
FAIRCHILDES ACADEMY COMMUNITY TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Members:	Mrs RoseAnne Ellis Mrs Linda Cress Robert Hitchcock
Directors / Trustees	Mrs RoseAnne Ellis (Chair of the Board of Trustees) Mr Stuart Bailey (Vice chair of the board of trustees) Ms Ros Sandell (CEO) (left 31/08/2023) Mrs Debby MacCormack (joined 10/12/2021) Ms Julie Johnson (joined on 26 May 2022) Mr Dave King (Joined 13/07/2022) Ms Jyothi Menon (joined 07/12/2022)
Company Secretary:	Mrs Roxana Huque-Dowlet
Senior Management Team:	
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Accounting Officer	Ms Ros Sandell
Chief Finance and operations Officer (CFOO)	Mrs Roxana Huque-Dowlet
Head of School (Fairchildes Primary)	Ms Jo Hussey
Head of School (Rowdown Primary)	Ms Caroline Johnson
Headteacher (Monks Orchard Primary)	Mr Guy Fairbairn
Company Name:	Fairchildes Academy Community Trust
Registered Office:	Fairchildes Avenue New Addington Croydon Surrey CR0 0AH
Company Registration Number:	08934482
Independent Auditor:	BKL Audit LLP 35 Ballards Lane London N3 1XW
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
Solicitors	Winckworth Sherwood Minerva House 5 Montague Close London SE1 9BB

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for 01/09/2022 to 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The academy trust operates an academy for pupils aged 3 to 10 serving a catchment area in Croydon. It has a pupil capacity of 1412 and had a roll of 927 in the school census on *October* 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

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

Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on the preceding pages of this document.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, every trustee or other officer of the academy shall be indemnified out of the assets of the academy against any liability incurred by them in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to them by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the academy.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The management of the academy is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association and funding agreement as follows:

- The Executive Head teacher/CEO appointed by the trustees.
- Trustees, appointed by the members.
- Academy Committee members who are not trustees but local governors of each academy, appointed by the trustees.

The term of office for any trustee is 4 years. The headteacher's term of office runs parallel with their term of appointment. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of trustee, any trustee may be reappointed or re-elected.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new trustees will depend on their individual experience and expertise. Where necessary an induction will provide training on charity and educational, legal and financial matters. All new trustees are given a tour of the academy and the chance to meet with staff and students. All governors are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to understand their role as trustees and directors of the academy.

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Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Organisational Structure

The trust has established a management structure to enable its efficient running. The structure consists of two levels: the trustees and the executives who are the senior leadership team.

The Board of Trustees has considered its role thoughtfully and decided that the role of the trustees is to approve the strategic direction and objectives of the academy and monitor its progress towards these objectives.

The Board of Trustees has approved a scheme of delegation which sets out a statement on the system of internal control, responsibilities, standing orders, a scheme of delegation and terms of reference. The headteacher is directly responsible for the day to day running of the academy and is assisted by a senior leadership team.

Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the academy by use of budgets, and making major decisions about the direction of the academy, including capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

The Executive headteacher assumes the accounting officer role.

Arrangements for setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Board has delegated the arrangement for setting the pay and remuneration for executive directors and senior management to Finance Personnel & Audit committee and the Chair of the Trust. This committee reviews the performance of the executive directors and ensures that succession planning is in line with the plans of the Trust.

This committee also sets the band of annual pay increases for all staff.

Trade Union Facility Time

There was no time spent on Trade Union Facility

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

There is no related parties or connected entities.

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the academy is the operation of Fairchilides Academy Community Trust is to provide a broad and balanced education for pupils of all abilities in the Croydon area. The governors have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the academy.

In accordance with the articles of association, the academy has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Secretary of State for Education.

The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, that the Trust will be at the heart of the community promoting community cohesion and sharing facilities; the basis for admitting students to the Trust, that the curriculum should be broad and balanced; there will be an emphasis on the needs of individual pupils including pupils with SEN; the basis for charging pupils.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

As an academy we make the best use of our skills, expertise, and experience with regards to the community. Some examples of this are:

- Raising money for local, national, and international charities.
- Sports Leader programmes that provide sporting activities to local Primary Schools.

