

Company Registration No. 08056328 (England and Wales)

**WOODFORD VALLEY  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY ACADEMY  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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### Members

Luke March  
Suzane Waters  
The Incumbent Rev Dr Mike Perry  
Catharine M Knight (Chair of Governors)  
Prof Kyriaki Anagnostopoulou

### Trustees

Rev Dr Mike Perry (Foundation & Member)  
Catharine M Knight (Foundation & Chair of Trustees)  
Rebecca Carson (Accounting Officer)  
Verena Huntley (Co-opted Trustee) (Appointed 21 September 2021)  
Donna Young (Teacher Trustee)  
Caroline Holt (Foundation)  
Sophie Soar (Foundation)  
Amanda Iles (Foundation)  
Steve Fair (Parent Trustee)  
Susan Vivian (Foundation)  
Fiona Makin (Foundation)  
Nina Griffin (Appointed 19 October 2021)

### Senior management team

- Headteacher	R Carson
- Deputy Principal	D Young
- TLR Literacy	C Conduit
- TLR Numeracy	K Reavill
- TLR KS1	K Higham
- School Business Manager	R Martin

### Company secretary

Diane Arrandale resigned 31/10/2021

### Company registration number

08056328 (England and Wales)

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Middle Woodford  
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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's reports of the charitable company for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4 – 11 serving a catchment area of the Woodford Valley and Archers Gate Parish. It has a capacity of 210 and had 206 on roll in the school census January 2022.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The trustees of Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy Trust Limited are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy.

Details of the trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

#### Members' liability

There are five Members of the Charitable Company: The Incumbent Rev Dr Mike Perry, Bath Spa University, Salisbury Diocese Board of Education, the Chair of Trustees and the PCC of Woodford Valley with Archers Gate. 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.

#### Trustees' indemnities

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees, which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not, and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as directors of the Academy Trust. The limit of this indemnity is £5,000,000.

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim.

#### Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Academy 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 a school with a designated Church of England religious character offering a broad and balanced curriculum 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 (as required by the Funding Agreement), and in having regard to the advice of the Diocesan Board of Education.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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

The Academy's Governing Body comprises the Head teacher, a minimum of two Parent Trustees, up to two Staff Trustees (providing that the total number of Trustees, including the Head teacher, who are employees of the Academy Trust, does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees) and up to eleven Other Trustees of which eight must be Foundation Trustees. The Articles of Association require there to be a minimum of three trustees. Parent Trustees are elected by the parents of current pupils of the Academy Trust.

Staff Trustees are elected by the staff currently employed by the Academy Trust. The Members appointed the current Staff Trustees on the basis that they had been elected to serve as Staff Trustees of the Woodford Valley Primary Academy. Foundation Trustees are nominated by the PCC and appointed by the Salisbury Diocese. With regard to the appointment of Other Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills mix of the Trustees in order to ensure that the Board of Trustees has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy's development.

#### Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All new trustees participate in an induction programme, and all trustees are issued with a copy of the Trustees Handbook giving a wide range of information and guidance relating to the Governance of the Academy Trust. The Buddy Trustee is a friend during the induction period. During the school year Trustees are offered Local Authority and Diocesan training courses.

#### Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets six times a year. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports, including policies, from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees; to determine any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to appoint the Head teacher and Clerk to the Trustees, to approve the Governors' Strategic Plan and budget.

The Members and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day-to-day management of the Academy to the Head teacher/Principal and Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT comprises the Head teacher, Deputy Head teacher, three TLRs and the School Business Manager. The SLT implements the policies laid down by the Trustees and reports back to them on performance.

The Academy has a leadership structure which consists of the Trustees, The Senior Leadership Team and Team Leaders. The aim of the leadership structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision-making at all levels.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

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The SLT controls the Academy at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and reporting back to them. The Head teacher, Academy Business Manager and Finance and Audit Committee are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets; a summary of this is in the Scheme of Delegation. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Scheme of Delegation. The Head teacher is responsible for the appointment of staff, though appointment panels for teaching posts always include a Trustee.

There are five committees as follows:

- the Finance/Audit & Risk and Staffing Committee - this meets six times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, receiving reports from the Responsible Officer and drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels
- the Curriculum Committee - this meets six times a year to monitor, evaluate and review academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target-setting and assessment, examinations and all pastoral issues
- the Buildings committee – this meets six times a year, and is responsible for the site health and safety and travel plan.
- The Ethos committee meets at least five times a year and is responsible for pastoral care and the academy's Christian Ethos.
- The Admissions Committee – this meets formally once a year to check and approve the places to be offered in the new Reception class and meets when required when other admissions are requested during the school year.
- The Head teacher/Principal is the Accounting Officer.

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

All staff are subject to an annual performance management review to discuss and review the agreed targets within the curriculum and their co-ordinator roles. Recommendations for increases / changes to a person's pay scale is recommended to the full governing body by the Head teacher, and a decision voted on. The Head teacher's performance management review is carried out by the Head teacher's Performance Management team of governors and recommendations made to full governors for any changes to salary. This is set out in the Academy's Pay Policy which is reviewed annually.

#### Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The Academy Trust is a standalone Academy which has close links with Bath Spa University. On site is an independent Pre-school (Little Orchard). The academy leases a mobile classroom to them. The Salisbury Diocese supports the academy as a Church school. The academy has continued to build collaborative links with Holy Trinity Academy, Calne and Holy Trinity Academy, Great Cheverill, Malmesbury Primary and By Brook Valley. All five schools are building on this over the next year. The academy's trained KS1 literacy and KS2 writing moderators have worked with our local cluster schools.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### Objects and aims

The Academy Trust's objectives are specifically restricted to the advancement, for the public benefit, of education in the United Kingdom, in particular, but without prejudice, to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing an academy offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

The principal aim of the Academy Trust is one that has been created and shaped by the people it serves and the people it employs; above all it follows our ethos of Christian life, learning and love.

We believe that children are entitled to a rich, broad and balanced curriculum, based on excellence and enjoyment, using up-to-date technology that enables them to explore their world with tools that best fit. Children should be able to work in a safe and supportive atmosphere. We nurture strong relationships with parents and encourage the need to work with others to create a working community based on trust, encouragement and love.

All stakeholders work with each child to develop their individual potential within a class and the school community. We encourage each other to strive for the best, the fairest and the most efficient solution. We tackle new challenges and unknowns with confidence, vigour and laughter. Each member of our academy is valued and cared for. Each member is listened to and nurtured. Individual learning styles are employed and explored.

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We aim to welcome each new pupil, enable them to grow and develop to their full potential with the academy community and encourage them to move confidently into the next phase of their spiritual, social, physical, moral and academic development.

#### Objectives, strategies and activities

Key influences on the Academy Trust's School Improvement Plan for the period under review were the significant challenges and opportunities arising from national changes in education policy and funding, in our ten years as an academy.

Key activities and targets as set out the academy's School Improvement Plan have included the following whole school targets;

- To set and work towards challenging whole school targets where 80% of pupils achieve expected or above and 20% of pupils achieve greater depth in reading, writing and maths despite previous Covid lockdowns and school closures.
- To provide highly effective and focused professional development for all staff which can be demonstrated in improvements to teaching, learning and assessment and ensure all teachers are at least good.
- For interventions to be put into place and monitored so that gaps are identified and closed in all pupils but especially our most disadvantaged.
- To further improve pupils' progress in foundation subjects by planning tasks which build pupils' knowledge, skill and understanding consistently across the whole school with a focus on the impact of teaching and learning.
- To improve pupil progress in writing across the school through quality teaching.
- To improve pupils' progress and attainment in mathematics by consolidating teacher's understanding of the previously implemented mastery approach to maths teaching, with a focus in improving the use of variation in lessons. To focus on maths in Year 2 to ensure results are making expected or more than expected progress.
- To improve our overall attendance level of 95.6% (2018/19) to 97% and to ensure our vulnerable groups attendance is carefully monitored.
- To promote the emotional well-being and mental health of pupils by having a focus on resilience across the whole school, including the curriculum.
- To ensure that the new RSHE curriculum is taught across the school and monitored by the subject lead and governors.
- To continue with the observation, planning and assessment cycle in EYFS.
- To introduce the new Reception Baseline in September 2021 and carry out the statutory requirements.
- To introduce the new EYFS framework in the classroom in September 2021. The impact of the new curriculum will be reviewed in July 2022.

#### Public benefit

The Trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education.

The Academy Trust provides education to children and young people that is:

- balanced and broad-based
- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development, of students at the academy and of society
- prepares students at the academy for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life
- promotes, sustains and increases individual and collective knowledge and understanding of specific areas of study, skills and expertise.
- is fitting for a Church of England school.

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### Strategic report

#### Achievements and performance

##### Early Years:

52% achieved a Good Level of Development

##### Year 1 Phonic tests:

80% passed the phonic test

##### Year 2 Phonic tests:

50% passed the Phonic test resit.

#### Key Stage 1:

	Teacher assessment					
	BLW	HNM	WTS	EXS	GDS	EXS + GDS
Reading	0%	0%	17%	51%	21%	72%
Writing	0%	3%	31%	55%	7%	62%
Mathematics	0%	3%	21%	58%	14%	72%
Science	0%	14%	0%	86%	NA	86%

#### Key Stage 2:

	Teacher assessment					
	BLW	HNM	WTS	EXS	GDS	EXS + GDS
Reading	0%	0%	13%	27%	60%	87%
Writing	0%	0%	13%	73%	14%	87%
SPAG						
Mathematics	0%	0%	10%	53%	37%	90%
Science	0%	0%	16%	57%	27%	84%

	Test results					
	BLW	HNM	WTS	EXS	GDS	EXS + GDS
Reading			7%	57%	37%	93%
Writing						
SPAG			20%	43%	37%	80%
Mathematics			10%	50%	40%	90%

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The Academy is in its tenth year of operation and continues to meet the forecast numbers of students. The total number of students in the year ended August 2022 was 206. The net capacity from September 2022 is 210. The academy continues to receive regular enquiries for school places.

Ofsted inspectors in 2009 judged our school to be Outstanding. We were also judged to be outstanding in the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools in 2014 and excellent in 2019.

*Christian values and the Christian ethos are at the heart of all that we do at this school. As a result, behaviour is excellent, and children tell us that they enjoy school. SIAMs 2019 said, "The highly distinctive Christian vision and underpinning values drive the actions of the school and has a transforming impact on the lives of pupils and adults.*

*Amanda Spielman, head of Ofsted, observed this inspection and reported she had "very much enjoyed her day."* Parental satisfaction with the school is very high.

