
TRANSFORM TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members P Munro
Southwell and Nottingham Diocese Educational Trust
I Griffiths
M Cooper
M Butler (appointed 1 September 2024)

Trustees P Munro, Chair (resigned 31 August 2024)
R Meredith CBE, Accounting Officer
R Periam
Dame S Jowett
D Jones
G Savidge
S Dennis (resigned 31 August 2024)
R Shaffi
M Butler (appointed Chair from 1 September 2024)
Dr C Gipton
M Coppel (appointed 9 October 2023)
M Popoola (appointed 18 September 2024)

Company registered number 08320065

Company name Transform Trust

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Senior management team

R Meredith CBE, Chief Executive Officer
S Cox, Chief Finance Officer
J Wilkinson, Chief Operating Officer
R Hannon, Chief People Officer
K Lee, Partnership Director
M Lawrence, Headteacher
H Tarrant, Headteacher
S O'Connor, Headteacher (resigned 2 June 2024)
K Hambleton, Headteacher
P Hillier, Headteacher
A Sharp, Headteacher
Z Cannon, Headteacher (resigned 31 December 2023)
K Coker, Headteacher
S Mason, Headteacher
L Noble, Headteacher
C Paparozzi, Headteacher
K Bayliss, Headteacher (appointed 1 January 2024)
N Aldridge, Headteacher
S Griffith, Headteacher
R Grey, Headteacher (resigned 30 April 2024)
D Crosby, Headteacher
G Smith, (appointed 1 January 2024)
L Clarke, Acting Headteacher (acting role ended 31 December 2023)
A Bird, Headteacher (appointed 1 September 2024)
L Lister, Headteacher (appointed 1 September 2024)
J Burge, Headteacher (appointed 3 June 2024)
A Jevons-Newman, (appointed 1 April 2024)
S Bridges, (appointed 1 June 2024 – resigned 31 August 2024)
N Davies, (appointed 1 August 2024)
N Fiddimore, (appointed 1 May 2024 - resigned 31 August 2024)
M Lowe, (appointed 1 September 2024)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and independent auditor's reports of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The Trust's principal object and activity has been to manage the provision of education to primary-age school pupils in schools within the East Midlands.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

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

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

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

The Trust maintains Governors' and officers' liability insurance which gives appropriate cover for any legal action brought against its Governors. The Trust has also granted indemnities to each of its Governors and other officers to the extent permitted by law. Qualifying third party indemnity provisions (as defined by section 234 of the Companies Act 2006) were in force during the period and remain in force, in relation to certain losses and liabilities which the Governors or other officers may incur to third parties in the course of acting as Governors or officers of the Trust.

Details of the insurance cover are provided in note 13 to the financial statements.

d. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

Members of the charitable company are nominated by the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham Educational Trust, the main sponsor of the Trust. Under the terms of its Articles, the Academy Trust shall have the following Directors:

- The number of Directors shall be not less than four but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.
- A minimum of 4 Directors appointed by the Members under Article 50
- Up to 2 Academy Directors under Articles 51-52
- Up to 2 Parent Governors appointed under Articles 53-56
- The Chief Executive Officer under Article 57

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees (continued)

The term of office for any Director shall be 4 years unless varied by local agreement, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Chief Executive Officer. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Director, any Director may be re appointed or re elected.

e. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees depends on their previous experience. All Trustees are provided with previous minutes and induction with the Chief Operating Officer, plus provided copies of documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. 6 months after appointment an induction review is carried out with the COO. The annual strategic planning days for Trustees were held on 2 October 2023, 15 January 2024 and 20 May 2024 to review and update the strategic plan, to review the ethos and vision for the Trust, and to ensure the resource plans are enablers for the plan. 1 new Trustee has been appointed in the year; Mark Coppel (9 October 2023). 2 Trustees left the board at the end of the financial year; Peter Munro and Sam Dennis (both resigned 31 August 2024). Post year-end, Maddi Popoola has become a Trustee.

f. Organisational structure

The organisational structure consists of four levels: the Trustees, the Executive Team, the Member School Local Governing Body and the Member School Leadership Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at the individual School level.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, setting vision, strategy, direction and culture for the Trust, and performance management of the CEO. This is firmly centred on the objective to improve life chances for every child within Transform Trust.

The Executive team are responsible for implementation of strategy and delivery against the annual plan and budget. Additionally to ensure all schools in the Trust are delivering improving school standards at a rate agreed by the Trust Board.

The School Local Governing Body and School Leadership Teams are delegated authority to govern/manage each School implementing the policies adopted by Trust and Local Governing Body. As a group the School Leadership Teams are responsible for the authorisation of spending up to a level delegated to them within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, although appointment boards for posts in the Senior Leadership Team always contain a Governor. Headteacher appointments will always include the CEO. Some spending control is devolved to members of the School Leadership Team, with finance limits set requiring a member of the Executive Team to countersign.

The School Leadership Teams are responsible for the day to day operation of the School, in particular organising the teaching staff, facilities and children. This structure empowers staff at all levels to take responsibility to improve and review their working practice.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

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

The Chief Executive Officer is the only Trustee who receives remuneration from the Trust. They are subject to a performance management process managed by at least 2 other Trustees. Trustees consider performance of the Trust, individual performance of the CEO and market rate benchmarking to ensure the CEO salary award is appropriate. A recommendation is made to the wider Trust Board who vote on the matter. The CEO carries no Trustee vote in this matter.

h. Trade union facility time

The Trust does not have any employees who are union officials. The schools purchase the service through the Local Authority.

i. Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The Trust works closely with TT Support Services, Nottingham Schools Trust, Inspiring Leaders, Nottingham University, Derby University and the local authorities of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire in supporting schools.

j. Engagement with employees (Section 172 statement)

The Trust provides information to employees on matters of concern to them through regular communication directly through bulletins, letters and emails from the Chief Executive Officer. Fortnightly information is shared by the Trust with all Headteachers on key matters and outlines areas impacting the Trust, as well as offering opportunities to share best practice.

A collective bargaining agreement is in place with recognised Trade Unions and consultation on all matters that affect employees' interests and their terms of employment through regular meetings.

Employees are encouraged to be involved in the Trust's performance through an annual staff survey and there have been additional, shorter Wellbeing surveys that have taken place this year, to further understand employees' day to day concerns and to gather feedback. A common awareness on the part of all employees of factors affecting the performance of the company is achieved through regularly updating the Trust website and Twitter feed.

k. Engagement with suppliers, customers and others in a business relationship with the Trust (Section 172 statement)

Transform greatly values the relationship with suppliers and partners in delivery of education for all children in Trust schools. Transform seeks to find a balance between achieving best value for money and working constructively with preferred suppliers to leverage additional value which comes with closer collaboration. This is particularly pertinent to shared IT and software system solutions which enable a greater degree of control and potential synergies across the Trust.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

I. Engagement with suppliers, customers and others in a business relationship with the Trust (Section 172 statement) (continued)

Schools are increasingly engaged with their immediate communities in light of reducing pupil numbers at a number of Transform schools. Additional PR support has been deployed and tangible improvements in Ofsted ratings are helping. Additionally Transform is working with the relevant Local Authorities where pupil numbers in identified communities are in decline.