Strategic Report - Achievements and Performance

All Trust schools continued to use Recovery Premium, Pupil Premium and School Led Tuition Funding in order to provide additional adult support to pupils in the form of teaching assistants who ran further provisions such as phonics, times tables and reading groups for those whose data showed them to be academically vulnerable; as well additional tutoring sessions for both low achievers and those who, with extra support, were able to reach greater depth standard. Emphasis was placed on those children in receipt of pupil premium funding, with research projects with a focus on raising standards through the creative arts providing data showing improved outcomes. The Trust also began a focus on the early years with emphasis on teacher and TA training. This has already shown an improvement in the end of year data.

The Whole School Development and Key Academic Priorities plans focussed on attendance, which alongside national figures shows a steady improvement. In literacy, focuses on reading, grammar, punctuation, and spelling, and writing at length generally produced improved data, with new actions in place for the areas where the results were slightly lower than expected. A focus on times tables and mathematical recall, with regular competitions across the Trust has produced some good outcomes in maths by the end of Key Stage 2. A focus on improving cultural capital has meant many additional class and subject specific trips, as well as cross Trust events, competitions, and visitors. In January 2023 Monks Orchard achieved a Good OFSTED rating. Meaning that all schools in the Trust are currently graded as at least good.

The pastoral teams continue to be a crucial part of the day-to-day work of our schools with a growing demand for support for children and their families. The current economic climate means that a great deal of time is spent in directing families for support with housing, heating, and food. This has also had an effect on the amount of safeguarding referrals and the work load of our designated safeguarding leads. The growing number of children with SEND has meant an increase in applications for Localities funding which allows us to support these children with well-trained teaching assistants and the resources they need to achieve within the mainstream.

Key Performance Indicators

Summer 2023	Fairchildes	Rowdown	Monks Orchard	National 2023
Early years Good Level of Development %	73%	63%	74%	65.2% (2022 data)
Phonics yr 1 %	80%	65%	87%	79%
Phonics yr 2 %	89%	91%	90%	89%

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Strategic Report - Achievements and Performance (continued)

Key Performance Indicators (continued)

Key Stage One (yr 2)	Fairchildes	Rowdown	MOPS	National 2023
% Ex Standard + Reading	82%	71%	70%	68%
% Greater Depth Reading	24%	16%	20%	
% Ex Standard +Writing	76%	55%	65%	60%
% GD Writing	15%	6%	10%	
% Ex Standard + Maths	77%	67%	70%	70%
% GD Maths	21%	19%	25%	

KS2 (yr 6)	Fairchildes	Rowdown	MOPS	National 2023
% Ex Standard + Reading	71%	71%	73%	73%
% GD Reading	26%	25%	20%	29%
% Ex Standard + Writing	84%	76%	75%	71%
% GD Writing	24%	16%	18%	13%
% Ex Standard + Maths	93%	78%	*77%	73%
% GD Maths	35%	20%	27%	24%
% Ex Standard + combined RWM	61%	67%	66%	59%
% GD combined RWM	15%	15%	19%	8%

2022-2023 Attendance	Fairchildes	Rowdown	Monks Orchard
Total for year	93.40%	92.70%	92.97%
% of Persistent absence	19.45%	23.74%	22.49%

Going Concern

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

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Strategic Report - Financial Review

Finance Review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the period ended 31 August 2023 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy Trust also receives specific grants from Croydon Council. The grant relates to pupils with Special Educational need and pupils in Nursery and Children Centre. The Academy Trust has also generated income via extended services offering to pupils.

The Academy also received grants for fixed assets from the ESFA. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting for Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005), such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

Under the Charities SORP, it is necessary to charge projected deficits on the Local Government Pension Scheme, which is provided to support staff, to a restricted fund. This results in reducing reserves shown in the total funds of the Academy. It should be noted that this does not present the Academy with any current liquidity problem.

The employer contributions are currently being assessed and it is expected that they will increase to bring a further reduction in this pension deficit in future, although this may not be achieved until stock market investment values start to recover.

The CFOO has subsequently been reviewing the financial processes and controls. The Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee receive financial progress reports throughout the year and compare against budgets submitted to the Education and Skills Funding Agency. The Finance Committee also review longer-term financial models (up to 5 years) to plan and organise resources most effectively to fulfil the aims of the Trust.

The finance committee and the board of trustees meet regularly to discuss the financial performance of the trust.

