

Collective Vision Trust

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 August 2024



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Reference and Administrative Details

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Mrs S Gribbin
Mr R Dutton
Mr I Sharp
Ms L Davenport (appointed 1 September 2024)

Trustees

Mrs S Gribbin, Chair of Trustees¹
Mr R Dutton¹
Mrs S Phillips¹
Mrs L Davenport (resigned 31 August 2024)¹
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Mrs L Jackson, Accounting Officer
Mrs H Smith (appointed 1 September 2024)
Mrs R Patrick (appointed 1 September 2024)

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Company registered number

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Company name

Collective Vision Trust

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Company secretary

Mrs J Revell

Senior management team

Mrs L Jackson, CEO & Accounting Officer
Mr R Swindells, Premises and Assets, Deputy CEO & Headteacher CCSC
Mrs D Skupham, Director of Pupil Health, Well-being and Safety & Headteacher Churchfields Primary School
Ms S Melvin, Director of Partnership and Communications & Deputy Headteacher CCSC
Mrs S Formosa, Director of Teaching and Learning & Headteacher Chesterton Primary School until 31/09/2023
Ms S Stevenson, Headteacher Crackley Bank Primary School
Mr B Wilkinson, Headteacher Bursley Academy
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Trustees' report
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report and strategic report under company law.

The Trust operates 6 Primary and 1 Secondary Academies in North Staffordshire and Shropshire. Its academies have a combined pupil capacity of 2,324 and a head roll of 2,187 in the schools' census in Summer 2024.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity.

The charitable company's Memorandum of Association is the primary governing document of the Academy Trust.

The Trustees of Collective Vision Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

The charitable company known as Collective Vision Trust and the schools are known as Chesterton Community Sports College, Churchfields Primary School, Crackley Bank Primary School, Chesterton Primary School, Bursley Academy and Goldstone Federation which comprise Cheswardine Primary School and Hinstock Primary School. .

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

b. Members' liability

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

c. Trustees' indemnities

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

d. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

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

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees/Directors are inducted on a bespoke basis. They have special induction meetings with the CEO and the Chair of the trust. From this an appropriate training package is agreed.

Ongoing training for Directors is provided regularly through informal briefings and also via updates posted on the Governor Portal.

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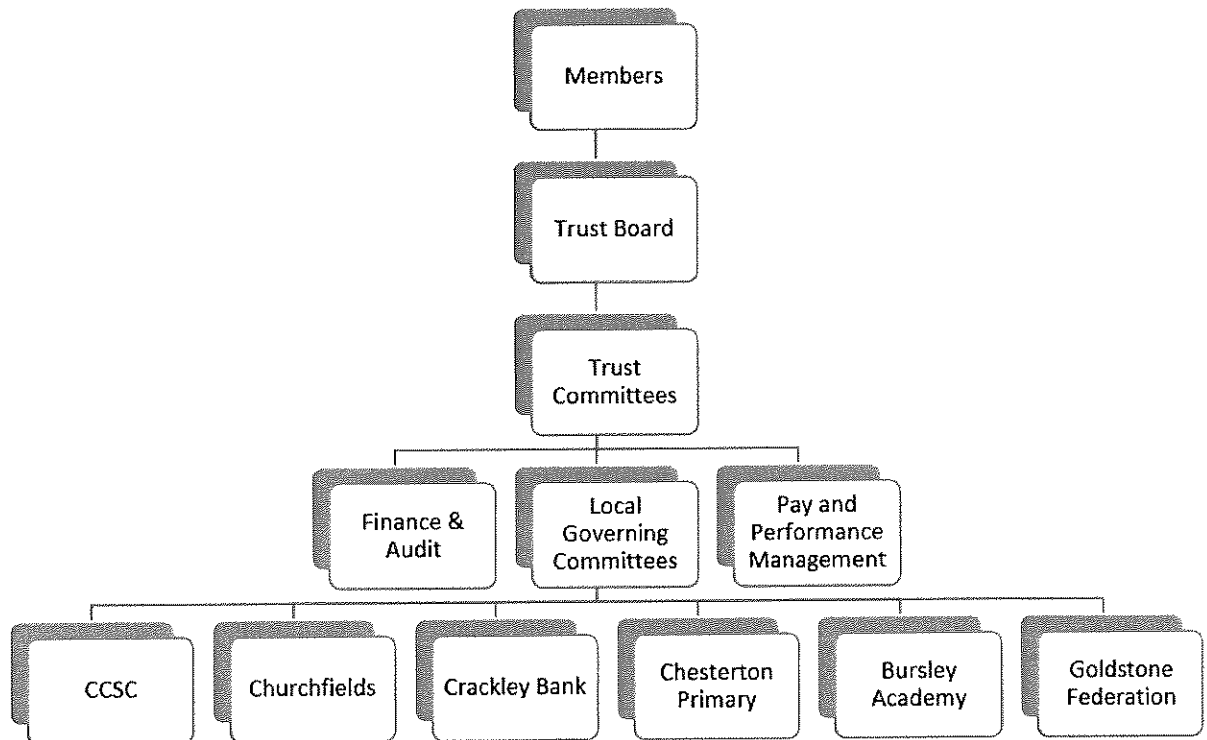
Structure, governance and management (continued)

f. Organisational structure

There are three major tiers of Governance in the Trust:

- Members
- Trustees
- Committees of the Trust, including local school

A diagram summarising the governance structure of the Trust is set out below:



Leadership and management of the Trust has three major tiers:

- CEO (and Accounting Officer)
- Deputy CEO
- Executive Leaders, including both Educational and Operations Leaders

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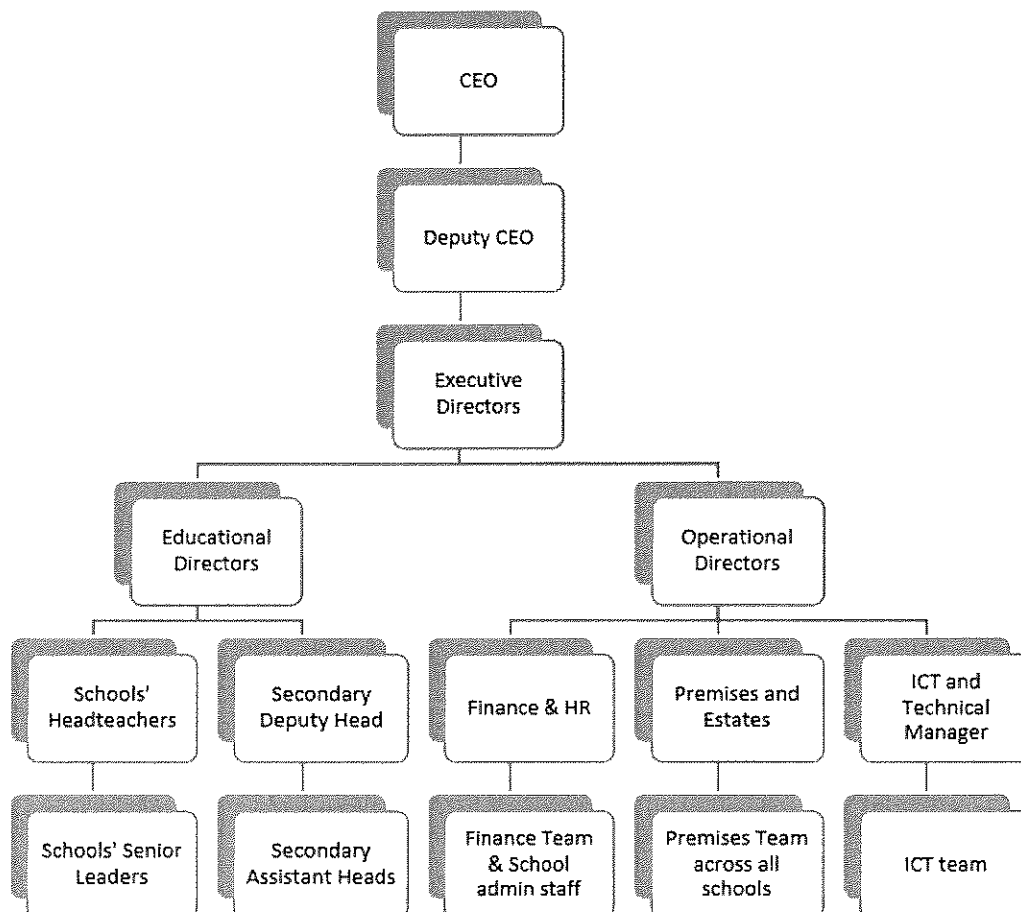
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

A diagram summarising the leadership and management structure of the Trust is set out below (note all Headteachers of trust schools are part of the Executive Leadership of the Trust): Leadership and management of the Trust has three major tiers:

- CEO (and Accounting Officer)
- Deputy CEO
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The board of Directors has in place a comprehensive document outlining the details of the responsibilities of each layer and the delegation policy showing the responsibility for each tier in the organisation, including limits at which expenditure can be authorised at each level of management within the academy. (Reference: Governance Structure, Roles, Responsibility and Schemes of Delegation - Collective Vision Trust)

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

All schools within the Trust have their own Local Governing Committee (a subcommittee of the Trust Board) as seen in the above diagram. The scheme of delegation is covered in the document referenced above.

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

Staff pay is governed by the Collective Vision Trust Pay Policy, which is reviewed by Directors annually.

Performance management reviews occur on an annual cycle and are used as the procedure on which decisions for individuals to progress through the pay scales are made. There is a clear system, laid down in the policy, and line managers review individual's performance regularly throughout the year and this is part of the day to day practice and culture of the organisation. Directors' Pay Committee, which is made up of the members of the Trust, considers the management recommendations for pay progression and has the ultimate say in the decision making.

Key individuals

Trustees (non- SLT employees). The process is the same as for all staff outlined above. It is clear rigorous and evidence based.

Trust senior leadership roles

In setting the original pay rates for members of the trust leadership the pay committee looked at evidence from a report in terms of roles and responsibilities, this evidence also looked at benchmarking against similar vacancies that have been advertised and pay levels in other trusts nationally of a similar size. External opinion was also taken from the consultant who advises on the CEO's Performance Management.

Future pay progression follows a rigorous performance management process. Directors receive external support from a consultant, who is a recently retired CEO with a proven track record, when reviewing the performance of the CEO. The CEO follows the same process with the Trust Senior Leaders and Headteachers. The external consultant is also used to advise in this respect. Recommendations are then made to the pay committee who make the final decision.

Other Headteachers within the trust

The CEO undertakes a rigorous performance management process that is evidence based for all Headteachers within the trust. Recommendations for any pay progression are based upon an impartial examination of the facts. These recommendations are then discussed with the local governing bodies which pass on recommendations to the Trust's Pay Committee for a final decision.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

h. Trade union facility time

Relevant union officials

| | |
|---|----------|
| Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the year | 1 |
| Full-time equivalent employee number | 1 |

Percentage of time spent on facility time

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

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time **£**

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Total cost of facility time | - |
| Total pay bill | 8,123,836 |
| Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time | - % |

Paid trade union activities

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

Until 1 October 2016 the academy consisted of two schools. Chesterton Community Sports College which sponsors Churchfields Primary School.

Crackley Bank Primary School and Chesterton Primary School joined the Trust in October 2016.

Bursley Academy joined the Trust in June 2022, in a transfer from the Praxis Trust.

Goldstone Federation – consisting of Cheswardine Primary School and Hinstock Primary School joined the Trust in May 2024.

Key personnel work across the Trust.

Collective Vision Trust provides IT services to some schools outside the Trust:
St Chad's Primary and Knutton St Mary's.

Collective Vision Trust is looking to expand further, an application has been approved by West Midlands Region for Woore Primary, in Shropshire, to join CVT, we are working towards a conversion date of 1 February 2025.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

j. Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

Collective Vision Trust ethos is characterised by the positive relationships that it has across all its schools and between all of its staff.

Communication is seen as a two-way process and is built into the way the trust and the schools operate. Trust systems include representation from all schools in the trust, example the Trust Executive Leadership includes all Headteachers, finance team involves members of staff from all schools. This ensures that there are always clear lines of communication from the Trust to the schools.

Employees receive central communication from the finance team on matters concerning pay and contracts.

Headteachers are responsible for ensuring the staff in their schools are aware of all policies and procedures in the Trust. These are also available on the trust website and in most cases the school's website or internal staff pages.

The Trust regularly and routinely seeks the views and opinions of its staff through the line management and communication channels that exist throughout the schools and trust structure. Staff tell us that they value this open relationship that exists.

As well as this the Trust has a positive relationship with the Trade Unions within the trust and regularly discusses matters with school representatives.

As part of the Governance Structure the Trust ensures that local governing committees seek the views of staff and usually has a member of staff as a member of the committee.

The Trust operates an 'Interview Guarantee Scheme' for people with a disability and who meet the essential criteria of the post.

(NB: The Equality Act defines a person as having a disability if they "have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities")

Existing disabled employees or employees who became disabled are supported through our HR processes, and suitable adjustments are made wherever feasible. The Trust uses HR consultants and occupational health specialists to provide extra information to help us to do this.

Disability is not seen as a bar to career development and promotion.

The Academy Trust has implemented a number of detailed policies in relation to all aspects of personnel matters including:

- Equal opportunities policy
- Volunteers' policy
- Health & safety policy

In accordance with the Academy Trust's equal opportunities policy, the Academy Trust has long-established fair employment practices in the recruitment, selection, retention and training of disabled staff.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

Engagement with employees (including disabled persons) (continued)

Full details of these policies are available from the Academy Trust's offices.

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

The Trust puts children at the heart of all it does and everything it does has improving education and life chances for its children as its primary concern. In order to do this, it believes in working closely with families, parents, carers and the wider community. Parent representatives sit on all local governing committees.

The Trust schools are characterised by highly positive relationships between staff, pupils and parents. This is frequently commented on by visitors.

Our schools all play an important part in their wider communities, and it is something that the Trust advocates as part of its wider civic duty as a public body.

Our procedures ensure that all supplier and customer engagement operate in the interests of the Trust and adhere to the level of transparency and accountability that are expected for public bodies.

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Objectives and activities

a. Objects and aims

The main objective of the Academy Trust is to ensure that all pupils achieve the highest possible standards. This applies to both academic qualifications and to wider aspects of learning.

We believe that our children should have the best possible education and support – both academic and pastoral. Children are challenged 'to be the best that they can be' in all aspects of their life.

We deliver this through an excellent curriculum delivered by high quality staff who always go the extra mile to ensure that the children are at the heart of what we do.

We have a culture of high expectations for all aspects of school life.

We believe strongly in the importance of a well sequenced knowledge-based curriculum which ensures children:

“Know more, remember more, understand it and apply it”

Our schools are very much part of the community and are inclusive environments in which all can thrive.

We believe that children need to feel safe and secure in order to learn. Our school environments aim to provide calm, safe spaces where children can enjoy learning and so develop the knowledge and skills that will make them happy and successful citizens.