The Trust and its schools continue to engage the relevant Local Authorities in dialogue particularly in managing the welfare of children.

Objectives and activities

a. Objects and aims

The Company's object ("the Object") is specifically restricted to the following:

To advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing Academies which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and which shall include:

- (i) Church of England schools designated as such which shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship, and having regard to any advice issued by the Diocesan Board of Education; and
- (ii) other Academies whether with or without a designated religious character; but in relation to each of the Academies to recognise and support their individual ethos, whether or not designated Church of England.

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

The principal activity of the charitable company was the operation of 24 primary-age academies in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire areas, the schools vary in size from single form to three form entry.

During 2023/24, Abbey Hill Primary, King Edward Primary and Sutton Road Primary Schools joined the Trust taking the number of schools in the Trust to 24. The Trust has academy orders for a further 4 primary school to join Transform. It is uncertain when the conversions will take place however, these are expected to be welcomed into the Trust in 2024/25 or 2025/26. This will give the Trust further scale to deliver educational opportunities to children in the East Midlands.

Transform's objective continues to focus unwaveringly on improving school standards. 5 OFSTED inspections during the 2023/24 year evidenced this success with 2 schools maintaining "Outstanding" rating and 3 schools maintaining a "Good" rating.

It remains a core principle that Transform Trust's children remain central to all Trust endeavours. Trustees have always greatly valued enrichment opportunities and are looking and maximise these opportunities for young people in our Trust on an ongoing basis.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Objectives, strategies and activities (continued)

Trustees also recognise the success of the Trust lies with staff, and in October 2023 asked all staff how they felt in the annual Staff Survey. Overall Trust staff satisfaction reduced slightly, just below 88%. A small number of schools have flagged to us in the very latest survey (October 2024) where overall Trust staff satisfaction slipped slightly again to 86%. The CEO and CPO are leading follow-up work to get behind these latest results to develop a response.

The Trustees recognise that equal opportunities for staff should be an integral part of good practice within the workplace. The Multi Academy Trust aims to promote equal opportunity in all areas of its activities including creating a working environment in which the contribution and needs of all people are fully valued. The policy of Transform Trust continues to support recruitment and retention of pupils and employees with disabilities. Transform Trust does this by adapting the physical environment and by making support resources available. The mature investment in iPad across all Trust schools facilitates the widespread use of accessibility features, a key aspect in delivering Equity (one of Transform's 4 values) to all Trust stakeholders.

c. Public benefit

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charities Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit on advancing education. We have reviewed our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Transform Trust is a Trust offering education to children aged 2 to 11 and strives to promote and support the advancement of education within a local context. The schools provide an extensive programme of educational and recreational activity all designed to contribute to the overall education of its children.

In setting objectives and planning activities the Directors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Directors believe that the Trust's aims, together with the activities outlined above, are demonstrably to the public benefit.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

There have been 5 OFSTED inspections in the year. Of the schools inspected 2 have been judged to be "Outstanding" and 3 have been judged to be "Good". All schools retained their previous rating. Post year end, another Trust school has been assessed as "Good" which maintained its previous rating.

SATs results

- 11 out of 24 schools above national average for KS2 Reading
- 8 out of 24 schools above national average for KS2 Writing
- 8 out of 24 schools above national average for KS2 Maths
- 8 out of 24 schools above national average for KS2 Combined

4 out of 24 schools above national average for Y1 phonics

No KS1 SATs in 2024 – these no longer exist

12 out of 24 schools above national average for Y4 Multiplication TimesTable Check

a. Key performance indicators

The Directors consider that the following are key performance indicators for the Academy Trust:

- Ofsted Inspection results;
- SAT results
- External independent review outcomes;
- Internal standards and partnership reviews;
- Annual Staff Survey results;
- External Audit review and Management Letter;
- Internal Audit review and actions arising;
- Internal assessment of Teaching judged to be good or better;
- Pupils numbers (leading directly to the Education and Skills Funding Agency ("ESFA") funding level);
- General financial stability and robustness balancing budgets in each school each year;
- Staff Vacancies and ability to recruit and fill vacancies;
- Active involvement in partnership of schools and Transform Trust activities;

The current portfolio of schools has the following Ofsted judgements: Sneinton - Outstanding; Edale Rise - Good; Highbank - Good; Brocklewood - Good; Allenton - Good; Rosslyn Park - Good; Bulwell St Mary's - Good; Burford - Good; Robert Shaw - Good; William Booth - Good; Pear Tree Junior - Good; Breadsall Hill Top - Good; Whitegate - Good; South Wilford Endowed C of E - Good (Oct 22); Parkdale - Good; Zaytouna - Good (Sept 2023), Ravensdale - Good (Oct 2023); Lawn - Outstanding; Ashbrook Junior - Good (June 2023); Brierley Forest - Inadequate (previous school rating); Woodland View - Requires Improvement (previous school rating); Abbey Hill - Good (previous school rating). King Edward - Good (previous school rating) and Sutton Road - Good (previous school rating).

b. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason the board of trustees 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.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

Promoting the Success of the Company (Section 172 statement)

Trustees act to promote the success of Transform Trust at all times. Trustees actively consider the long term, but have also recognised the need to support the Senior Management team in the immediate operational challenges they face.

In 2022/23 Trustees have considered their own skills, and recruited a new Trustee with expertise in Governance. Ongoing internal review is a key part of ensuring the Board can meet the needs of Transform in the future as our aspiration remains on growth.

Trustees greatly value the running of the annual staff survey which has now been run for 7 years. Findings are reviewed by the Board and it was pleasing to see such a strong showing from staff

Children remain at the heart of Transform's focus and the Trust continue to promote a "children come first approach"

Financial review

Most of the Academy's recurrent income is obtained from the ESFA in the form of grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the period ended 31 August 2024 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

The academy's total funds at the end of the period are £113,756k of which £108,864k is in the restricted fixed asset fund, leaving a total reserve balance of both general restricted and unrestricted funds of £4,892k; of which (£797k) is restricted funding and £5,689k is unrestricted funding.

At 31 August 2024, the net book value of fixed assets was £107,707k and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 14 to the financial statements. During the period the assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

a. Reserves policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy Trust throughout the year. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of the reserves. The Trustees will always try to match recurring income with recurring expenditure in the current year (set and manage a balanced budget) and will only carry forward reserves that it considers necessary.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be equivalent to one month's cost, approximately £3m. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grant income and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance or long term sickness where unforeseen costs are incurred.

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a. Reserves policy (continued)

As at 31 August 2024 the Trust has 'free' reserves i.e. those reserves that are freely available for general purposes of the Trust total £5,689k. The restricted fixed asset fund totals £108,864k which can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets. Restricted reserves are in deficit by £797k of which £893k relates to Local Government Pension Fund deficit which is due to be repaid in line with the agreed terms of the Fund. The remainder of the restricted reserves, a surplus of £96k must only be spent as intended, the majority of which relates to grant funding from government sources to support delivery of education across the Trust.

