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Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust

Financial Statements

31st August 2017



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for the year ended 31st August 2017

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Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust

Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31st August 2017

Members	M J Potter A K Jenman G F R Howitt P Thompson N Craven G Harle (appointed 6.10.17)
Trustees	S M Curtis K L Furnish J N Green A K Jenman E J Jenman M J Potter A Purdy J Richardson D A Welch M J Wilson
Company Secretary	D Fowler (resigned 23.4.17) C Tuscher (appointed 24.4.17)
Senior Leadership Team	
Headteacher	J Richardson
Deputy Headteacher	S Mckay
Company Secretary	D Fowler (resigned 23.4.17)
Company Secretary and Business Manager	C Tuscher (appointed 24.4.17)
Business Manager	L Hardy (resigned 17.3.17)
Company Registration Number	0816921 (England and Wales)

Registered Office:	**Independent Auditors:**
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Westwoodside	Regent's Court
Doncaster	Princess Street
South Yorkshire	Hull
DN9 2DR	HU2 8BA

Bankers:	**Solicitors:**
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2017

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 30 July 2016 to 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a director's report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for pupils aged 3 to 11 serving the village of Westwoodside and the local area. It has a pupil capacity of 210 and a roll of 177 (including 15 part time nursery children) in the school census in Spring 2017.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal object and activity of the Charitable Company is the operation of the Academy to provide a broad and balanced education for pupils beginning at the age of 3 in the Foundation Stage, and ending at the end of Key Stage 2 at the age of 11. The Academy is all-ability inclusive school, placing an emphasis on the needs of individual pupils including pupils with special educational needs. (SEN) The Members, Trustees and all staff come together as a hardworking and diligent team, nurturing Christian values, with an aim to provide quality in all that we do. We want everyone to strive to reach their full potential, academically, physically, morally and spiritually in a caring and supportive environment and as such be member of a caring, tolerant and responsible community. We value our partnerships, children, teachers, parent/carers, governors, the church, and the community, working together for our school. By developing links with the local and wider communities, we enable our children to become aware that their lives and caring actions can make a positive contribution to society.

Significant activities

The Key Priorities for the year are contained in Westwoodside Church of England Academy School Development Plan which is available from the Academy Office. The main priorities are:

- A strategy for future development;
- All staff being empowered to lead and drive improvement;
- Every child, every day, every lesson – outstanding learning and teaching;
- Disadvantaged first;
- Raising standards in EYFS and KS1;
- Teaching and Learning of Computing;
- Health and Wellbeing.

Policies will be reviewed in accordance to the policy review schedule

Other priorities for this year include continuing to monitor pupil numbers and to continue strategies to avoid a falling role. The trustees continue to look at extending the wrap around care provided by the school. The trustees will also support the Head teacher and staff in maintaining the excellent results and progress achieved by the pupils in the school

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioners general guidance on Public Benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

The School has had a successful year and the latest data shows that the end of KS2 results were in the top 5% of all schools national and progress levels were also above predictions. The local Education Standards Board have congratulated staff and trustees on this success.

The Academy has a strong relationship with parents/carers which can be seen in the high number of those who come in to help in school both on an occasional and regular basis.

We have a very active PTA who consistently raise significant funds for the Academy.

Year 1 phonics = 96%

Key Stage One

Reading 82%	35% at greater depth
Writing 65%	18% at greater depth
Maths 77%	24% at greater depth

Key Stage 2

Reading 88%	33% at greater depth
Writing 92%	29% at greater depth
SPAG 92%	29% at greater depth
Maths 92%	25% at greater depth
Reading, Writing and Maths combined 88%	12% at greater depth

Key financial performance indicators

The main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the Balance Sheet date. In particular, the management of spending against the General Annual Grant (GAG). As funding is based on pupil numbers this is also felt to be a key performance indicator. Pupil performance has a direct effect on our reputation and our ability to attract new pupils so is also a key performance indicator

Financial review

Principal funding sources

Most of the Academy's funding is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA. The Academy also has income from the Local Authority to fund the nursery.