*The curriculum is broad and balanced: Ofsted 2009 said, 'Pupils are enthralled by the exceptional range of high quality experiences within the outstanding curriculum.' The Siams 2019 inspection said "The very rich and varied curriculum supports the development of pupils exceptionally well, allowing them to grow as socially aware, caring individuals with strong values upon which they are prepared to act." The academy enriches pupils' knowledge and understanding through the use of P4C. The academy has continued to develop its food technology element with all pupils cooking. Relevant trips and visitors to the school enhance the curriculum and bring learning to life. This contributes to outstanding learning opportunities and results in the outstanding outcomes.*

Many extracurricular activities and clubs are available, including sports clubs, a gardening club, survival, radio team, sewing club, coding and science clubs etc. Music lessons with a wide range of peripatetic specialist are offered within the school day. Approximately 60% of pupils play a musical instrument.

#### Key performance indicators

The Key Performance Indicator is the delivery of a balanced or surplus budget whilst meeting the School Development priorities in order to manage and maintain a high level of skills and level of education, and make the school building fit for purpose, as well as looking to improve energy efficiency.

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#### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies. The Academy had previously gone through a significant change since closing the Resource Base in February 2018. This initially caused a financial burden on the budget, but the Academy is recovering as the numbers in mainstream are 202 in September 2022 and the financial position is expected to continue to improve as capacity is reached and maintained.

The school closure, lockdown and ongoing levels of absence over the last 30 months due to Covid-19 had a significant impact on pupil attainment, welfare and mental health. In addition the school had identified gaps in pupil learning which will continue to be addressed in the coming year using the recovery plan funding and the National tutoring Programme grant.

#### Promoting the success of the academy trust

The academy continues to work collaboratively with a number of similar academies and school to ensure the reputation is maintained to a high standard. The number of applications for places continues to remain high. The academy also offers a high standard of wrap-around care before and after school.

#### **Financial review**

In the financial year Sept 21 – August 22, as an Academy, the trustees report an in-year surplus of £498,569. This is made up of the following in year movements:

Restricted fund deficit	(£6,448)
Unrestricted fund surplus	£19,113
Pension fund surplus	£487,000
Fixed Asset Fund Movement	(£1,096)

The academy has available revenue funds to carry forward of £108,029 and these are made up of the following:

Restricted income funds	£33,610
Unrestricted income funds	£74,419

During the year, extra funding and capital funding was used towards: -

- the internal refurbishment of classrooms and communal reception areas
- early years external play area improvements
- Windsor Walk refurbishment in the outside play area
- Additional school counsellor support
- Establishing new office areas on the first floor of the original school house
- A scheduled IT upgrade including the installation of a new server, COMMS unit and NAS device

The school operating costs are met primarily by central government funding based on pupil number on roll. The secure nature and regularity of these payments mean the school is not subject to significant liquidity risk.

In addition the TA staffing structure was reviewed to introduce 3 HLTA positions to support teachers directly both within the classroom and across the whole school with an aim to reducing the overall TA overtime hours being claimed.

The school is now cashless through introducing ParentPay for all parent and staff payments going forward. Parents also benefit from on-line uniform ordering which will reduce the need to invest in stock going forward.

A structured rental fee has been negotiated with school club and wrap around care facilities and will be introduced going forward to improve streams of income for the Academy.

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#### Reserves policy

The school holds sufficient funds to manage routine cash flow from any annual rollover. The trustees will accrue donations received to maintain the running of the school.

The Unrestricted reserves of £74,419 will be put towards the day-to-day running of Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy for 2022 - 23, with emphasis on staffing and building projects and improvements. These reserves are frequently monitored to ensure a balance between spending on the current pupils on roll and the necessity to have a reserve for building maintenance and constant changes in government financial support.

The academy does not hold any tangible fixed assets for disposal.

The academy does hold a cluster budget for a shared science project in the sum of £10,733.

The governors hope to hold a reserve balance of funds of £25,000 where possible from year to year and endeavour to set a balanced budget once the government funding has been increased.

The academy pension reserve for 2022 was reported as £Nil.

#### Investment policy

Apart from cash held for the operation of the School, Woodford Valley CE Academy has no realisable investments.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

Whilst a reduction in the level of central government funding is generally signaled in advance, the high proportion of school income from this single source exposes its ongoing activities to such reductions that may take place. The school's credit risk is low.

The Trustees are responsible for the management of risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed and have undertaken a review of risks associated with its activities. The key controls used by the Academy Trust include:

- Formal agendas for Trustees' meeting
- Detailed terms of reference for all committees
- A clear Governors Strategic Plan identifying key strategic planning objectives
- A detailed School Improvement Plan showing key areas for curriculum development and progress and the resources required to achieve them
- Comprehensive budget planning, monitoring and review
- Clear financial delegation levels
- Formal written policies reviewed on a regular basis
- Clear safeguarding and vetting procedures as required by law to protect children and young people
- Rigorous review of educational achievement to ensure continuing high standards
- Comprehensive planning and review of admissions processes

The Board of Trustees have reviewed the major risks, focusing on operational, financial, governance, compliance and reputational risk, and have taken steps to mitigate likely risks and to ensure regular monitoring of the primary areas of potential risk.

The Board of Trustees is satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised, however, that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The Trustees are aware of the deficit that the Local Government Pension is reporting. (See note 16 to the financial statements).

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### **Fundraising**

The academy does not have any fundraising under the terms of Charities (Protection and Social Investments) Act 2016, although the academy does receive donations during the year. *The Academy trust does not use any external fundraisers. All fundraising undertaken during the year was monitored by the Trustees.*

### **Plans for future periods**

The academy started single year group classes in KS1 from September 2017 and have continued to fill all year groups over the past four years. The academy continues to have a waiting list for most year groups. The NOR currently is 202.