The pension reserve held within restricted funds was in deficit by £893k at 31 August 2024. This does not mean that an immediate liability for this amount crystallises. The deficit position will result in a cash flow effect for the academy trust in the form of employer's pension contributions as assessed by the actuary.

The balance on restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) is £96k and the balance on unrestricted funds is £5,689k at 31 August 2024, giving a combined funds figure of £5,785k. This is more than the level determined by Trustees to be appropriate and capital investment is planned over the next 5 years to utilise these reserves.

b. Investment policy

The Academy Trust seeks to maximise returns from investments, minimise risk and maintain flexibility and access to funds.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

Each academy evaluates and monitors its own risks, and the Trust maintains its own risk register. The main risks that each Academy is exposed to are summarised below. For each of these risks the likelihood and impact have been considered together with appropriate action and management plans:

Operational and reputational - this covers risks to the running of the Trust (including the capacity of staff and buildings to meet the needs of pupils) and its performance in delivering the curriculum.

Financial - covering risks to the Trust's financial position, including revenue streams, cost control and cash management.

The risks to which the Trust is exposed arise both internally and externally. External risks include those in respect of future funding levels, competition, changes to rules and regulations, and the financial position of the staff pension schemes.

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c. Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

The Top 3 Trust risks as evaluated by Trust leadership are summarised below as part of full Risk Register evaluation. For each risk, the probability and impact has been considered alongside appropriate management action:

- Cyber Attack – Detailed system reviews, engagement of central strategic IT partners, centralisation of MS 365 tenancy, staff training and cyber risk cover (meeting RPA requirements). Appointment of Director of Facilities in May 2024 provides the Trust with additional expertise and capacity to address this risk.
- Reduction in Pupil numbers – census data showing consistent reduction of pupils in a small number of schools. This impacts GAG income to the school. Local birth rates and inward migration have been considered, local partners and communities engaged, and where necessary, Published Admission Number (PAN) reduced. Maintaining high school standards and enrichment opportunities for children remain key drivers to attracting parents to the school.
- Persistently poor performing schools within the Trust poor SATs data - the impact on wider Trust could include; potential removal of schools by DfE and no further schools considered by RD/DfE. Actions taken by the Trust include; regular review of school standards; the Trust appoint a panel (cross departmental experts) to provide additional scrutiny and support for poorest performing schools, deployment of associate Headteachers to support and Trustee Standards committee provides oversight from the Board.

The Risk Register is reviewed annually by Trustees, Executive and Schools.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Trust, and its finances. The Local Governing Bodies for each School have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the school faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and school trips) and in relation to the control of finance. They have maintained systems, including operational procedures (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors, supervision of school estates) and internal financial controls (see below) in order to manage risk. Where significant residual financial risk remains we have adequate loss cover through the RPA scheme. The Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

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e. Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The Academy Trust does not use complex financial instruments. It manages its activities using cash and various items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations.

Liquidity risk - The Trust manages its cash resources, including sufficient working capital, so that all its operating needs are met without the need for short term borrowing.

Interest rate risk - The Trust earns interest on cash deposits. With interest rates currently low, the trustees will consider action to increase the income from these deposits, provided it does not jeopardise the liquidity or security of the Trust's assets.

Credit risk - The risk arises from the possibility that amounts owed to the Trust will not be repaid. The Trust does not undertake credit activities so it is only exposed to credit risk as it arises from normal business. Credit risk is managed through the use of approved banks and the prompt collection of amounts due.

A material risk for the Trust in relation to the defined pension scheme has been mitigated as Parliament agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to guarantee that in the event of an Academy or Trust closure, outstanding LGPS liability would be met by the DfE. The guarantee came in to force on 18th July 2013.

Fundraising

Each school within the Trust participates at low level in various forms of fundraising often in partnership with a local Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who will run local school fairs to raise funds for the school. Schools also participate in dress down days and events from nationally recognised institutions like Red Nose Day and Children in Need. Support for such events is voluntary and no professional fundraisers are engaged. School and Office Managers in school will bank any such cash sums into the single school bank account and paid over as quickly as possible. Relative to school funding obtained from other sources, such fundraising is immaterial.

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

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Streamlined energy and carbon reporting (SECR)

1.0 Transform Trust

For inclusion in the Trustees' report for the year ended 31st August 2024

2.0 Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR)

2.1 UK energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions

Annual energy usage and associated annual greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions are reported pursuant to the Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations") that came into force 1st April 2019.

2.2 Organisational boundary

In accordance with the 2018 Regulations, the energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions are for those assets owned or operated within the UK only as defined by the operational control boundary. This includes all twenty-four schools controlled during the reporting period along with the mandatory inclusion of scope 3 business travel in employee-owned or hire vehicles (grey fleet). This reporting period saw the addition of Abbey Hill Primary & Nursery, King Edward Primary School & Nursery and Sutton Road Primary School. A full 12 months of energy and emissions have been reported for benchmarking and future annual comparisons.

2.3 Reporting period

The annual reporting period is 1st September to 31st August each year and the energy and carbon emissions are aligned to this period.

2.4 Quantification and reporting methodology

The 2019 UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines and the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (revised edition) were followed. The 2024 UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting were used in emission calculations. The report has been reviewed independently by Zenergi Limited (trading as Briar Consulting Engineers Limited).

The electricity and gas consumption were compiled from invoice records. Where invoices do not cover the whole reporting period, estimation techniques such as the pro-rata or direct comparison methods were applied. Where better data could not be accessed, annual consumption was estimated using Display Energy Certificates (DECs). Mileage claims were used to calculate energy use and emissions associated with grey fleet. Solar PV is owned by a third party and the schools consumption has been calculated from readings on the invoices. Generally gross calorific values were used except for grey fleet mileage energy calculations as per Government GHG Conversion Factors.

The associated emissions are divided into mandatory and voluntary emissions according to the 2018 Regulations, then further divided into the direct combustion of fuels and the operation of facilities (scope 1), indirect emissions from purchased electricity (scope 2) and further indirect emissions that occur because of Trust activities but occur from sources not owned or controlled by the organisation (scope 3).

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Streamlined energy and carbon reporting (SECR) (continued)

Breakdown of energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh):

Energy type	2022/23	2023/24
Mandatory:		
Gas	5,448,458	5,642,587
Purchased electricity from the grid	2,096,597	2,394,865
Transport fuel	27,179	29,832
Consumed electricity from on-site renewable sources	52,453	46,277
Total energy (mandatory)	7,572,234	8,113,561

Note: figures may not sum due to rounding

Breakdown of emissions associated with the reported energy use (tCO₂e):

Emission source	2022/23	2023/24
Mandatory:		
Scope 1		
Gas	996.7	1,032.0
Trust-owned vehicles (minibuses)	0.0	0.0
Scope 2		
Purchased electricity (location-based)	434.2	495.9
Consumed electricity from on-site renewable sources	0.0	0.0
Scope 3		
Category 6: Business travel (grey fleet)	6.6	7.2
Total gross emissions (mandatory)	1,437.4	1,535.1

Note: figures may not sum due to rounding

2.5 Intensity ratio

Two intensity ratios are reported showing emissions (tCO₂e) per pupil and per square meter floor area. Emissions per pupil is the recommended ratio for the sector for consistency and comparability and pupil numbers are based on the Autumn 2023 Census. Emissions per square meter floor area is reported to reflect the energy efficiency of the buildings, which are the source of most emissions.