The land and other assets were transferred to the Academy upon conversion. The Land is leased from North Lincolnshire Council over 125 years on a peppercorn rent of £0 per annum. The land and buildings owned by The Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance Ltd, are occupied by the school under a two year rolling licence and therefore not recognised as fixed assets in the accounts of the Academy Trust.

The Academy has taken on the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of its non-teaching staff transferred on conversion.

Key Financial Policies adopted or reviewed during the period include the Finance Policy and Procedure Manual which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities for Governors, Head Teacher, Managers and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending. Other policies reviewed and approved include, Investment policy, Pay policy. Review of protocol, Risk assessment and Management Policy and Scheme of Delegation.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Investment policy and objectives

Governors are committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are managed in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk. Currently a deposit account at the same bank as the current account is used and cash not required for operating expenses is placed in this deposit account, from providers covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Governors are continually considering finding an account which will offer better returns but with the same freedom to move money as and when needed.

Reserves policy

The Governors will review the reserve level of the Academy annually. This review will encompass the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Governors believe in 'Todays money for Todays pupils', whilst bearing in mind the need to keep adequate reserves for unexpected future needs.

It has been determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be equivalent to 4 weeks' expenditure. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. The Academy's current level of free reserves (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and other restricted funds) is set at a surplus of £40,000. Trustees have allocated an additional £25,000 for the replacement of pumps that remove waste water from the school. If these pumps fail, the school would have to be closed. The Academy intends to continue building up free reserves to ensure capital funds are available.

Going concern

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

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are as follows:

Financial - The Academy has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In this last period much of the Academy's incoming resources was ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

Failures in governance and/or management - the risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Academy's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Governors continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Academy is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Governors ensure that pupil success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

Safeguarding and child protection - The Governors continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health and safety and discipline.

Staffing - the success of the Academy is reliant on the quality of its staff and so the Governors monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensure there is clear succession planning.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds - The Academy has appointed a Responsible Officer to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The Academy has agreed a Risk Register and a Contingency and Business Continuity Plan which sets out the Risk Management Strategy. These have been discussed by Governors and include the financial risks to the Academy. The registry and policies are constantly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. Where significant financial risk still remains, they have ensured that they have adequate insurance cover.

The Governors are aware that risks to revenue funding from a falling roll are high. This coupled with the changes in school funding formula, funding arrangements for special educational needs and increasing employment and premises costs mean that budgets will be increasingly tight in coming years.

The Governors examine the financial health formally every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at Finance, Audit and Premises Committee meetings. The Governors also ensure that sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the period end the Academy had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors where there would be a significant effect on liquidity.

The Governing Body recognises that the defined benefit scheme deficit (Local Government Pension scheme) represents a significant potential liability. However as the Governors consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future the risk is minimised. The Governors are also aware that the D of E have asked the Local Government Pension scheme for more parity between Local Authority Schools and academies which should further minimise this risk.

Future plans

The Academy will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The Academy will continue to aim to meet the targets set after the Ofsted Inspection in June 2016 with the trustees providing challenge and support to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. Full details of our plans for the forthcoming year are given in the School Development Plan available from the Academy Office.

The Academy will build on the success of this year and continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The Academy will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff to deliver its objectives.

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The trustees will manage transition to the new funding arrangements.

The Academy aims to develop economies of scale and secure wider educational benefits and opportunities from potential partnerships.

The Academy will continue to work with local schools to improve the educational benefits and opportunities for pupils in the wider community.

Full details of our plans for the forthcoming year are given in our School Development Plan which is available from the Academy Office.

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st August 2017

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a Company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The Trustees of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust Limited are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served during the year 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

Governors and Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees and Governors which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust. The limit of this indemnity is £5,000,000. The Academy is a member of the risk protection arrangement (RPA) for Academy Trusts, an arrangement that is an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The management of the Academy Trust is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms set out in the Articles of Association.