The trust also reviews the risk register in every board meeting. The main risk to the trust is the falling roll.

Overall, the Trust has a healthy balance sheet and cash flow and will be using the reserves to maintain the current assets and facilities in both the long term and short term in conjunction with the school development plan and school aims.

Reserves Policy

The definition of reserves in the SORP is 'that part of a charity's income funds that is freely available for its general purposes'. This definition of reserves therefore normally excludes:

- permanent endowment funds
- expendable endowment funds
- restricted income funds
- any part of unrestricted funds not readily available for spending, specifically income funds which could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charitable use

Reserves are therefore the resources the Academy has or can make available to spend for any or all of the Trust's purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure. More specifically 'reserves' are income which becomes available to the Trust and is to be spent at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of any of the Academy's objects (sometimes referred to as 'general purpose' income) but which is not yet spent, committed or designated (ie is 'free')

The level of reserves held takes into account the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match them with commitments, including future capital projects, and the nature of reserves. The Trustees will keep this level of reserves under review at each board meeting and aim to build and maintain the reserves level by entering into cost effective agreements whilst in keeping with the principal object of the Trust.

Total reserves at the end of the period amounted to £10,972,406. This balance includes restricted fixed asset fund of £9,811,618, unrestricted funds (free reserves) of £3,861, which are considered appropriate for the Academy Trust, and restricted funds of £1,156,927 and a pension deficit of £Nil.

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Reserves Policy (continued)

The Trust have determined that the appropriate level of reserves should be a sum equivalent to 1 month's payroll, and an additional £100,000 due to the uncertainties of future Government spending. The reason for this reserve is to provide sufficient working capital and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies.

Within the reserves policy users should note that, because of accounting for the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), the Trust does not recognise a pension fund asset as at 31 August 2023 (2022: £747,000 deficit). In accordance with the FRS 102 pension report there was a pension asset of £105,000 as at 31 August 2023.

Users should also note that a surplus or deficit position of the pension scheme would generally result in a cash flow effect for the Trust in the form of an increase or decrease in employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The Trust thus takes this fact into account when reviewing current business plans and budgets, ascertaining how the pension costs might affect budgets in the future. On the basis that increased pension contributions should generally be met from the Trust's budgeted annual income, whilst the deficit might not be eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund or direct impact on the unrestricted reserves of the Trust due to the recognition of the deficit.

Investment Policy

Investment policies are determined by the Trust Board. This ensures the level of funds the Trust holds can cover any immediate expenditure, without exposing the Trust to additional risk. Should any potential investment opportunity arise this would be escalated to the Trust Board for consideration.

As at 31 August 2023, no investments were held.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Companies Act 2006 s417(3b) requires disclosure of the principal risks and uncertainties facing a company. The Trust is exposed to a number of financial risks including credit, cash flow and liquidity risks. Given the Trust's exposure to financial instruments being limited, the exposure principally relates to bank balances, cash and trade creditors, with limited trade (and other) debtors. The trust's system of internal controls ensures risk is minimal in these areas.

A risk register has been established and is updated regularly. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Trust faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Trust, and its finances. The trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the Academies face, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and school trips) and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors, supervision of school grounds) and internal financial controls (see below) in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

It should also be noted that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the health and safety regulations, pertaining to both staff and pupils.

The trustees also are fully aware of their responsibilities to ensure that the trust's estate is safe, well maintained and compliant with the relevant regulations.

Please refer to the Reserves Policy above for a description of the defined benefit pension scheme, in which there was a deficit at 31 August 2023. 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 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

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Fundraising

The Trust does not engage in any formal fund raising.

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

The Academy Trust and / or its trustees did not act as custodian trustee during the current or previous period.

Auditor

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 29 November 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:



RoseAnne Ellis
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Fairchildes Academy Community 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 Executive Headteacher 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 Fairchildes Academy Community Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 6 times during the year.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
RoseAnne Ellis (Chair of trustees)	6	6
Stuart Bailey	6	6
Dave King	6	6
Debby MacCormack	4	6
Jyothi Menon	5	5
Julie Johnson	5	6
Rosalind Sandell (CEO) staff trustee	6	6
Roxana Huque-Dowlet (CFO)	6	6

Attendance during the year at meetings of Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Dave King (Chair of FPA committee)	5	5
RoseAnne Ellis	5	5
Stuart Bailey	5	5
Rosalind Sandell	5	5
Roxana Huque-Dowlet	5	5

The trustees met formally 6 times during the year. Effective oversight was maintained by providing Trustees access to portal of The Trust Governors software where key documents including management reports, heads report etc are accessible to all trustees.