Intensity ratios	2022/23	2023/24
Mandatory emissions only:		
Tonnes of CO ₂ e per pupil	0.217	0.180
Tonnes of CO ₂ e per square meter floor area	0.033	0.032

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Streamlined energy and carbon reporting (SECR) (continued)

2.6 Energy efficiency action during current financial year

In the reporting period September 2023 – August 2024, the Trust has taken the following energy efficiency actions:

- EV chargers have been installed across twelve schools within the Trust.
- New fire doors have been fitted at nine of the schools to help improve insulation and mitigate heat loss.
- Replacement windows with double glazing have been installed to improve insulation at two schools.
- Roof works have been completed improving thermal efficiency therefore energy wastage.
- There have been boiler replacements at five of the schools within the Trust, replacing older and less efficient boilers with new energy efficient boilers.

The Trust remains committed to reducing its carbon footprint and continues to look out for new energy saving and funding opportunities going forwards.

Future Plans

Trustees plan to continue to grow as opportunity allows, resources remain sustainable and the intimate feel of Transform Trust remains. At December 2024, there are currently 4 Academy Orders granted for schools waiting to join Transform Trust, primary-age and within the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas. They are already contributing to the Trust, and in receipt of appropriate support too. The objective for Transform Trust remains the same – to enhance the educational and enrichment opportunities for every Transform child. This is still inevitably measured in attainment and progress, but also in experiential opportunity for every child through activities in and out of school.

Trustees anticipate the current partnership hub model will continue to evolve through growth, and that the current Trust Committee structures will continue in their current form. A decline in pupil numbers through declines in birth rate is presenting a challenge to some Trust schools, and targeted capital investment coupled with increasing community engagement are Executive foci for the present. Trustees are also seeking further leverage in the digital investment of recent years, to ensure every child is properly prepared for the digital age we are living in, and to embrace the emerging opportunities of the workplace of the future.

Funds held as custodian on behalf of others

The Academy Trust does not hold funds as a custodian Trustee on behalf of others.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Disclosure of information to auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is 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 auditor is aware of that information.

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

Mike Butler
Mike Butler (Dec 16, 2024 15:00 GMT)

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M Butler
Chair

Date: Dec 16, 2024

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

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

As trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and Competency Framework for Governance.

The board of trustees has delegated the day to day responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer 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 Transform Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of Trustees has formally met 9 times during the year, with 6 Board meetings and 3 Strategy Days. Attendance during the year at Board meetings of the board of Trustees was as follows:

	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
P Munro (Chair)	6	6
R Meredith CBE (Accounting Officer)	6	6
R Periam	5	6
Dame S Jowett	5	6
D Jones	6	6
G Savidge	3	6
S Dennis	4	6
R Shaffi	5	6
M Butler MInstLM	6	6
Dr C Gripton	4	6
M Coppel (appointed 9 October 2023)	4	5

Peter Munro was been elected to continue as Chair of Trust Board with effect from 1st September 2023, however Peter retired from his Board of Trustee duties on the 31st August 2024. Mike Butler was newly elected Chair of the Board of Trustees with effect 1st September 2024. Dennis Jones was elected to the Board once again by fellow Chairs of Governors. Mark Coppel joined the board on the 9 October 2023. Sam Dennis left the Board on the 31 August 2024. Post year end Maddi Popoola joined the board 18 September 2024. Overall, the number of Trustees on the Board is currently 10 (11 at the year- end).

Mark Coppel joined the Trust in October 2023, he is an expert in Governance and adds further to the skills of the board. Maddi Popoola is an Education Psychologist and brings this knowledge to the board.

Conflicts of interest

The Trust takes proactive action to avoid conflicts of interests. Trustees, Governors and Staff are expected to complete a declaration of interest form on an annual basis. There is a standing agenda item in every Trust Board and Local Governing Body meeting inviting attendees to declare any interests which arise as a result of the meeting agenda. If a conflict of interest is recognised, then the individual is asked to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

Governance review

Directors conduct a continual review of governance across the Trust, both at Trustee and Local Governing Body level. At Trustee level, following a resignation a suitably experienced Trustees were sought and appointed.

The Chief Operating Officer attends all Board Meetings and reports in as a standing agenda item on Governance, Safeguarding and Data Protection. The Trust Scheme of Delegation is reviewed annually by Trustees in September.

The **Audit and Finance Committee** is a sub-committee of the main board of Trustees. Its purpose is to maintain an oversight of the Trust's finance, risk management and internal control framework. In financial year 2024/25 this committee will be divided into 2 separate committees; Audit and Risk and Finance and Budget.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
R Periam	2	3
D Jones	3	3
G Savidge	2	3

The **Performance Board Committee** is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to examine in more detail the education performance of schools within the Trust.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
R Meredith CBE (Accounting Officer)	3	3
Dame S Jowett (Chair)	3	3
S Dennis	2	3
R Shaffi	3	3
Dr C Gripton (appointed 1 May 2024)	1	1

The **HR Committee** is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to maintain oversight for all staffing matters including policies and procedures, national pay awards, staff welfare, employment law implications and HR compliance.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
P Munro (Chair)	3	3
R Meredith CBE (Accounting Officer)	3	3
R Periam	2	3
M Butler	3	3

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

The **Pay Committee** is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to review pay recommendations and meets once a year.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
P Munro (Chair)	2	2
R Periam	2	2
M Butler	2	2

Faith Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to ensure that the faith distinctiveness is maintained and enhanced.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Rebecca Meredith	2	4
S Dennis	4	4
R Periam	2	4

Review of value for money

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

The Accounting Officer considers how the Trust'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 available. The Accounting Officer for the Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Continuing to centralise digital support and infrastructure, which now includes iPad management and service, scaling up local IT support to schools, and to standardise on specifications and therefore buying power where possible.
- Appointment of a Director of Facilities to focus scale purchasing power into estates, whilst also improving estate standards
- Centralised Crisis media training for all Headteachers, Executive and Trustees – arranged to derive maximum value for money.
- Use of strategic partners to maximise scale and minimise costs – includes Supply Staff, IT Support, IT Infrastructure, Estates.
- Use of TCaF grant finance to fund specific capacity challenges at Trust Centre ahead of school growth

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of trust 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 Transform Trust for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 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 Trust's system of internal 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 Audit and Finance Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- identification and management of risks

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for internal scrutiny and this was performed by an external suitably qualified firm SAAF Education. A review of the systems of internal control and compliance with the Academies Trust Handbook is conducted termly. Reports are considered by the Audit & Finance Committee.

The internal scrutineer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on Trust financial systems. Actions are agreed to remediate and further improve the internal control framework as a result.

