Endeavour MAT (A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 August 2021

Company Registration Number: 07682332 (England & Wales)

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Reference and Administrative Details

Members Horgan, J

Brown, M Capper, S

Clark, B (resigned 9 October 2021)

Hammond, P

Trustees Horgan, J, Chair of Trustees (resigned 31 August 2021)1

Daniels, S, Vice Chair (resigned 31 December 2020)1

Connell, D Kemsley, S

Lodge, D, Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer (resigned 31 August

2021)

Maidment, G McGonigle, M¹

Strachan, D, Chair of Finance & Audit Committee1

Mattu, S, Chair of Trustees (appointed 11 January 2021)¹ Dingsdale, L, Vice Chair (appointed 11 January 2021)

Guthrie, C, Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer (appointed 1 September

2021)

¹ Finance & Audit Committee

Company registered

number 07682332

Company name Endeavour MAT

Principal and registered Wilmington Grange

office

Parsons Lane

Wilmington Dartford Kent DA2 7BB

Company Secretary Burchett, L

Chief Executive Officer Lodge, D (resigned 31 August 2021)

Guthrie, C (appointed 1 September 2021)

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Senior Management

Team

Executive Team:

Lodge, D (resigned 31 August 2021), Chief Executive Officer Guthrie, C (appointed 1 September 2021), Chief Executive Officer

Burchett, L, Chief Operating Officer Price, J, Director of Data & Information

Guess, B (resigned 30 April 2021), HR Manager

Perry, R (appointed 19 April 2021), Head of Human Resources

Evans, S (resigned 31 August 2021), Director of School Improvement & North West Ken

Alliance

Skipp, M, Head of IT

Gosney, C (resigned 18 November 2020), Head of Premises & Estates O' Halloran, D (appointed 19 October 2020), Head of Premises & Estates

School Based:

Lawson, M, Head Teacher Barnett, G, Head Teacher

Guthrie, C (resigned 31 August 2021), Head Teacher Harrington, S (appointed 1 September 2021), Head Teacher

Independent auditors Kreston Reeves LLP

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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Member Schools Stone Lodge School

Wilmington Grammar School for Boys Wilmington Grammar School for Girls

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Trustees' Report For the year ended 31 August 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2021. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates three secondary schools (two selective and one non-selective) in South East England, providing high quality state education with a combined pupil roll of 2,509 in the Autumn school census 2021 (2,245 in the Autumn 2020 census).

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

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

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

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Under the Companies Act 2016 s236 the directors confirm that there are no third-party indemnity provision in operation.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Trustees of the charitable company are appointed as follows;

- a) member appointed Trustees (maximum 9):
- b) parent Trustees (minimum 2, if parent Trustees are not present on Local Governing Bodies);
- c) co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees;
- d) the Chief Executive Officer, provided they so agree.

There shall be a minimum of three Trustees and the total number of Trustees who are employees of the company shall not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

All Trustees have access to a suite of on-line resources, in addition to face to face training opportunities. The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction will provide training in charity, educational, legal and financial matters. All Trustees are provided with the information needed (including policies, minutes, budgets, etc.) to undertake their role as Trustees. Each trustee is provided with a secure log-in to the Trust's system for access to all policies, codes of practice and meeting papers.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees comprises those persons appointed under the Articles of Association. The Board meets six times a year and has one committee, Finance & Audit Committee.

The Trust Board:

- Ensure the provisions of the Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State are followed
- Oversee aims and achievements of School Improvement Plans
- Review structure and delegation arrangements for each Local Governing Body
- Appointment the Chief Executive Officer
- Authorise purchases above £25,000 via the Finance & Audit Committee
- Review/appoint external auditors (subject to ratification by the members)
- Has oversight of educational standards and structure, admissions policy and related issues.

The Finance & Audit Committee has oversight of budget monitoring & compliance issues.

Chief Executive Officer

- Manages whole Trust strategic planning in conjunction with the Executive Team, Trustees and Local Governing Bodies
- Has oversight of all aspects of school development and the curriculum
- Ensures the provisions of the Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State are being followed
- Reviews actual income and expenditure against approved budget

The Executive Team:

Management of the Trust as a whole is undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer as part of the Trust Executive Team. The Chief Executive Officer is the Accounting Officer and the Chief Operating Officer is the Chief Financial Officer.

School Senior Leadership Teams:

Each school has a Senior Leadership Team (SLT) that is made up of: Head Teacher, Deputy Head, Assistant Head Teachers, a School Business Manager and others as relevant. Each member of SLT attends the relevant meetings of the corresponding Local Governing Body in areas where they hold a key responsibility to enable effective monitoring. Day to day management of each school is undertaken by the Head Teacher, supported by the relevant Senior Leadership Team.

All committees and Local Governing Bodies are formally constituted with terms of reference and comprise appropriately qualified and experienced members. Trustees delegate specific responsibilities to committees including Local Governing Bodies, the activities of which are reported to and discussed at full board meetings.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Executive Team and Head Teachers are the key management personnel of the Trust. Trustees are also senior management although they receive no pay or other remuneration in respect of their role as Trustees. Where staff Trustees are in place, they receive remuneration for their role as staff and their pay is determined in the same way as applicable to all other staff. Further details of remuneration paid to staff who are Trustees is set out within the notes to the accounts.

The pay of the Chief Executive Officer is set annually by the Trust Pay Committee, having regard to performance against objectives set the previous year and following input from an independent consultant. Pay of other Executive Team members and Head Teachers is also set by the Trust Pay Committee, again having regard to performance against previously agreed objectives and any recommendations made by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer.

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Trade union facility time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
2	2

Percentage of time spent on facility time

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

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Provide the total cost of facility time	£971
Provide the total pay bill	£8,247k
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on	
facility time, calculated as:	0.012%
(total cost of facility time ÷ total pay bill) ×100	

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as: (total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period ÷ total	0%
paid facility time hours) ×100	

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

During the year Endeavour MAT worked closely with the Parent Teacher Association / Parents and Friends Association at each of its schools and had no other connected charities or organisations but had the following related party transactions:

 Provision of Initial Teacher Training induction by Gravesham Excellence Cluster Limited (which has a Trustee in common with Endeavour MAT).

The above transaction has been appropriately disclosed to the ESFA, with no action or follow up required.

Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

Endeavour MAT believes that engaging with employees is a key part of the effective management of day to day operation and as such utilises the following to do this pro-actively:

- Regular staff meetings in take place in all of our schools and periodic inset/ training days and events provide an opportunity for employees to be informed and consulted on matters of concern to them.
- An annual staff survey is sent to all staff, with the output considered by Trustees.
- We have a Staff Portal and publish a Look Ahead newsletter with details of initiatives and projects.
- Our annual performance review and appraisal process involves all employees in the consideration of the Trust's organisational objectives and their contribution to the Trust's performance.

The Trust's processes and procedures for recruitment and selection are designed to be fair, methodical and ensure equality of consideration for all candidates based on an assessment of the requirements of the post and no applicant will receive less favourable consideration regardless of either a declared disability or in relation to a protected characteristic. Similarly, no employee will be disadvantaged in respect of training or progression as a result of the same factors.

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

The Trust meets and communicates regularly with its key suppliers/ contractors in the interests of co-operation and contract management in order to support obtaining value for money and a good standard of service.

Trust schools also actively engage with students, their parents and carers to fully support and involve them in their education. This includes general forms of engagement such as weekly Head Teacher blogs, letters home and assemblies as well as individual, student focused parent evenings and reports addressing the progress of students.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The principal object of the company is the advancement of education in the United Kingdom. It achieves this object principally through the operation of schools in the Dartford area, the aim being to provide the highest possible standard of education and pastoral care, in order to maximise the life-chances of its students.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Trust's strategic objectives are to ensure our schools offer:

- a safe, nurturing, inspirational and competitive environment where stakeholders feel valued in a climate of respect, acceptance and equality;
- a destination driven focus with a curriculum drawing on expertise & experience from multiple sectors, where students are compassionate & respectful to the environment, themselves and others;
- exemplary teaching and learning and highly effective assessment lead to excellent student outcomes with progress in terms of value added always within the top 20% nationally;
- financially strong organisations with a learning environment and infrastructure designed to generate the greatest impact;
- inspirational and ethical leadership at all levels, including a robust Governance structure, offering the necessary support and challenge to maintain exceptional performance across the Trust; and
- exceptional training and tailored professional development with clear succession planning that inspires excellent recruitment and retention of a loyal, expert workforce.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

All three of the Trust's schools serve pupils in and around the Dartford area of Kent and participate in the County's admissions process with two of the schools accepting pupils on the basis of selection and the third on a non-selective basis in accordance with their specific published admissions criteria.

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Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

	Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	
Ofsted rating	Outstanding	Good	
	Year 11 GCSE Results		
Percentage of grades 9 - 7	57% (57%)	55% (47%)	
Attainment 8	69.71 (69.41)	69.9 (67.1)	
	Year 13 A Level Results		
Percentage of grades A* - B	66% (68%)	63% (60%)	

Stone Lodge School opened in September 2019 with an inaugural cohort of 120 Year 7 pupils which were joined by another 120 students in September 2020. GL Assessments taken in English, Maths and Science during 2020/21 for years 7 and 8 show students have made strong progress and above national averages in the majority of key indicators.

During 2020/21 COVID-19 represented an ongoing challenge to both day to day school operation and formal assessment in summer 2021. During this time the Trust has been prudent and resourceful swiftly adapting as circumstances changed and in the face of specific challenges. The support of the central team has also contributed to enabling individual schools to manage the challenges within the resources at their disposal and such as to avoid outcomes to their overall financial detriment.

Key Financial Performance Indicators

	Endeavour MAT Total	Grammar	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Stone Lodge School	Benchmark Report (Kreston Reeves 2021)
Expenditure Indicators					
Staff costs as a percentage of total expenditure	77.9%	74.8%	77.0%	64.6%	75.3%
Energy costs as a percentage of total expenditure	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
Balances					
In-year balance as a percentage of total income	3.6%	3.0%	6.0%	12.9%	1.5%
Characteristics					
Pupil to teacher ratio	19.7	17.9	21.2	23.2	20.10
Pupil numbers (January Census)	2,245	998	1,007	240	2,698

Going concern

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

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The financial impact of COVID during 2020/21 on Endeavour MAT has been an increase in surplus outturn above that which would otherwise have been expected. This is the result of savings against budgets set in anticipation of increased energy and cleaning costs which were not as severe as expected, support from the DfE for costs such as testing centre operation and summer schools which could not be assumed at the time of budget setting and exam fee rebates and unused exam invigilation costs planned for. Although there are ongoing uncertainties related to potential additional costs of dealing with COVID, with experience we are now better able to predict some aspects and as such this is not considered to pose a risk to the wider going concern of the Trust.

Promoting success of the Trust

The Trustees have acted and continue to act in the way they consider most likely to promote the success of the Trust and in doing so have given due regard to:

- Likely long-term consequences of decisions, most particularly seen through strategic planning and 5 year financial planning;
- The interests of the Trust's employees, as set out above under the heading Engagement with Employees;
- The need to foster the Trust's relationships with suppliers, customers and other, as set out above under the heading Engagement with Suppliers, Customers and Others in a Business Relationship with the Trust;
- The impact of the Trust's operations on the community and the environment, which can be understood in part from the information above under the headings Engagement with Suppliers, Customers and Others in a Business Relationship with the Trust and Objects, Aims and Public Benefit. The Trust's contribution to the community has been particularly evident over the last year through the many instances of commitment to supporting children and families through the challenges of COVID, particularly at times when many other organisations were not operating:
- The desirability of maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct, which Trustees
 acknowledge and deliver through robust policies and procedures as well as clear and transparent
 declarations of interest;
- The need to act fairly as between Members of the Trust, which is demonstrated through the equal access and information provided to Members in the firm of full access to meeting and Trust information in the dedicated secure Office 365 area and invited to relevant events and meetings as a group.

Financial Review

We receive our income from a number of different sources. The majority of our income comes from central government via the Education and Skills Funding Agency who provide us with grant, based largely on our student numbers to cover our staffing and other general running costs (General Annual Grant - GAG). The ESFA may also provide us with additional grants which are earmarked for specific purposes (such as Pupil Premium which must be used to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils). These appear in the accounts as DfE/ESFA grants. Where we receive grant or other funding from a Local Authority (such as where we undertake responsibilities on their behalf in respect of our students) this appears in the accounts as "Other Government Grants". Such income is collectively referred to as "Restricted Funds".