All our schools will ensure that there is:

- **High Expectations in Leadership** - Leaders drive their schools forward with a 'no excuse' culture: all children can succeed.
- **High Expectations in Behaviour** - Underpinned by the core values of respect, tolerance and independence; building resilient, positive role models of the future
- **High Quality Curriculum** - A curriculum that ensures children "know more, remember more, understand it and apply it"
- **High Expectations in Teaching and Learning** - Challenge, inspire and support all learners to be successful.
- **High Achievement for all** - Everyone working to 'be the best you can be'.

We aim that pupils leave our schools as fully rounded individuals who have the educational, social and emotional skills to play a full part in their local, national and inter-national community.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

Main development priorities and key actions were:

- Growth - develop the Trust by bringing more schools into the trust.
- Improve Curriculum Impact - ensure that the impact of curriculum development is seen in improved results.
- Further Develop Trust Strategic Oversight - Implement and refine the Strategic Oversight Cycle
- Staff development - Provide support for greater numbers of staff on NPQs, implement Trust wide subscription to National College training packages, further develop practitioners' networks across the trust.
- Finance - further development of the finance teams and specialised CFO and Trust Accountant Role.
- Operations - further develop the operational teams within the Trust to build capacity and improve delivery of key functions with regards to Estates Management and IT delivery.

Key Actions

1 Growth

- Make contact with LA schools/ SATs in identified geographical areas.
- Have dialogue with schools discussing the Trust, benefits and impacts.
- Discuss with LAs so they understand the Trust and its strengths.
- Continue positive dialogue with the Region.
- Make and host visits as required.

2 Improve Curriculum

- Work with schools SLT to develop appropriate school-based actions to deliver 'understanding' in the curriculum and thereby impact in results.
- Work alongside key individuals to help reflection and develop practice.
- Monitor closely the impact of school improvement work on data projections.
- Ensure that leaders maintain their focus on raising standards.

3 Trust Strategic Oversight

- Implement the complete annual Trust Strategic Oversight Cycle.
- Develop the professional discussions between Trust and School leaders.
- Develop the trust reports to enhance the quality of information provided to the trust board.
- Commission a wider range of external experts to provide validation to the evidence presented as well as offer additional advice.

4 Staff Development

- Increase the number of staff undertaking NPQs.
- Provide all staff with individual access to national College training resources.
- Develop new Trust Role to act as Trust mentor to staff on NPQs.
- Monitor and review the usage and impact of National College training material.
- Identify and develop the Trust wide staff practitioner networks.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

5 Financial Management

- CFO and Trust Accountant to lead finance team.
- Tasks formally carried out by Entrust finance team to be brought in house, through Trust Accountant Role
- Weekly meetings developed to provide more coordinated working for the finance team across the Trust.
- Develop the systems so as to be able to provide a different approach to schools coming into the Trust – e.g., small rural schools.

6 Operational Teams

Estates

- Make better use of the expertise in the Estates team to ensure that we add more value to our estate.
- Look at review of current compliance system so Trust centrally has more oversight.
- Develop systems so that we provide schools with more guidance and direction around the estates.
- Improve the information to Trustees to provide an enhanced oversight of estates.
- Look at developing a model where we can provide a different type of service for smaller rural schools wishing to join the Trust.

ICT

- Continue to develop the ICT provision in schools.
- Look at developing a model where we can provide a different type of service for smaller rural schools wishing to join the Trust.

Chesterton Community Sports College

The school priorities and key actions were:

- Knowledge-based learning continues to drive everything – **“Know more, remember more, understand it and apply it”**.
- Independent learning to be a full focus in lessons, linking to knowledge-based learning – **“silent working time”**
- Whole school focus on external exam results (specific focus on targeted groups).
- Staff to continue to use AFL in a variety of ways to highlight “knowledge gaps/misconceptions” and to have timely and appropriate intervention.
- To continue to develop use of technology to support curriculum and independent learning outside of lessons – **“online quizzes”**.
- Ensure pupils are working harder in all lessons – tackling passive work effort across all teaching groups.
- Make sure that personal development is at the forefront – creating opportunities for all pupils.

Key Actions:

Priority 1

Knowledge-based learning continues to drive everything – **“Know more, remember more, understand it and apply it”**

- To make sure that all crucial knowledge documents are continually updated, reviewed, and shared constantly.
- Weekly staff reflection sheets to continue to be embedded in practice and have real impact on teaching & learning.
- Ensure that gaps in knowledge and misconceptions are addressed effectively at the earliest opportunity.
- Embed start points and end points into EVERY lesson, with heavy focus on the WHY.
- When CK is embedded, continue to develop deep understanding and application in all classes.
- Subject leaders and subject teachers to explore external stimulus from experts in subject-specific fields in order to teach and facilitate understanding and application better.
- Teachers to focus on and break down their own subject knowledge and understanding in order to more effectively teach new learning, so that pupils of all abilities are able to better access the knowledge and understanding.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Priority 2

Independent learning to be a full focus in lessons – linking to knowledge-based learning – “silent working time”.

- Ensure CK is embedded and recapped constantly using variety of methods.
- Use “silent working time” effectively. All pupils should be successful during silent work.
- Ensure that during “silent work”, pupils have access to the Crucial Knowledge to help recap/recall.

Priority 3

Whole school focus on external exam results (specific focus on targeted groups).

- Whole school data analysis for all year groups.
- Departments to analyse data, track pupils and put intervention in as needed.
- Internal exams and assessments to be bespoke to group needs.

Priority 4

Staff to continue to use AfL in a variety of ways to highlight “knowledge gaps/misconceptions” and to have timely and appropriate intervention.

- Assessment is constant and takes place at all points in students’ learning using a range of assessment strategies (CK quiz feedback, teacher assessment, pupil feedback, etc.)
- Teaching staff and HoDs routinely make evidence-based decisions about the direction of learning for each lesson and for future learning.
- Gaps in knowledge and misconceptions are identified and addressed effectively at the earliest opportunity.
- Consider WHERE the misconception has come from and WHY in order to address the issue directly, not guess.
- Ensure that knowledge is fully embedded at the appropriate times.
- Assessment includes regular summative assessment (at least every half-term) with specific, focused, and meaningful written teacher feedback and grades.

Priority 5

To continue to develop use of technology to support curriculum and independent learning outside of lessons - “**online quizzes**”.

- Critical quizzes testing exact CK needed.
- Pupils are expected to know ALL of the information in CK quizzes and gain full marks.
- Quizzes to be mostly done out of lessons BUT reinforce key knowledge for lessons.
- Look at extended work in and out of lessons through the extension of knowledge quizzes. Make use of technology to support and develop knowledge, understanding and application.

Priority 6

Ensure pupils are working harder in all lessons – tackling passive work effort across all teaching groups.

- Staff to ensure pupils are working harder in every lesson.
- Staff to stand/sit behind class during independent work.
- Staff to ensure ONLY required work is open on pupils’ iPads.
- Staff walk around the classroom to ensure there is no “passive behaviour”.
- Staff expectations to increase for lessons – set through start/end points.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Priority 7

Make sure that personal development is at the forefront – creating opportunities for all pupils.

- Staff to continue to offer opportunities in and out of lessons through:
 - o Trips
 - o CLW
 - o Rewards system
 - o After-school clubs
 - o Extra-curricular events
 - o Whole school pupil roles/leaders
 - o Specific department leaders/roles
 - o Online engagement – quizzes, but also Instagram, etc.
 - o Careers to be part of curriculum planning.
 - o Community projects
 - o PSCH, RE and RSE events, days, and form time delivery
 - o Parental involvement and engagement
 - o Development of the house system – competition and drive of whole school ethos.

Churchfields Primary School

The school priorities and key actions were:

- Continue to develop the curriculum with all areas driving crucial knowledge with a focus in key areas on understanding and apply.
- Children to develop their own knowledge of the learning process – learning to learn alongside growth mindset.
- Speaking and listening provision from EYFS – year 6 to be enhanced
- Develop SEND provision in EYFS / year 1
- Improve attendance for regular persistent absentees.
- Develop opportunities for parents and carers to engage in their child's learning.

Key Actions:

Priority 1

Continue to develop the curriculum in all areas driving crucial knowledge with a focus in key areas on understand and apply.

- Audit of curriculum areas to be completed with all subject areas to have their own action plan.
- All CK documents to be reviewed at the end of units and updated using TEAMS to ensure shared.
- End of unit review / reflection documents to be completed reviewing CK and application (disciplinary knowledge)
- From these documents and ongoing assessment gaps in knowledge and misconceptions are addressed
- Where reviews and reflections show that CK is embedded to develop the understanding and application
- CPD opportunities to be sourced by subject leaders.
- End points (substantive and disciplinary) to be clear and used as the assessment review.

Priority 2

Children to develop their own knowledge of the learning process – learning to learn alongside growth mindset.

- Revisit training on growth mindset, cognitive load, interleaving and spacing.
- Children to understand their role in the learning process – individual work, group work, recall.
- Assemblies and PSHE sessions to be on learning to learn.
- Learn to learn workshops with the children.
- Revisit I do, we do, you do in the five a day lesson model.

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Priority 3

Speaking and listening provision from EYFS – year 6 to be enhanced.

- Progression document to be produced for speaking and listening skills from EYFS – year 6.
- Talk for writing to be explored in year 1.
- Interventions for children struggling with speech and language identified early and impact speech and language interventions take place.
- Makaton encouraged in the early years.
- Role-play opportunities and opportunities for speaking and listening developed in the curriculum.

Priority 4

Develop SEND provision in EYFS / year 1.

- SEND children to be visited in previous settings or at home before starting.
- All children to have a passport in place by first week in
- Meeting with parents to understand needs and how best to work together to ensure interventions and support are timely.
- Development of the environment in all classrooms so that sensory, physical and cognition needs are catered for
- Planning to be adapted by the class teacher for pupils with SEND.
- SENDCo and EYFS lead to hold regular review meetings with staff to discuss progress, planning, interventions and next steps for children.
- CPD to be sourced for staff in early years linked to needs.

Priority 5

Improve overall attendance with a focus on regular persistent absentees.

- Persistent absence letters to be sent to targeted children before the new academic year.
- PA children to be monitored weekly and informed via text of their child's current attendance.
- Attendance clinic to take place after 3 periods of absence.
- Action plans to be written.
- Support and or fixed penalty to be sought.

Priority 6

Develop opportunities for parents and carers to engage in their child's learning.

- Workshops to be put in place for English and maths.
- A parental Microsoft form to be completed discussing other events that can be offered.
- SEN coffee mornings support by MHST team.
- Subject specific workshops one each half term.
- School quiz night and Christmas and summer fair to take place.

Chesterton Primary School

The school priorities and key actions were:

Quality of Education

- 1a Know more, remember more, understand it and apply it – crucial knowledge is the driver for our knowledge-based curriculum underpinned by an inspiring curriculum.
- 1b Continue to refine knowledge-based curriculum, extended learning opportunities, drive aspirations in all students.
- 1c Ensure outcomes improve and assessment drives next steps.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Personal Development

- Create opportunities for children to be inspired and inspire others through responsibilities and aspirations.
- Create extended learning experiences through trips, visits and clubs that enhance primary learning experience.
- Develop arts and music subjects.

Early Years

- Develop and embed the EYFS curriculum.
- Develop EYFS leadership and team.

Leadership & Management

- To drive number on roll.
- Support professional progression of staff.
- Continue to drive standards and improve outcomes.
- Develop outstanding leadership at all levels.

Key Actions

1A Curriculum intent

- Improve oracy skills and increased vocabulary to build independent resilience and application of knowledge (KS2).
- Revision of the Spanish, Computing and Music curriculum and Vision Maps to improve quality of teaching and learning in these areas. CPD for Spanish lessons.
- Development of career options within PSHE curriculum to generate children's personal intrinsic aspirations, which will support self-motivation, resilience, and self-regulation.

1B Curriculum implementation

- Develop system for new teachers to quickly develop and adapt to our curriculum and expectations (re: crucial knowledge).
- Development of 'remembering more' over longer periods of time. Develop ways of sharing learning across year groups (showcasing, quizzes, newsletter), maximising recap sessions and opportunities and how crucial knowledge is embedded.
- Ensure quality of teaching remains to a high standard.
- Securing implementation of Art, R.E., Computing, DT and Music lessons through CPD.

1C Curriculum impact

- Improve reading outcomes: phonics – early learning of phonics across EYFS and continued focus in Y1.
Y2 – accuracy and fluency so children understand what they are reading and can recall simple information.
LKS2 – improve reading rates and comprehension.
UKS2 – improve reading stamina and independent resilience and application.
- Improve maths outcomes – focus on boosting arithmetic knowledge and skills during morning learning. Utilise all opportunities – rote counting, purposeful maths talk, use of money.
- Improve writing outcomes. Use 'Tools for Talking' as part of oracy element of the curriculum to develop oracy format and approach to support improvement of oracy skills for children which in turn will improve writing.
- Evidence and assessments for other subjects against crucial knowledge.
- Consider ways for in-year intake children to catch-up and close any gaps in learning.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

2 Behaviour

- Maintain outstanding behaviour and attitudes. Establish revised school expectations and a common language surrounding expectations to limit undesirable behaviours.
- Improve children's movement and manners around the dining hall and corridors.
- Improve attendance – establish monetary value rewards (tokens used for discos, fairs, treats).

3 Personal Development

- Develop sustained engagement of school clubs.
- Develop links with local businesses and communities so that opportunities are perceived as possible.

4 Leadership and Management

- Develop subject leaders to drive their subjects and ensure the quality of subject curriculums are strong and driving outcomes.
- Class teachers to drive outcomes for each child and have a clear understanding of how to improve outcomes.
- Development of specialist knowledge for Spanish, Computing and Music.
- Develop parental and community engagement.
- Ensure pupil premium spending is effective.
- Develop new leadership; establish and develop roles and responsibilities to ensure effective teamwork and leadership.

5 EYFS

- Ensure good implementation and impact of new curriculum including planned recap.
- Develop wider opportunities to develop communication and language utilising all areas (such as outdoor learnings, trips, visitors) and adult job time.
- Early interventions groups created for children who are at risk of poor outcomes to improve children's chances.

Crackley Bank Primary School

The school priorities and key actions were:

- Deepen learning throughout the curriculum.
- Improve standards in writing.
- Develop SEND provision in EYFS.
- Improve standards in arithmetic.
- Develop opportunities for parents and carers to engage in their child's learning.

Key Actions:

Priority 1

Deepen learning throughout the curriculum.

- MTPs are written by class teachers.
- MTPs are reviewed by subject leaders prior to teaching – feedback provided, and amendments implemented.
- Lesson observations show that lessons do not contain too much content.
- Subject leader monitoring shows that lessons do not contain too much content.
- Non-fiction writing shows clear, deep understanding of the CK of History & Geography.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Priority 2

Improve standards in writing

- Long-Term Plan for writing outlines coverage for writing and comprehension weeks.
- Long-Term Overview for Writing is reviewed by leaders, to ensure that non-fiction writing units link to the previous half term's History or Geography Crucial Knowledge.
- Teachers write short term plans - each writing unit begins with a modelled plan to structure the writing and for children to refer to whilst writing independently.
- Develop stamina for writing. At the end of each writing week there will be a planned Big Write, an extended period in which children will write their final piece.
- Staff meeting – Action Plan reveals to staff - 10th July 2023 (Monday)
- CPD Support teachers planning and delivering Big Write sessions.