Conflict of interest are managed effectively by the following control.

- Maintaining an up to date and complete register of pecuniary interests' declaration by the trustees through TTG
- Declaration of conflict of interest invited at the beginning of each Trustees meeting.
- Avoidance of procuring services from any related parties.

Annual governance self-evaluation reviews are undertaken regularly and discussed in the board meeting and if required providing training through Governors services outsourced by Local authority.

The finance, personnel and audit committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is to

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

maintain an oversight of the trust's financial management, staff salary review, Trust's governance, risk management, internal scrutiny, and value for money framework.

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the executive headteacher 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 or by using a framework where appropriate. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Continuing deploying experienced staff effectively across both schools to ensure improvements in the curriculum is made and teaching staff are supported in improving educational standards. Expertise has been shared and teaching and support staff trained in best practice to help raise the attainments and progress in the schools.
- Most non based qualified teachers have been asked to take more responsibility for a class.
- Where possible staff who have left have not been replaced
- Internal control over spending has been strengthened through robust challenge of spending.
- All contracts are reviewed regularly to ensure they offer best value for money.
- Where possible have single combined SLA for all schools of the trust to receive discounted offers
- Income generation through lettings and capital bids
- Regular review of management reports by the board
- Identification and management of risks
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Developing central team

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Fairchildes Academy Community Trust for the period 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating, and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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:

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The risk and control framework (continued)

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees.
- regular reviews by the finance and general purposes committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes.
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance.
- clearly defined purchasing guidelines

The board of trustees has decided to buy-in an internal audit service from Academy Audit Ltd. The internal auditor's / reviewer's role includes giving advice on financial and other matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial and other systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included:

- Procurement & Charge card testing
- Banking
- Management account review
- VAT review
- Review of staff expense claim
- Payroll testing
- Website review
- Fixed asset review
- Register of business interest's review
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On a termly basis, the auditor / reviewer reports to the board of trustees, through the Finance, Personnel & Audit committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities and annually prepares an annual summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations, and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

The agreed schedule of work has been delivered as planned. No material control issues were identified as a result of the work undertaken.

Review of effectiveness

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

- the work of the internal auditor / reviewer
- the work of the external auditor
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process or the school resource management self-assessment tool
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance, personnel and audit committee and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 29 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



RoseAnne Ellis
Chair of Trustees



Joanna Hussey
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Fairchildes Academy Community 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 2022, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

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.

Jo Hussey

Joanna Hussey
Accounting Officer
Date: 29 November 2023

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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 2022 to 2023;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 29 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



RoseAnne Ellis
Chair of Trustees

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
FAIRCHILDES ACADEMY COMMUNITY TRUST**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Fairchildes Academy Community Trust (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 2022 to 2023 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's affairs as at 31 August 2023 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 2022 to 2023 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 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'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 and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy 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'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 or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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:

We considered the nature of the industry and its control environment, and reviewed the academy's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the academy's operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the UK Companies Act and tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.
- We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management, and external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy'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'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 and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jake Lew

Jake Lew (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

BKL Audit LLP

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

29 November 2023

FAIRCHILDES ACADEMY COMMUNITY TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO
FAIRCHILDES ACADEMY COMMUNITY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 July 2014 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Fairchildes Academy Community Trust during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Fairchildes Academy Community Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Fairchildes Academy Community 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 Fairchildes Academy Community Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Fairchildes Academy Community Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Fairchildes Academy Community Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 15 July 2014 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. 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 2022 to 31 August 2023 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's income and expenditure.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- review of management reporting documents.
- review of Trustees/Governors meeting minutes.
- confirming compliance with the Academy Trust's Scheme of Delegation.
- compliance with delegated authorities.
- consideration of whether any personal benefit has been derived from the Academy Trust's transactions by staff or related parties.
- adherence to tendering policies.