The Academy Trust has fifteen trustees, in line with the Articles of Association. Currently there are ten trustees and five vacancies. The trust is seeking new trustees with the appropriate skills to enable the trust meet its objectives.

The academy's governing body comprises the Head Teacher (ex officio), two Parent Governors, two staff Governors (one teaching one non-teaching), two Foundation Governors and up to five trustees appointed by the Members. The incumbent at St Nicholas Church Haxey is an ex officio Governor. All Governors are appointed for a four-year period. (This does not apply to ex officio posts)

Members appoint Trustees from the local community.

Trustees may also co-opt up to three Trustees in line with the Articles of Association.

Foundation Trustees are appointed by the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education, parent and staff trustees are nominated and elected by the relevant constituency.

Organisational structure

The Academy Trust has in place a governance and management structure deemed appropriate to the Academy Trust's constitution and objects. The Academy Trust's organisational structure consists of three levels - the members, the trustees and the senior leadership team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisation structure

The trustees, as the governing body of the school, are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring its financial and operational performance and making strategic decisions about the direction of the Academy Trust, approving major items of expenditure and making senior staff appointments. The trustees have produced a scheme of delegation to clarify where the responsibility for decision making lies.

The trustees operate a committee structure reporting to the main governing body. Committees include resources (including audit), curriculum, and strategic planning. All committees have approved terms of reference.

During the period to 31st August 2017 the full Governing Body met four times.

The senior management team members are the Head Teacher, Deputy Head teacher and Special Educational Needs Coordinator. These managers control the Academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and Governors and reporting back to them. The Head Teacher is the Accounting officer.

Induction and training of new trustees

The Academy has a Trustee Induction Policy and the Governing Body has a member responsible for Governor Support and Development who liaises with all new trustees ensuring they get the relevant training that is tailored to their needs. They receive an induction pack and are encouraged to attend New Governor Training provided by North Lincolnshire Council

New trustees meet with both the Chair and the Headteacher and receive a tour of the school which includes opportunities to meet with staff and pupils. They also have the opportunity to meet informally with an existing governor who will then act as their mentor. Where necessary, induction will include training on educational, legal, and financial matters. All new trustees are provided with copies of key documents, such as policies, procedures, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they need to undertake their role as Trustees.

The Academy Trust is a member of the National Governors Association ("NGA") who provide training resources, in addition all trustees receive regular training and updates from both Governor Support at North Lincolnshire Council and our professional advisors. Governors and trustees also attend staff training sessions when appropriate.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

All members of the school staff including the Senior Leadership Team have Performance Management Targets and are remunerated according to the criteria laid out in the Academy's Pay and Appraisal Policy.

Related parties

The Academy has strong links with St. Nicholas Church, Haxey, Lincoln Diocese and related organisations. The Academy also has an informal relationship with other primary schools in the Isle Cluster of Schools as well as a close working relationship with South Axholme Academy. There is also an active PTA (parents/carers and friends of the academy) that support the Academy.

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st August 2017

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

AUDITORS

In so far as the trustees are aware

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, Smailes Goldie will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 14th December 2017 and signed on the board's behalf by:

M J Potter - Trustee

Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2017

Scope of Responsibility

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

The board of the trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Head Teacher 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 Westwoodside C of E Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Report of the Trustees and in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
S M Curtis	3	4
K L Furnish	4	4
J N Green	3	4
A K Jenman	4	4
E J Jenman	4	4
M J Potter	3	4
A Purdy	2	4
J Richardson	4	4
D A Welch	4	4
M J Wilson	3	4

The Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. Its purpose is to monitor, evaluate and review policy and performance in relation to financial management, to ensure compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, work with the Academy to draft the annual budget and to receive reports from the Responsible Officer. To liaise, as required, and in particular consider the draft annual accounts in conjunction with the Auditors.