Priority 3

Develop SEND provision in EYFS.

- Visiting SEND children in previous Nurseries.
- Meeting with parents to understand their individual needs.
- Development of the indoor and outdoor provision to ensure that it caters for all children which will include a quiet sensory space.
- Planning will need to be adapted for pupils with SEND whilst still giving the opportunities to be inclusive.
- Regular review meetings with staff in EYFS to discuss progress, planning and next steps for children.
- Liaising with SENDCO and outside agencies for children with plans, and those who need to be on plans.
- CPD for all EYFS staff on child development as well as special needs to continue.

Priority 4

Improve standards in arithmetic.

- Improving times table recall and knowledge - On weekly timetables teachers allow 10 minutes each day to practise times tables - Focus on set tables per term. E.g., year 4 practise 3 and 4 in autumn, 6 and 7 in spring and 9 and 12 in summer.
- Whole year maths lessons focus on arithmetic - place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, and division - once finished then re-teach again. This is to make sure the children are extremely secure with their number work.
- All other units e.g., shape, length, perimeter etc. will be done in the first 10 minutes of the maths lesson and will be re-taught once finished.
- Problem solving and Reasoning should be done through challenges and CKT's most days.
- How to teach time through everyday conversations - Teacher and TA staff meeting (September ½ hour).
- Staff meeting - action plan reveal to staff - 10th July 2023 (Monday)
- CPD - to support/ teach HA children from Ofsted feedback.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Priority 5

Develop opportunities for parents and carers to engage in their child's learning

- Parental questionnaire into what they would like a workshop/event in/on/
- MHST Workshops each term focusing on a different area – liaise with MHST on questionnaire results.
- Drop-in's and a coffee/tea morning.
- Subject specific workshops one each half term, subject leader to deliver.
- Phonics EYFS/KS1 invite into classes.
- Arithmetic and Reading sessions.
- External agencies workshops.
- Whole school summer event invite community into school.

Bursley Academy

The school priorities and key actions were:

- Curriculum – a shift of focus to the application of knowledge through range of tasks in all subject areas (use and apply skills in subjects as well as knowledge- through the new style curriculum documents which develop increase sequence and focus on use of knowledge as well as maintaining the know and remember aspects of the curriculum)
- Assessment – new revised assessment system and recording in place, this will be monitored and measured for impact and accuracy throughout the year. Gaps analysis and discussions will remain fundamental to the system, and this will be linked to marking system as well as end of term assessed pieces and CK checks.
- Marking – New marking without written comments is to be rolled out across whole school after successful trial – this will be monitored for impact and workload with all staff.
- Simplification of assessments and the teacher moderation aspects of the assessment process to ensure our teacher judgements are accurate. Moving the assessments away from complex pieces that require multiple knowledge and application streams to focus on the key CK in the unit and assess the children against this (main focus on English and writing).
- Review and trial Little Wandle scheme for Y2 which is phonics to spelling transition – released in December - (also look at phonics units in Y3 from Little Wandle for catch up of pupils who do not attain the Phonics screener level in KS1).

Subject focuses:

- English writing – this is identified as the area in which attainment continues to be lower than other subject areas in relation to attainment.
 1. implementing the new genre sequence docs and genre development documents to improve consistency and sequencing of writing development.
 2. Reviewing redrafting and editing of writing to ensure the pupils are able to improve their own work before marking.
 3. Application of knowledge into writing (this is in line with above curriculum target).
 4. Writing for direct purposes
- Science – the further development of application and working scientifically through all units of work.
- Music – development of the learning sequence, consistence of recording of work in all classes and the further development of music appreciation.

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Key Actions:

1A Curriculum Intent

- Monitor second year of maths curriculum documents – after revisions made.
- New curriculum documents in all subject areas with the exception of English and maths to be in place for September – these documents will increase the level of sequencing for CK in each lesson and focus on the application side of the knowledge developed as well.
- Curriculum documents will act as a scheme of work and reduce staff workload as well as ensure increased consistency in delivery sequences of learning.
- Curriculum documents in science learning and to focus on the development of working scientifically in a CK curriculum.
- Curriculum documents in, art and DT revised to improve the sequence of lessons.
- To effectively integrate the use of personal iPad into the day-to-day teaching of pupils in Y4 after successful year of use in Y5/6.
- New writing genre development and content documents will enhance staff understanding and the development of writing both in unit and across each year group so skills and knowledge sequencing is further enhanced.

1B Curriculum Implementation

- New crucial knowledge curriculum documents will underpin the delivery of all subjects (with the exception of English and maths which will remain in the same format as previous years).
- Documents will allow for a shift of emphasis which will allow a balance between know and remember and understand and apply.
- All staff – coordinators and class teachers will have ownership of the curriculum documents – this will mean a deeper fundamental understanding of the learning sequence, the CK and the application to deepen understanding.
- Review the effective use of recap and the use of CK checks during units of work to build this into the assessment and evidence gathering process. Allowing for increased gaps identification and more targeted learning.
- Introduction of new Phonics to spelling units of work in Y2 and the implementation of the Little Wandle KS2 phonics catch up program for children not attaining Phonics pass at the end of Y2.
- Subject leader to closely monitor the implementation of the new curriculum documents.
- maintain focus on crucial knowledge, ensuring knowledge is regularly revisited and discussed as part of the teaching cycle.
- To utilise individual iPad in Y6 – Y4 to support and develop learning – ensuring these are used effectively in key areas such as recap and access to materials/support and CK.
- Raise profile of music in school – this is to be done using the new revised curriculum document as well as music appreciation which will be introduced into each class.

1C Curriculum Impact

- Monitor the improved sequence of learning in all subjects (with the exception of Maths which remains the same) within individual units of work and across year groups to ensure sequencing impact is clear.
- Pupils will be more able to discuss their learning with confidence and context in all subject areas.
- Profile of music and quality of music teaching and learning will improve further, and children will have a deeper understanding of music appreciation.
- iPads will be effectively used within class teaching and be key to delivery and assessment of learning.
- Consistency of delivery and teaching in genres of writing will increase – allowing children to better focus on key knowledge and skills in their work – therefore improving structure and content.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

2 Behaviour

- Review celebration assembly structure and content to make the celebrations more meaningful and impactful e.g., re-introduce reviews of learning for each year group.
- Reinforce the recording of incidents.

3. Leadership and Management

- Share new assessment system and spreadsheet tracking documents with staff.
- Assessment policy and evidence protocols to be updated in line with new policy.
- Review gaps analysis discussions and recording sheets for class/year group teams.
- Discuss marking system with all staff, share examples and discuss the trials which have been completed in Y2 and Y3/4.
- Review and update marking policy.
- Check books on a rolling weekly program with SLT – ensure marking is having an impact on quality of children work – this will then be reviewed By SLT in meetings monthly.
- Staff meeting held termly to discuss staff application and workload linked to marking and make any adaptations needed to the system.
- Staff training on simplification of assessment pieces in writing – with a focus on ensuring that assessed pieces and how they are written are focused on allowing the children to show their skills in writing rather than losing focus in the context of the task and the task content.
- Develop CK end of unit checks in all subject areas – increasing focus and use of these within the assessment system.

4. EYFS

- Revision of the Crucial knowledge curriculum to place greater emphasis on CK in all subject areas and build on last year's good practice.
- Review SEN provision in EYFS in light of increasing numbers of children entering the school with more pronounced SEN and speech and language issues.

All schools show commitments to local, national and international charities and have undertaken activities that educate pupils and show support for many charities. The principal ones are:

- Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal
- Royal British Legion Poppy appeal
- Children in Need
- Comic Relief
- Fair Trade
- Sports Relief
- Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)
- Cancer Research
- Christmas Hampers (Local care homes etc)
- Stoke City Community Trust
- Dougie Mac/Donna Louise Trust
- Young Minds Mental Health
- Hope House
- Headway
- Jack Dulson
- Newcastle Food Bank

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c. Public benefit

The Academy trust has continued to manage the public use to the Sports Centre at Chesterton Community Sports College. This was successfully re-opened after this academic year after the global pandemic meant that its use had to be limited. In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

Chesterton Community Sports College opened as an Academy on 1st December 2013 and replaced the previous school of the same name. The school was last inspected in September 2022 where it was judged to be good.

The school's reputation amongst the community is very strong. The school is increasingly popular with parents. Our intake is consistently above PAN. In 2018 the ESFA increased the numbers we can admit on our funding agreement. We have consistently admitted above PAN ever since. In September 2018 we had an intake of over 200 pupils into year 7, this was repeated in September 2019. As the school was up to capacity in September 21 we admitted 174 pupils, in September 2022 we admitted 178 pupils and in September 2023 we admitted 210. In September 2024 we will admit 206 pupils.

GCSE results for 2024 are very strong and consolidate the huge increase that occurred in 2023.

Churchfields Primary School opened as an Academy on 1 December 2013 and replaced the previous school of the same name. The school was inspected in July 2015 when it was judged to be 'outstanding' in all categories.

Standards of education remain high. Performance in National Tests in 2024 showed a significant increase in standards for children in year 6. This data shows that pupils were achieving above the national average in all core subjects.

Crackley Bank Primary School opened as an academy on 1 October 2016 and replaced the previous school of the same name. Although the school had an Ofsted category of good at the time of conversion, there were concerns about standards and the school was below floor standards because of progress scores at Key Stage 2.

The school has improved its performance considerably since joining the trust. Last year saw a further in standards for pupils in year 6.

Chesterton Primary School opened as an academy on 1st October 2016 and replaced the previous school of the same name. Although the school had an Ofsted category of good at the time of conversion, there were considerable concerns about current standards.

The school was subject to an Ofsted inspection in September 2019 (the second week of the academic year) and was judged to have Serious Weaknesses.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

The school and the Trust worked quickly to address these issues and in June 2021 which concluded that the school was now 'good' with behaviour and attitudes being 'outstanding'. This improvement has continued with KS2 results last year showing a significant improvement for all core subjects.

Bursley Academy transferred from Praxis Trust on 1 June 2022. The school was last inspected in August 2012 when it was deemed to be 'outstanding'. The school was reinspected under the new framework in February of this year where it was graded requires improvement due to inconsistencies in the quality of education. All other judgements were good.

Goldstone Federation joined the trust in May 2024. Both schools, Cheswardine Primary and Hinstock Primary had been graded good by Ofsted prior to conversion.

The Trust has continued to support all our schools in moving forward to continue to innovate the curriculum and have a real focus on children's learning. All schools are committed to providing an excellent, well-sequenced, broad, and balanced, knowledge-based curriculum that ensures children 'know more, remember more, understand and apply'.

a. Key performance indicators

Chesterton Community Sports College

- Ofsted Inspection September 2022 – Good in all aspects
- 2024 GCSE data is showing an Attainment 8 score of 43.79 and a Progress 8 score of -0.05.
- Knowledge based curriculum developed based on children 'knowing, remembering, understanding and applying'.
- Pupil and parent surveys show very high level of satisfaction
- All year groups are oversubscribed
- Pupil intake for year 7 in September was 206 (PAN 170)

Churchfields Primary

- Ofsted Inspection July 2015 – Outstanding in all categories
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 66%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 75%, Maths 79%, Writing 75%
- There were no progress scores in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results achieved in year 1 – 78%

Crackley Bank Primary

- Ofsted Inspection March 2023 – Good in all categories
- Achieving the main measure in KS2 reading, writing and maths combined was 54%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 73%, Maths 65%, Writing 69%
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 68%

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

Chesterton Primary

- Ofsted Inspection June 21 – Good with Outstanding for Behaviour and Attitudes.
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 55%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 70%, Maths 65%, Writing 65%.
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 79%.

Bursley Academy

- Ofsted Inspection February 2024 – Requires improvement
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 71%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 71%, Maths 88%, Writing 81%
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 92%

Cheswardine Primary

- Ofsted Inspection October 23 – Good in all categories.
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 67%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 67%, Maths 78%, Writing 67%.
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 100%.

Hinstock Primary

- Ofsted Inspection March 23 – Good in all categories.
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 47%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 87%, Maths 67%, Writing 60%.
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 82%.

b. Going concern

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

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Promoting the success of the company

The Directors of Collective Vision Trust have acted in accordance with section 172(1) (a) to (f) of the Companies Act 2006 to promote the success of the company and in doing so have considered, adhered, and acted in the best interest of its employees, pupils and stakeholders by ensuring the following:

- Being aware of any likely long-term consequences to any decisions being made.
- Taking into account the interests of the company's employees
- The need to foster a positive business environment which extends the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others.
- Recognising that there is a moral imperative to understand the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment.
- The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct.
- The need to act fairly as between members of the company.

As defined under the Articles of Association and statutory duties under the Companies Act 2006 which provides, in particular that a Director of a company must act in the way which he/she considers, in good faith, and that, under Section 173, a Director of a company must exercise independent judgement and that duty is not to be infringed by acting in accordance with an agreement entered into by the company that purports to restrict the future exercise of that discretion by its Directors or by instructions given to individual Directors.

Financial review

The Academy Trust's key source of funding is the General Annual Grant (GAG) from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Funding from the ESFA is shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. During the year to 31 August 2024, the Academy Trust received GAG of £10,880,990 in addition to other income sources. The analysis of the specific grants and income received can be seen within notes 3 to 6 to the financial statements.

During the year to 31 August 2024, total resources expended are £14,180,597 excluding depreciation. Depreciation of £1,184,180 has been charged during the year against the restricted fixed asset fund.

The excess of income over expenditure for the period (excluding the movement in the pension reserve and restricted fixed asset fund) was £1,156,414

At 31 August 2024, the net book value of tangible fixed assets totalled £19,683,478 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 15 to the financial statements. The net book value of intangible assets totalled £nil, movements in intangible fixed assets are shown in note 14 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and associated support services to the students of the Academy Trust.

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a. Reserves policy

The reserves policy encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

The individual academy reserves will be held together and in total will form the central trust reserves. Individual academies will have access to these reserves.

The Board of Directors review the reserve levels of The Collective Vision Trust annually.

The appropriate level of free reserves should be equivalent to 12 weeks expenditure to provide sufficient working capital to cover the delays between spending and receipt of grants to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. When they are lower than required the Academy Trust will continue building up reserves until they reach it.

The aim of the Directors is to maintain a level of free reserves that will be adequate to provide a stable base for the continuing operation of the Academy Trust whilst ensuring that excessive funds are not accumulated. The Reserves provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance, help to maintain staffing levels during a short-term reduction in pupil numbers, for maternity cover, long-term illness cover and help to plan for capital projects. Reserve levels are regularly discussed at Finance, Risk and Audit Committee meetings and will be reviewed annually.