Other income is received from parents (for example as contributions to trip or other costs) and from third parties (for example from our bank for interest on our account balances or from others in relation to the use of our facilities). Such other income may be restricted or unrestricted, depending on whether it comes to us with conditions as to its use or whether it is available for spending at the discretion of the Trustees.

We hold funds in two broad categories, funds which are available for spending and other funds which are not available for spending.

Spendable funds are in turn sub-categorised between those which are available for spending at the discretion of Trustees ("Unrestricted Funds") and those which are subject to condition or restriction ("Restricted Funds").

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Funds not available for spending include the book value of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. These have a value and are therefore included as assets in the accounts but clearly, we cannot spend this value. In common with all academies and Local Authorities, our share of the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit must also be reflected in our accounts and as this is not a conventional liability, it does not need to be deducted from spendable funds. We meet our obligations in respect of the LGPS by paying over pension contributions due as calculated by the scheme's actuary.

The following balances were held at 31 August:

Fund	Category	£'000 2021	£'000 2020
GAG	Restricted General Funds	1,649	1,202
Other Grants	Restricted General Funds	101	66
Other Income	Restricted General Funds	180	192
Sub-total General Restricted Funds	;	1,930	1,460
		4.004	1.014
Unspent Capital Grants	Restricted Fixes Asset Fund	1,061	1,914
Other Income	Unrestricted General Fund	481	488
Sub-total Spendable Funds		3,472	3,862
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	36,662	30,675
CIF Loans	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	(51)	(25)
Share of LGPS Deficit	Restricted Pension Reserve	(5,619)	(4,412)
Total All Funds		34,464	30,101

During the year under review there was a surplus of £470k (2020: £285k) on general restricted funds, a reduction of £7k (2020: increase of £12k) on unrestricted funds and, after depreciation and capital income and expenditure, an overall surplus of £5,008k (2020: £98k deficit).

The Trust has been working with Kent County Council on a long running capital project at Wilmington Grammar School for Girls which was finalised during the year and saw £1.6m of the capital funds passported to them as a contribution to the project, which has also included the donation of £4.5m of building assets to the school by the local authority.

Reserves Policy

Unspent GAG from previous financial years is carried forward in line with the Academies Financial Handbook.

Each year the Trustees review the resource requirements and grant and other income that is forecast for the coming year and an annual budget is formulated and approved.

The level of reserves should never be in deficit and the annual budget should not plan for a large surplus of income over expenditure unless there is a particular project that requires accumulation of funds over a number of years. Trustees have set targets and guidelines for schools to set budgets with a prudent percentage contribution to reserves and a maximum per student that should be held in reserves in respect of any one school.

Trustees have established a policy for the pooling of reserves across the Trust, assessed and evaluated as at 31 August each year by which central funds can then be made available for organisation wide needs or individual schools as deemed necessary.

Investment Policy

There are no investments held beyond cash deposits retained with the major UK clearing bank approved by Trustees. Speculative investments are not permitted.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Board has assessed the risks under the following major headings, and systems or processes have been established to manage these risks and where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover: Finance, Governance, Legal, Operational, Safeguarding and strategic.

The risk management process has been codified in a risk register, registers are maintained by each SLT as well as the Trust Head Office and consolidated into an organisation wide perspective.

The principal financial risk faced by the Trust is that on-going pressure on funding/ need to increase student numbers results in a risk that deficits may be experienced. The budgeting and reporting process, including scrutiny by the Trustees of actual financial performance, mitigates the risk. Trustees keep spendable reserves under review to ensure that they have sufficient income to run the Trust on an efficient basis without adversely affecting the quality of teaching and learning.

The Trust continues to actively address the operational health and safety risks of COVID through robust risk assessment and appropriate control measures in accordance with prevailing public health and Department for Education guidance. Given the Trust's extremely limited dependence on non DfE/ ESFA/ public funding and prudent level of reserves there is comparatively limited scope for financial risks that have not already been planned for.

Other risks under active management address recruitment to key management and operational roles across the organisation and have seen proactive steps taken to address this, with further initiatives planned.

As the nature of the financial instruments dealt with by the Trust is relatively simple (bank balances, debtors and "trade" creditors), Trustees consider the associated risk in this area to be minimal.

The risk resulting from the Trust's share of the LGPS deficit is managed by following the advice of the scheme's actuaries, specifically as regards the level of contributions payable, ensuring that annual budgets are drawn up to reflect the actuary's advice.

Most of the Trust's income is obtained from the DfE (via the Education and Skills Funding Agency) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the year ended 31 August 2021 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

Fundraising

Endeavour MAT and its constituent schools organise fundraising events and appeals and work with our Parents & Friends Association and Parent Teacher Associations in their activities in the schools and in the wider community on behalf of the Trust.

The Trust does not use professional fundraisers or involve commercial participators.

There have been no complaints about fundraising activity this year, as a result of the pandemic, opportunities to undertake traditional fundraising activities have continued to be significantly curtailed.

All fundraising is undertaken by the Trust in a manner that seeks to ensure that it is not unreasonably intrusive or persistent. Contact is made through email, school blogs, our websites and via students.

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Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data	1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	1,893,885.32 kWh
Scope 1 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	
Gas consumption	220.02 tonnes
Oil consumption	43.13 tonnes
Owned transport – mini-buses	0.21 tonnes
Total scope 1	263.36 tonnes
Scope 2 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	
Purchased electricity	162.12 tonnes
Scope 3 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	
Business travel in employee owned vehicles	0.26 tonnes
Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	425.74 tonnes
Intensity ratio Tonnes CO2e per pupil	0.19 tonnes per pupil

Quantification and reporting methodology

We have followed the 2019 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines. We have also used the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard and have used the 2021 UK Government's Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

Intensity measurement

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

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

We have increased the use of video conferencing technology for a wide range of purposes including meetings between staff, meetings for governance purposes and parent evenings.

Plans for Future Periods

2019/20 saw the Trust open Stone Lodge School. This has been funded by the Free Schools programme and is currently in temporary accommodation provided by the Department for Education and it is anticipated that the school will relocate to new, purpose built, facilities during Easter 2022 under a long lease from the Department. As pupil numbers at Stone Lodge School grow over the coming years (the school remains oversubscribed for admission into Year 7) so will the Trust.