The academy has identified a CIF bid for funds to replace the school boilers/heating system and they hope for the work to commence during the summer of 2023.

The academy continues to build on academic success and aims to maintain and improve academic success.

The academy has strong links with the local community, cluster schools and the two Holy Trinity Schools in Calne and Great Cheverell, By Brook Primary and Malmesbury Primary (WOMBATT) and plans to continue these and enhance where possible.

The academy has a five year governors' strategic plan for improvements and new projects.

### **Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others**

Trustees hold a school bank account which holds funds for students. This is kept in a separate bank account.

### **Auditor**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the 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 are in agreement to continue with Moore (South) LLP as our appointed auditors.

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 08 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Catharine M Knight  
**Foundation & Chair of Trustees**

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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As a central government public sector body, the academy is required to provide assurance that it is appropriately managed and controls the resources for which it is responsible. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the academy has an appropriate system of controls financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable assurance that the academy is appropriately and effectively managed; that its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or deposition; that proper records are maintained; that financial information used within the academy or for publication is reliable; and that Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The academy has appointed a person in the roles of Responsible Officer, Khadija Tahari, to examine the effectiveness of systems of internal audit operation and financial controls on a termly basis and she reports to Sophie Soar for trustee updates on the operation of controls and discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities.

The current system of internal control throughout the year has been covered by this annual report and the financial statements.

### Scope of responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy 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 mis-statement or loss.

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

### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met **6** times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of members was as follows:

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of possible</b>
Rev Dr Mike Perry (Foundation & Member)	3	6
Catharine M Knight (Foundation & Chair of Trustees)	6	6
Rebecca Carson (Accounting Officer)	6	6
Verena Huntley (Co-opted Trustee) (Appointed 21 September 2021)	4	6
Donna Young (Teacher Trustee)	6	6
Caroline Holt (Foundation)	5	6
Sophie Soar (Foundation)	4	6
Amanda Iles (Foundation)	6	6
Steve Fair (Parent Trustee)	3	6
Susan Vivian (Foundation)	6	6
Fiona Makin (Foundation)	5	6
Nina Griffin (Appointed 19 October 2021)	2	4

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The governors have maintained their regular programme of meetings throughout the year, meeting sometimes online and sometimes in person. The Covid pandemic has impacted on the successful induction of new governors. Also, governors with subject responsibilities have not been able to observe lessons or carry out work scrutiny. This has started to change during the Summer Term 2022.

The Chair has expanded the board's contacts with other schools through her membership of Wiltshire's Chairs' Reference Group, a CST Learning Set, and meetings with the Chairs of our partner schools in WOMBATT.

The governors carried out an annual evaluation and review and concluded finance and budgets are still a concern although NOR had increased. The trustees will monitor this situation very carefully over the next few years.

The Academy has considered budgetary implications due to staff changes and the government's increase in staff salaries, for which the Academy is not receiving extra funding.

The trustees are aware of all sub-committee reports relating to all aspects of school requirements.

The board of trustees has agreed to carry out a self review of its skills every two years. The next one is due in January 2023.

The board of trustees has performed very effectively, handling a series of significant challenges of varying kinds very well, under budgetary restraints.

Both attainment and financial data are updated six times a year and are interrogated at sub-committee level as well as at full trustee board level.

The trustees also receive annual data training when the annual government data on the Academy is released. The Head is a former Ofsted inspector so her understanding of data is well founded.

The Academy uses external accountancy services to monitor and verify its financial data.

The **finance and general purposes committee plus audit** (Audit and Finance) **and staffing** is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is:

- to plan the yearly school budget and bring to Full Governing Body for approval
- to monitor spending and budget throughout the year
- to acquire estimates for any work to be carried out and report on these costs to the Full Governing Body
- to obtain costs for contracts and report to the Full Governing Body
- to identify long term plans
- to recommend finance reports and annual accounts
- to recommend staff salary increases
- to manage the appointment of new members of staff

Attendance at meeting in the year was as follows;

<b>Audit and Finance</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
Susie Vivian	6	6
Catharine Knight	6	6
Rebecca Carson	6	6
Rachel Martin	6	6
Steve Fair	2	6

#### **Review of value for money**

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

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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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 academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- regularly reviewing the functions of the academy, challenging how and why services were provided and setting targets and performance indicators for improvement
- reducing staff levels and costs
- monitoring outcomes and comparing pupil performance and financial performance with similar schools
- consulting with appropriate stakeholders before major decisions were made
- promoting fair competition through quotations and tenders to ensure that goods and services were secured in the most, economic, efficient, and effective way
- targeting improvement by deploying staff efficiently to support our new curriculum using their various expertise
- focusing on ensuring pupils receive the best education and supporting those with a range of differing needs with interventions and tailored support as appropriate
- collaborating with our Cluster schools, local academies, and outdoor learning opportunities, working together to share experiences and expertise in teaching and learning.

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

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy 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 Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy Trust for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 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 academy 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 academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

#### **The risk and control framework**

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees
- regular reviews by the finance and general purposes committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programs
- 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 a specific internal audit function and has decided:

- not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the trustees have appointed Wiltshire Council to carry out Responsible Officer checks and Sophie Soar, a trustee, as Responsible Officer (RO);
- not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the trustees have appointed Moore (South) LLP, the external auditor, to provide additional advice and support.

