practice
- Consistently review staff wellbeing to support the retention of staff
- Carry out desk top exercises to prepare for emergencies
- Appointment of experienced IT personnel to provide support with the new ICT infrastructure

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Fundraising

Approach to fundraising

Woodhouse Academy lets out its facilities to generate funds and relies on public generosity from fundraising activities organised by staff members or the Woodhouse Association.

The Academy follows the code of fundraising practice to protect the public, including vulnerable people and will not use intrusive, persistent or undue pressure to get individuals to donate. There have been no fundraising complaints during the period.

Plans for future periods

- Ensure the strategic leadership in the school is secure in light of recent changes and that the impact to students and staff is demonstrable
- Ensure students who are vulnerable in learning are tracked, supported and intervention is swift, both inside and beyond the classroom
- Work on the curriculum development in RE and DT to ensure students have access to excellent learning and opportunities
- Create opportunities for staff to take a more active approach to personal development and enrichment
- Promote the school more widely, via social platforms, events, transition or working with partnerships, to ensure the school remains financially viable through attracting high number of students
- Improve the PSHE offering in school with a more stringent approach to planning and delivery
- Develop further communications with Three Spires Trust, with the intention of joining in the latter part of 2026, enabling the school to develop practice further and garner additional support and advice
- Develop our current reward and behaviour systems to a greater degree to create a wider sense of parity, fairness, consistency and transparency for all students and staff

Funds held as custodian on behalf of others

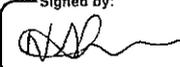
The Academy does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 23 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Mrs N Perkin
Chair of Trustees

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Governance Statement

Scope of responsibility

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

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

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

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 6 times during the year.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs N Perkin, Chair of Trustees	6	6
Mrs D Farr, Principal and Accounting Officer	6	6
Mrs C Quinn	6	6
Mr L Jewess	2	6
Mrs E Cox	6	6
Mr G Frost	5	6
Mr J Wyse	4	5
Mrs E Postlethwaite	5	6
Mrs C Anthony	2	2
Mr P Hassall	3	6
Mrs V Jackson	6	6

Work carried out by the board during the year includes:

- Carry out the due diligence exercise with Three Spires Trust
- Staff recruitment
- Link governor visit
- Reviewing
- Monitoring behaviour and attendance data
- Sitting on panels for pay committee meetings
- Reviewing data to monitor pupils progress

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Governance Statement (continued)

Governance (continued)

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a sub committee of the main board of Trustees. Its purpose is to monitor the financial activities of the Academy and make decisions relating to finance. In addition the Finance and General Purposes Committee has also been given the responsibilities of the audit committee, in order to review the control of the academy's finances.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs D Farr	3	3
Mrs N Perkin	3	3
Mrs E Cox	3	3
Mr P Hassall	2	3
Mr J Wyse	1	2

Review of value for money

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

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

Tendering exercises

- Using procurement frameworks to ensure the academy gets best value from buying goods and services
- Using benchmarking information to inform trustees about spending decisions and compare information with similar schools to highlight where resources can be used better
- Monitoring budgets to maintain financial viability

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Woodhouse Academy for the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

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Governance Statement (continued)

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The risk and control framework

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

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

The Board of Trustees has decided to employ RB Chartered Accountants as internal auditor.

This option has been chosen due to their extensive experience in academy finance and deep understanding of the trust's operations.

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

- Purchases system
- Payroll system
- Income system
- Accounting system
- Academy Trust Handbooks 'musts'

The internal auditor reports are presented to the Board of Trustees annually through the Finance and General Purposes committee on the operation of the systems of control.

The Board of Trustees confirm that RB Chartered Accountants has delivered their schedule of work as planned during the financial year ending 31 August 2025 and detailed reports including recommendations.

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Governance Statement (continued)

Review of effectiveness

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

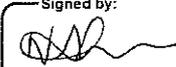
- the work of the internal auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.
- the work of the external auditors;

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and General Purposes committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

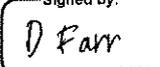
Conclusion

Based on the advice of the Finance and General Purposes committee and the accounting officer, the board of trustees is of the opinion that the academy trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

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

Signed by:

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Mrs N Perkin
Chair of Trustees
Date: 23 October 2025

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Mrs D Farr
Accounting Officer

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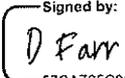
Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As accounting officer of Woodhouse Academy, I confirm that I have had due regard to the framework of authorities governing regularity, propriety and compliance, including the trust's funding agreement with DfE, and the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including responsibilities for estates safety and management. I have also considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and DfE of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I, and the board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the framework of authorities.