Attendance at meetings in the period was as follows:

Attendance at Finance/ Resources meetings in the period was as follows:

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
S Curtis	4	6
A Jenman	6	6
M Potter	6	6
A Purdy	2	6
J Richardson	6	6
D Welch	3	6
K Furnish	5	6

Non committee members are invited to attend a Resources Committee meeting but in a non-voting capacity.

Review of Value for Money

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

Governance Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2017

Review of Value for Money

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

- Ensuring that targeted CPD has enabled all senior leaders to be proactive in supporting other staff to have maximum impact on pupils' development. This embeds developments ensuring all staff have ownership and are able to lead.
- Carrying out careful analysis and tender process prior to the purchase of new IT hardware to ensure that the products selected are fit for purpose and 'future proofed' and that we have a system that can be built on.
- We have sought advice from other academies and schools about where they accessed services e.g. Payroll, accountancy etc. and benchmarked against our own commitments before deciding which is best value for our academy.
- Ensuring that expenditure is monitored closely, quotes are received before committing to purchases and that resources are used efficiently across the academy. We continue to use a range of suppliers to seek the best value. We seek advice from others when making larger purchases

We are aware that to further develop our commitment to using public money in the very best way then we need to continue to seek ways of making purchases in a collaborative way with other schools.

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 if failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place at Westwoodside Church of England Academy for the period ended 31st August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1st September 2016 to 31 August 2017 for which the financial statements have been prepared and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

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

- The comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees.
- Regular reviews by the finance and general purposes committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes.
- The setting of targets to measure financial and other performance;
- Clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- The delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- The identification and management of risks.

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Governance Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2017

The Risk and Control Framework
The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However the trustees have appointed Jane Fowkes of JF Business Services to carry out a programme of internal checks. Her role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trusts Financial systems for example testing of payroll or purchase systems or the control of Bank reconciliations. One of her reports highlighted a problem with payroll, but this was due to not receiving correct documentation from new payroll providers, this has now been rectified. Another report also highlighted the need to check for correctly addressed invoices. The Business Manager now ensures all invoices are correctly addressed.

Review of Effectiveness
As accounting officer the Head Teacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- The work of the responsible officer
- The work of the external auditor;
- The financial management and governance self-assessment process [if relevant];
- The work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by the board of trustees on 14th December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



M J Potter - Trustee



J Richardson - Accounting Officer

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Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance
for the year ended 31st August 2017

As accounting officer of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

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.

J Richardson - Accounting Officer

14th December 2017

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities
for the year ended 31st August 2017

The trustees (who act as governors of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, 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" and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Academy Trust will continue in business.

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

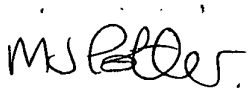
The trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the Academy Trust applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the ESFA/DfE have been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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



M J Potter - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust (the 'Academy Trust') for the year ended 31st August 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 2015 and the Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

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 the Academy Trust's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 31st August 2017 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland';
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2015 and Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017.

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 UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Academy Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, 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.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust

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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

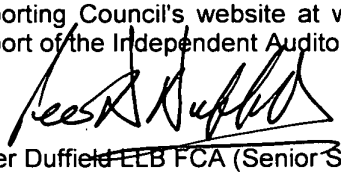
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements 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 Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

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



Peter Duffield LLB FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Smailes Goldie
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
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Princess Street
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14th December 2017

Note:
The maintenance and integrity of the Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust website is the responsibility of the trustees; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 25th May 2016 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust during the period 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 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 Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 4th September 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2016, 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 2016 to 2017. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the 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 our conclusion includes:

- Ensuring value for money is sought for all goods/services procured by the academy, including those procured from related parties of the academy.
- Ensuring that fixed asset additions are made in line with the terms of the funding received and that fixed asset disposals are properly authorised by the DfE
- Ensuring that expenditure incurred through the Academy bank account and debit card is appropriate for the purposes of the Academy and that there has been no personal expenditure from the Academy's funds.
- Ensuring pension contributions are paid to the respective schemes in a timely manner.
- Ensuring returns required by regulatory or funding authorities are completed on a timely basis.