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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The RO's/Auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial systems. The RO reports to the board of trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Reports have been received and reviewed with recommendations discussed with full governing body being put in place.

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

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of control account/ bank reconciliations

On a quarterly basis, LA RO reviewer reports to the board of trustees, through the audit committee/finance and general purposes committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

The academy has received a regular termly visit from the RO reviewer and the findings reported to the full governing body. Discussion and agreement on some suggested items agreed and implemented. The audit has been carried out in a timely manner by Moore (South) LLP.

### **Review of effectiveness**

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

- the work of the Responsible Officer
- the work of the external auditor
- the financial management and governance committees
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the audit committee/finance and general purposes committees and a plan to address the recommendations and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 08 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Catharine M Knight  
**Foundation & Chair of Trustees**

Rebecca Carson  
**Accounting Officer**

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022***

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As accounting officer of Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy Trust, under the funding agreement in place 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 Academies Financial Handbook 2021.

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

Rebecca Carson  
**Accounting Officer**

08 December 2022

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022*

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the accounts of Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the accounts, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy trust's affairs as at 31 August 2022 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 the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts' section of our report. We are independent of the academy trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts 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.

### **Other information**

The Governors are responsible for the other information, which comprises the information included in the governors annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Other information includes the governors' report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report), the governance statement and the statement of regularity, propriety and compliance. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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### **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 and directors report prepared for the purpose of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governors' 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 accounts 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.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also directors of the academy trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the accounts, 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 charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts**

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

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

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

### **Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the accounts due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Academy Trust.

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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Our approach was as follows:

- The engagement partner selected staff for the audit, led by persons who it was deemed had sufficient experience and who had the required competence and skills to be able to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We assessed the risk of irregularities as part of our audit planning, and ongoing review, including those due to fraud, management override was identified as a significant fraud risk. This is due to the ability to bypass controls through inappropriate expenditure and accounting policies adopted.
- Completeness of income was identified as a significant risk to the audit, as grant income may not be recognised in accordance with the SORP.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and we considered the most significant to be Academies Accounts Direction, the Charity SORP, UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Taxation legislation. We considered how the Academy Trust complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We enquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations. Consideration was also made of the internal controls in place to mitigate the identified risks.
- We assessed the control environment, documenting the systems, controls and processes adopted. The audit approach incorporated a combination of controls where appropriate, analytical review and substantive procedures involving tests of transactions and balances. Any irregularities noted were discussed with management and additional corroborative evidence was obtained as required.
- We obtained an understanding and assessed the impact of Covid-19 on the operations of the Academy Trust and adapted our audit approach accordingly. We enquired and obtained evidence to support the going concern assumption and reviewed support received through the Coronavirus support schemes, dovetailed with work undertaken on management override

To address the risk of fraud through management override we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify any unusual transactions;
- tested items of expenditure to ensure that they were valid and appropriate;
- confirmed monthly management accounts were reviewed by the board;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- reviewed the disclosures within the accounts to ensure they meet the requirements of the accounting standards and relevant legislation.

In response to the risk of irregularities with regards to completeness of income we:

- completed analytical work, to include comparison with prior periods;
- agreed a sample of income received to supporting documentation and
- reviewed minutes of trustee meetings and confirmed income sources mentioned were included correctly within the accounts.

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

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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### **Use of our 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.

**for and on behalf of Moore (South) LLP**

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**Chartered Accountants**

**Statutory Auditor**

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# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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The members and trustees of Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy Trust Limited 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 Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts 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 that 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 accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 08 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Catharine M Knight  
**Foundation & Chair of Trustees**

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 21 September 2020 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

### **Respective responsibilities of Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy's accounting officer and the reporting accountant**

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 June 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

### **Approach**

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

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

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

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:

- consideration of the evidence supporting the accounting officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance;
- analytical procedures on the general activities of the academy trust;
- a review of minutes of committees and board meetings which may be relevant to regularity;
- consideration of discussions with key personnel including the accounting officer and governing body;
- tests of control have been carried out on a control activity which are relevant to regularity;
- substantive testing of individual transactions.

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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### **Conclusion**

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

### **Reporting Accountant**

Moore (South) LLP  
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Wiltshire  
SP1 2TJ

Dated: .....

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	3	3,613	7,875	6,363	17,851	54,700
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	1,037,460	-	1,037,460	964,864
Other trading activities	5	48,384	20,980	-	69,364	32,284
<b>Total</b>		<u>51,997</u>	<u>1,066,315</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>1,124,675</u>	<u>1,051,848</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities:						
- Grants	7	-	6,728	-	6,728	48,140
- Educational operations	8	32,884	1,148,712	3,782	1,185,378	1,051,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<u>32,884</u>	<u>1,155,440</u>	<u>3,782</u>	<u>1,192,106</u>	<u>1,099,770</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		19,113	(89,125)	2,581	(67,431)	(47,922)
Transfers between funds	16	-	3,677	(3,677)	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	566,000	-	566,000	(130,000)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		19,113	480,552	(1,096)	498,569	(177,922)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		55,306	(446,942)	7,196	(384,440)	(206,518)
Total funds carried forward		<u>74,419</u>	<u>33,610</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>114,129</u>	<u>(384,440)</u>