On a termly basis, the auditor reports to the board of trustees, through the audit and risk committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities. On an annual basis the auditor prepare a summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

There were no material control or other issues reported by the designated internal scrutineer during the year.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of effectiveness

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

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised by internal scrutiny and external audit following their review of the system of internal control, and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Conclusion

Based on the advice of the audit and risk 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:

Mike Butler
Mike Butler (Dec 16, 2024 15:00 GMT)

M Butler
Chair

Date: Dec 16, 2024

R Meredith
R Meredith (Dec 16, 2024 14:05 GMT)

R Meredith CBE
Accounting Officer

Date: Dec 16, 2024

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Transform Trust, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust board of Directors and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust board of Directors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

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

R Meredith
R Meredith (Dec 16, 2024 14:05 GMT)

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R Meredith CBE
Accounting Officer

Date: Dec 16, 2024

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . 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 2023 to 2024;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

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

Mike Butler
Mike Butler (Dec 16, 2024 15:00 GMT)
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M Butler
Chair

Date: Dec 16, 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
TRANSFORM TRUST**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Transform Trust (the 'Academy Trust') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities (Charities SORP 2019) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the 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 Trust'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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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
TRANSFORM TRUST**

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's 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 statement. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in trustees' report including the incorporated 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF TRANSFORM TRUST

Responsibilities of Trustees'

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 23, the Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

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.

Based on our understanding of the Academy Trust and its activities, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements: employment regulation, health and safety regulation and anti-money laundering regulation.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the company is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
TRANSFORM TRUST**

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

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the funding agreement with the Department of Education, tax legislation, pension legislation, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024.

In addition, we evaluated the Trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to revenue recognition (which we pinpointed to the cut off assertion) and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the Trustees' and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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

Use of the audit report

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



David Hoose (Dec 16, 2024 15:56 GMT)

David Hoose (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Forvis Mazars LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Park View House
58 The Ropewalk
Nottingham
NG1 5DW

Date: Dec 16, 2024

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

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 10 September 2024 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Transform Trust during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Transform Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Transform Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Transform Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Transform Trust's Accounting Officer and the Reporting Accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Transform Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 29 May 2012 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024. 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 2023 to 31 August 2024 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Planning our assurance procedures including identifying key risks;
- Carrying out sample testing on controls;
- Carrying out substantive testing including analytical review; and
- Concluding on procedures carried out.

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

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Forvis Mazars LLP
Forvis Mazars LLP (Dec 16, 2024 15:56 GMT)

Forvis Mazars LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Park View House
58 The Ropewalk
Nottingham
NG1 5DW

Date: Dec 16, 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2023 £000
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants:	3					
Transfer on conversion from local authority		855	79	21,705	22,639	17,548
Other donations and capital grants		54	-	1,996	2,050	3,266
Other trading activities	5	318	4	-	322	280
Investments	6	179	-	-	179	59
Charitable activities:						
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations		458	50,785	-	51,243	45,232
Total income		<u>1,864</u>	<u>50,868</u>	<u>23,701</u>	<u>76,433</u>	<u>66,385</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	124	-	-	124	361
Charitable activities		618	51,205	2,839	54,662	48,440
Total expenditure		<u>742</u>	<u>51,205</u>	<u>2,839</u>	<u>54,786</u>	<u>48,801</u>
Net income/ (expenditure)		<u>1,122</u>	<u>(337)</u>	<u>20,862</u>	<u>21,647</u>	<u>17,584</u>
Transfers between funds	18	(672)	-	672	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		<u>450</u>	<u>(337)</u>	<u>21,534</u>	<u>21,647</u>	<u>17,584</u>
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	24	-	669	-	669	5,818
Net movement in funds		<u>450</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>21,534</u>	<u>22,316</u>	<u>23,402</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2023 £000
Note					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5,239	(1,129)	87,330	91,440	68,038
Net movement in funds	450	332	21,534	22,316	23,402
Total funds carried forward	5,689	(797)	108,864	113,756	91,440

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 08320065

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £000	2023 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	107,707	86,540
		<u>107,707</u>	<u>86,540</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	106	71
Debtors	16	3,719	2,115
Cash at bank and in hand	22	7,487	8,577
		<u>11,312</u>	<u>10,763</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	(4,370)	(3,688)
		<u>6,942</u>	<u>7,075</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>114,649</u>	<u>93,615</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24	(893)	(2,175)
		<u>113,756</u>	<u>91,440</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>113,756</u></u>	<u><u>91,440</u></u>
Funds of the Academy Trust			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	18	108,864	87,330
Restricted income funds	18	96	1,046
		<u>108,960</u>	<u>88,376</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension liability	18	108,960	88,376
Pension reserve	18	(893)	(2,175)
		<u>108,067</u>	<u>86,201</u>
Total restricted funds	18	108,067	86,201
Unrestricted income funds	18	5,689	5,239
		<u>113,756</u>	<u>91,440</u>
Total funds		<u><u>113,756</u></u>	<u><u>91,440</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

The financial statements on pages 30 to 68 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf, by:

Mike Butler
Mike Butler (Dec 16, 2024 15:00 GMT)

M Butler
Chair

Date: Dec 16, 2024

The notes on pages 35 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £000	2023 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	20	(890)	545
Cash flows provided by/(used in) investing activities	21	(200)	1,275
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(1,090)	1,820
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		8,577	6,757
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	22, 23	<u>7,487</u>	<u>8,577</u>

The notes on pages 35 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), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, 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 2023 to 2024 issued by the ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

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 Trust to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Donations

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

Other income

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

Transfer on conversion

Where assets and liabilities are received by the Academy Trust on conversion to an academy, the transferred assets are measured at fair value and recognised in the Balance Sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the Academy Trust. An equal amount of income is recognised as a transfer on conversion within 'Income from Donations and Capital Grants' to the net assets received.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £5k 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:

Land and buildings	- 50 years
Fixtures , fittings & equipment	- 5 years
Computer equipment	- 3 years

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

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

At 31 August 2024 the Trust holds properties under 125-year leases from NCC and Derby City Council. These properties are included at their depreciated replacement cost at the date of conversion to academy status.

Land adjacent to Bulwell St Mary's Primary and Nursery school, which is being used as playing fields, is held on a 125-year lease from NCC and therefore has been recognised in long leasehold land and buildings.

The freehold of the properties at Sneinton St Stephen's Church of England Primary School and Bulwell St Mary's Primary and Nursery School is held by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. The properties are occupied by the Trust's schools in accordance with the terms of Church Supplemental Agreements, dates 23 December 2014 and 28 July 2016 respectively, between the Trust , the Secretary of State for education and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham own all the legal title of the land and freehold where the Academies are situated, there is no formal lease in place and the Diocese do not charge any rent for the use of the property. The Academy Trust has a licence concluded that the trust does not have control over the premises. The guidance provided in the Academies Accounts Direction states that, such assets should not be recognised in the financial statements. This guidance has been followed and, therefore, the properties have not been recognised on the Trust's Balance Sheet.