Current reserves of £3,037,179 (excluding the pension reserve and restricted fixed asset fund) are being held in line with the above.

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b. Investment policy

The Academy Trust aims to manage surplus cash to provide the day-to-day working capital requirements of its operations, whilst seeking to protect its value against inflation. In addition, the Academy Trust aims to invest surplus cash funds to optimize returns whilst ensuring the level of risk taken is appropriate.

Objectives and Targets

- To ensure adequate cash balances are maintained to cover day-to-day working capital requirement
- To avoid the risk of loss in the capital value of any cash funds invested
- To protect the capital value of any invested funds against inflation
- To optimize returns on invested funds

Action plan

Adequate cash balances must be maintained to ensure that there are always sufficient funds in the school's current account to cover financial commitments such as payroll and day-to-day expenses. When the cash flows identify a base level of cash funds that will be surplus to requirements, these may be invested only in the following:

Interest bearing accounts

Deposits or other investments where the risk of loss is minimized.

Funds, and any interest they earn, will be automatically reinvested, unless they are required for immediate or anticipate expenditure.

Monitoring and evaluation

The CFO will compare alternative investment opportunities every year to ensure that the Academy Trust's funds achieve the best interest rates. An independent financial adviser will be used to undertake the research and make a recommendation.

The CEO and CFO are responsible for ensuring that his policy is adhered to.

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c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties have been assessed and are as follows:

Financial – The Academy Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance the government policy or practice will remain the same, or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

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

Strategic and Reputational – the continuing success of the Academy Trust is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Directors ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed. Rated by Ofsted the Trust currently has 1 school rated Outstanding, 5 Schools rated Good and 1 School Requires Improvement.

Safeguarding and child protection – the Directors 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 Trust is reliant on the quantity of its staff and so the Directors monitor and review policies and procedure to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds – The Academy Trust has appointed an Internal Auditor to carry out checks on financial records. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial requirements and develop their skills in this area.

Estate management – The Trust is responsible for ensuring that the Trust's estate is safe, well maintained and complies with relevant regulations. The Trust has an estates team that oversees the estates compliance and general maintenance. The Trust also buys property services and compliance SLA from Entrust to ensure the required testing is in place. The CEO and Deputy CEO oversee the estates strategy and compliance for the trust. The Deputy CEO looks at longer term investment and co-ordinates CIF bids.

The Trust has a risk register that is regularly reviewed by the Directors. This is supported by risk awareness overviews that are updated every half term.

The finance, audit and risk committee for the Trust reviewed the internal scrutiny strategy in November 23 following the internal scrutiny report and external auditors' comments for academic year 2022/23. The review also considered the trusts risk awareness overviews that are updated throughout the year.

The outcome was that it was felt the Trust had a strong internal scrutiny record for financial controls and had widened to include some non-financial controls, e.g. HR systems, contracts, aspects of Governance. However, the current strategy did not include an external evaluation of areas of educational performance which could hold a significant risk to the Trust.

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It was agreed that the Trust would continue to commission Hardings to perform the internal scrutiny of financial and non-financial system controls but would also commission an external education consultant to evaluate the quality of education within individual schools. The separate information reports would then be used to create the annual internal scrutiny report by Deputy CEO.

Fundraising

- Individual academies within the Trust do carry out fundraising activities from time to time. Proceeds of these can either be for school funds or for external charities (national and local).
- Fundraising activities vary from Seasonal Fayres, Community events, to own clothes days and cake sales.
- Participation in all these events is purely voluntary and parents are not forced to donate.
- All fundraising is organised within the individual academies either by staff or parents. Professional fundraisers are not used.
- Any complaints regarding fundraising would be addressed through the normal complaint's procedure.

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Streamlined energy and carbon reporting

The Academy Trust's greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption are as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|------------------|-----------|
| Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh) | 2,359,860 | 2,460,186 |
| Energy consumption breakdown (kWh): | | |
| Gas | 1,786,537 | 1,906,900 |
| Electricity | 550,591 | 533,548 |
| Transport fuel | 22,732 | 19,738 |
| Scope 1 emissions (in tonnes of CO2 equivalent): | | |
| Gas consumption | 326 | 348 |
| Owned transport | 6 | 4 |
| Total scope 1 | 332 | 352 |
| Scope 2 emissions (in tonnes of CO2 equivalent): | | |
| Purchased electricity | 114 | 110 |
| Total gross emissions (in tonnes of CO2 equivalent): | 446 | 462 |
| Intensity ratio: | | |
| Tonnes of CO2 equivalent per pupil | 0.2 | 0.23 |

The Academy Trust has followed and used the following quantification and reporting methodologies:

- the 2019 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines;
- the GHG Reporting Protocol - Corporate Standard; and
- the 2022 UK Government's Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

The chosen intensity ratio is total gross emissions in tonnes of CO2 equivalent per pupil, the recommended ratio for the sector.

We have installed energy efficient boilers across the Trust. Replaced old IT with more energy efficient replacements. Continued to use video conferencing to remove the need for travel between sites.

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Plans for future periods

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Overview of Trust Priorities for 2024-25

- Embed new leadership structure
- Continue to drive quality of education by developing staff's reflective practice and AfL strategies
- Review governance and trust procedures
- Strengthen Trust central systems, particularly around HR
- Continue to develop the central finance team
- Further develop Trust's Estates management

Key Actions

1. Embed new leadership structure.

- Establish working practices with schools as new CEO.
- Develop Trust roles of Governance Leader and Educational Development Leader.
- Work with headteachers and executive headteachers to develop the Executive Leadership Team

2 Drive Quality of education

- Work with leaders to ensure that reflection and self-improvement are a key characteristic of all staff in all schools.
- Work with schools SLT to develop appropriate school-based actions to ensure that staff regularly reflect on their own practice.
- Work with schools SLT to develop appropriate school-based actions to ensure that staff use effective methods of AfL to ensure that they have a good knowledge of pupils understanding and use this to help in their reflection.
- Monitor closely the impact of school improvement work on data projections.

3 Review Governance and Trust Structures

HR

- Carry out a review of current Governance structures with a view to ensure they help the Trust to meet its legal responsibilities for all schools
- Review current scheme of delegation and associated documentation
- Develop the new Governance Leader role
- Look at appropriate training for Trustees and members of local governing committees.

ICT

- Continue to develop the ICT provision in schools.
- Continue to develop the different model for small rural schools.

4 Strengthen Trust central systems, particularly around HR.

- Conduct a review of current HR procedures
- Decide what functions of HR should be done centrally and which should be done at school level
- Develop systems around the Access system
- Ensure that historic paper records are uploaded onto the system to improve efficiency.

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5 Continue to develop the central finance team

- CFO and Trust Accountant to continue to lead finance team.
- Communication to be improved with Executive Leaders.
- Building on the excellent work already started, weekly meetings developed further to improve the trust systems still further.
- Develop the systems and personnel so that they work efficiently for small rural schools.

6 Further develop the Trust's Estate's management

Estates

- Make better use of the expertise in the Estates team to ensure that we add more value to our estate.
- Look at review of current compliance system so Trust centrally has more oversight.
- Develop systems so that we provide schools with more guidance and direction around the estates.
- Improve the information to Trustees to provide an enhanced oversight of estates.
- Look at developing a model where we can provide a different type of service for smaller rural schools wishing to join the Trust.

Chesterton Community Sports College

Overview of School Priorities for 2024 - 2025

- Knowledge-based learning continues to drive everything - **"Know more, remember more, understand it and apply it"**
- Specific focus on how AfL highlights knowledge gaps/misconceptions. It dictates the direction of learning in every lesson and informs planning of subsequent lessons.
- To continue to develop use of technology to support curriculum and independent learning outside of lessons. Refocus and revamp of **"online quizzes"**
- Passive learners are identified, and timely intervention takes place in all lessons.
- Staff to reflect deeper on their practice and implement change in order to improve daily. (Whole school staff reflection sheets)
- Promote Independent learning across the school. This should be now seen in a variety of ways.
- Make sure that personal development is at the forefront - creating opportunities for all pupils.

Key Actions:

Priority 1

Knowledge-based learning continues to drive everything - **"Know more, remember more, understand it and apply it"**

- To make sure that all crucial knowledge documents are continually updated, reviewed and shared constantly
 - Weekly staff reflection sheets to continue to be embedded in practice and have real impact on teaching and learning
 - Ensure that gaps in knowledge and misconceptions are addressed effectively at the earliest opportunity
 - Embed start points and end points into EVERY lesson, with heavy focus on the WHY
 - When CK is embedded, continue to develop deep understanding and application in all classes
 - Subject leaders and subject teachers to explore external stimulus from experts in subject-specific fields in order to teach and facilitate understanding and application better
 - Teachers to focus on and break down their own subject knowledge and understanding in order to more effectively teach new learning so that pupils of all abilities are able to better access the knowledge and understanding
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**Trustees' report (continued)
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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 2

Specific focus on how AfL highlights knowledge gaps/misconceptions. It dictates the direction of learning in every lesson and informs planning of subsequent lessons.

- Assessment of understanding is constant and takes place at every point in students' learning using a range of assessment strategies (e.g. use of whiteboards, CK quiz feedback, hinge point questions, teacher assessment, monitoring of pupil work – movement around the classroom/OneNote, pupil feedback, etc.)
- Gaps in knowledge and misconceptions are identified and addressed effectively at the earliest opportunity (where possible, during the lesson)
- Teachers work to understand reasons for misconceptions in order to address effectively
- Teaching staff and HoDs ensure that knowledge is fully embedded
- Teaching staff and HoDs routinely make evidence-based decisions about the direction of learning during lessons and for future learning
- Assessment includes regular summative assessment (at least every half-term) with specific, focused and meaningful written teacher feedback and grades

Priority 3

To continue to develop use of technology to support curriculum and independent learning outside of lessons. Refocus and revamp of "online quizzes".

- Quizzes test exact CK needed
- Core quizzes to be given more importance with staff and pupils (Independent Study focus) and are monitored by HoDs and SLT consistently
- Pupils are expected to know ALL of the information in CK quizzes and gain full marks. CK quizzes should be repeated to drill knowledge
- Quizzes to be mostly done out of lessons, BUT reinforce key knowledge for lessons
- Look at extended work in and out of lessons through the extension of knowledge quizzes. Make use of technology to support and develop knowledge, understanding and application

Priority 4

Passive learners are identified, and timely intervention takes place in all lessons.

- Staff to ensure pupils are working harder in every lesson
- Staff to stand/sit behind class during independent work
- Staff to ensure ONLY required work is open on pupils' iPads
- Staff walk around the classroom to ensure there is no "passive behaviour"
- Staff expectations to increase for lessons – set through start/end points

Priority 5

Staff to reflect deeper on their practice and implement change in order to improve daily. (Whole school staff reflection sheets)

- Weekly staff reflection focus to continue – reflection sheet focuses directed by SLT
- Reflection sheets continue to be embedded in everyday teaching practice and have real impact on teaching and learning

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 6

Promote Independent learning across the school. This should be now seen in a variety of ways.

- Ensure CK is embedded and recapped constantly using variety of methods
- Use "silent working time" effectively. All pupils should be successful during silent work
- Ensure that during "silent work", pupils have access to the Crucial Knowledge to help recap/recall
- Monitor silent work by either walking around the room or by looking through notebook pages whilst pupils are working

Priority 7

Make sure that personal development is at the forefront – creating opportunities for all pupils.

- Staff to continue to offer opportunities in and out of lessons through:
 - o Trips
 - o CLW
 - o Rewards system
 - o After-school clubs
 - o Extra-curricular events
 - o Whole school pupil roles/leaders
 - o Specific department leaders/roles
 - o Online engagement – quizzes, but also Instagram, etc.
 - o Careers to be part of curriculum planning
 - o Community projects
 - o PSICHE, RE and RSE events, days and form time delivery
 - o Parental involvement and engagement
 - o Ensure that the house system is engaging for all
 - o Develop use of Unifrog to track and monitor personal development across all areas

Churchfields Primary School

Overview of School Priorities for 2024-25

- To continue to develop leadership and management at all levels so subject leaders are proactively driving their subjects and ensuring children know more, remember more, understand and apply
- To continue to develop teaching and learning so all children make good progress with a focus on the lower middle band
- Parents to be more actively involved in their child's learning starting with EYFS further enhance their in-face sessions and learning information. To further enhance MarvellousMe as a curriculum guidance tool and to develop social media and use of videos to upskill parents
- To enhance the personal development plan so all children have access to a range of diverse and enriching experiences.

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**Trustees' report (continued)
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Plans for future periods (continued)

Key Actions:

Priority 1

- a) To continue to develop leadership and management at all levels so subject leaders are proactively driving their subjects and ensuring children know more, remember more, understand and apply
- b) To have a consistency in documentation in all subject areas with a clarity on not only what is needed but why
 - Staff training day September – clear Subject leader role to be discussed and agreed what a strong subject leader looks like.
 - Performance management to be used to set clear targets for all leaders in school with a focus on moving their subject forward and how far they meet the needs of the role identified on the training day
 - Agreement during PM on what paperwork is in place and how this is communicated with the key staff
 - Action plans to be created for all subject areas when targets have been agreed by end of October 2024 with a 3-year plan with a more detailed year 1 so clear understanding of what is needed by all
 - Key staff to continue on NPQs and consideration given to CPD development for other staff around leadership
 - Further develop the use of the national college online training
 - Half termly review meetings to take place with SLT / line manager with a review of how far the subject has moved forward and ensure the action plan is focused
 - Strong middle leaders to be established as mentors for other middle leaders
 - Use of the director of education to further support this development
 - During Autumn term all curriculum documentation to be reviewed with a reflection on what it is and why it is needed

Priority 2

To continue to develop teaching and learning so all children make good progress in all subgroups.

- Lesson structure reviewed - I do (Crucial knowledge) we do (modelling/understanding) you do (apply it) to ensure this is what we are looking at. Then lead to practice for apply and understand
- Further discussion of during the we do to I do how we ensure all children are ready
- Assessment data to be used to divide classes into 5 distinct group and progress of the different groups monitored
- To further develop the more able so they are able to work independently – particularly around the CK so teacher time can be spent on the key identified children
- SLT to identify the groups alongside class teacher and book looks and lesson observations to focus on group
- School to revisit AFL strategies as part of staff training and development
- Further enhance the support offered by LSAs so some key children can be targeted if progress not being made
- Pupil progress meetings to focus on subgroups and learning walk focus' to also be on identified groups after first data picture

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 3

Parents to be more actively involved in their child's learning starting with EYFS further enhance their in-face sessions and learning information. To further enhance MarvellousMe as a curriculum guidance tool and to develop social media and use of videos to upskill parents.

- Review of MarvellousMe and how it is used by staff
- Parental survey to be completed on MarvellousMe and needs
- Social media to be developed including videos showing how to teach certain methods etc to upskill parents
- EYFS to investigate a communication package that shares work, and parents can contribute this to be rolled out and evaluated
- Parental events to be planned and calendared with a coherent strategic plan for all year groups
- Survey to be completed termly to check we are moving in the right direction

Priority 4

To enhance the personal development plan so all children have access to a range of diverse and enriching experiences.