The Trust is also currently consulting on the proposal for a local primary school to join Endeavour MAT and is working with the Department for Education and Kent County Council in relation to the successful Free School application confirmed in principle January 2021. These represent exciting future opportunities for the Trust.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others

The Trust does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of any third parties.

Political donations

The Trust has not made any political donations in the year.

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Auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The auditor, Kreston Reeves LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office. The Trustees will propose a motion re-appointing the auditor at a meeting of the Members.

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 9 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mattu, S

Chair of Trustees

S. M.H.

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Governance Statement

Scope of responsibility

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

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the 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 Endeavour MAT and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 7 times during the year.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Horgan, J (resigned 31 August 2021), Chair of	7	7
Trustees (until 7 July 2021)		
Connell, D	7	7
Daniels, S (resigned 31 December 2020), Vice	1	3
Chair		
Dingsdale, L (appointed 11 January 2021), Vice	4	4
Chair		
Kemsley, S	6	7
Lodge, D (resigned 31 August 2021), Chief	7	7
Executive Officer and Accounting Officer		
Maidment, G	7	7
Mattu, S (appointed 11 January 2021), Chair of	4	4
Trustees (from 8 July 2021)		
McGonigle, M	7	7
Strachan, D, Chair of Finance & Audit	7	7
Committee		

Governance and Governance reviews:

Governance within the Trust has been very much under review during the year given the significant changes in personnel that have taken place and the anticipated organisational growth that is likely given the approval in principal for the Trust to open another Free School and the discussions taking place regarding other schools considering joining the Trust. In particular, succession planning has seen the appointment and transition of responsibilities to a new Chair of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer.

During this time the Trust Board has continued to discharge the full scope of its work in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation in place and is planning a significant review and likely amendment to this before any future growth takes place. This review will build on the annual review of effectiveness but go further in terms of assessing suitable evolution of arrangements needed to support sustainable growth of governance structures.

During the year Trustees have received and considered reports and data in accordance with their planned needs in order to discharge their duties and found these to be of sufficient quality, quantity and timeliness but continue to review their needs, discuss and request changes and additions with officers of the Trust.

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Governance Statement (continued)

Governance (continued)

During the 2020/21 year most meetings continued to take place remotely using video conferencing technology in order to mitigate COVID risks, but this has not prevented Trustees and Governors from discharging their responsibilities.

The Finance and Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to assist and support the board of Trustees, ensuring sound oversight is exercised over the management of the Trust's finance and resources. The Committee also performs the function of an Audit Committee.

During the year S Mattu, who is a qualified accountant, joined the committee and S Daniels and J Horgan both resigned from the Committee. Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Strachan, D (Chair)	3	3
Daniels, S (resigned 31 December 2020)	0	1
Horgan, J (resigned 7 July 2021)	2	3
Mattu, S (appointed 11 January 2021)	2	2
McGonigle, M	3	3

Review of value for money

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

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

- insourcing provision of compliance management and related systems Trust wide with a selection of inhouse developed and operated systems, saving £8kp.a. across the Trust;
- restructuring and evolving the provision of the finance function across the Trust into a centralised team, accessible to and supporting colleagues Trust-wide all year round with greater resilience to staffing and other changes; and
- early in the year the Trust secured a three-year contract for gas supplies across which will see rates paid for gas frozen at summer 2020 rates (prior to the recent significant increases) until September 2023.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Endeavour MAT for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

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Governance Statement (continued)

The risk and control framework

The 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 Audit Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- suitable delegation of authority and segregation of duties; and
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed UHY Hacker Young to carry out a programme of internal control testing, reporting to the Finance and Audit Committee. The appointment comprises a series of three visits covering the year. The role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Trust's financial systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included:

- testing of payroll items, systems and procedures;
- testing of payment authorisation, systems and processing;
- testing of credit card transactions, authorisation and recording;
- testing of bank and control account reconciliations;
- testing of the recognition and recording of income;
- review of monitoring and reporting on financial performance;
- review of HR processes and procedures; and
- Review of data and census information provided by the Trust to the DfE.

On a termly basis, the reviewer reports to the Board of Trustees through the Finance and Audit Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities and annually prepares a short annual summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

During 2020/21 this programme of work has been delivered as planned with no material control issues arising as a result of the work undertaken.

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Governance Statement (continued)

Review of effectiveness

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

- the programme of work on internal controls by UHY Hacker Young;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- the work of the executive managers within the Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 9 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mattu, S

Chair of Trustees

S. M.H.

Guthrie, C

Accounting Officer

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Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As Accounting Officer of Endeavour MAT I have considered my responsibility to notify the Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of all funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Trust and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

I confirm that I and the Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

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.

Guthrie, C

Accounting Officer
Date: 9 December 2021

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities For the year ended 31 August 2021

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 9 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mattu. S

Chair of Trustees

S. M.H.

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Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements to the Members of Endeavour MAT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Endeavour MAT (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements to the Members of Endeavour MAT (continued)

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

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Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements to the Members of Endeavour MAT (continued)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the Academy Trust and the sector as a whole, and through discussion with the Trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of noncompliance with laws and regulations related to child protection and safeguarding, health and safety and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, Statement of Recommended Practice, Academies Accounts Direction, Academies Financial Handbook, taxation and pension legislation. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or reduce expenditure, management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements such as the valuation of land and buildings and revenue and noncompliance with financial management and governance requirements which are consistent with the obligations of public funded bodies. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud, and review of the reports made by management and internal audit; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Consideration of income streams, completeness of income and compliance with the obligations of funders including the ESFA
- Testing of internal controls procedures relating to expenditure potentially more susceptible to fraud and other irregularities including the misuse of public funding in areas such as cash, payroll and credit card expenditure; and
- Review of cash and credit card expenditure to confirm no evidence of personal benefit; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- Checking and reperforming the reconciliation of key control accounts; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Performing analytical procedures with automated data analytics tools to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, reviewing internal audit reports and reviewing correspondence with relevant tax and regulatory authorities; and

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- Review of corporate governance arrangements; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
 error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is
 sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
 misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve
 collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness
 of the Academy Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Academy Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements to the Members of Endeavour MAT (continued)