Land and buildings includes land valued at £15,578k (2023 - £12,112k) which is not subject to depreciation.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.7 Liabilities

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

1.8 Financial instruments

The Academy Trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy Trust and their measurement 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 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the Academy Trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 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. Amounts due to the Academy Trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 Taxation

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

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

1.10 Operating leases

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

1.11 Pensions

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

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

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

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Fund accounting

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by 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.

2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 24, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. 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.

For certain schools in the Trust, the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date is less than the fair value of plan assets at that date. Therefore for these schools the plan has a notional surplus. As management do not consider that the Trust will be able to recover the surplus either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan, the surplus has not been recognised in these financial statements in line with paragraph 28.22 of FRS102.

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3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2023 £000
Transfer on conversion from local authority	855	79	21,705	22,639	17,548
Donations	54	-	-	54	29
Capital grants	-	-	1,996	1,996	3,237
Total 2024	<u>909</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>23,701</u>	<u>24,689</u>	<u>20,814</u>
Total 2023	<u>712</u>	<u>(639)</u>	<u>20,741</u>	<u>20,814</u>	

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4. Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2023 £000
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	37,237	37,237	33,023
Other DfE/ESFA grants				
Pupil Premium	-	4,323	4,323	3,774
Teachers' Pay and Pension Grants	-	948	948	93
School supplementary grants	-	-	-	939
Mainstream School Additional Grants	-	1,211	1,211	518
Others	-	2,129	2,129	2,198
	-	45,848	45,848	40,545
Other Government grants				
Local authority grants	-	4,149	4,149	3,609
Other income from the Academy Trust's educational operations	458	788	1,246	1,078
Total 2024	458	50,785	51,243	45,232
Total 2023	415	44,817	45,232	

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5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2023 £000
Hire of facilities	41	-	41	31
Income from other charitable activities	226	4	230	136
Income from ancillary trading activities	51	-	51	113
Total 2024	<u>318</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>280</u>
Total 2023	<u>275</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>280</u>	

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2023 £000
Short term deposits	179	179	59
Total 2023	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>	

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7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs	Premises	Other	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Allocated support costs	-	-	124	124	361
Academy Trust's educational operations:					
Direct costs	33,924	-	3,258	37,182	32,856
Allocated support costs	7,183	4,135	6,162	17,480	15,584
Total 2024	<u>41,107</u>	<u>4,135</u>	<u>9,544</u>	<u>54,786</u>	<u>48,801</u>
Total 2023	<u>37,185</u>	<u>3,415</u>	<u>8,201</u>	<u>48,801</u>	

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8. Charitable activities

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Direct costs - educational operations	37,182	32,856
Support costs - educational operations	17,480	15,584
	<u>54,662</u>	<u>48,440</u>

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Analysis of support costs		
Staff costs	7,183	7,086
Depreciation	2,839	2,485
Technology costs	722	411
Premises costs	4,135	3,408
Legal costs - conversion	32	17
Legal costs - other	9	3
Other support costs	2,471	2,114
Governance costs	89	60
	<u>17,480</u>	<u>15,584</u>

9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Operating lease rentals	54	53
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,855	2,449
Fees paid to auditor for:		
- audit	42	30
- other services	24	23
	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>

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10. Staff

a. Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	29,837	26,295
Social security costs	2,650	2,580
Pension costs	6,337	6,439
Apprenticeship Levy	136	-
	<u>38,960</u>	<u>35,314</u>
Agency staff costs	1,956	1,642
Staff restructuring costs	61	57
Staff Development and other staff costs	130	172
	<u>41,107</u>	<u>37,185</u>

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Severance payments	61	57
	<u>61</u>	<u>57</u>

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £26k (2023 - £30k). Individually the payments are £19k and £7k.

b. Severance payments

The Academy Trust paid 2 severance payments in the year (2023 - 6), disclosed in the following bands:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£0 - £25,000	-	6
£25,001 - £50,000	2	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

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10. Staff (continued)

c. Staff numbers

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Teachers	398	397
Administration and support	784	706
Management	27	24
	<u>1,209</u>	<u>1,127</u>

d. Higher paid staff

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	17	10
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	4	5
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	6	7
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	5	3
In the band £100,001 - £110,000	2	-
In the band £110,001 - £120,000	-	1
In the band £130,001 - £140,000	1	-
In the band £140,001 - £150,000	-	1
In the band £150,001 - £160,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

e. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £3,153k (2023 - £2,522k).

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11. Central services

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

Financial services
 Legal services
 Educational support services
 HR services

The Academy Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

A flat percentage of income (5%) on certain income streams.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Sneinton St Stephen's CoE Primary School	75	71
Edale Rise Primary and Nursery School	85	80
Highbank Primary School	91	84
Brocklewood Primary School	161	160
Rossllyn Park Primary School	220	213
Allenton Community Primary School	111	107
Bulwell St Mary's CoE Primary School	79	72
Burford Primary and Nursery School	72	68
William Booth Primary and Nursery School	79	77
Robert Shaw Primary and Nursery School	123	109
Whitegate Primary and Nursery School	125	124
Pear Tree Community Junior School	130	119
Breadsall Hill Top Primary School	125	115
South Wilford Endowed CoE Primary School	98	90
Parkdale Primary School	115	108
Zaytouna Primary School	136	121
Lawn Primary School	108	103
Ravensdale Primary School	96	88
Ashbrook Junior School	51	46
Brierley Forest Primary Academy	102	91
Woodland View Primary School	97	34
King Edward Primary School & Nursery	32	-
Abbey Hill Primary & Nursery	36	-
Sutton Road Primary School	14	-
Total	2,361	2,080

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12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
R Meredith CBE, CEO and Accounting Officer		
Remuneration	155 - 160	145 - 150
Pension contributions paid	40 - 45	30 - 35

During the year ended 31 August 2024, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £86 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2023 - £Nil).

13. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

The Academy Trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business, and provides unlimited cover. 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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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £000	Furniture, fittings & equipment £000	Computer equipment £000	Total £000
Cost				
At 1 September 2023	91,160	3,128	4,028	98,316
Additions	1,438	231	753	2,422
On acquisition of subsidiaries	21,647	-	-	21,647
Disposals	(2)	(68)	-	(70)
At 31 August 2024	<u>114,243</u>	<u>3,291</u>	<u>4,781</u>	<u>122,315</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	7,456	1,806	2,514	11,776
Charge for the year	1,618	384	854	2,856
On disposals	-	(6)	(18)	(24)
At 31 August 2024	<u>9,074</u>	<u>2,184</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>14,608</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2024	<u><u>105,169</u></u>	<u><u>1,107</u></u>	<u><u>1,431</u></u>	<u><u>107,707</u></u>
At 31 August 2023	<u><u>83,704</u></u>	<u><u>1,322</u></u>	<u><u>1,514</u></u>	<u><u>86,540</u></u>

15. Stocks

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Stock	<u>106</u>	<u>71</u>

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16. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	25	5
Amounts owed by group undertakings	153	72
VAT recoverable	430	148
Other debtors	935	347
Prepayments and accrued income	2,176	1,543
	<u>3,719</u>	<u>2,115</u>