- Pupil survey to be completed to look at interests including key groups PP/SEN etc
- Training daytime to be spent on each year group producing an overview of enrichment and educational visits that support/enhance knowledge-based curriculum
- Clubs to be offered and reviewed
- Enrichment days to be planned and developed
- Yearly goals around personal development to be created and monitored and opportunities to fulfil these to be given in school plans

Chesterton Primary School

Overview of School Priorities for 2024-2025

- Maintain and continue to improve attainment and outcomes for children.
- Continue to improve implementation of the curriculum intent.
- Continued professional development and learning for all adults in school with accountability for roles and subject leadership.
- Continue to improve the curriculum for foundation subjects.
- To drive numbers on roll.
- Empower parents to support their child's learning at home.
- Maintain focus on improving school attendance and punctuality for all pupils.

Key Actions

Priority 1

Maintain and continue to improve attainment and outcomes for children.

- Maintain a focus on KS2 Data, Phonics, MTC, GLD (all external data).
- Internal data for tracking to identify areas of opportunity.
- Ensure ongoing AfL shows upward trends.
- Improve reading comprehension skills, progress and attainment LKS2 and Y5 ready for progression into Y6.
- Improve maths attainment. An earlier focus on counting on and knowledge of times tables facts from KS1 to avoid huge catch-up needed for MTC in Y4. Focus on number facts to support arithmetic.

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 2

Continue to improve implementation of the curriculum intent.

- Focus and develop AfL strategies with consistent use to ensure teaching and learning is of a high standard.
- AfL to check individual children's understanding. Teachers use AfL subconsciously as part of practice.
- Support and coaching approach through increased presence in classrooms and interventions.
- Teaching will include modelling, scaffolding and vocabulary of crucial knowledge throughout lessons, after and beyond. Referral to crucial knowledge must be ongoing and revisited beyond explicit learning to develop remembering and applying more.
- Recap will be present in every lesson and cross-curriculum and during transitions between lessons to ensure spaced practice over time.
- Continue to utilise scientific opportunities outside of the classroom to enhance learning and develop science skills and knowledge.
- Further develop evaluation of curriculum implementation to drive and share best practice.

Priority 3

Continued professional development and learning for all adults in school with accountability for roles and subject leadership.

- Understand that the best CPDL is that done on a regular and consistent basis in school and across the Trust through professional discussions, observations and continual support and coaching. External training courses / providers may enhance this but only if appropriate.
- Identify areas for professional development and learning ensuring teachers have the expert knowledge and skills required.
- Adults to be held accountable for their roles through clear aims and direction which are clear and transparent.
- Subject leadership focus using a buddy system of support the continued drive of purposeful subject specific learning.

Priority 4

Continue to improve the curriculum for foundation subjects.

- Improve curriculum intent for foundation subjects.
 - Art: to develop the existing curriculum to enhance sequencing with explicitly planned recap opportunities.
 - Music: to build on the existing successful performance levels of some students to develop further practical elements for children to explore music (including visits and trips).
 - Computing: utilise the high level of computing resources across the school and Trust to further explore digital literacy and computer science.
 - D&T: To further develop the D&T intent and implementation to focus on developing problem solving skills.
 - History: Continue to implement the strong curriculum including the planned recap utilising creative opportunities to experience historical events.
 - Geography: Further enhance learning with local field studies to broaden knowledge in context and application.
 - Spanish: Utilise specialists to support teaching and learning.
 - PE: To continue with the wide range of sports learning, competition and extracurricular opportunities. Teachers develop active strategies across other learning, especially in maths.
 - PSHE: Continue to ensure the strong curriculum is implemented and recapped, using AfL to ensure learning is understood and can be applied in context.
- Monitor and evaluate implementation of curriculum intent.

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 5

To drive numbers on roll.

- Increase numbers for Pre-Nursery and Nursery class through refer-a-friend and local advertising.
- Advertise benefits of Chesterton Primary School through local links, community action and IT.

Priority 6

Empower parents to support their child's learning at home.

- Provide parents with links and information to support their child's learning at home and encourage conversations about learning (follow the EYFS model).
- Home Learning to be project / active based with clear and purposeful aims (e.g. Timestable games).
- Online learning portals for parents and options to visit school for a shared lesson.
- Home learning packs available. E.g. Busy Bags from EYFS loaned to families to support learning through play and development of skills at home.

Priority 7

Maintain our strong focus and support on good school attendance and punctuality for all pupils.

- Daily updates and monitoring of school registers to identify areas for improvement.
- Targeted support to vulnerable families and persistent absences / lateness.
- Maintain reward incentives for punctuality and 97%+ attendance, weekly, half termly and termly.

Crackley Bank Primary School

Overview of School Priorities for 2024-25

- Questioning and feedback to deepen learning throughout the curriculum
- Improve standards in writing.
- Continue to develop provision in EYFS for all children including SEND and support parental involvement in children's development milestones.
- Improve standards in mathematics.
- Develop opportunities for parents and carers to engage in their child's learning.
- Curriculum development.

Key Actions:

Priority 1

Questioning and feedback to deepen learning throughout the curriculum

- Staff meeting 16th Sept – teachers share good practice and ideas
- Staff meeting 30th Sept – shared experience of how well strategies have worked
- Termly lessons observations to monitor application in lessons
- Monitor planning
- Pupil discussions to assess impact

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 2

Improve standards in writing.

- Staff meeting new Action Plan shared with teachers – 24.06.24
- Inset September 02.09.24 share Action Plan with all staff
- CPD support teachers to develop the use of non-fiction links in other foundation subjects.
- Review long term plan to reflect shorter terms ensuring coverage of fiction and non-fiction comprehension and writing.
- Develop the use of non-fiction writing links for other foundation subjects.
- Leaders review Long-Term Overview for Writing to ensure that non-fiction writing units link to the previous half term's Crucial Knowledge for History, Geography and other foundation subjects as they are introduced.
- Short term plans for each writing unit will continue to begin with a modelled plan to structure the writing and for children to refer to whilst writing independently.
- Continue to develop stamina for writing. Planned Big Writes will continue to take place at the end of each writing week - an extended period in which children will write their final piece.

Priority 3

Continue to develop provision in EYFS for all children including SEND and support parental involvement in children's development milestones.

- Meeting with prior Nurseries and teachers as well as visiting children in previous Nurseries (July 2024)
- Meeting with new parents to understand their child's individual needs. Questionnaires to parents prior to children starting school before play and stays, then again before September for needs and interests. (July 2024)
- Workshops for parents; phonics, maths, PSHE Parental Meetings and personal hygiene if needed. (Phonics in Reception Autumn 1, Maths in Reception Autumn 2. Nursery: Fun in Phonics Spring 1 and Fun in Maths Spring 2)
- Encouragement of parental engagement in a new way such as 'Take a selfie' (For e.g. Send home a bag asking children to collect Autumn items on the way home and send in a selfie of them collecting and add these to fb/website)
- The EYFS provision will be continually adapted according to the needs of the pupils. Termly assessment of provision based on data analysis
- LTP, MTP and short-term Planning adapted for pupils with SEND whilst still giving the opportunities to be inclusive. Review long term plan, progress sheets and CK ready September and throughout the year if needed (July 2024 then Autumn 2)
- Regular, timetabled review meetings with staff in EYFS to discuss data, progress, planning and next steps for children
- Liaising with SENDCO and outside agencies for children with plans, and those who need to be on plans
- CPD for all EYFS staff on child development as well as special to continue. CPD via National College for new staff to EYFS specifically around play within the continuous provision.
- Providing help and support through the website/ fb and information sharing, consideration of health and outside agencies to support parents understanding of children's milestones.

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 4

Improve standards in mathematics.

- INSET day September – Go through any changes with staff and ensure everything else is continuing. Share action plan.
- CPD – to support/ teach HA children from Ofsted feedback.
- Improving times table recall and knowledge – On weekly timetables teachers allow 10 minutes each day (20 minutes in Y4) to practise times tables – Focus on set tables per term. E.g., year 4 practise 3 and 4 in autumn, 6 and 7 in spring and 9 and 12 in summer.
- Children in Y3 will practise on the times table checker from April 2025 this will continue into Y4, 5 and 6.
- Develop overviews with teachers to factor in trips, assessments, wellbeing week, try something different etc.
- Whole year maths lessons focus on arithmetic – place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions and division – once finished then re-teach again. This is to make sure the children are extremely secure with their number work. All other units e.g., shape, length, perimeter etc will be done in the first 10-15 minutes of the maths lesson and will be re taught once finished.
- Problem solving and Reasoning should be done through challenges and CKT's most days. This needs to include CKT's for Blast Maths.
- Teaching time through everyday conversations. Formal lessons once every half term. Monitoring of time to be included in Maths release timetable
- Monitor the Maths environment (displays and equipment)

Priority 5

Develop opportunities for parents and carers to engage in their child's learning

- Inset Day – go through plans with all. Discuss with staff ideas for workshops parental engagement during inset include Teaching Assistants
- Parental questionnaire into what they would like a workshop/event in/on/ - Autumn 1
- Contact other providers to deliver parental workshops / events.
- MHST parent workshops each term focusing on a different area – liaise with MHST on questionnaire results -
- Drop ins and a coffee/tea morning – mental health support
- Subject specific workshops one each half term, subject leader to deliver
- Phonics EYFS/KS1 invite into classes
- Arithmetic and Reading sessions
- External agencies workshops
- Online safety parental workshop in Autumn term – PSHE link with Jane
- Whole school summer event invite community into school

Priority 6

Curriculum development

- Roll out Spanish curriculum to all KS2 year groups – INSET 2nd September 2024.
- All year groups to start with the Year 3 curriculum. (Year 5 to recap Unit 1 and then start with Unit 2).
- Curriculum is set out so that there is clear recap in each term / year group.
- Teachers to plan and teach at least x2 lessons per CK point to ensure vocabulary has been embedded.
- Crucial Knowledge to be developed for Y4-6 curriculum.
- Content to be developed for Y4-6 curriculum. Develop Spanish phonics sessions as part of this.
- CPD for Spanish teaching using National College.
- Liaise with CCSC HoDs for advice.

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Bursley Academy

Overview of School Priorities for 2024-25

- Develop a curriculum that is well-sequenced, progresses from EYFS to Y6 and has clear and concise Crucial Knowledge
- Develop opportunities for pupils to apply their spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge in sustained pieces of writing.
- Use formative assessment to inform next steps in pupils' learning more consistently
- Make effective checks on how well the curriculum is being delivered in all subjects, so that inconsistencies can be identified, and appropriate support put in place.
- Develop clear systems to assess progress in Reading, Writing and Maths
 - Ensure that pupils consistently take pride in their work across the curriculum.

Key Actions:

Priority 1

Develop a curriculum that is well-sequenced, progresses from EYFS to Y6 and has clear and concise Crucial Knowledge

- Review all curriculum documents
- Rewrite subject overviews ensuring NC coverage, appropriate sequencing and progression
- CPD re: CK
- CPD re: curriculum clarity and CK
- CPD – staff meeting to rewrite CK during staff meetings so that the whole curriculum will be reviewed by Sept 2025

Priority 2

Develop opportunities for pupils to apply their spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge in sustained pieces of writing.

- Review of English curriculum and planning
- Consistent lesson structure for Y1-Y6 based upon class text
- Class text plan – developing through the year ensuring appropriateness of challenge
- Weekly grammar lessons
- Opportunities to write extended pieces
- New assessment grid for writing – whole school baseline based on previous end of year expectations.

Priority 3

Use formative assessment to inform next steps in pupils' learning more consistently

- Review marking and feedback policy
- Revise marking and feedback policy
- Monitor marking and feedback policy

Priority 4

Make effective checks on how well the curriculum is being delivered in all subjects, so that inconsistencies can be identified, and appropriate support put in place.

- Staff meeting to monitor foundation subjects ½ termly
- SLT monitoring weekly – based upon action plan
- Programme of subject leadership release alongside SLT to develop subject leaders
- Lesson observations – termly with AG/EH

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 5

Develop clear systems to assess progress in Reading, Writing and Maths

- Introduce new writing assessment grids (SS)
- Termly assessments weeks in place
- Introduce NFER tests for Reading and Maths (SS)
- Report to Governors termly (SLT)

Priority 6

Ensure that pupils consistently take pride in their work across the curriculum.

- Write presentation guide (SS)
- Introduce guide to staff – CPD (SS)
- Staff implement the guide
- Monitor as per SLT timetable

Goldstone Federation

Overview of School Priorities for 2024-25

- Maths – Hinstock work on gap analysis and a move to White Rose Maths in KS2. Continued development of WRM in Cheswardine
- Use of ICT – Getting the most out of new equipment and ways of working.
- Spelling and Writing – Babcock spellings as a starter for the new term. Build practice from phonics – work on sustainable programme.
- Revise and Revisit Behaviour Policy and Principles – Focus on play.
- Improve Leadership model and distribution of Leadership across the Federation.

Key Actions:

Priority 1

Maths

- Gap analysis and response to data and TA refined at Hinstock.
- WRM put in place and Teachers trained in use and mixed year plans
- Maths standardisation across the Federation – share strengths and weaknesses and CPD focus

Priority 2

Use of ICT and improvements in computing

- Review statements from staff half termly
- Leadership scrutiny – release to do this and report back in termly reports.
- Pupil survey
- App log – how much are they in use? Who by? When? Teachers to review how this impacts on the learning termly.

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Priority 3

Improvement to spelling and writing

- Implement Babcock spelling strategies across the federation. Needs to be seen on a daily basis for Year 2-Year 6 (Year 5/6 following Year 5s programme to start with). Emphasise keeping to the scheme. Introduce on PD Day 2.9.24 in pm after sharing resources prior to the Summer. Discuss and ensure plans are in place.
- Discuss effective phonics development with Stella and investigate strategies used that could be effective. Assess Babcock and address gaps.
- Writing – implement Handwriting policy consistently across Federation and emphasise its importance. Work on pride and independence – pen licenses.
- English leads to develop crucial knowledge - genre based and punctuation
- Include vocabulary development in KS2. Raise expectations and vocab used.

Priority 4

Revise and Revisit Behaviour Policy

- This is done well in both schools, and we want to maintain behaviour and improve it where this is feasible.
- Assembly planners: Three rules and British values as well as a clear programme and sequence of learning behaviours and growth mindset / festivals etc.
- Federation: Assembly expectations clear -all teachers in assemblies on Mon and Fri and if there are any visitors, TAs to do interventions if required or in another time.
- Hinstock –playtimes focus, building on neuro-diversity audit – teaching play to children and widening options – using spaces that are available to us practically and purposefully. Teaching lunchtime staff through teacher modelling and using KS1 play and additional time in KS2 for role modelling and teaching. Increased play leaders and increased options.
- Ches: Sports competitions -develop behaviour and expectation of behaviour to be included in teams.
- Clarity and consistency across the Federation for everyone -visitors and staff.