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2021	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and capital grants	3	2,333	-	52,367	54,700
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	964,864	-	964,864
Other trading activities	5	18,163	14,121	-	32,284
<b>Total</b>		<u>20,496</u>	<u>978,985</u>	<u>52,367</u>	<u>1,051,848</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities:					
- Grants	7	-	48,140	-	48,140
- Educational operations	8	20,638	1,026,750	4,242	1,051,630
<b>Total</b>	6	<u>20,638</u>	<u>1,074,890</u>	<u>4,242</u>	<u>1,099,770</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(142)	(95,905)	48,125	(47,922)
Transfers between funds	16	-	54,968	(54,968)	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	(130,000)	-	(130,000)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(142)	(170,937)	(6,843)	(177,922)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>55,448</u>	<u>(276,005)</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>(206,518)</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>55,306</u>	<u>(446,942)</u>	<u>7,196</u>	<u>(384,440)</u>

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		3,414		7,196
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	26,754		18,944	
Cash at bank and in hand		158,838		122,659	
		<u>185,592</u>		<u>141,603</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(74,877)		(46,239)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			110,715		95,364
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>			114,129		102,560
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	18		-		(487,000)
<b>Total net assets/(liabilities)</b>			<u>114,129</u>		<u>(384,440)</u>
<b>Funds of the academy trust:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>	16				
- Fixed asset funds			6,100		7,196
- Restricted income funds			33,610		40,058
- Pension reserve			-		(487,000)
<b>Total restricted funds</b>			<u>39,710</u>		<u>(439,746)</u>
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	16		74,419		55,306
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>114,129</u>		<u>(384,440)</u>

The accounts on pages 24 to 46 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 08 December 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Catharine M Knight  
Foundation & Chair of Trustees

Company registration number 08056328

# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	19		29,816		(38,096)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Capital grants from DfE Group		6,363		52,367	
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>			6,363		52,367
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			36,179		14,271
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			122,659		108,388
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>			158,838		122,659

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# WOODFORD VALLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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#### 1 Accounting policies

Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the Trustees' report.

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

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

##### 1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts 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 accounts.

This outstanding school is very popular which has been reflected in Reception being full year on year, giving trustees confidence that the academy continues to be a going concern.

##### 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 period 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.

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 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.

#### Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the accounts until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

#### Donated fixed assets

Donated fixed assets are measured at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy trust's accounting policies.

### 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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 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.

### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding that require 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.

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#### 1 Accounting policies

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

Computer equipment	20% straight line
Furniture & equipment	15% straight line

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

#### 1.6 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.

#### 1.7 Leased assets

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

#### 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 basis are as follows.

##### Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

##### Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

#### 1.9 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 chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### 1.10 Pensions benefits

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 and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust.

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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. The 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 are 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 or 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.

#### 1.11 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 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

Accounting 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 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 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

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### 3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Capital grants	-	6,363	6,363	52,367
Other donations	3,613	7,875	11,488	2,333
	<u>3,613</u>	<u>14,238</u>	<u>17,851</u>	<u>54,700</u>

### 4 Funding for the academy trust's charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	865,260	865,260	783,750
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
- UIFSM	-	35,338	35,338	36,458
- Pupil premium	-	24,833	24,833	24,883
- Others	-	35,728	35,728	64,661
	<u>-</u>	<u>961,159</u>	<u>961,159</u>	<u>909,752</u>
<b>Other government grants</b>				
Local authority grants	-	48,569	48,569	33,897
Other government grants	-	25,688	25,688	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>74,257</u>	<u>74,257</u>	<u>33,897</u>
<b>COVID-19 additional funding</b>				
<b>DfE/ESFA</b>				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	2,044	2,044	21,215
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>21,215</u>
<b>Total funding</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,037,460</u>	<u>1,037,460</u>	<u>964,864</u>

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### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Hire of facilities	5,547	-	5,547	5,736
Catering income	-	20,980	20,980	14,053
Music tuition	-	-	-	68
Parental contributions	3,988	-	3,988	353
Visits and trip	22,389	-	22,389	7,162
Other income	16,460	-	16,460	4,912
	<u>48,384</u>	<u>20,980</u>	<u>69,364</u>	<u>32,284</u>

### 6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure Premises £	Other £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	697,520	3,782	116,512	817,814	766,169
- Allocated support costs	226,278	63,508	77,778	367,564	285,461
Grants - support costs	-	6,728	-	6,728	48,140
	<u>923,798</u>	<u>74,018</u>	<u>194,290</u>	<u>1,192,106</u>	<u>1,099,770</u>

#### Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	6,150	5,750
- Other services	2,750	2,484
Operating lease rentals	4,938	7,060
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,782	4,242
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	8,000	6,000
	<u>25,618</u>	<u>25,536</u>

### 7 Analysis of grant expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Improvements to diocesan property occupied by the academy trust	-	6,728	6,728	48,140
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,728</u>	<u>6,728</u>	<u>48,140</u>

£6,728 of grant expenditure related to donations to the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education for enhancement to the church buildings funded by ESFA Condition Improvement fund grant income (2021: £48,140).