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 Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Academy Trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Peter Manser FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Kreston Reeves LLP

Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants

Canterbury

10 December 2021

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Endeavour MAT and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 24 May 2019 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Endeavour MAT during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 Endeavour MAT and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Endeavour MAT 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 Endeavour MAT and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Endeavour MAT's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Endeavour MAT's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 29 July 2011 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2020, 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 2020 to 2021. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Endeavour MAT and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (continued) 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:

- Reviewed the evidence used to support the Accounting Officer's sign off of the regularity statement
- Reviewed expenditure against specific terms of grant funding within the funding agreement
- Reviewed that grants have been applied for the purposes intended
- Confirmed that internal control procedures exist relating to expenditure incurred of cash and credit cards
- Confirmed items claimed on cash and credit cards are not for personal benefit
- Reviewed expenditure and considered whether any supplies are from related parties
- Reviewed minutes of Governing Body minutes for declaration of interests
- Considered whether other income activities are permitted within the Academy Trust's charitable objects
- Considered if borrowing agreements, including leases, have been made in accordance with the Academies Financial Handbook
- Confirmed that procurement and tendering procedures exist relating to expenditure and have been complied with.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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Kreston Reeves LLP Reporting Accountant

Date: 10 December 2021

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) For the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	4	-	20	5,732	5,752	449
Charitable activities		-	12,640	2	12,642	11,066
Teaching schools		-	34	-	34	40
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	11
Investments	7	1	-	-	1	9
Total income		1	12,694	5,734	18,429	11,575
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		8	12,734	639	13,381	11,626
Teaching schools		-	40	-	40	48
Total expenditure		8	12,774	639	13,421	11,674
Net income / (expenditure)		(7)	(80)	5,095	5,008	(99)
Transfers between funds	19	-	(12)	12	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		(7)	(92)	5,107	5,008	(99)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	27	_	(645)	_	(645)	(1,032)
Net movement in	21		(040)		(040)	(1,002)
funds		(7)	(737)	5,107	4,363	(1,131)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		488	(2,952)	32,565	30,101	31,232
Net movement in funds		(7)	(737)	5,107	4,363	(1,131)
Total funds carried forward		481	(3,689)	37,672		30,101

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

The notes on pages 29 to 61 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet As at 31 August 2021

	Note		2021 £000		2020 £000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		36,662		30,675
Current assets					
Debtors	16	1,639		656	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,657		4,023	
	_	4,296	_	4,679	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(830)		(822)	
Net current assets	_		3,466		3,857
Total assets less current liabilities			40,128	_	34,532
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(45)		(19)
Net assets excluding pension liability		_	40,083	_	34,513
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	27		(5,619)		(4,412)
Total net assets		=	34,464	=	30,101
Funds of the Academy Trust Restricted funds:					
Fixed asset funds	19	37,672		32,565	
Restricted income funds	19	1,930		1,460	
Pension reserve	19	(5,619)		(4,412)	
Total restricted funds	19		33,983		29,613
Unrestricted income funds	19		481		488
Total funds		_	34,464	_	30,101

The financial statements on pages 26 to 61 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 09 December 2021 and are signed on their behalf, by:

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Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 29 to 61 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 August 2021

Cash flows from operating activities	Note	2021 £000	2020 £000
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	21	(496)	971
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Cash flows from investing activities	23	(896)	83
Cash flows from financing activities	22	26	(6)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(1,366)	1,048
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		4,023	2,975
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24, 25	2,657	4,023

The notes on pages 29 to 61 from part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 August 2021

1. General information

Endeavour MAT is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wilmington Grange Parsons Lane, Wilmington, Dartford, Kent, DA2 7BB. The principal activity of the academy trust is to provide a primary education for pupils that satisfies the requirements of the Education Act 2002.

2. Accounting policies

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

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Endeavour MAT meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand.

The functional currency represented in the financial statements are in GBP.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Trust to continue as a going concern. While the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been assessed by the Trustees as far as reasonably possible, due to its unprecedented impact on the wider economy, it is difficult to evaluate with any certainty the potential outcomes on the Trust's activities.

However, taking into consideration the UK Government's response and its continued support of schools, as well as the Trust's own reserves and planning, the Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees confirm that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 August 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions) where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

Donations

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

Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the year it is receivable and to the extent the 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 'Stocks' 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 financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from Other Trading Activities'.

Donated fixed assets (excluding transfers on conversion or into the Trust)

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as 'Income from Donations and Capital Grants' and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Trust's accounting policies.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 August 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

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

Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Taxation

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

2.7 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £5,000 or more per item (or less if they form part of a larger purchase or project where the total cost exceeds £25,000) are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Freehold property - 50 - 75 years
Furniture and equipment - 5 - 10 years
Computer equipment - 3 - 5 years
Motor vehicles - 5 years

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.

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.10 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the 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.

2.11 Provisions

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

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 17 and 18. 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.

2.13 Operating leases

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

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

2.14 Pensions

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

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

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the 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 operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Agency arrangements

Where the Trust acts as agent in collecting and / or distributing from the ESFA or others, and subsequent disbursements are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Trust does not have control over charitable application of the funds. The funds received and paid, and any balances held are disclosed in note 31.

2.16 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

Multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 27, 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 2021. 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.

Tangible fixed assets

The Trust has recognised tangible fixed assets with a carrying value of £36,662k at the reporting date (see note 15). These assets are stated at their cost less provision for depreciation and impairment. The Trust's accounting policy sets out the approach to calculating depreciation for immaterial assets acquired. For material assets the Trust determines at acquisition reliable estimates for the useful life of the asset, its residual value and decommissioning costs. These estimates are based upon such factors as the expected use of the acquired asset and market conditions. At subsequent reporting dates the Directors consider whether there are any factors such as technological advancements or changes in market conditions that indicate a need to reconsider the estimates used.

Where there are indicators that the carrying value of tangible assets may be impaired the Trust undertakes tests to determine the recoverable amount of assets. These tests require estimates of the fair value of assets less cost to sell and of their value in use. Wherever possible the estimate of the fair value of assets is based upon observable market prices less incremental cost for disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based upon a discounted cash flow model, based upon the Trust's forecasts for the foreseeable future which do not include any restructuring activities that the Trust is not yet committed to or significant future investments that will enhance the asset's performance. The recoverable amount is most sensitive to the discount rate used for the discounted cash flow model as well expected future cash flows and the growth rate used for extrapolation purposes.