Priority 5

Leadership Model for the future of the Federation

- RS and RW to work to achieve a model and when staff are in position, and it is working then this will have been achieved. Clear job descriptions relating to the Federation will be in place and staff suitable appointed for the roles.

Funds held as custodian on behalf of others

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

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Disclosure of information to auditors

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Mrs S Gribbin
Chair of Trustees

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Governance Statement

Scope of responsibility

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

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

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

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities.

The current Governance structure was adopted in October 2018 after rigorous self and peer review, including external consultation with City of London Academies Trust. It was revised further in June 2022 after Bursley Academy joined the Trust and subsequently in May 24 when the Goldstone Federation joined the Trust. The Trust document 'Governance Structure, Roles, Responsibilities and Schemes of Delegation' is reviewed annually in the Summer Term Directors meeting to ensure that it is still fit for purpose. It was last reviewed in July 2024 and is planned to be reviewed again in January 2025.

The board of trustees has formally met 4 times during the year and 6 times as the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. The purpose of meeting as a Finance, Audit and Risk Committee is to monitor the financial activities of the Academy Trust and make decisions relating to finance. It also has the responsibilities of the audit committee, in order to review the controls over the Academy Trust's finances and to actively review and manage risk. These meetings have all been held virtually due to the extra efficiency that the Board feel the technology has brought to their operations.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

| Trustee | Meetings attended | Out of a possible |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs L Jackson, Accounting Officer | 4 | 4 |
| Mrs S Gribbin, Chair of Trustees | 3 | 4 |
| Mr R Dutton | 3 | 4 |
| Mrs L Davenport | 2 | 4 |
| Ms E Searl | 3 | 4 |
| Mrs S Phillips | 4 | 4 |

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Governance Statement (continued)

Governance (continued)

Attendance during the year at meetings for the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee was as follows:

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| Trustee | Meetings attended | Out of a possible |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mr R Dutton | 4 | 6 |
| Mrs L Davenport | 3 | 6 |
| Ms E Searl | 5 | 6 |
| Mrs S Phillips | 6 | 6 |
| Mrs S Gribbin, Chair of Trustees | 4 | 6 |

Change in membership

There have been no changes to the Trustees during the academic year. However, at the end of the academic year changes were made for the start of the next academic year (1 September 2024/25). Ms L Davenport ceases to be a Trustee and was appointed a member. Mrs R Patrick and Ms H Smith were appointed as Trustees. Both had been members of local governing committees with a strong educational background.

Conflicts of Interest section

The Trust maintains a pecuniary interest register that is filled in electronically at the start of each academic year. Interests are publicly declared. These interests are checked at each meeting via a standard item on the agenda reminding of the need to declare any changes and also to record if there is any item of business which requires individuals to declare an interest. Where there is a potential for a conflict of interest this is declared and there is a clear plan to avoid the conflict occurring.

Governance reviews

Governance structures and systems had a major review in 2018 with an independent external expert (City of London Academy Trust). The outcome of which was a total restructure.

Further reviewed in 2020/21 with input from ESFA via a voluntary SRMA report. Outcome was strengthening of documentation and minuting. Training for Bursar to transition into CFO role. This was completed and the role was transitioned from 1 September 2022.

Annually (summer term) Directors evaluate their skills matrix and ensure that they have the skills needed to complete the role. They then plan for the Local Governing Committees to review their skills matrix in the Autumn Term. Also, in the Summer Term the Directors review the Trust document 'Governance Structure, Roles, Responsibilities and Schemes of Delegation'. The last review took place in July 2023 when it was concluded that a further review take place in January when the new CEO takes office. .

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Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the CEO 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.

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

The Trust is committed to:-

1. Improving educational outcomes

This is demonstrated by the work of all of the academies.

All our academies have concentrated their efforts on improving educational outcomes through the development of their curriculum. They have worked on ensuring children receive a well-planned, sequenced, knowledge-based curriculum in all of the National Curriculum subjects. There is a drive across all our schools to ensure that children 'know more, remember more, understand and apply'. There has also been a strong emphasis on recap of learning to ensure that knowledge is remembered over time.

Additionally:

Chesterton Community Sports College

- Ofsted Inspection September 2022 - Good in all aspects
- 2024 GCSE data is showing an Attainment 8 score of 43.79 and a Progress 8 score of -0.05.
- Knowledge based curriculum developed based on children 'knowing, remembering, understanding and applying'.
- Pupil and parent surveys show very high level of satisfaction
- All year groups are oversubscribed
- Pupil intake for year 7 in September was 206 (PAN 170)

Churchfields Primary

- Ofsted Inspection July 2015 - Outstanding in all categories
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 66%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 75%, Maths 79%, Writing 75%
- There were no progress scores in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results achieved in year 1 - 78%

Crackley Bank Primary

- Ofsted Inspection March 2023 - Good in all categories
- Achieving the main measure in KS2 reading, writing and maths combined was 54%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 73%, Maths 65%, Writing 69%
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 68%

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Governance Statement (continued)

Review of value for money (continued)

Chesterton Primary

- Ofsted Inspection June 21 – Good with Outstanding for Behaviour and Attitudes.
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 55%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 70%, Maths 65%, Writing 65%.
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 79%.

Bursley Academy

- Ofsted Inspection February 2024 – Requires improvement
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 71%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 71%, Maths 88%, Writing 81%
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 92%

Cheswardine Primary

- Ofsted Inspection October 23 – Good in all categories.
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 67%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 67%, Maths 78%, Writing 67%.
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 100%.

Hinstock Primary

- Ofsted Inspection March 23 – Good in all categories.
- KS2 - Achieving the main measure of reading, writing and maths combined was 47%.
- KS2 achieving the standard or higher in each subject were: Reading 87%, Maths 67%, Writing 60%.
- There were no progress measures in 2024 due to COVID.
- Phonics results at the end of year 1 were 82%.

2. Robust Governance and Oversight of Academy Finances

The trust benefits from Directors with financial experience and they have employed a firm of accountants (Hardings) to review key financial policies, systems and procedures, including ensuring the Responsible Officer (internal audit) role is fulfilled for financial and other controls. The Trustees receives regular 'internal scrutiny' reports from Hardings on compliance. The Trust also has procured the services of a senior Ofsted inspector as an educational consultant to add internal scrutiny around education areas.

The Trust produces a risk awareness overview for each academy, this uses the latest evidence to give a trust view on the level of risk for both financial and non-financial areas.

The finance, audit and risk committee receive regular monitoring reports and report on compliance with the Scheme of Delegation. The Board approves the budget each year and is mindful of the need to balance expenditure against income to ensure that the Trust remains a 'going concern'. The Directors also receive and approve the Annual Accounts and the External Auditors Management Report.

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Governance Statement (continued)

Review of value for money (continued)

Directors are kept up to date between meetings by the publication of the monthly management accounts via the Governance Teams page.

3. Better Purchasing

The Trust monitors and reviews its contracts on a regular basis ensuring each provides value for money. Regular meetings are held with the CEO, Deputy CEO, CFO, Trust Accountant and the Headteacher(s) with main service providers to ensure that the contracts remain fit for purpose and give the academies the best possible deal.

The Trust regularly monitors its financial and educational performance against other academies to demonstrate that it is providing value for money.

Tendering exercises ensure that major purchases achieve value for money.

The Trust looks at purchases across all academies to ensure that the best deal is achieved by the increased purchasing power of four schools. The trust has also used the Crown Commercial Services to improve its value for money.

4. Maximising income generation

The Trust takes every opportunity to generate income through the hire of its facilities. The sporting facilities are heavily used for the benefit of the local community.

The Trust also provides ICT services to a number of local primary schools outside the trust this benefits all schools.

5. Reviewing controls and managing risks

The CEO along with the CFO, Trust Accountant and Headteachers review expenditure within each budget heading and make adjustments based on the effectiveness of strategies introduced in previous years, curriculum changes and any other new strategies identified in the School Development Plans.

6. Managing estates

The trust has a strong and skilled estates team which is managed by the Director of Estates who works closely with the CEO and Deputy CEO to ensure that the trust estate is well maintained and managed for the best interests of the children. The trust purchases the services of relevant professionals to ensure that all required safety and compliance checks are in place. Health and safety is co-ordinated at school and Trust level and advice is taken from LA who also conduct external reviews of all schools.

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Governance Statement (continued)

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing 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 Collective Vision Trust for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the 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 ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The risk and control framework

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

- Comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees
- Regular reviews by the finance, audit and risk committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- Clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identification and management of risks

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

- Income*
- Purchasing*
- Payroll and HR*
- Monthly financial process*
- Business continuity plans
- Governance approval and oversight
- Completion of statutory returns
- HR compliance, including right to work checks
- Pecuniary interests
- Statutory policies in place
- Risk registers.

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Governance Statement (continued)

The risk and control framework (continued)

On a termly basis, Hardings, the reviewer, reports to the board of trustees on the operation system of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Additional internal scrutiny has taken place regarding quality of education with visits to all academies in the trust and findings shared with the board of trustees via the CEO and Deputy CEO reports.

Review of effectiveness

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

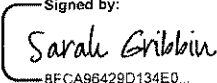
- the work of the internal auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;

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

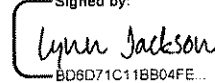
Conclusion

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

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

Signed by:

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Mrs S Gribbin
Chair of Trustees
Date: 12 December 2024

Signed by:

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Mrs L Jackson
Accounting Officer

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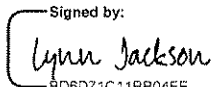
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Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As accounting officer of Collective Vision 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 terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

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

Signed by:

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Mrs L Jackson

Accounting Officer

Date: 12 December 2024

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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024;
- 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 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Mrs S Gribbin
Chair of Trustees

Date: 12 December 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements to the Members of Collective Vision Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Collective Vision Trust (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and 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 2023 to 2024 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 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 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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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.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy 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.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the academy trust through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the academy sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the academy trust, including the financial reporting legislation, Companies Act 2006, Academies Accounts Direction, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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We assessed the susceptibility of the academy trust's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

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

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

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

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. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy Trust's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy Trust's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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.



Jonathan Dudley (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

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12 December 2024

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Collective Vision Trust and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 7 October 2022 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Collective Vision Trust during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of Collective Vision Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Collective Vision Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 September 2016 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

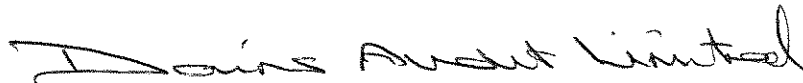
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Conclusion

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



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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|---|------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Note | | | | | |
| Income from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and capital grants: | 3 | | | | | |
| Transfer on conversion | | 170,101 | 152,000 | 2,517,364 | 2,839,465 | - |
| Other donations and capital grants | | 28,468 | - | 42,839 | 71,307 | 561,060 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 262,462 | 8,582 | - | 271,044 | 232,905 |
| Investments | 6 | 452 | 7,000 | - | 7,452 | 417 |
| Charitable activities | | 330,786 | 14,180,160 | - | 14,510,946 | 12,770,668 |
| Total income | | 792,269 | 14,347,742 | 2,560,203 | 17,700,214 | 13,565,050 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 7 | 165,410 | - | - | 165,410 | 166,396 |
| Charitable activities | 7 | 320,462 | 13,694,725 | 1,184,180 | 15,199,367 | 13,329,010 |
| Total expenditure | | 485,872 | 13,694,725 | 1,184,180 | 15,364,777 | 13,495,406 |
| Net income/ (expenditure) | | 306,397 | 653,017 | 1,376,023 | 2,335,437 | 69,644 |
| Transfers between funds | 20 | - | (556,284) | 556,284 | - | - |
| Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses) | | 306,397 | 96,733 | 1,932,307 | 2,335,437 | 69,644 |
| Other recognised gains/(losses): | | | | | | |
| Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes | 29 | - | 726,000 | - | 726,000 | 1,562,000 |
| Pension surplus not recognised | 29 | - | (1,075,000) | - | (1,075,000) | (1,000) |
| Net movement in funds | | 306,397 | (252,267) | 1,932,307 | 1,986,437 | 1,630,644 |

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) (continued)
for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 649,436 | 2,333,613 | 17,946,032 | 20,929,081 | 19,298,437 |
| Net movement in funds | 306,397 | (252,267) | 1,932,307 | 1,986,437 | 1,630,644 |
| Total funds carried forward | 955,833 | 2,081,346 | 19,878,339 | 22,915,518 | 20,929,081 |

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

The notes on pages 68 to 108 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 31 August 2024

| | Note | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|------|--------------------|-------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Intangible assets | 14 | - | 350 |
| Tangible assets | 15 | 19,683,478 | 17,502,718 |
| | | 19,683,478 | 17,503,068 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stocks | 16 | 7,146 | 6,602 |
| Debtors | 17 | 835,851 | 771,321 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 3,812,390 | 4,172,685 |
| | | 4,655,387 | 4,950,608 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 18 | (1,359,116) | (1,441,454) |
| Net current assets | | 3,296,271 | 3,509,154 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 22,979,749 | 21,012,222 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 19 | (64,231) | (83,141) |
| Total net assets | | 22,915,518 | 20,929,081 |
| Funds of the Academy Trust | | | |
| Restricted funds: | | | |
| Fixed asset funds | 20 | 19,878,339 | 17,946,032 |
| Restricted income funds | 20 | 2,081,346 | 2,333,613 |
| Pension reserve | | - | - |
| Total restricted funds | 20 | 21,959,685 | 20,279,645 |
| Unrestricted income funds | 20 | 955,833 | 649,436 |
| Total funds | | 22,915,518 | 20,929,081 |

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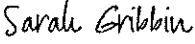
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Balance sheet (continued)

As at 31 August 2024

The financial statements on pages 63 to 108 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf, by:

Signed by:

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Mrs S Gribbin

Chair of Trustees

Date: 12 December 2024

The notes on pages 68 to 108 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | Note | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 22 | 287,268 | 1,036,045 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| | 24 | (628,653) | (22,180) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| | 23 | (18,910) | (18,910) |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year | | (360,295) | 994,955 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | | 4,172,685 | 3,177,730 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | 25, 26 | 3,812,390 | 4,172,685 |
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Notes to the financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Collective Vision Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Income

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

- **Grants**

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the 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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income (continued)

• **Donations**

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

• **Other income**

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

• **Transfer on conversion**

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

1.4 Expenditure

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

• **Expenditure on raising funds**

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

• **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Interest receivable

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Intangible 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.

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. Computer software are considered to have a useful life of three years and are written off over this period.

1.7 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.

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 incorporating income and expenditure account.

The long term leasehold land and buildings within the accounts relates to the academy premises which were donated to the academy on conversion on a 125 year lease from Staffordshire County Council. The leasehold land and buildings were valued using the ESFA valuation. These are being depreciated in accordance with the depreciation policies set out below. No annual charge is made for the use of the land and buildings under the terms of the lease.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Long-term leasehold land | - 125 years straight line |
| Long-term leasehold buildings | - 10 to 50 years straight line |
| Furniture and equipment | - 5 years straight line |
| Building improvements | - 10 - 125 years straight line |
| Computer equipment | - 3 - 4 years straight line |
| Motor vehicles | - 5 years straight line |

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

1.8 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.10 Debtors

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

1.11 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.