I confirm that the following instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance discovered to date have been notified to the Board of Trustees and DfE. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and DfE

During the financial year 2024/25, the Trust did not produce monthly management accounts for the period September to November 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook. This was due to temporary staff absence and staffing changes which impacted the finance function. The issue has since been resolved, and monthly management accounts resumed in December 2024 in line with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook.

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Mrs D Farr

Accounting Officer

Date: 23 October 2025

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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

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

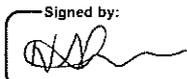
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

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

Signed by:

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Mrs N Perkin

Chair of Trustees

Date: 23 October 2025

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Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements to the Members of Woodhouse Academy

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Woodhouse Academy (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

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

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

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Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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 senior statutory auditor 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 academy trust through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the academy sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the academy trust, including the financial reporting legislation, Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- 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 assessed the susceptibility of the academy trust's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of

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- 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;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the academy trust's legal advisors.

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

Use of our report

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


Jonathan Dudley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
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Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

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23 October 2025

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Woodhouse Academy and the Secretary of State for Education

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 23 October 2025 and further to the requirements of the Department for Education (DfE) as included in the extant Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts 2024 to 2025, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether anything has come to our attention that would suggest, in all material respects, the expenditure disbursed and income received by Woodhouse Academy during the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of the accounting officer of Woodhouse Academy and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Woodhouse Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 30 June 2014 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2024, 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 extant Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts 2024 to 2025. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 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 DfE. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

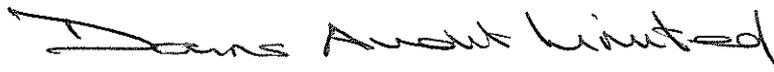
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Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matters listed below nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

During the financial year 2024/25, the Trust did not produce monthly management accounts for the period September to November 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook. This was due to temporary staff absence and staffing changes which impacted the finance function. The issue has since been resolved, and monthly management accounts resumed in December 2024 in line with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook.



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Date: 23 October 2025

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	10,016	10,016	4,218
Other trading activities	5	14,010	21,700	-	35,710	32,193
Investments	6	79	7,000	-	7,079	77
Charitable activities	4	62,245	2,597,051	-	2,659,296	2,588,362
Total income		76,334	2,625,751	10,016	2,712,101	2,624,850
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	1,757	25,178	-	26,935	27,011
Charitable activities	7,8	72,604	2,487,465	160,661	2,720,730	2,843,105
Total expenditure		74,361	2,512,643	160,661	2,747,665	2,870,116
Net income/ (expenditure)		1,973	113,108	(150,645)	(35,564)	(245,266)
Transfers between funds	18	-	(121,821)	121,821	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		1,973	(8,713)	(28,824)	(35,564)	(245,266)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	459,000	-	459,000	152,000
Pension surplus not recognised	25	-	(508,000)	-	(508,000)	(121,000)
Net movement in funds		1,973	(57,713)	(28,824)	(84,564)	(214,266)

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Note					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	109,877	267,848	5,416,796	5,794,521	6,008,787
Net movement in funds	1,973	(57,713)	(28,824)	(84,564)	(214,266)
Total funds carried forward	111,850	210,135	5,387,972	5,709,957	5,794,521

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

The notes on pages 36 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

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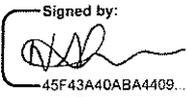
Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	13	-	387
Tangible assets	14	5,387,972	5,405,227
		<u>5,387,972</u>	<u>5,405,614</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	148,966	106,445
Cash at bank and in hand		460,491	527,818
		<u>609,457</u>	<u>634,263</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(266,018)	(220,552)
		<u>343,439</u>	<u>413,711</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>5,731,411</u>	<u>5,819,325</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(21,454)	(24,804)
Defined benefit pension scheme asset	25	-	-
		<u>5,709,957</u>	<u>5,794,521</u>
Total net assets			
Funds of the academy			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	18	5,387,972	5,416,796
Restricted income funds	18	210,135	267,848
		<u>5,598,107</u>	<u>5,684,644</u>
Total restricted funds	18	5,598,107	5,684,644
Unrestricted income funds	18	111,850	109,877
		<u>5,709,957</u>	<u>5,794,521</u>
Total funds		5,709,957	5,794,521