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8 Charitable activities	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Educational operations	32,884	784,930	817,814	766,169
<b>Support costs</b>				
Educational operations	-	374,292	374,292	333,601
	<u>32,884</u>	<u>1,159,222</u>	<u>1,192,106</u>	<u>1,099,770</u>

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8 Charitable activities	(Continued)	
Analysis of costs	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Teaching and educational support staff costs	697,520	670,482
Staff development	6,979	7,804
Depreciation	3,782	4,242
Technology costs	25,782	33,937
Educational supplies and services	22,270	15,334
Educational consultancy	24,408	23,777
Other direct costs	37,073	10,593
	<u>817,814</u>	<u>766,169</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Support staff costs	226,278	165,869
Technology costs	3,568	7,307
Recruitment and support	437	1,252
Maintenance of premises and equipment	37,848	68,452
Cleaning	9,665	9,429
Energy costs	14,629	11,724
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs	4,161	4,080
Insurance	3,933	3,762
Catering	26,412	22,718
Finance costs	8,000	6,000
Other support costs	28,455	21,599
Governance costs	10,906	11,409
	<u>374,292</u>	<u>333,601</u>

Expenditure included donations of £6,728 to the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education in 2021 (2021: £48,140).

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### 9 Staff

#### Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	652,319	597,592
Social security costs	43,647	40,097
Pension costs	218,830	184,805
	<u>914,796</u>	<u>822,494</u>
Staff costs - employees	914,796	822,494
Agency staff costs	9,002	12,605
Staff restructuring costs	-	1,252
	<u>923,798</u>	<u>836,351</u>
Staff development and other staff costs	6,979	7,804
	<u>930,777</u>	<u>844,155</u>

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

Severance payments	-	1,252
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,252</u>

#### Staff numbers

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Teachers	11	10
Administration and support	21	23
Management	2	2
	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>

The number of persons employed, expressed as a full time equivalent, was as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Teachers	8	7
Administration and support	10	10
Management	2	2
	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>

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### 9 Staff

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#### Higher paid staff

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1

#### 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 employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £324,451 (2021: £301,118).

### 10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The Head teacher and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Head teacher and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees.

The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

R Carson (Principal and Trustee)

Remuneration £60,001 - £65,000 (2021: £60,001 - £65,000)

Employers Pension £15,001 - £20,000 (2021: £15,001 - £20,000)

D Young (Teacher and Trustee)

Remuneration £50,001 - £55,000 (2021: £50,001 - £55,000)

Employers Pension £10,001 - £15,000 (2021: £10,001 - £15,000)

During the period ended 31 August 2022, no expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2021: £Nil).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out within the related parties note.

### 11 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 cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

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### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	34,274	41,743	76,017
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 September 2021	29,419	39,402	68,821
Charge for the year	2,236	1,546	3,782
At 31 August 2022	31,655	40,948	72,603
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 August 2022	2,619	795	3,414
At 31 August 2021	4,855	2,341	7,196

### 13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
VAT recoverable	4,955	970
Other debtors	6,166	3,654
Prepayments and accrued income	15,633	14,320
	26,754	18,944

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	13,369	-
Other taxation and social security	11,197	10,806
Other creditors	20,042	1,992
Accruals and deferred income	30,269	33,441
	74,877	46,239

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#### 15 Deferred income

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	21,269	25,441
Deferred income at 1 September 2021	25,441	24,735
Released from previous years	(25,441)	(24,735)
Resources deferred in the year	21,269	25,441
<b>Deferred income at 31 August 2022</b>	<b>21,269</b>	<b>25,441</b>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding UIFSM funds of £20,969 received in advance for September 2022 to August 2023 as well as household support fund of £270 and RDA Wilton horse riding funds of £30 received in advance.

#### 16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	28,074	865,260	(874,134)	3,677	22,877
UIFSM	-	35,338	(35,338)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	24,833	(24,833)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	2,044	(2,044)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	3,903	35,728	(39,631)	-	-
Other government grants	-	74,257	(74,257)	-	-
Other restricted funds	8,081	28,855	(26,203)	-	10,733
Pension reserve	(487,000)	-	(79,000)	566,000	-
	(446,942)	1,066,315	(1,155,440)	569,677	33,610
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
DfE group capital grants	7,196	6,363	(3,782)	(3,677)	6,100
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	(439,746)	1,072,678	(1,159,222)	566,000	39,710
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	52,726	29,608	(13,343)	-	68,991
School fund	2,580	22,389	(19,541)	-	5,428
	55,306	51,997	(32,884)	-	74,419
<b>Total funds</b>	(384,440)	1,124,675	(1,192,106)	566,000	114,129

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#### 16 Funds

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

The fixed asset fund was created with the donation of the schools land and buildings to the academy. Additional assets are added to the fund which is also written down by depreciation each year.

The restricted general funds are made up of the General Annual Grant received, to be spent on education within the academy, and other related DfE of other authority grants.

Unrestricted funds are general donations and fund raising activities of the academy and are used to support the provision of education within the academy.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

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

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	16,374	783,750	(827,018)	54,968	28,074
UIFSM	-	36,458	(36,458)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	24,883	(24,883)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	21,215	(21,215)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	7,040	64,661	(67,798)	-	3,903
Other government grants	-	33,897	(33,897)	-	-
Other restricted funds	6,581	14,121	(12,621)	-	8,081
Pension reserve	(306,000)	-	(51,000)	(130,000)	(487,000)
	<u>(276,005)</u>	<u>978,985</u>	<u>(1,074,890)</u>	<u>(75,032)</u>	<u>(446,942)</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
DfE group capital grants	14,039	52,367	(4,242)	(54,968)	7,196
	<u>14,039</u>	<u>52,367</u>	<u>(4,242)</u>	<u>(54,968)</u>	<u>7,196</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>(261,966)</u>	<u>1,031,352</u>	<u>(1,079,132)</u>	<u>(130,000)</u>	<u>(439,746)</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	52,726	13,334	(13,334)	-	52,726
School fund	2,722	7,162	(7,304)	-	2,580
	<u>55,448</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>(20,638)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,306</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>(206,518)</u>	<u>1,051,848</u>	<u>(1,099,770)</u>	<u>(130,000)</u>	<u>(384,440)</u>