Critical areas of judgment:

Multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme

Certain employees participate in a teachers' pension multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme with other Trusts in the region. In the judgement of the Trustees, the Trust does not have sufficient information on the plan assets and liabilities to be able to reliably account for its share of the defined benefit obligation and plan assets. Therefore the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme, see note 27 for further details.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment (continued)

Lease commitments

The Trust has entered into a range of lease commitments in respect of equipment. The classification of these leases as either financial or operating leases requires the governors to consider whether the terms and conditions of each lease are such that the Trust has acquired the risks and rewards associated with the ownership of the underlying assets.

4. Income from donations and capital grants

	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
Donations	20	-	20
Capital grants	-	1,257	1,257
Donated fixed assets	-	4,475	4,475
Total 2021	20	5,732	5,752
	Restricted funds 2020 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Donations	53	_	53
Capital grants	-	396	396
Total 2020	53	396	449

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5. Funding for the Trust's educational operations

	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
DfE/ESFA grants	2000	2000
General annual grant (GAG)	10,603	10,603
Other DfE group grants	402	402
Pupil premium	198	198
Teachers' pay and pension grants	579	579
	11,782	11,782
Other Government grants		
Local authority grants	462	462
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)		
Catch up premium	143	143
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	164	164
	307	307
Other funding		
Other incoming resources	91	91
	12,642	12,642

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5. Funding for the Trust's educational operations (continued)

DfE/ESFA grants	Restricted funds 2020 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
General annual grant (GAG)	9,493	9,493
Other DfE group grants	210	210
Pupil premium	156	156
Teachers' pay and pension grants	544	544
	10,403	10,403
Other Government grants		
Local authority grants	182	182
Other funding		
Other incoming resources	481	481
	11,066	11,066

Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department of Education and ESFA, the Trust's funding for Pupil Premium, Teachers Pay & Pensions Grant are no longer reported under the Other DfE Group grants heading, but as separate lines under the Other DfE/ESFA grants heading. The prior year numbers have been reclassified.

6. Income from other trading activities

	Total funds 2021 £000
Hire of facilities	-
Catering income	-
Total 2021	

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6. Income from other trading activities (continued)

	Hire of facilities Catering income			Unrestricted funds 2020 £000	Total funds 2020 £000 4 7
	Total 2020			11	11
	10tal 2020				
7.	Investment income				
				Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
	Bank interest			1	1
	Total 2021			1	1
				Unrestricted funds 2020 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
	Bank interest			9	9
8.	Expenditure				
		Staff Costs 2021 £000	Premises 2021 £000	Other 2021 £000	Total 2021 £000
	Direct costs	8,243	-	958	9,201
	Allocated support costs Teaching school	2,175 40	681 -	1,324 -	4,180 40
		10,458	681	2,282	13,421

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8. Expenditure (continued)

		Staff Costs 2020 £000	Premises 2020 £000	Other 2020 £000	Total 2020 £000
	Direct costs Allocated support costs	7,308 1,743	- 578	1,131 866	8,439 3,187
	Teaching school	40	-	8	48
		9,091	578	2,005	11,674
9.	Analysis of expenditure by activities				
			Activities undertaken directly 2021 £000	Support costs 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
	Educational operations		undertaken directly 2021	costs 2021	funds 2021
	Educational operations		undertaken directly 2021 £000	costs 2021 £000	funds 2021 £000

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Direct costs

		Restricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
Staff costs		8,243	8,243
Technology costs		302	302
Educational supplies & services		423	423
Examination fees		135	135
Staff development		51	51
Other costs		47	47
		9,201	9,201
	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total funds 2020
	£000	£000	£000
Staff costs	-	7,308	7,308
Technology costs	-	220	220
Educational supplies & services	3	266	269
Examination fees	-	176	176
Staff development	-	38	38
Other costs	-	428	428
	3	8,436	8,439

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Support costs

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
Defined benefit pension scheme - finance costs	-	68	68
Support staff costs	-	2,175	2,175
Depreciation	-	641	641
Technology costs	3	53	56
Maintenance of premises and equipment	-	239	239
Cleaning	-	71	71
Energy	-	163	163
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs	-	199	199
Security	-	9	9
Insurance	-	40	40
Catering	5	57	62
Other support costs	-	262	262
Governance costs	-	195	195
	8	4,172	4,180
	Unrestricted funds 2020 £000	Restricted funds 2020 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Defined benefit pension scheme - finance costs	-	51	51
Support staff costs	-	1,743	1,743
Depreciation	-	474	474
Technology costs	-	42	42
Maintenance of premises and equipment	-	183	183
Cleaning	-	43	43
Energy	-	152	152
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs	-	174	174
Security	-	11	11
Insurance	-	35	35
Catering	6	24	30
Other support costs	-	167	167
Governance costs	-	82	82
	6	3,181	3,187

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10. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year includes:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Operating lease rentals	19	11
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	641	474
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	15	14
- other services	4	4

11. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Wages and salaries	7,505	6,681
Social security costs	742	623
Pension costs	2,116	1,722
	10,363	9,026
Agency staff costs	95	65
	10,458	9,091

b. Staff numbers

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

2021 No.	2020 No.
114	107
96	103
24	21
234	231
	No. 114 96 24

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11. Staff (continued)

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2021 No.	2020 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	8	6
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	2	3
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	3	1
In the band £110,001 - £120,000	-	1
In the band £140,001 - £150,000	1	-

Twelve of the above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme and one in the Local Government Pension Scheme. Contributions during the year ended 31 August 2021 amounted to £215,856 (2020: £170,653) towards the Teachers' Pension Scheme and £15,359 (2020: £13,998) towards the Local Government Pension Scheme.

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the 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 Trust was £958,328 (2020: £844,126).

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12. Central services

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

- human resources advice;
- financial services;
- compliance services;
- capital projects;
- data analysis and interpretation;
- educational support services;
- governance services.

The Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

A flat percentage of 5% (2020: 5%) of total General Annual Grant (GAG) plus any other GAG-like income.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Stone Lodge School	69	43
Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	239	221
Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	238	211
Total	546	475

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

		2021 £000	2020 £000
Donna Lodge (Chief Executive Officer)	Remuneration Pension contributions paid	140 - 145 30 - 35	115 - 120 25 - 30

During the year ended 31 August 2021, expenses totalling £66 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2020 - £1,412 to 1 Trustee).

14. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

The Trust has opted into the Department of 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 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 membership.

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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £000	Furniture and equipment £000	Computer equipment £000	Motor vehicles £000	Total £000
Cost or valuation					
At 1 September 2020	32,375	498	323	37	33,233
Additions	6,602	26	-	-	6,628
At 31 August 2021	38,977	524	323	37	39,861
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2020	2,227	236	75	20	2,558
Charge for the year	533	48	54	6	641
At 31 August 2021	2,760	284	129	26	3,199
Net book value					
At 31 August 2021	36,217	240	194	11	36,662
At 31 August 2020	30,148	262	248	17	30,675

Included in freehold property is land at its net book value of £1,626k for Wilmington Grammar School for Girls and £6,543k for Wilmington Grammar School for Boys.

During the year, Kent County Council constructed a new building on behalf of Wilmington Grammar School for Girls. As the final building work completion certificate was approved, the asset was transferred to the Trust. The total valuation of the project was calculated as £6,215k of which £4,475k was not paid for by the Trust and has therefore been presented as a donation of a tangible fixed asset, see Note 4.

16. Debtors

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Trade debtors	58	36
VAT recoverable	61	59
Prepayments and accrued income	1,520	561
	1,639	656

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Other loans	6	6
Trade creditors	355	304
Other taxation and social security	187	160
Other creditors	202	174
Accruals and deferred income	80	178
- -	830	822
	2021 £000	2020 £000
Deferred income at 1 September 2020	103	207
Resources deferred during the year	58	103
Amounts released from previous periods	(103)	(207)
- -	58	103

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received for trips and activities in respect of the following financial year.

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

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Other loans	45	19

Two loans were provided to the Trust in 2017/18 as part of the CIF Capital Grant awards. The loans are repayable over five years at an interest rate of 0.0107%.

A loan was provided to the Trust in 2018/19 as part of the CIF Capital Grant awards. This loan is repayable over ten years, at an interest rate as set by the Public Works Loan Board rate.

An additional loan was provided to the Trust in 2020/21 as part of the CIF Capital Grant awards. The loan is repayable over 10 years, at an interest rate as set by the Public Works Loan Board rate.

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19. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2021 £000
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	488	1	(8)	<u> </u>		481
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,202	10,603	(10,144)	(12)	-	1,649
Other DfE / ESFA grants		709	(646)			63
Pupil premium	- 47	198	(646) (218)	-	-	27
Teachers' pay and pension grants	-	579	(579)	-	-	-
Other government grants	19	436	(444)	-	-	11
Other restricted funds	185	136	(141)	-	-	180
NWKTSA	7	33	(40)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(4,412)	-	(562)	-	(645)	(5,619)
	(2,952)	12,694	(12,774)	(12)	(645)	(3,689)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on conversion	25,369	-	(311)	-	-	25,058
DfE / ESFA capital grants	6,976	1,259	(220)	4	-	8,019
Capital expenditure from GAG and other funds	220	4,475	(108)	8	-	4,595
	32,565	5,734	(639)	12	-	37,672
Total Restricted funds	29,613	18,428	(13,413)	- -	(645)	33,983
Total funds	30,101	18,429	(13,421)	-	(645)	34,464

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

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

Unrestricted funds are applied to the general work of the Trust to support activities inside and outside the curriculum.

GAG represents funding to be used to cover the normal running costs of the Trust.

Other DfE / ESFA grants and Pupil premium represents those grants provided for specific purposes, such as supporting disadvantaged pupils and to assist them in decreasing the attainment gap between those pupils and their peers.

Other government grants represents those grants provided for specific purposes to provide additional support to pupils where required.

Other restricted funds are used to fund the general operatings costs of the Trust.

The Pension reserve represents the Trust's share of the LGPS Pension Fund deficit.

Restricted fixed asset funds comprise the net book value of the Trust's fixed assets as at 31 August 2021, including the land and buildings which were donated upon conversion to academy status.

The DfE / ESFA capital grants fund are also represented and provide the Trust with its own capital money to address improvements to the land and buildings and other facilities.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2021.

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2020 £000
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	476	21	(9)	<u> </u>		488
				_	_	
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	896	9,493	(9,181)	(6)	-	1,202
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	211	(211)	-	-	_
Pupil premium	47	155	(155)	-	-	47
Teachers' pay and			, ,			
pension grants	-	544	(544)	-	-	-
Start up grant re Stone Lodge	27		(27)			
Other government	21	-	(21)	-	-	_
grants	18	182	(181)	-	-	19
Other restricted funds	172	534	(521)	-	-	185
NWKTSA	15	40	(48)	-	-	7
Pension reserve	(3,056)	-	(324)	-	(1,032)	(4,412)
	(4.004)	44.450	(11 100)	(6)	(4.022)	(2.052)
	(1,881)	11,159	(11,192)	(6)	(1,032)	(2,952)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on	05.000		(0.1.1)			05.000
conversion	25,680	-	(311)	-	-	25,369
DfE / ESFA capital grants	6,668	393	(137)	52	-	6,976
Capital expenditure			,			
from GAG and other	000	0	(00)	(40)		000
funds	289	3	(26)	(46)	-	220
	32,637	396	(474)	6	-	32,565
Total Restricted funds	30,756	11,555	(11,666)	-	(1,032)	29,613
Total funds	31,232	11,576	(11,675)		(1,032)	30,101

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 were allocated as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Stone Lodge School	323	103
Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	803	511
Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	1,162	1,017
MAT Central Services	123	317
Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	2,411	1,948
Restricted fixed asset fund	37,672	32,565
Pension reserve	(5,619)	(4,412)
Total	34,464	30,101

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Total cost analysis by academy

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £000	Other support staff costs £000	Educational supplies £000	Other costs excluding depreciation £000	Total 2021 £000
Stone Lodge School	905	161	234	231	1,531
Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	3,584	578	380	367	4,909
Wilmington Grammar School					
for Girls	3,543	512	457	415	4,927
MAT Central Services	246	997	6	164	1,413
Academy Trust	8,278	2,248	1,077	1,177	12,780