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Balance Sheet (continued)
As at 31 August 2025

The financial statements on pages 31 to 68 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf, by:

Signed by:


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Mrs N Perkin
Chair of Trustees
Date: 23 October 2025

The notes on pages 36 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	20	70,945	(201,565)
Cash flows from investing activities			
	22	(132,922)	(2,644)
Cash flows from financing activities			
	21	(5,350)	(4,778)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(67,327)	(208,987)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		527,818	736,805
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23, 24	460,491	527,818
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The notes on pages 36 to 68 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by DFE, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Woodhouse Academy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

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

• **Grants**

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

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

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

• **Donations**

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

• **Other income**

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

1.4 Expenditure

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

• **Expenditure on raising funds**

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

• **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Interest receivable

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

1.6 Taxation

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

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

1.7 Intangible assets

Intangible assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Computer software - 3 years

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Improvements to property	- 3.3% to 10% straight line
Office equipment	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line

Assets under construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings. Freehold land is not depreciated.

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.

1.9 Debtors

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

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Liabilities

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

1.12 Provisions

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

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

1.13 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 16 and 17. 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.

1.14 Operating leases

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.15 Pensions

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

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

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

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

1.16 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 25, 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 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2025. 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.

An entity shall recognise a plan surplus as a defined benefit plan asset only to the extent that it is able to recover the surplus either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan. The trust is expected to participate in the LGPS indefinitely and therefore do not believe there is any entitlement to a refund. The trust has also instructed the pension actuary to calculate an asset ceiling report to calculate the estimated economic benefit available as a reduction in future contributions, which shows a £Nil value. Management have therefore not recognised the total pension surplus of £629,000 in the financial statements, which includes the movement in the pension surplus of £508,000 in the year.

3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Restricted fixed asset funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Capital Grants	10,016	10,016	4,218
Total 2024	4,218	4,218	

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4. Funding for the Academy's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	2,131,927	2,131,927	2,129,443
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	35,912	35,912	43,658
Pupil Premium	-	66,321	66,321	64,034
Teachers Pay/Pension Grant	-	81,854	81,854	56,062
Core Budget Grant	-	77,909	77,909	-
Supplementary Grants	-	-	-	73,385
	-	2,393,923	2,393,923	2,366,582
Other Government grants				
Local authority grants	-	3,200	3,200	5,830
Special educational funding	-	114,411	114,411	63,647
	-	117,611	117,611	69,477
Other income from the academy trust's educational operations				
	62,245	85,517	147,762	152,303
Total 2025	62,245	2,597,051	2,659,296	2,588,362
Total 2024	72,318	2,516,044	2,588,362	

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5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff insurance income	-	21,700	21,700	20,890
Other income	11,729	-	11,729	5,542
School fund	2,281	-	2,281	5,761
Total 2025	14,010	21,700	35,710	32,193
Total 2024	11,303	20,890	32,193	

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income	79	-	79	77
LGPS pension income	-	7,000	7,000	-
Total 2025	79	7,000	7,079	77
Total 2024	77	-	77	

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7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2025 £	Premises 2025 £	Other 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities:					
Direct costs	-	-	26,935	26,935	27,011
Academy trust's educational operations:					
Direct costs	1,716,878	65,143	131,454	1,913,475	2,032,067
Support costs	440,272	185,646	174,337	800,255	811,038
Total 2025	2,157,150	250,789	332,726	2,740,665	2,870,116
Total 2024	2,220,639	238,648	410,829	2,870,116	