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 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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14th December 2017

Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st August 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Restricted Funds	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds as restated
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and capital grants	2	**4,916**	**6,042**	**40,000**	**50,958**	48,754
Charitable activities						
Funding for the academy's educational operations	3	**27,241**	**-**	**764,074**	**791,315**	835,450
Investment income	4	**59**	**-**	**-**	**59**	163
Total		**32,216**	**6,042**	**804,074**	**842,332**	884,367
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds		**15,450**	**-**	**-**	**15,450**	9,736
Charitable activities						
Academy's educational operations		**1,493**	**11,394**	**836,633**	**849,520**	904,935
Total	5	**16,943**	**11,394**	**836,633**	**864,970**	914,671
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**15,273**	**(5,352)**	**(32,559)**	**(22,638)**	(30,304)
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit schemes		**-**	**-**	**115,000**	**115,000**	(54,000)
Net movement in funds		**15,273**	**(5,352)**	**82,441**	**92,362**	(84,304)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		**134,125**	**93,314**	**(140,085)**	**87,354**	171,658
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**149,398**	**87,962**	**(57,644)**	**179,716**	87,354

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
At 31st August 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 as restated £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	12	**1,097**	1,462
Tangible assets	13	**84,653**	89,573
		85,750	91,035
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	**92,930**	97,088
Cash at bank and in hand		**243,109**	224,289
		336,039	321,377
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	**(56,073)**	(53,058)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**279,966**	268,319
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**365,716**	359,354
PENSION LIABILITY	19	**(186,000)**	(272,000)
NET ASSETS		**179,716**	87,354
FUNDS	18		
Unrestricted funds		**149,398**	134,125
Restricted funds		**30,318**	(46,771)
TOTAL FUNDS		**179,716**	87,354

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th December 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

M J Potter - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust

Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31st August 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 as restated £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	22	**18,826**	5,935
Net cash provided by operating activities		**18,826**	5,935
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(6,107)**	(3,870)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		**6,042**	6,149
Interest received		**59**	163
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		**(6)**	2,442
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**18,820**	8,377
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**224,289**	215,912
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**243,109**	224,289

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Westwoodside Church of England Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Academy Trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

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

Donations
Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance related conditions), where it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

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

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

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

Intangible fixed assets
Intangible assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment. Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Software	25% reducing balance

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding 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, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Long leasehold land	125 years straight line
Plant, machinery and computer equipment	15% reducing balance

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

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

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 19, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore 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 scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate Trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of the 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.

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

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, 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 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. 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.

2. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds as restated
	£	£	£	£
Donations	4,916	40,000	44,916	42,605
Capital grants	-	6,042	6,042	6,149
	4,916	46,042	50,958	48,754

3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds as restated
	£	£	£	£
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	670,642	670,642	711,488
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	63,783	63,783	55,332
Local authority grants	-	29,649	29,649	36,203
Other grants and income	27,241	-	27,241	32,427
	27,241	764,074	791,315	835,450

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds as restated
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	59	-	59	163

5. EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs	Non-pay expenditure Premises	Other costs	2017 Total	2016 Total as restated
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Costs of fundraising	-	-	**15,450**	**15,450**	9,736
Charitable activities					
Academies educational operations					
Direct costs	**516,515**	-	**26,597**	**543,112**	600,848
Allocated support costs	**126,648**	**106,479**	**73,281**	**306,408**	304,087
	643,163	**106,479**	**115,328**	**864,970**	914,671

Net income/ (expenditure) is stated after charging/ (crediting):

	2017	2016 as restated
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	**11,027**	11,991
Computer software amortisation	**365**	487
Other operating leases	**1,404**	2,847
Auditors remuneration	**3,500**	3,500
Auditors remuneration: non-audit services	**1,711**	1,339

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds as restated
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	**1,493**	**541,619**	**543,112**	600,848
Support costs	-	**306,408**	**306,408**	304,087
	1,493	**848,027**	**849,520**	904,935