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Trade creditors	290	316
Other taxation and social security	692	-
Other creditors	3	1
Accruals and deferred income	3,385	3,371
	<u>4,370</u>	<u>3,688</u>

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Deferred income at 1 September	1,498	1,561
Resources deferred during the year	(1,498)	1,498
Amounts released from previous periods	1,665	(1,561)
Deferred income at 31 August	<u>1,665</u>	<u>1,498</u>

Deferred income includes the following:

£61k (2023 - £31k) Rates Relief
£376k (2023 - £381k) UIFSM
£855k (2023 - £649k) SEN Funding
£212k (2023 - £413k) Early Years
£135k (2023 - £Nil) National Tutoring
£26k (2023 - £24k) Trips and other

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18. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2024 £000
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	5,239	1,864	(742)	(672)	-	5,689
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,046	37,237	(38,187)	-	-	96
Pupil Premium	-	4,323	(4,323)	-	-	-
Other Grants	-	9,229	(9,229)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,175)	79	534	-	669	(893)
	(1,129)	50,868	(51,205)	-	669	(797)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on conversion	79,594	21,705	(1,756)	-	-	99,543
DfE/ESFA capital grants	7,736	1,996	(1,083)	672	-	9,321
	87,330	23,701	(2,839)	672	-	108,864
Total Restricted funds	86,201	74,569	(54,044)	672	669	108,067
Total funds	91,440	76,433	(54,786)	-	669	113,756

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

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

- Unrestricted funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy Trust at the discretion of the Trustees;
- Restricted funds (excluding pension and other restricted reserves) represent funds received from the Department for Education and is specifically spent on the running of the Academy Trust;
- Pension reserve represents the Local Government Pension Scheme liability;
- Other restricted reserve represents funds which are restricted by the donor including school trip income;
- Restricted fixed asset funds represent resources which are applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Department for Education where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Transfers relate to revenue funds used for capital expenditure.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2024.

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2023 £000
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	4,695	1,461	(917)	-	-	5,239
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	804	33,023	(32,586)	(195)	-	1,046
Pupil Premium	-	3,774	(3,774)	-	-	-
School supplementary grants	-	939	(939)	-	-	-
Teachers' Pay and Pension Grant	-	93	(93)	-	-	-
Other Grants	-	6,993	(6,993)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(6,623)	(639)	(731)	-	5,818	(2,175)
	<u>(5,819)</u>	<u>44,183</u>	<u>(45,116)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>5,818</u>	<u>(1,129)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on conversion	63,813	17,445	(1,664)	-	-	79,594
DfE/ESFA capital grants	5,349	3,296	(1,104)	195	-	7,736
	<u>69,162</u>	<u>20,741</u>	<u>(2,768)</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,330</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>63,343</u>	<u>64,924</u>	<u>(47,884)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,818</u>	<u>86,201</u>
Total funds	<u><u>68,038</u></u>	<u><u>66,385</u></u>	<u><u>(48,801)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>5,818</u></u>	<u><u>91,440</u></u>

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2024 were allocated as follows:

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Sneinton St Stephen's CoE Primary School	172	177
Edale Rise Primary and Nursery School	202	237
Highbank Primary School	180	195
Brocklewood Primary School	190	221
Rosslyn Park Primary School	407	531
Allenton Community Primary School	167	354
Bulwell St Mary's CoE Primary School	246	325
Burford Primary and Nursery School	50	86
William Booth Primary and Nursery School	75	160
Robert Shaw Primary and Nursery School	130	184
Whitegate Primary and Nursery School	517	646
Pear Tree Community Junior School	249	306
Breadsall Hill Top Primary School	69	162
South Wilford Endowed CoE Primary School	264	370
Parkdale Primary School	427	373
Zaytouna Primary School	168	176
Lawn Primary School	72	67
Ravensdale Junior School	41	134
Ashbrook Junior School	143	168
Brierley Forest Primary School	477	410
Woodland View Primary School	261	294
King Edward Primary School & Nursery	11	-
Abbey Hill Primary & Nursery	230	-
Sutton Road Primary School	616	-
Transform Trust	421	709
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Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	5,785	6,285
Restricted fixed asset fund	108,864	87,330
Pension reserve	(893)	(2,175)
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Total	113,756	91,440
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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Total cost analysis by academy

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £000	Other support staff costs £000	Educational supplies £000	Other costs excluding depreciation £000	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Sneinton St Stephen's	927	169	100	259	1,455	1,601
Edale Rise	1,200	134	82	268	1,684	1,617
Highbank	1,143	212	89	232	1,676	1,636
Brocklewood	2,290	528	159	443	3,420	3,358
Rosslyn Park	2,971	616	256	614	4,457	4,239
Allenton	1,460	266	95	403	2,224	2,472
Bulwell St Mary's	978	184	116	263	1,541	1,502
Burford	839	199	80	248	1,366	1,415
William Booth	1,006	228	106	333	1,673	1,581
Robert Shaw	1,665	250	100	422	2,437	2,220
Whitegate	1,857	379	123	304	2,663	2,385
Pear Tree	1,747	208	143	415	2,513	2,292
Breadsall Hill Top	1,690	361	108	316	2,475	2,287
South Wilford Endowed	1,372	183	122	363	2,040	1,840
Parkdale	1,589	170	125	391	2,275	2,138
Zaytouna	1,640	375	133	477	2,625	2,470
Lawn	1,432	430	96	322	2,280	2,346
Ravensdale	1,246	374	102	266	1,988	1,933
Ashbrook	660	165	86	177	1,088	954
Brierley Forest	1,197	156	97	433	1,883	1,818
Woodland View	1,287	184	37	314	1,822	663
King Edward	486	73	15	95	669	-
Abbey Hill	512	114	22	124	772	-
Sutton Road	190	46	1	23	260	-
Transform Trust	2,539	1,176	116	825	4,656	3,549
Academy Trust	33,923	7,180	2,509	8,330	51,942	46,316

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted funds 2024 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £000	Total funds 2024 £000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	107,707	107,707
Current assets	5,689	4,466	1,157	11,312
Creditors due within one year	-	(4,370)	-	(4,370)
Pension scheme liability	-	(893)	-	(893)
Total	5,689	(797)	108,864	113,756

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

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £000	Restricted funds 2023 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £000	Total funds 2023 £000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	86,540	86,540
Current assets	5,239	4,734	790	10,763
Creditors due within one year	-	(3,688)	-	(3,688)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(2,175)	-	(2,175)
Total	5,239	(1,129)	87,330	91,440

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

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	21,647	17,584
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,856	2,449
Interest receivable	(179)	(59)
Decrease/(increase) in stock	(35)	22
Increase in debtors	(680)	(66)
Increase in creditors	682	669
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(1,997)	(3,237)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(588)	465
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	54	266
Donated fixed assets	(21,647)	(17,445)
Defined benefit pension scheme obligation inherited	(79)	639
Surplus on conversion of academies	(924)	(742)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(890)	545

21. Cash flows from investing activities

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Interest received	179	59
Purchase of tangible assets	(2,422)	(2,798)
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	46	35
Capital grants from DfE Group	1,997	3,237
Cash transferred on conversion from local authority	-	742
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(200)	1,275

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22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Cash in hand and at bank	2,487	2,520
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	5,000	6,057
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>7,487</u>	<u>8,577</u>

23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1		At 31
	September	Cash flows	August 2024
	2023	£000	£000
	£000		£000
Cash at bank and in hand	8,577	(1,090)	7,487

24. Pension commitments

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

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 £2k were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023 - £Nil) 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.