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Charitable activities - Educational operations	1,913,475	800,255	2,713,730	2,843,105
Total 2024	2,032,067	811,038	2,843,105	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	1,716,878	1,823,436
Depreciation	65,143	65,143
Educational supplies	17,545	22,312
Examination fees	7,022	7,047
Staff development and other staff costs	4,074	4,689
Technology costs	465	649
Other direct costs	102,243	107,937
Recruitment and other staff expenses	105	854
Total 2025	1,913,475	2,032,067

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
FRS 102 pension adjustment	(7,000)	2,000
Staff costs	440,272	397,203
Depreciation	95,518	113,244
Catering costs	48,278	47,052
Staff development and other staff costs	-	1,871
Technology costs	42,195	40,464
Education consultancy	250	1,125
Governance costs	1,314	224
Other costs	42,135	35,880
Insurance	12,082	11,310
Finance costs	573	1,341
Maintenance of premises	18,030	17,799
Cleaning	5,640	4,370
Rates	8,187	8,323
Energy	33,350	64,751
Legal and professional fees	16,988	22,795
Transport	3,695	6,295
Other occupancy costs	38,748	34,991
Total 2025	800,255	811,038

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9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	1,744	1,744
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	160,272	177,870
Amortisation of intangible assets	387	517
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	9,160	8,900
- other services	4,500	4,000
	<u>9,160</u>	<u>8,900</u>

10. Staff

a. Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,559,487	1,657,156
Social security costs	160,647	152,842
Pension costs	381,264	377,443
	<u>2,101,398</u>	<u>2,187,441</u>
Agency staff costs	55,752	33,198
	<u>55,752</u>	<u>33,198</u>
	<u>2,157,150</u>	<u>2,220,639</u>

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10. Staff (continued)

b. Staff numbers

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

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Teachers	18	20
Administration and support	32	35
Management	4	4
	<u>54</u>	<u>59</u>

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy was £407,119 (2024 - £336,695).

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11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

		2025	2024
		£	£
Mrs D Farr, Principal and Accounting Officer	Remuneration	85,000 -	80,000 -
		90,000	85,000
	Pension contributions paid	25,000 -	15,000 -
		30,000	20,000

During the year ended 31 August 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

12. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

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

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13. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 September 2024	1,550
At 31 August 2025	<u>1,550</u>
Amortisation	
At 1 September 2024	1,163
Charge for the year	387
At 31 August 2025	<u>1,550</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2025	<u>-</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>387</u>

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Assets under construction £	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 September 2024	4,611,135	1,767,732	11,352	75,561	229,463	6,695,243
Additions	-	34,224	100,253	1,604	6,936	143,017
At 31 August 2025	4,611,135	1,801,956	111,605	77,165	236,399	6,838,260
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2024	662,284	346,502	-	66,014	215,216	1,290,016
Charge for the year	65,143	73,515	-	5,319	16,295	160,272
At 31 August 2025	727,427	420,017	-	71,333	231,511	1,450,288
Net book value						
At 31 August 2025	3,883,708	1,381,939	111,605	5,832	4,888	5,387,972
At 31 August 2024	3,948,851	1,421,230	11,352	9,547	14,247	5,405,227

15. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	629	551
VAT recoverable	35,563	16,209
Prepayments and accrued income	112,774	89,685
	148,966	106,445

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16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	4,945	6,945
Trade creditors	102,817	56,674
Other taxation and social security	40,163	32,443
Other creditors	47,327	48,959
Accruals and deferred income	70,766	75,531
	<u>266,018</u>	<u>220,552</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 September	18,988	37,551
Resources deferred during the year	32,953	18,988
Amounts released from previous periods	(18,988)	(37,551)
	<u>32,953</u>	<u>18,988</u>

Amounts deferred related to grant income and trip income for the 2025/26 year.

Other loans includes a loan of £1,413 from Salix bearing interest of 2.07% and will be fully repaid by August 2032, a loan of £2,532 from Salix bearing interest of 1.95% and will be fully repaid by August 2031 and a loan of £1,000 from Salix which is provided interest free and will be fully repaid by August 2026.

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	21,454	24,804

Other loans includes a loan of £8,481 bearing interest of 2.07% and will be fully repaid by August 2032, another Salix loan of £12,765 bearing interest of 1.95% and will be fully repaid by August 2031.