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS - continued

	2017 Total	2016 Total as restated
	£	£
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	**126,648**	113,393
Depreciation	**11,222**	12,306
Technology costs	**14,645**	11,069
Premises costs	**87,221**	91,837
Other support costs	**42,203**	48,188
Governance costs	**24,469**	27,294
Total support costs	**306,408**	304,087

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

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

J Richardson (Principal and Trustee)
- Remuneration £50,000 - £55,000 (2016: £50,000 - £55,000)
- Employer's pension contributions paid £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000)

C E Bradley (Staff Trustee) (resigned as a trustee 04/03/2016)
- Remuneration £nil (2016: £5,000 - £10,000)
- Employer's pension contributions paid £nil (2016: £0 - £5,000)

M Wilson (Staff Trustee)
- Remuneration £35,000 - £40,000 (2016: £35,000 to £40,000)
- Employer's pension contributions paid £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000

K Furnish (Staff Trustee)
- Remuneration £10,000 to £15,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000)
- Employer's pension contributions paid £0 - £5,000 (2016: £0 - £5,000)

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2017 nor for the year ended 31 August 2016.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2017	2016 as restated
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**467,206**	500,784
Social security costs	**33,163**	33,831
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	**121,917**	112,514
	622,286	647,129
Supply teacher costs	**20,877**	28,833
	643,163	675,962

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the Academy Trust during the year was as follows:

	2017	2016
Teachers	**6**	8
Administration and support	**14**	15
Management	**5**	5
	25	28

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeding £60,000.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprises the Trustees and senior management team as listed in the reference and administrative details section. The total amount of remuneration and other benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £230,327 (2016: £279,790).

9. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

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

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and capital grants	**2,605**	**6,149**	**40,000**	48,754
Charitable activities				
Funding for the academy's educational operations	**30,827**	**-**	**804,623**	835,450
Investment income	**163**	**-**	**-**	163
Total	**33,595**	**6,149**	**844,623**	884,367
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	**9,736**	-	-	9,736
Charitable activities				
Academy's educational operations	**6,265**	**12,478**	**886,192**	904,935
Total	**16,001**	**12,478**	**886,192**	914,671
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**17,594**	**(6,329)**	**(41,569)**	(30,304)
Transfers between funds	**-**	**18,839**	**(18,839)**	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit schemes	**-**	**-**	**(54,000)**	(54,000)
Net movement in funds	**17,594**	**12,510**	**(114,408)**	(84,304)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	**116,531**	**80,804**	**(25,677)**	171,658
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**134,125**	**93,314**	**(140,085)**	87,354

11. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Included within fixed assets in previous years was land and buildings owned by the Diocese of Lincoln, which was occupied by the Academy Trust. The decision to include these in previous accounts was based on "substance over form" because, despite the license allowing the Diocese of Lincoln to terminate with two years notice, it was unlikely that such notice would be given, so long as the site was occupied by a Church of England School.

Since the date of publication of the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2016, the DfE has issued guidance in the Academies Accounts Direction in relation to the treatment of fixed assets occupied under licence from the Diocese. The result of this guidance confirms that the land and buildings occupied under licence should not be included in the accounts of the Academy Trust.

Consequently, the land and buildings occupied under the license have been removed from the accounts of the Academy Trust, and a notional donation has been recognised, equivalent to the amount the Academy Trust would have had to pay to secure premises sufficient for its operations for the two year period.

A notional donation of £80,000, representing the two year rent-free period, has been recognised in the accounts in the year to which the two year licence was granted. A further £40,000 per annum is recognised each year as the two year licence rolls forward.

A notional rent expense of £40,000 for the Academy Trust's use of the premises has been recognised in each of the years from grant of the licence, as well as a prepayment totalling £80,000 representing the notional donations for the forthcoming rent free period.