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

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. 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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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.13 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 17. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 18 and 19. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.14 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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.15 Pensions

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated 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. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

1.16 Fund accounting

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

Transfers between funds relate to fixed asset purchases from restricted general funds.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

Local Government Pension Scheme

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 28, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

LGPS surplus recognition

An entity shall recognise a plan surplus as a defined benefit plan asset only to the extent that it is able to recover the surplus either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan. The trust are expected to participate in the LGPS indefinitely and therefore do not believe there is any entitlement to a refund. The trust has also instructed the pension actuary to calculate an asset ceiling report to calculate the estimated economic benefit available as a reduction in future contributions, which shows a £Nil value. Management have therefore derecognised the total pension surplus of £1,082,000, which has resulted in the movement in surplus of £1,081,000 to be derecognised in the year.

Long-term leasehold land and buildings

The long term leasehold land and buildings within the accounts relates to the academy premises which were donated to the academy on conversion on a 125 year lease from Staffordshire County Council. The leasehold land and buildings were valued using the ESFA valuation for Chesterton Community Sports College and Churchfields Primary School. The net book values of the assets held by the Local Authority at the date of conversion, were used as a basis of valuation for Crackley Bank Primary School, Chesterton Primary School, Hinstock Primary School and Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School. The net book value of the assets held by Bursley Academy at the date of transfer to the Trust, was used as a basis of valuation for Bursley Academy. These are being depreciated in accordance with the depreciation policies set out in note 1. No annual charge is made for the use of the land and buildings under the terms of the lease, based on management not being able to reliably measure the open market rate.

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3. Income from donations and capital grants

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Donations | 28,468 | - | - | 28,468 | 43,585 |
| Capital Grants | - | - | 42,839 | 42,839 | 517,475 |
| Transfer on conversion | 170,101 | 152,000 | 2,517,364 | 2,839,465 | - |
| | <u>198,569</u> | <u>152,000</u> | <u>2,560,203</u> | <u>2,910,772</u> | <u>561,060</u> |
| Total 2023 | <u>43,585</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>517,475</u> | <u>561,060</u> | |

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4. Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Educational Operations | | | | |
| DfE/ESFA grants | | | | |
| General Annual Grant (GAG) | - | 10,880,990 | 10,880,990 | 9,994,431 |
| Other DfE/ESFA grants | | | | |
| Pupil Premium | - | 804,379 | 804,379 | 750,033 |
| Universal Infant Free School Meals | - | 159,915 | 159,915 | 123,405 |
| Teachers Pay Grant | - | 201,770 | 201,770 | 2,469 |
| Teachers Pension Grant | - | 107,527 | 107,527 | 6,975 |
| Supplementary grant | - | 373,793 | 373,793 | 301,777 |
| Others | - | 393,063 | 393,063 | 475,888 |
| | - | 12,921,437 | 12,921,437 | 11,654,978 |
| Other Government grants | | | | |
| Nursery Education Funding | - | 475,360 | 475,360 | 455,982 |
| Special Educational Needs Grant | - | 558,579 | 558,579 | 390,101 |
| Other Government Grants | - | 119,504 | 119,504 | 2,220 |
| | - | 1,153,443 | 1,153,443 | 848,303 |
| Other income from the Academy Trust's educational operations | 330,786 | 105,280 | 436,066 | 267,387 |
| | 330,786 | 14,180,160 | 14,510,946 | 12,770,668 |
| Total 2023 | 198,214 | 12,572,454 | 12,770,668 | |

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5. Income from other trading activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Miscellaneous income | 63,565 | 8,582 | 72,147 | 49,430 |
| Lettings income | 58,785 | - | 58,785 | 62,728 |
| Meals and refreshments | 76,470 | - | 76,470 | 55,902 |
| ICT support income | 63,642 | - | 63,642 | 64,845 |
| | <u>262,462</u> | <u>8,582</u> | <u>271,044</u> | <u>232,905</u> |
| Total 2023 | <u>224,403</u> | <u>8,502</u> | <u>232,905</u> | |

6. Investment income

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|-------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Investment income | 452 | - | 452 | 417 |
| Pension income | - | 7,000 | 7,000 | - |
| | <u>452</u> | <u>7,000</u> | <u>7,452</u> | <u>417</u> |
| Total 2023 | <u>417</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>417</u> | |

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7. Expenditure

| | Staff Costs | Premises | Other | Total | Total |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Expenditure on fundraising trading activities: | | | | | |
| Direct costs | 38,391 | - | 127,019 | 165,410 | 166,396 |
| Educational Operations: | | | | | |
| Direct costs | 9,047,221 | - | 1,444,688 | 10,491,909 | 9,079,386 |
| Allocated support costs | 1,602,018 | 232,187 | 2,873,253 | 4,707,458 | 4,249,624 |
| | <u>10,687,630</u> | <u>232,187</u> | <u>4,444,960</u> | <u>15,364,777</u> | <u>13,495,406</u> |
| Total 2023 | <u>9,481,966</u> | <u>236,426</u> | <u>3,777,014</u> | <u>13,495,406</u> | |

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

| | Activities | Support | Total | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | undertaken | costs | funds | funds |
| | directly | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 |
| | 2024 | £ | £ | £ |
| Educational Operations | 10,491,909 | 4,707,458 | 15,199,367 | 13,329,010 |
| Total 2023 | <u>9,079,386</u> | <u>4,249,624</u> | <u>13,329,010</u> | |

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

| | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Staff costs | 9,047,221 | 8,055,464 |
| Depreciation | 292,346 | 211,507 |
| Educational supplies | 519,115 | 376,301 |
| Examination fees | 114,341 | 110,579 |
| Staff development and other staff costs | 26,503 | 24,107 |
| Technology costs | 42,741 | 23,498 |
| Consultancy | 293,899 | 161,271 |
| Other costs | 113,979 | 71,622 |
| Other direct costs | 41,764 | 45,037 |
| | 10,491,909 | 9,079,386 |

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

| | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| LGPS adjustment | - | 64,000 |
| Staff costs | 1,602,018 | 1,367,648 |
| Depreciation | 891,834 | 726,228 |
| Catering | 389,238 | 327,834 |
| Staff development and other staff costs | 8,731 | 13,076 |
| Technology costs | 272,028 | 268,454 |
| Consultancy | 237,961 | 191,446 |
| Other support costs | 145,858 | 129,708 |
| Maintenance of premises and special facilities | 116,596 | 132,864 |
| Operating lease costs | 104,595 | 89,440 |
| Cleaning and caretaking | 215,402 | 220,406 |
| Bad debts written off | 1,060 | 9,533 |
| Rates | 63,945 | 32,481 |
| Security | 2,041 | 3,246 |
| Energy | 408,712 | 460,504 |
| Legal and professional | 68,301 | 55,101 |
| Transport | 38,365 | 31,774 |
| Apprenticeship Levy expenditure/Interest | 26,051 | 22,319 |
| Other premises costs | 114,722 | 103,562 |
| | 4,707,458 | 4,249,624 |

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9. Net income

Net income for the year includes:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Operating lease rentals | 33,942 | 38,867 |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 1,184,180 | 936,685 |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 350 | 1,050 |
| Fees paid to auditors for: | | |
| - audit | 26,500 | 18,000 |
| - other services | 7,350 | 8,025 |
| | <u>26,850</u> | <u>26,025</u> |

10. Staff

a. Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 8,003,377 | 7,075,072 |
| Social security costs | 814,698 | 703,043 |
| Pension costs | 1,821,644 | 1,682,272 |
| | <u>10,639,719</u> | <u>9,460,387</u> |
| Supply teacher costs | 47,911 | 21,579 |
| | <u>10,687,630</u> | <u>9,481,966</u> |

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10. Staff (continued)

b. Staff numbers

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|-------------|------|
| | No. | No. |
| Teachers | 97 | 95 |
| Administration and support | 158 | 141 |
| Management | 11 | 9 |
| | 266 | 245 |

c. Higher paid staff

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------|
| | No. | No. |
| In the band £60,001 - £70,000 | 6 | 2 |
| In the band £70,001 - £80,000 | 4 | 3 |
| In the band £80,001 - £90,000 | - | 2 |
| In the band £90,001 - £100,000 | 1 | - |
| In the band £100,001 - £110,000 | - | 1 |
| In the band £110,000 - £120,000 | 2 | 1 |

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £958,025 (2023 - £896,757).

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11. Central services

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

MAT staffing cost and service level agreements which cover the following: HR, Health and safety, Governance, Legal services, Occupational health, Payroll, Property management, Admissions, Free school meals checking, Visionary individual pathways (VIP), Finance and audit costs.

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

The MAT charges 6.5% from GAG funding from each school.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Chesterton Community Sports College | 360,299 | 339,238 |
| Churchfields Primary School | 114,291 | 107,284 |
| Crackley Bank Primary School | 60,985 | 60,192 |
| Chesterton Primary School | 51,675 | 48,391 |
| Bursley Academy | 98,209 | 94,534 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 685,459 | 649,639 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

Hinstock Primary School and Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School did not contribute to central services during the year.

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Mrs L Jackson, Accounting Officer | Remuneration | 115,000 - | 110,000 - |
| | | 120,000 | 115,000 |
| | Pension contributions paid | 30,000 - | 25,000 - |
| | | 35,000 | 30,000 |

During the year ended 31 August 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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13. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £50,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £64,597 (2023 - £41,644). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

14. Intangible assets

| | Computer software £ |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 13,650 |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>13,650</u> |
| Amortisation | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 13,300 |
| Charge for the year | 350 |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>13,650</u> |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u><u>-</u></u> |
| At 31 August 2023 | <u><u>350</u></u> |

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15. Tangible fixed assets

| | Long-term leasehold property £ | Furniture and equipment £ | Computer equipment £ | Motor vehicles £ | Building improve- ments £ | Total £ |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | | | | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 15,426,215 | 218,297 | 1,266,687 | 36,019 | 5,078,418 | 22,025,636 |
| Additions | - | 53,413 | 209,407 | - | 654,208 | 917,028 |
| Acquired on conversion | 2,412,600 | 35,312 | - | - | - | 2,447,912 |
| At 31 August 2024 | 17,838,815 | 307,022 | 1,476,094 | 36,019 | 5,732,626 | 25,390,576 |
| Depreciation | | | | | | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 1,918,188 | 152,813 | 809,002 | 12,019 | 1,630,896 | 4,522,918 |
| Charge for the year | 313,421 | 35,256 | 257,445 | 4,800 | 573,258 | 1,184,180 |
| At 31 August 2024 | 2,231,609 | 188,069 | 1,066,447 | 16,819 | 2,204,154 | 5,707,098 |

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15. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

| | Long-term leasehold property £ | Furniture and equipment £ | Computer equipment £ | Motor vehicles £ | Building improve- ments £ | Total £ |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net book value | | | | | | |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>15,607,206</u> | <u>118,953</u> | <u>409,647</u> | <u>19,200</u> | <u>3,528,472</u> | <u>19,683,478</u> |
| At 31 August 2023 | <u>13,508,027</u> | <u>65,484</u> | <u>457,685</u> | <u>24,000</u> | <u>3,447,522</u> | <u>17,502,718</u> |

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16. Stocks

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------|--------------|-------|
| | £ | £ |
| Uniform stock | 7,146 | 6,602 |

17. Debtors

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Due within one year | | |
| Trade debtors | 5,097 | 6,814 |
| VAT recoverable | 198,009 | 220,174 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 632,745 | 544,333 |
| | 835,851 | 771,321 |

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other loans | 18,910 | 18,910 |
| Trade creditors | 343,063 | 487,648 |
| Other taxation and social security | 191,669 | 154,543 |
| Other creditors | 245,980 | 187,340 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 559,494 | 593,013 |
| | 1,359,116 | 1,441,454 |

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| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Deferred income at 1 September | 402,796 | 217,726 |
| Resources deferred during the year | 213,923 | 402,796 |
| Amounts released from previous periods | (402,796) | (217,726) |
| | 213,923 | 402,796 |

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance for grants and trips that relate to the 2024/25 academic year.

Included within other loans are four Salix loans totalling £18,910. These are interest free loans repayable in fixed instalments over 8 years. One loan commenced in September 2020 and the other three loans commenced in March 2021.

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------|---------------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other loans | 64,231 | 83,141 |

Included within other loans are four Salix loans totalling £83,141. These are interest free loans repayable in fixed instalments over 8 years. One loan commenced in September 2020 and the other three loans commenced in March 2021.

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Between one and two years | | |
| Other loans | 18,910 | 18,910 |
| Between two and five years | | |
| Other loans | 45,321 | 56,730 |
| Over five years | | |
| Other loans | - | 7,501 |

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20. Statement of funds

| | Balance at 1 September 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers in/out £ | Gains/ (Losses) £ | Balance at 31 August 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | | |
| General Funds | 649,436 | 792,269 | (485,872) | - | - | 955,833 |
| Restricted general funds | | | | | | |
| General annual grant (GAG) | 2,319,280 | 10,880,990 | (10,569,288) | (556,284) | - | 2,074,698 |
| Pupil Premium | - | 804,379 | (804,379) | - | - | - |
| UIFSM | - | 159,915 | (159,915) | - | - | - |
| Teachers Pay Grant | - | 201,770 | (201,770) | - | - | - |
| Teachers Pension Grant | - | 107,527 | (107,527) | - | - | - |
| Supplementary Grant | - | 373,793 | (373,793) | - | - | - |
| Other DfE/ESFA Grants | - | 393,063 | (393,063) | - | - | - |
| Ecorys Grant | - | 28,309 | (28,309) | - | - | - |
| Nursery Education Funding | - | 475,360 | (475,360) | - | - | - |
| Special Educational Needs Grant | - | 558,579 | (558,579) | - | - | - |
| Other Government Grants | - | 118,666 | (118,666) | - | - | - |
| Other Restricted Income | 14,333 | 86,391 | (94,076) | - | - | 6,648 |
| Pension reserve | - | 159,000 | 190,000 | - | (349,000) | - |
| | 2,333,613 | 14,347,742 | (13,694,725) | (556,284) | (349,000) | 2,081,346 |

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

| | Balance at 1 September 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers in/out £ | Gains/ (Losses) £ | Balance at 31 August 2024 £ |
|--|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Restricted fixed asset funds | | | | | | |
| Transfer from Local Authority on conversion | 9,058,725 | 2,517,364 | (265,923) | - | - | 11,310,166 |
| DfE/ESFA capital grants | 3,339,064 | 42,839 | (529,772) | 14,474 | - | 2,866,605 |
| Capital expenditure from restricted general funds | 975,337 | - | (262,267) | 541,810 | - | 1,254,880 |
| Capital expenditure from unrestricted funds | 483 | - | (483) | - | - | - |
| Capital Donations | 16,280 | - | (8,415) | - | - | 7,865 |
| Transfer from Existing Academy Trust | 4,556,143 | - | (117,320) | - | - | 4,438,823 |
| | <u>17,946,032</u> | <u>2,560,203</u> | <u>(1,184,180)</u> | <u>556,284</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>19,878,339</u> |
| Total Restricted funds | <u>20,279,645</u> | <u>16,907,945</u> | <u>(14,878,905)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(349,000)</u> | <u>21,959,685</u> |
| Total funds | <u><u>20,929,081</u></u> | <u><u>17,700,214</u></u> | <u><u>(15,364,777)</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>(349,000)</u></u> | <u><u>22,915,518</u></u> |

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

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

Unrestricted General Funds

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

Restricted General Funds

This fund represents grants received for the Academy Trust's operational activities and development.