The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Payable or repayable by instalments	5,674	11,835
	5,674	11,835

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18. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	109,877	76,334	(74,361)	-	-	111,850
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	266,848	2,131,927	(2,067,819)	(121,821)	-	209,135
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	35,912	(35,912)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	66,321	(66,321)	-	-	-
Teachers Pay/Pension Grant	-	81,854	(81,854)	-	-	-
Core Budget Grant	-	77,909	(77,909)	-	-	-
Special Educational Funding	-	114,411	(114,411)	-	-	-
Trip Income	-	68,584	(68,584)	-	-	-
Other Income	-	41,833	(41,833)	-	-	-
Brookes	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Pension reserve	-	7,000	42,000	-	(49,000)	-
	267,848	2,625,751	(2,512,643)	(121,821)	(49,000)	210,135

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Capital expenditure from GAG	383,369	-	(73,401)	121,821	-	431,789
Donations on conversion	3,948,851	-	(66,102)	-	-	3,882,749
Devolved formula capital	127,871	10,016	(1,995)	-	-	135,892
Capital expenditure from unrestricted funds	8,172	-	(117)	-	-	8,055
Condition Improvement fund	944,275	-	(18,624)	-	-	925,651
Cera Funding	4,258	-	(422)	-	-	3,836
	<u>5,416,796</u>	<u>10,016</u>	<u>(160,661)</u>	<u>121,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,387,972</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>5,684,644</u>	<u>2,635,767</u>	<u>(2,673,304)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(49,000)</u>	<u>5,598,107</u>
Total funds	<u><u>5,794,521</u></u>	<u><u>2,712,101</u></u>	<u><u>(2,747,665)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(49,000)</u></u>	<u><u>5,709,957</u></u>

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

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

Unrestricted General Funds

This fund represents those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objectives of the academy at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted General Funds

These funds represent grants received for the academy's operational activities and development, restricted trip income and other restricted income.

Pension Reserve

This fund represents the academy's share of the pension liability arising on the LGPS pension fund.

Restricted Fixed Asset Fund

This fund represents grant funding received from the DFE/ESFA to carry out works of a capital nature and also the donation of freehold land and buildings from the Biddulph Schools Partnership Trust and a small amount of capital expenditure from other funds.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2025.

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	105,886	83,698	(79,707)	-	109,877

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	382,936	2,129,443	(2,245,531)	-	266,848
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	57,222	(57,222)	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	64,034	(64,034)	-	-
Teachers Pay/Pension Grant	-	56,062	(56,062)	-	-
Core Budget Grant	-	73,385	(73,385)	-	-
Local Authority Grants	-	5,830	(5,830)	-	-
Special Educational Funding	-	63,647	(63,647)	-	-
Trip Income	-	61,564	(61,564)	-	-
Other Income	-	25,747	(25,747)	-	-
Brookes	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Pension reserve	(72,000)	-	41,000	31,000	-
	311,936	2,536,934	(2,612,022)	31,000	267,848

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital expenditure from GAG	452,974	-	(69,605)	-	383,369
Donations on conversion	4,013,994	-	(65,143)	-	3,948,851
Devolved formula capital	125,272	4,218	(1,619)	-	127,871
Capital expenditure from unrestricted funds	9,197	-	(1,025)	-	8,172
Condition improvement fund	984,501	-	(40,226)	-	944,275
Cera Funding	5,027	-	(769)	-	4,258
	<u>5,590,965</u>	<u>4,218</u>	<u>(178,387)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,416,796</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>5,902,901</u>	<u>2,541,152</u>	<u>(2,790,409)</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>5,684,644</u>
Total funds	<u><u>6,008,787</u></u>	<u><u>2,624,850</u></u>	<u><u>(2,870,116)</u></u>	<u><u>31,000</u></u>	<u><u>5,794,521</u></u>

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,387,972	5,387,972
Current assets	111,850	497,607	-	609,457
Creditors due within one year	-	(266,018)	-	(266,018)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(21,454)	-	(21,454)
Total	111,850	210,135	5,387,972	5,709,957

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,405,227	5,405,227
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	387	387
Current assets	109,881	513,200	11,182	634,263
Creditors due within one year	(1,004)	(219,548)	-	(220,552)
Creditors due in more than one year	1,000	(25,804)	-	(24,804)
Total	109,877	267,848	5,416,796	5,794,521