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to 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 will be implemented from 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £4,232k (2023 - £3,387k).

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

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

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate Trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £3,352k (2023 - £2,849k), of which employer's contributions totalled £2,648k (2023 - £2,231k) and employees' contributions totalled £704k (2023 - £618k). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18% per cent for employers and 5.5% to 12.5% per cent for employees.

As described in note 29 the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the Academy Trust, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the Scheme in the year. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the Academy Trust at the balance sheet date.

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

In June 2023 the High Court ruled in the case of Virgin Media Limited v NTL Pension Trustees. The ruling was that certain pension scheme rule amendments were invalid if they were not accompanied by the correct actuarial confirmation.

This High Court ruling was appealed. In a judgement delivered on 25 July 2024, the Court of Appeal unanimously upheld the decision of the High Court.

At the date of approval of these financial statements, while it is known there is potential for additional pension liabilities to be recognised as a result of this ruling, the impact in monetary terms is not known and it is reasonable to form the view that it cannot be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, no adjustments to reflect the impact of the ruling have been made in these financial statements.

The Trustees will continue to monitor the developments and consider the impact on the LGPS liabilities recognised by the Trust.

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2024	2023
	%	%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.00 - 5.10	5.20 - 5.30
Rate of increase in salaries	3.65 - 3.80	3.85 - 4.00
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.65 - 2.80	2.85 - 3.00
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.65 - 2.80	2.85 - 3.00

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2024 Years	2023 Years
Retiring today		
Males	20.4 - 20.8	20.4 - 20.8
Females	23.3 - 23.8	23.2 - 23.8
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	21.5 - 21.7	21.6 - 21.7
Females	24.7 - 25.3	24.6 - 25.3

Sensitivity analysis

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Discount rate -0.1%	959	741
Salary increase rate +0.1%	70	67
Pension increase rate +0.1%	910	690
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	1,207	974

Share of scheme assets

The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	2023 £000	2024 £000
Equities	24,827	18,634
Gilts	720	432
Other bonds	4,085	3,083
Property	3,923	3,247
Cash	2,226	1,603
Other	4,667	3,523
Total market value of assets	40,448	30,522

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Current service cost	(2,049)	(2,687)
Interest income	1,729	1,192
Interest cost	(1,783)	(1,458)
Administrative expenses	(11)	(9)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	(2,114)	(2,962)

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

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
At 1 September	32,559	32,398
Current service cost	2,049	2,687
Interest cost	1,783	1,458
Employee contributions	704	618
Actuarial losses/(gains)	855	(6,551)
Benefits paid	(434)	(355)
Conversion of academy trust	3,816	2,304
At 31 August	41,332	32,559

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

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
At 1 September	30,384	25,775
Interest income	1,729	1,192
Actuarial gains/(losses)	1,524	(733)
Employer contributions	2,648	2,231
Employee contributions	704	618
Benefits paid	(434)	(355)
Administrative expenses	(11)	(9)
Conversion of academy trust	3,895	1,665
At 31 August	40,439	30,384

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

As at 31 August 2024, there was a notional surplus of £146k which has not been recognised. Included in the current year actuarial gains/(losses) within the scheme assets table above is £8k (2023 - £138k) of notional surplus not recognised.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2024 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Not later than 1 year	54	51
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	120	164
	<u>174</u>	<u>215</u>

26. Members' liability

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

27. Related party transactions

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

Expenditure Related Party Transactions

TT Support Services Limited ("TTSS")

TTSS is wholly owned by the Trust. It provides membership and staff training and advice to the educational sector. The Trust purchased services costing £20k (2023 - £Nil) from TTSS and made recharged costs of £20k (2023 - £51k) to TTSS. The balance owed from TTSS to the Trust at 31 August 2024 was £155k (2023 - £72k).

The transactions disclosed above have been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook and with the Academy Trusts financial regulations and procurement procedures.

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28. Principal subsidiaries

TT Support Services Limited

Subsidiary name	TT Support Services Limited
Company registration number	08413480
Basis of control	100% owned subsidiary
Total assets as at 31 August 2024	£156k
Total liabilities as at 31 August 2024	(£155k)
Total equity as at 31 August 2024	£1k
Turnover for the year ended 31 August 2024	£20k
Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2024	(£20k)
Profit for the year ended 31 August 2024	£Nil

29. Conversion to an Academy Trust

On 1 June 2024 King Edward Primary School & Nursery converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Transform Trust from Nottingham County Council Local Authority for £Nil consideration.

The transfer has been accounted for as a combination that is in substance a gift. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance Sheet under the appropriate heading with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net gain in the statement of financial activities as donations - transfer from local authority on conversion.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of Financial Activities.

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Restricted fixed asset funds £000	Total funds £000
Tangible fixed assets				
Freehold land and buildings	-	-	8,090	8,090
Current assets				
Cash - representing budget surplus on LA funds	36	-	7	43
Non-current liabilities				
LGPS pension surplus / (deficit)	-	4	-	4
Net assets	<u>36</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8,097</u>	<u>8,137</u>

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29. Conversion to an Academy Trust (continued)

On 1 April 2024 Abbey Hill Primary & Nursery converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Transform Trust from Nottingham County Council Local Authority for £Nil consideration.

The transfer has been accounted for as a combination that is in substance a gift. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance Sheet under the appropriate heading with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net gain in the statement of financial activities as donations - transfer from local authority on conversion.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of Financial Activities.

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Restricted fixed asset funds £000	Total funds £000
Tangible fixed assets				
Freehold land and buildings	-	-	5,742	5,742
Current assets				
Cash - representing budget surplus on LA funds	230	-	13	243
Non-current liabilities				
LGPS pension surplus / (deficit)	-	6	-	6
Net assets	<u>230</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5,755</u>	<u>5,991</u>

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29. Conversion to an Academy Trust (continued)

On 1 August 2024 Sutton Road Primary School converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Transform Trust from Nottingham County Council Local Authority for £Nil consideration.

The transfer has been accounted for as a combination that is in substance a gift. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance Sheet under the appropriate heading with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net gain in the Statement of Financial Activities as Income from Donations and Capital Grants - transfer from local authority on conversion.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of Financial Activities.

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Restricted fixed asset funds £000	Total funds £000
Tangible fixed assets				
Freehold land and buildings	-	-	7,815	7,815
Current assets				
Cash - representing budget surplus on LA funds	601	-	38	639
Non-current liabilities				
LGPS pension surplus / (deficit)	-	69	-	69
Net assets	<u>601</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>7,853</u>	<u>8,523</u>