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs	Other support staff costs £000	Educational supplies £000	Other costs excluding depreciation £000	Total 2020 £000
Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	535	150	101	162	948
Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	3,180	752	468	324	4,724
MAT Central Services	3,021	628	535	337	4,521
MAT Central Services	211	664	6	126	1,007
Academy Trust	6,947	2,194	1,110	949	11,200

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
Tangible fixed assets	-	_	36,662	36,662
Current assets	481	2,754	1,061	4,296
Creditors due within one year	-	(824)	(6)	(830)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	-	(45)	(45)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(5,619)	-	(5,619)
Total	481	(3,689)	37,672	34,464
Analysis of net assets between funds - prior	r year			
	Unrestricted funds 2020 £000	Restricted funds 2020 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	30,675	30,675
Current assets	488	2,276	1,915	4,679
Creditors due within one year	-	(816)	(6)	(822)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	-	(19)	(19)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(4,412)	-	(4,412)
Total	488	(2,952)	32,565	30,101

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21. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

		2021 £000	2020 £000
	Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	5,008	(99)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	641	474
	Capital grants from DfE	(1,257)	(396)
	Donated fixed assets received from other entities	(4,475)	-
	Interest receivable	-	(10)
	Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	494	273
	Defined benefit pension net finance cost	68	51
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(983)	725
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	8	(47)
	Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(496)	971
22.	Cash flows from financing activities		
		2021 £000	2020 £000
	Cash inflows from new borrowing	32	-
	Repayments of borrowing	(6)	(6)
	Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	26	(6)
23.	Cash flows from investing activities		
		2021 £000	2020 £000
	Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	10
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,153)	(323)
	Capital grants from DfE Group	1,257	396
	Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(896)	83
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24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Cash in hand and at bank	2,657	4,023
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,657	4,023

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2020 £000	Cash flows £000	Other non- cash changes £000	At 31 August 2021 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	4,023	(1,366)	-	2,657
Debt due within 1 year	(6)	6	(6)	(6)
Debt due after 1 year	(19)	(32)	6	(45)
	3,998	(1,392)	<u> </u>	2,606

26. Capital commitments

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		
Capital expenditure contracted but not provided in the Financial Statements	396	2,052

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27. Pension commitments

The 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 Kent County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £192k were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2021 (2020 - £154k) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- 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, 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 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £1,285k (2020 - £1,155k).

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

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

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27. Pension commitments (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £457k (2020 - £400k), of which employer's contributions totalled £349k (2020 - £309k) and employees' contributions totalled £108k (2020 - £91k). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 20 per cent for employers and 5.5 to 12.5 per cent for employees.

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

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2021 %	2020 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.25
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.25
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65	1.60

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

2021 Years	2020 Years
21.6	21.8
23.6	23.8
22.9	23.2
25.1	25.2
	Years 21.6 23.6 22.9

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27. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	11,026	8,802
Discount rate -0.1%	11,605	9,264
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	11,774	9,371
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	10,869	8,701
Salary rate +0.1%	11,342	9,055
Salary rate -0.1%	11,283	9,005
Pension rate +0.1%	11,572	9,237
Pension rate -0.1%	11,059	8,828
Share of scheme assets		
The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:		
	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Equities	3,727	2,991
Gilts	32	31
Bonds	790	596
Property	585	507
Cash	163	141
Other assets	396	352
Total market value of assets	5,693	4,618
The actual return on scheme assets was £690k (2020 - £304k).		
The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:)WS:	
	2021 £000	2020 £000
Current service cost		
Past service cost	(840)	(659) 79
Interest income	- 77	79 77
Interest cost	(145)	(128)
Administrative expenses	(3)	(2)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	(911)	(633)
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27. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2021 £000	2020 £000
At 1 September	9,030	7,045
Current service cost	840	659
Interest cost	145	128
Employee contributions	108	91
Actuarial losses	1,258	1,318
Benefits paid	(69)	(68)
Past service costs	-	(143)
At 31 August	11,312	9,030
Changes in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows	5 :	
	2021 £000	2020 £000
At 1 September	4,618	3,989
Interest income	77	77

	2021 £000	2020 £000
At 1 September	4,618	3,989
Interest income	77	77
Actuarial gains	613	286
Employer contributions	349	309
Employee contributions	108	91
Benefits paid	(69)	(68)
Administration expenses	(3)	(2)
Settlement prices paid	-	(64)
At 31 August	5,693	4,618

28. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2021 the Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	28	29
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	15	18
Not later than 1 year	13	11
	2021 £000	£000

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29. Members' liability

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

30. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the 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 Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

The following related party transaction took place in the period of account:

The Trust paid £1,960 (2020: £1,280) to Gravesham Excellence Cluster Limited; S Kemsley, a Trustee of Endeavour MAT is also a director of this company. There were no amounts (2020: £Nil) outstanding as at 31 August 2021.

In the prior year there were transactions of £9,000 being paid to Rochester Music School Limited, a company of which a close member of the Senior Leadership Team operates; and £1,200 to SimplyHere, a company of which a close relation of a member of the Senior Leadership Team operates. There were no transactions made with these related parties during the current period of account.

31. Agency arrangements

The Trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2021 the Trust had unspent funds brought forward of £Nil (2020: £Nil), received £28,144 (2020: £23,832) and disbursed £28,144 (2020: £23,832) from the fund. No amounts (2020: £Nil) are included within creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year relating to undistributed funds.

32. Controlling party

The Trust is run by the management team on a day to day basis. Strategic decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. There is no ultimate controlling party.

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33. Teaching school trading account

	2021 £000	2021 £000	2020 £000	2020 £000
Income	2000	2000	2000	2000
Direct income				
Grants	33		40	
Total direct income	33	_	40	
Total income		33		40
Expenditure				
Direct expenditure				
Direct staff costs	35		40	
Total direct expenditure	35	-	40	
Other expenditure				
Other staff costs	5		-	
Other support costs	-		8	
Total other expenditure	5	_	8	
Total expenditure		40		48
Deficit from all sources		(7)		(8)
Teaching school balances at 1 September 20)20	7		15
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Teaching school balances at 31 August 2021		-		7