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### 17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,414	3,414
Current assets	74,419	108,487	2,686	185,592
Current liabilities	-	(74,877)	-	(74,877)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>74,419</u>	<u>33,610</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>114,129</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	7,196	7,196
Current assets	55,306	86,297	-	141,603
Current liabilities	-	(46,239)	-	(46,239)
Pension scheme liability	-	(487,000)	-	(487,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>55,306</u>	<u>(446,942)</u>	<u>7,196</u>	<u>(384,440)</u>

### 18 Pension and similar obligations

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

#### Teachers' Pension Scheme

##### Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academy trusts. 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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### 18 Pension and similar obligations

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#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. The assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

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

The pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £98,280 (2021: £94,366).

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 has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

#### Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are set out below for employers and % for employees. The estimated value of employer contributions for the forthcoming year is £49,000.

The level of employer contributions have been set as follows to assist in reducing the pension deficit:

Period (1 April - 31 March)	Employer Contribution Rate
2022/23	24.6%

The 2016 tri-annual valuation contribution rates (above) target to pay for both benefits accruing and return the employer to a fully funded position over a period of 14 years.

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

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#### 18 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Total contributions made	2022 £	2021 £
Employer's contributions	82,000	49,000
Employees' contributions	11,000	11,000
	<u>93,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

Principal actuarial assumptions	2022 %	2021 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.45	3.3
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.05	2.9
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25	1.65

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

	2022 Years	2021 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.7	21.9
- Females	22.6	24.4
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	24.2	22.9
- Females	26	26.2

#### Sensitivity Analysis

Change in assumptions at 31st August 2022

	Approximate % increase in employer liability	Approximate monetary amount (£000)
0.1% decrease in Real Discount Rate	2%	19
0.1% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	0%	1
0.1% increase in the Pension Increase Rate (CPI)	2%	19
1 Year increase in member life expectancy	4%	33

Defined benefit pension scheme net asset/(liability)	2022 £	2021 £
Scheme assets	835,000	887,000
Scheme obligations	(835,000)	(1,374,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(487,000)</u>

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### 18 Pension and similar obligations

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#### The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme

	2022 Fair value £	2021 Fair value £
Equities	464,940	487,850
Bonds	266,910	292,710
Cash	-	8,870
Property	129,150	97,570
	<u>861,000</u>	<u>887,000</u>
Total market value of assets	<u>861,000</u>	<u>887,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £(35,000) (2021: £101,000).

#### Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Current service cost	38,000	45,000
Past service cost	33,000	-
Interest income	(15,000)	(13,000)
Interest cost	23,000	19,000
	<u>79,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>
Total operating charge	<u>79,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>

#### Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations

	2022 £
At 1 September 2021	1,374,000
Current service cost	120,000
Interest cost	23,000
Employee contributions	11,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(642,000)
Benefits paid	(84,000)
Past service cost	33,000
	<u>835,000</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>835,000</u>

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### 18 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

#### Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets

	2022 £
At 1 September 2021	887,000
Interest income	15,000
Actuarial loss/(gain)	(50,000)
Employer contributions	82,000
Employee contributions	11,000
Benefits paid	(84,000)
	861,000
Restriction of scheme assets (surplus not recognised)	(26,000)
At 31 August 2022	835,000

At the balance sheet date the pension valuation estimated the pension was in a net asset position of £26,000, this asset has not been recognised in the financial statements as the asset does not meet the criteria to be recognised inline with FRS 102. The trust has no right to a refund from the pension as the assets belong to the members, and there is no certainty that the asset will lead to reduced pension contribution rates in the future.

### 19 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		(67,431)	(47,922)
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(6,363)	(52,367)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	18	71,000	45,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	18	8,000	6,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		3,782	4,242
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(7,810)	7,566
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		28,638	(615)
		29,816	(38,096)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>		<b>29,816</b>	<b>(38,096)</b>

### 20 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	31 August 2022 £
Cash	122,659	36,179	158,838
	122,659	36,179	158,838

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#### 21 Long-term commitments

##### Operating leases

At 31 August 2022 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts due within one year	5,638	4,938
Amounts due in two and five years	4,322	5,113
	<u>9,960</u>	<u>10,051</u>

#### 22 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 AFH, 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. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

##### Expenditure related party transactions

- The Headteacher's husband carried out building maintenance work during the year, and received payment of £4,600 (2021: £3,226).

There were no amounts outstanding due to Mr Carson at 31 August 2022 (2021: £Nil).

- Donna Young's sister in law, J Young was employed by the trust during the year on a salary of £13,023 (2021: £12,231).

There were no amounts outstanding due to J Young at 31 August 2022.

##### Income related party transactions

- Rent totalling £4,263 (2021: £4,200) was paid to the school during the year by Little Orchard Nursery, a business of which governor V Huntley is a partner.
- Electricity totalling £1,260 (2021: £1,516) was recharged by the school during the year to Little Orchard Nursery, a business of which governor V Huntley is a partner.

There were no balances outstanding at the year end (2021: £Nil).

In entering into these transactions, the academy trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2022.

#### 23 Members' liability

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