Pension reserve

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

Restricted Fixed Asset Fund

This fund relates to grant funding received from the ESFA to carry out works of a capital nature and also the donation of the leasehold land and buildings from the Local Authority on a 125 year lease, the playing fields and land from the local authorities and capital expenditure from restricted and unrestricted funds.

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

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

| | Balance at 1 September 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers in/out £ | Gains/ (Losses) £ | Balance at 31 August 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | | |
| General Funds - all funds | 547,063 | 466,619 | (364,246) | - | - | 649,436 |
| Restricted general funds | | | | | | |
| General annual grant (GAG) | 2,110,973 | 9,994,431 | (9,569,847) | (216,277) | - | 2,319,280 |
| Pupil Premium | - | 750,033 | (750,033) | - | - | - |
| UIFSM | - | 123,405 | (123,405) | - | - | - |
| Teachers Pay Grant | - | 2,469 | (2,469) | - | - | - |
| Teachers Pension Grant | - | 6,975 | (6,975) | - | - | - |
| Supplementary Grant | - | 301,777 | (301,777) | - | - | - |
| Other DfE/ESFA Grants | - | 475,888 | (475,888) | - | - | - |
| Ecorys Grant | - | 18,997 | (18,997) | - | - | - |
| Nursery Education Funding | - | 455,982 | (455,982) | - | - | - |
| Special Educational Needs Grant | - | 390,101 | (390,101) | - | - | - |
| Other Government Grants | - | 2,220 | (2,220) | - | - | - |
| Other Restricted Income | 2,386 | 58,678 | (46,731) | - | - | 14,333 |
| Pension reserve | (1,512,000) | - | (49,000) | - | 1,561,000 | - |

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

| | Balance at 1 September 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers in/out £ | Gains/ (Losses) £ | Balance at 31 August 2023 £ |
|---|--|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 601,359 | 12,580,956 | (12,193,425) | (216,277) | 1,561,000 | 2,333,613 |
| Restricted fixed asset funds | | | | | | |
| Transfer from Local Authority on conversion | 9,264,262 | - | (205,537) | - | - | 9,058,725 |
| DfE/ESFA capital grants | 3,098,309 | 517,475 | (492,997) | 216,277 | - | 3,339,064 |
| Capital expenditure from restricted general funds | 1,137,685 | - | (162,348) | - | - | 975,337 |
| Capital expenditure from unrestricted funds | 964 | - | (481) | - | - | 483 |
| Capital Donations | 24,695 | - | (8,415) | - | - | 16,280 |
| Transfer from Existing Academy Trust | 4,624,100 | - | (67,957) | - | - | 4,556,143 |
| | 18,150,015 | 517,475 | (937,735) | 216,277 | - | 17,946,032 |
| Total Restricted funds | 18,751,374 | 13,098,431 | (13,131,160) | - | 1,561,000 | 20,279,645 |
| Total funds | 19,298,437 | 13,565,050 | (13,495,406) | - | 1,561,000 | 20,929,081 |

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2024 were allocated as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-------------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Chesterton Community Sports College | 1,370,272 | 1,380,135 |
| Churchfields Primary School | 351,669 | 331,970 |
| Chesterton Primary School | 365,550 | 377,961 |
| Crackley Bank Primary School | 296,974 | 282,899 |
| Collective Vision Trust | 19,037 | 49,328 |
| Bursley Academy | 492,429 | 560,756 |
| Hinstock Primary School | 60,918 | - |
| Cheswardine Nursery & Primary School | 80,330 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve | 3,037,179 | 2,983,049 |
| Restricted fixed asset fund | 19,878,339 | 17,946,032 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 22,915,518 | 20,929,081 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

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20. 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 £ | Other support staff costs £ | Educational supplies £ | Other costs excluding depreciation £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Chesterton Community Sports College | 4,000,363 | 586,147 | 324,550 | 1,395,319 | 6,306,379 | 5,603,587 |
| Churchfields Primary School | 1,612,371 | 202,330 | 56,894 | 409,135 | 2,280,730 | 2,155,468 |
| Chesterton Primary School | 701,972 | 233,518 | 43,016 | 234,689 | 1,213,195 | 1,158,954 |
| Crackley Bank Primary School | 916,419 | 134,738 | 34,050 | 233,512 | 1,318,719 | 1,259,267 |
| Collective Vision Trust | 271,857 | 202,066 | 683 | 304,016 | 778,622 | 593,374 |
| Bursley Academy | 1,416,864 | 243,817 | 46,487 | 328,414 | 2,035,582 | 1,738,021 |
| Hinstock Primary School | 205,064 | 21,197 | 9,136 | 48,237 | 283,634 | - |
| Cheswardine Nursery & Primary School | 112,311 | 16,596 | 4,299 | 20,530 | 153,736 | - |
| Academy Trust | 9,237,221 | 1,640,409 | 519,115 | 2,973,852 | 14,370,597 | 12,508,671 |

Unallocated amounts of £190,000 (2023: £49,000) relates to LGPS adjustments.

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2024 £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | - | - | 19,683,478 | 19,683,478 |
| Current assets | 955,833 | 3,504,693 | 194,861 | 4,655,387 |
| Creditors due within one year | - | (1,359,116) | - | (1,359,116) |
| Creditors due in more than one year | - | (64,231) | - | (64,231) |
| Total | 955,833 | 2,081,346 | 19,878,339 | 22,915,518 |

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

| | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Restricted funds 2023 £ | Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | - | - | 17,502,718 | 17,502,718 |
| Intangible fixed assets | - | - | 350 | 350 |
| Current assets | 649,436 | 3,858,208 | 442,964 | 4,950,608 |
| Creditors due within one year | - | (1,441,454) | - | (1,441,454) |
| Creditors due in more than one year | - | (83,141) | - | (83,141) |
| Total | 649,436 | 2,333,613 | 17,946,032 | 20,929,081 |

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Net income for the period (as per statement of financial activities) | 2,335,437 | 69,644 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation charges | 1,184,530 | 937,735 |
| Capital grants from DfE and other capital income | (42,839) | (517,475) |
| Dividends, interest and rents from investments | (452) | (417) |
| Defined benefit pension scheme obligation inherited | (152,000) | - |
| Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable | (190,000) | (15,000) |
| Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost | (7,000) | 64,000 |
| Increase in stocks | (544) | (1,036) |
| Increase in debtors | (70,061) | (4,710) |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors | (82,338) | 503,304 |
| Net surplus on assets and liabilities from transfer of an existing academy | (2,687,465) | - |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 287,268 | 1,036,045 |

23. Cash flows from financing activities

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-----------------|----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Repayments of borrowing | (18,910) | (18,910) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (18,910) | (18,910) |

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24. Cash flows from investing activities

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Dividends, interest and rents from investments | 452 | 417 |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | (917,028) | (852,695) |
| Capital grants from DfE Group | 117,822 | 830,098 |
| Cash received on conversion | 170,101 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (628,653) | (22,180) |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

25. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash in hand and at bank | 3,812,390 | 4,172,685 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 3,812,390 | 4,172,685 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

| | At 1 September 2023 | Cash flows | Other non- cash changes | At 31 August 2024 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 4,172,685 | (360,295) | - | 3,812,390 |
| Debt due within 1 year | (18,910) | 18,910 | (18,910) | (18,910) |
| Debt due after 1 year | (83,141) | - | 18,910 | (64,231) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 4,070,634 | (341,385) | - | 3,729,249 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

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27. Conversion to an academy trust

On 1 May 2024 Hinstock Primary School and Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Collective Vision Trust from Shropshire Council for £NIL consideration.

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

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the statement of financial activities.

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Restricted fixed asset funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | | | | |
| Leasehold land and buildings | - | - | 2,412,600 | 2,412,600 |
| Other tangible fixed assets | - | - | 35,312 | 35,312 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash - representing budget surplus on LA funds | 170,101 | - | 69,452 | 239,553 |
| Pension asset | - | 152,000 | - | 152,000 |
| Net assets | <u>170,101</u> | <u>152,000</u> | <u>2,517,364</u> | <u>2,839,465</u> |

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27. Conversion to an academy trust (continued)

On 1 May 2024 Hinstock Primary School converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Collective Vision Trust from Shropshire Council for £NIL consideration.

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

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the statement of financial activities.

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Restricted fixed asset funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | | | | |
| Freehold land and buildings | - | - | 1,582,600 | 1,582,600 |
| Other tangible fixed assets | - | - | 28,974 | 28,974 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash - representing budget surplus on LA funds | 90,531 | - | 40,384 | 130,915 |
| Pension asset | - | 94,000 | - | 94,000 |
| Net assets | <u>90,531</u> | <u>94,000</u> | <u>1,651,958</u> | <u>1,836,489</u> |

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27. Conversion to an academy trust (continued)

On 1 May 2024 Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Collective Vision Trust from Shropshire Council for £NIL consideration.

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

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the statement of financial activities.

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Restricted fixed asset funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | | | | |
| Freehold land and buildings | - | - | 830,000 | 830,000 |
| Other tangible fixed assets | - | - | 6,338 | 6,338 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash - representing budget surplus on LA funds | 79,570 | - | 29,068 | 108,638 |
| Pension assets | - | 58,000 | - | 58,000 |
| Net assets | <u>79,570</u> | <u>58,000</u> | <u>865,406</u> | <u>1,002,976</u> |

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28. Capital commitments

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements | | |
| Acquisition of tangible fixed assets | - | 158,817 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

29. Pension commitments

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

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

Contributions amounting to £245,178 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023 - £187,048) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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29. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies the level of future contributions.

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

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

The result of this valuation will be implemented from 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £1,268,504 (2023 - £1,104,000).

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

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

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29. Pension commitments (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £841,000 (2023 - £731,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £684,000 (2023 - £599,000) and employees' contributions totalled £157,000 (2023 - £132,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 5.5 to 12.5 per cent for employees' and 18.4 - 27.2 per cent for employers.

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-------------|------|
| | % | % |
| Rate of increase in salaries | 3.15 | 3.50 |
| Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation | 2.65 | 3.00 |
| Discount rate for scheme liabilities | 5.00 | 5.20 |
| Inflation assumption (CPI) | 2.65 | 3.00 |

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| | Years | Years |
| Retiring today | | |
| Males | 19.3 | 19.3 |
| Females | 24.2 | 24.2 |
| Retiring in 20 years | | |
| Males | 21.5 | 21.7 |
| Females | 24.9 | 24.9 |

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29. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------------|-------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Discount rate +0.1% | (214) | (191) |
| Discount rate -0.1% | 214 | 191 |
| Mortality assumption - 1 year increase | 359 | 323 |
| Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease | (359) | (323) |
| CPI rate +0.1% | 206 | 168 |
| CPI rate -0.1% | (206) | (168) |
| Salary rate +0.1% | 13 | 27 |
| Salary rate -0.1% | (13) | (27) |

Share of scheme assets

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

| | At 31 August | At 31 August |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ |
| Equities | 6,332,800 | 5,414,940 |
| Gilts | 2,671,650 | 1,858,860 |
| Property | 692,650 | 646,560 |
| Cash and other liquid assets | 197,900 | 161,640 |
| Total market value of assets | 9,895,000 | 8,082,000 |

The actual return on scheme assets was £1,034,496 (2023 - £105,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|------------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Current service cost | (494,000) | (584,000) |
| Interest income | 457,000 | 322,000 |
| Interest cost | (450,000) | (386,000) |
| Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities | (487,000) | (648,000) |

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29. Pension commitments (continued)

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| At 1 September | 8,081,000 | 8,786,000 |
| Conversion of academy trusts | 838,000 | - |
| Current service cost | 494,000 | 584,000 |
| Interest cost | 450,000 | 386,000 |
| Employee contributions | 157,000 | 132,000 |
| Actuarial gains | (68,000) | (1,684,000) |
| Benefits paid | (82,000) | (123,000) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At 31 August | 9,870,000 | 8,081,000 |
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Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| At 1 September | 8,082,000 | 7,274,000 |
| Conversion of academy trusts | 990,000 | - |
| Interest income | 457,000 | 322,000 |
| Actuarial gains/(losses) | 658,000 | (122,000) |
| Employer contributions | 836,000 | 599,000 |
| Employee contributions | 157,000 | 132,000 |
| Benefits paid | (82,000) | (123,000) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At 31 August | 11,098,000 | 8,082,000 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

As detailed in note 2, the surplus asset of £1,082,000 (2023- £1,000) has not been recognised and the movement in surplus of £1,081,000 (2023 - £1,000) has been derecognised during the year.

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30. Operating lease commitments

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Not later than 1 year | 40,984 | 25,915 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 120,797 | 69,925 |
| Later than 5 years | 9,130 | - |
| | <u>170,911</u> | <u>95,840</u> |

31. Other financial commitments

At the 31 August 2023 the Academy Trust had commitments under non-cancellable contracts as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Within 1 year | 616,470 | 580,428 |
| Between 2 and 5 years | 2,465,881 | 2,321,710 |
| Over 5 years | - | 241,845 |
| | <u>3,082,351</u> | <u>3,143,983</u> |

32. 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.

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33. Related party transactions

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

No related party transactions took place in the period of accounts, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

The Chair of The Board of Trustees, S Gribbin, is the wife of G Gribbin and mother of D Gribbin, both employees of the Trust. G Gribbin and D Gribbin are both paid within the normal pay scale for their roles and S Gribbin takes no part in discussions around performance and pay of the individuals and they therefore receive no special treatment as a result of their relationship to a trustee.

The member of senior management, R Swindells, is the brother of H Jones, who is an employee of the Trust. H Jones is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and R Swindells takes no part in discussions around performance and pay of the individual and they therefore receive no special treatment as a result of their relationship to senior management.

The member of senior management, D Skupham, is the wife of J Skupham, who is an employee of the Trust. J Skupham is paid within the normal pay scale for his role and D Skupham takes no part in discussions around performance and pay of the individual and they therefore receive no special treatment as a result of their relationship to senior management.

The member of senior management, S Melvin, is the sister in law of K Melvin, who is an employee of the Trust. K Melvin is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and S Melvin takes no part in discussions around performance and pay of the individual and they therefore receive no special treatment as a result of their relationship to senior management.

No other related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than those detailed in note 12 of these financial statements.