The land and buildings removed, which were previously recognised as long leasehold fixed assets, amounted to £1,708,500 at cost, with depreciation of £33,828 per annum charged on the assets of also being removed from the donated fixed asset fund:

	£
Land and buildings inherited on conversion	**1,730,000**
Revised value of land and buildings on conversion	**21,500**
	1,708,500
Total depreciation charged to date up to 31 August 2016	**102,000**
Revised depreciation charge to date up to 31 August 2016	**516**
Total removed from financial statements of the Academy Trust	**1,607,016**

Effect on the statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st August 2016

	£
Net movement in funds prior to restatement	**(118,132)**
Depreciation adjustment	**33,828**
Revised net movement in funds	**(84,304)**

Effect on total funds carried forward

	1 September 2015	**31 August 2016**
	£	£
Total funds prior to restatement	1,732,502	**1,614,370**
Cost of land and buildings removed	(1,708,500)	**(1,708,500)**
Depreciation removed to date (£33,828 per annum)	67,656	**101,484**
Notional donation recognised on grant of licence	80,000	**80,000**
Revised total funds	171,658	**87,354**

12. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer software £
COST	
At 1st September 2016	4,496
AMORTISATION	
At 1st September 2016	3,034
Charge for year	365
At 31st August 2017	3,399
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2017	1,097
At 31st August 2016	1,462

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st September 2016	21,500	78,450	33,792	133,742
Additions	-	1,406	4,701	6,107
At 31st August 2017	21,500	79,856	38,493	139,849
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st September 2016	516	32,937	10,716	44,169
Charge for year	172	6,923	3,932	11,027
At 31st August 2017	688	39,860	14,648	55,196
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st August 2017	20,812	39,996	23,845	84,653
At 31st August 2016	20,984	45,513	23,076	89,573

A substantial part of the site occupied by the Academy Trust is occupied under a two year rolling licence from the Diocese of Lincoln, which is not recognised in the financial statements of the Academy Trust. The element of land recognised by the Academy Trust is leased from North Lincolnshire Council over a period of 125 years.

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017	2016 as restated
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	5,335
VAT recoverable	**2,278**	1,980
Other debtors	**3,480**	3,295
Prepayments	**87,172**	86,478
	92,930	97,088

Included within prepayments is £80,000 (2016: £80,000) relating to the notional donation recognised in the financial statements as a result of the extension of the licence to occupy land and buildings held by Diocese of Lincoln for a further two years.

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017	2016 as restated
	£	£
Trade creditors	**7,029**	8,412
Social security and other taxes	**18,395**	22,640
Other creditors	**146**	535
Accruals and deferred income	**30,503**	21,471
	56,073	53,058

Deferred income	2017	2016
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 September 2016	**1,471**	-
Released from previous years	**(1,471)**	-
Resources deferred in the year	**1,420**	1,471
Deferred income at 31 August 2017	**1,420**	1,471

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance for a trip paid for June 2018.

16. 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.

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Restricted Funds	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds as restated
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	85,750	-	85,750	91,035
Current assets	150,816	2,212	183,011	336,039	321,377
Current liabilities	(1,418)	-	(54,655)	(56,073)	(53,058)
Pension liability	-	-	(186,000)	(186,000)	(272,000)
	149,398	87,962	(57,644)	179,716	87,354

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.16 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.17 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	134,125	15,273	-	149,398
Restricted funds				
General Annual Grant	48,620	(3,744)	-	44,876
Donated Fixed Asset Fund	37,034	(2,579)	-	34,455
Restricted Pension Fund	(272,000)	86,000	-	(186,000)
Pupil Premium	3,295	185	-	3,480
Other Restricted funds	80,000	-	-	80,000
DfE/ESFA Capital Grants	18,400	3,055	-	21,455
Capital Expenditure from GAG	37,880	(5,828)	-	32,052
	(46,771)	77,089	-	30,318
TOTAL FUNDS	87,354	92,362	-	179,716