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20. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(35,564)	(245,266)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	387	517
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	160,274	177,697
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(10,016)	(4,218)
Dividends, Interest and rents from investments	(79)	(73)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(42,000)	(43,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	(7,000)	2,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(42,525)	23,237
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	47,468	(112,459)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	70,945	(201,565)

21. Cash flows from financing activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Repayments of borrowing	(5,350)	(4,778)
Net cash used in financing activities	(5,350)	(4,778)

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22. Cash flows from investing activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	79	73
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(143,017)	(6,935)
Capital grants from DfE Group	10,016	4,218
Net cash used in investing activities	(132,922)	(2,644)

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash in hand and at bank	460,491	527,818
Total cash and cash equivalents	460,491	527,818

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2024	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	527,818	(67,327)	-	460,491
Debt due within 1 year	(6,945)	5,350	(3,350)	(4,945)
Debt due after 1 year	(24,804)	-	3,350	(21,454)
	496,069	(61,977)	-	434,092

25. Pension commitments

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

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25. Pension commitments (continued)

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS 31 March 2022.

Contributions amounting to £47,311 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2025 (2024 - £48,860) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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 ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies the level of future contributions.

Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI. The key elements of the valuation outcome are:

- employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million.

The result of this valuation was implemented on 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2027.

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25. Pension commitments (continued)

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £284,889 (2024 - £265,239).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the academy trust has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2025 was £178,000 (2024 - £187,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £144,000 (2024 - £153,000) and employees' contributions totalled £34,000 (2024 - £34,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 24.2 per cent for employers and 5.5% - 12.5% per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2025	2024
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.20	3.15
Rate of increase for pensions in salaries	2.70	2.65
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	6.05	5.00
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.70	2.65
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	65	65

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

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25. Pension commitments (continued)

	2025 Years	2024 Years
Retiring today		
Males	20.9	20.7
Females	24.3	24.2
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	20.4	20.2
Females	25.5	25.5

Sensitivity analysis on defined benefit obligations

	2025 £000	2024 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	(37,000)	(47,000)
Discount rate -0.1%	37,000	47,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	67,000	79,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(67,000)	(79,000)
Salary increase rate +0.1%	1,000	2,000
Salary increase rate -0.1%	(1,000)	(2,000)
CPI rate +0.1%	37,000	46,000
CPI rate -0.1%	(37,000)	(46,000)

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25. Pension commitments (continued)

Share of scheme assets

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

	At 31 August 2025 £	At 31 August 2024 £
Equities	1,407,270	1,338,240
Debt Instruments	669,030	564,570
Property	184,560	146,370
Cash and other liquid assets	46,140	41,820
Total market value of assets	2,307,000	2,091,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £145,266 (2024 - £255,744).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Current service cost	(102,000)	(110,000)
Interest income	106,000	93,000
Interest cost	(99,000)	(95,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	(95,000)	(112,000)

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25. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 September	1,970,000	1,770,000
Current service cost	102,000	110,000
Interest cost	99,000	95,000
Employee contributions	34,000	34,000
Actuarial gains	(424,000)	(17,000)
Benefits paid	(103,000)	(22,000)
	<u>1,678,000</u>	<u>1,970,000</u>
At 31 August	1,678,000	1,970,000

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 September	2,091,000	1,698,000
Actuarial gains	35,000	135,000
Employer contributions	144,000	153,000
Employee contributions	34,000	34,000
Benefits paid	(103,000)	(22,000)
Interest income	106,000	93,000
	<u>2,307,000</u>	<u>2,091,000</u>
At 31 August	2,307,000	2,091,000

As detailed in note 2, the surplus asset of £629,000 has not been recognised in the financial statements and this includes the movement in surplus of £508,000 during the year.

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26. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2025 the academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	1,744	1,744
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,744	3,488
	<u>3,488</u>	<u>5,232</u>

27. Members' liability

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

28. Related party transactions

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

The Principal (D Farr) is a close family member of an employee of the school (C Wills). D Farr takes no part in the discussions around the performance and pay of C Wills and therefore C Wills received no special treatment as a result of her connection to the Principal.

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