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**32,216**	**(16,943)**	**-**	**15,273**
Restricted funds				
General Annual Grant	**670,642**	**(674,386)**	**-**	**(3,744)**
Pupil Premium	**21,360**	**(21,175)**	**-**	**185**
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	**72,072**	**(72,072)**	**-**	**-**
Other Restricted funds	**40,000**	**(40,000)**	**-**	**-**
DfE/ESFA Capital Grants	**6,042**	**(2,987)**	**-**	**3,055**
Donated Fixed Asset Fund	**-**	**(2,579)**	**-**	**(2,579)**
Restricted Pension Fund	**-**	**(29,000)**	**115,000**	**86,000**
Capital Expenditure from GAG	**-**	**(5,828)**	**-**	**(5,828)**
	810,116	**(848,027)**	**115,000**	**77,089**
TOTAL FUNDS	**842,332**	**(864,970)**	**115,000**	**92,362**

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

General Annual Grant

General Annual Grant (GAG) must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy Trust. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward as at 31 August 2017.

Other DfE/ESFA Grants

The other DfE/ESFA grants must be used for the specific purpose for which they are given. These grants are given to fulfil the charitable objects of the Academy Trust.

Restricted Fixed Asset Fund

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund represents fixed assets donated by North Lincolnshire Council together with assets funded by DfE/ESFA capital grant and general annual grants.

19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £10,553 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017 (2016: £11,762) and are included within creditors.

19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Teachers' pension scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions along with those made by employers 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. 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 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%))

- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million

- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations

- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.

During the previous year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £47,090 (2016: £51,885).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is a 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.

19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £56,000 (2016: £59,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £46,000 (2016: £49,000) and employees' contributions totalled £10,000 (2016: £10,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.6% for employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

	At 31 August 2017	At 31 August 2016
Rate of increase in salaries	**2.60%**	2.30%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	**2.40%**	2.10%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	**2.50%**	2.10%

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

	At 31 August 2017	At 31 August 2016
Retiring today		
Males	**21.7 years**	21.9 years
Females	**24.2 years**	24.1 years
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	**23.7 years**	24.2 years
Females	**26.4 years**	26.7 years

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the scheme liabilities are set out below:

	At 31 August 2017	At 31 August 2016
0.5% decrease in discount rate	**88,000**	86,000
0.5% increase in pension rate	**74,000**	54,000
0.5% increase in salary rate	**13,000**	29,000

19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Local government pension scheme

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

	Fair value at 31 August 2017 £	Fair value at 31 August 2016 £
Equities	**362,810**	286,500
Government bonds	**66,430**	42,020
Property	**56,210**	42,020
Cash	**25,550**	11,460
Total market value of assets	**511,000**	382,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £71,000 (2016: £44,000).

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2017 £	2016 £
Current service cost	**70,000**	53,000
Interest income	**(9,000)**	(11,000)
Interest cost	**14,000**	19,000
Total operating charge	**75,000**	61,000

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

	2017 £	2016 £
At 1 September	**654,000**	485,000
Current service cost	**70,000**	53,000
Interest cost	**14,000**	19,000
Employee contributions	**10,000**	10,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	**(44,000)**	98,000
Benefits paid	**(7,000)**	(11,000)
At 31 August	**697,000**	654,000

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

	2017 £	2016 £
At 1 September	**382,000**	279,000
Interest income	**9,000**	11,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	**71,000**	44,000
Employer contributions	**46,000**	49,000
Employee contributions	**10,000**	10,000

19. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

Benefits paid	**(7,000)**	(11,000)
At 31 August	**511,000**	382,000

20. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Operating leases

At 31 August 2017 the total Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts due within one year	**6,036**	648
Amounts due between one and five years	**7,547**	3.239
	13,583	3,887

21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 7.

22. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2017 £	2016 as restated £
Net expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	**(22,638)**	(30,304)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	**11,394**	12,478
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	**(6,042)**	(6,149)
Interest received	**(59)**	(163)
LGPS service cost less contribution paid	**24,000**	4,000
LGPS net finance cost	**5,000**	8,000
Decrease in debtors	**4,156**	17,482
Increase in creditors	**3,015**	591
Net cash provided by operating activities	**18,826**	5,935