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

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

BKL Audit LLP

Reporting Accountant

BKL Audit LLP

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

Date: 29 November 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	271,899	271,899	58,831
Other trading activities	5	-	295,977	-	295,977	238,849
Investments	6	168	-	-	168	147
Charitable activities	4	-	7,343,642	-	7,343,642	7,278,517
Total income		168	7,639,619	271,899	7,911,686	7,576,344
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	-	7,803,323	248,916	8,052,239	8,442,635
Total expenditure		-	7,803,323	248,916	8,052,239	8,442,635
Net income/(expenditure)		168	(163,704)	22,983	(140,553)	(866,291)
Transfers between funds	19	-	50,668	(50,668)	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		168	(113,036)	(27,685)	(140,553)	(866,291)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	28	-	959,000	-	959,000	5,497,000
Net movement in funds		168	845,964	(27,685)	818,447	4,630,709
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		3,693	310,963	9,839,303	10,153,959	5,523,250
Net movement in funds		168	845,964	(27,685)	818,447	4,630,709
Total funds carried forward		3,861	1,156,927	9,811,618	10,972,406	10,153,959

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

The notes on pages 24 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 08934482

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	14	-	880
Tangible assets	15	9,852,229	9,838,423
		9,852,229	9,839,303
Current assets			
Debtors	16	306,469	192,091
Cash at bank and in hand		1,531,392	1,418,354
		1,837,861	1,610,445
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(689,505)	(508,144)
Net current assets		1,148,356	1,102,301
Total assets less current liabilities		11,000,585	10,941,604
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(28,179)	(40,645)
Net assets excluding pension asset / liability		10,972,406	10,900,959
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / liability	28	-	(747,000)
Total net assets		10,972,406	10,153,959
Funds of the Academy			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	19	9,811,618	9,839,303
Restricted income funds	19	1,156,927	1,057,963
		10,968,545	10,897,266
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	19	10,968,545	10,897,266
Pension reserve	19	-	(747,000)
Total restricted funds	19	10,968,545	10,150,266
Unrestricted income funds	19	3,861	3,693
Total funds		10,972,406	10,153,959

The financial statements on pages 21 to 50 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 29 November 2023 and are signed on their behalf, by:

RoseAnne Ellis
Chair of Trustees



The notes on pages 24 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	21	115,279	210,760
Cash flows from investing activities	23	10,225	(3,729)
Cash flows from financing activities	22	(12,466)	(12,432)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		113,038	194,599
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,418,354	1,223,755
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24, 25	<u>1,531,392</u>	<u>1,418,354</u>

The notes on pages 24 to 50 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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, 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 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy 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 has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy'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 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.

• **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 has provided the goods or services.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

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

- **Charitable activities**

These are costs incurred on the Academy's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Academy 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; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.6 Intangible assets

Intangible assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Computer software	- 5 years
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold property	- 125 years
Leasehold improvements	- 10 - 30 years
Plant and machinery	- 7 - 10 years
Computer equipment	- 3 years

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

1.8 Debtors

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

1.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

1.10 Liabilities

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 17 and 18. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.12 Pensions

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

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.13 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

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:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 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 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2023. 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.

3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Capital Grants	271,899	271,899

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3. Income from donations and capital grants (continued)

	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	34,366	34,366
Capital Grants	24,465	24,465
	<hr/> 58,831	<hr/> 58,831
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4. Funding for the Academy's charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
DfE/ESFA grants		
General Annual Grant (GAG)	5,430,759	5,430,759
Other DfE/ESFA grants		
UIFSM	82,194	82,194
Pupil premium	639,263	639,263
Others	177,383	177,383
Supplementary grant	158,379	158,379
Mainstream schools additional grant	76,155	76,155
	<hr/> 6,564,133	<hr/> 6,564,133
Other Government grants		
Local authority grants	779,509	779,509
	<hr/> 779,509	<hr/> 779,509
	<hr/> 7,343,642	<hr/> 7,343,642
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4. Funding for the Academy's charitable activities (continued)

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
DfE/ESFA grants		
General Annual Grant (GAG)	5,564,598	5,564,598
Other DfE/ESFA grants		
UIFSM	82,829	82,829
Pupil premium	637,001	637,001
Others	34,525	34,525
Supplementary grant	65,991	65,991
	<hr/> 6,384,944	<hr/> 6,384,944
Other Government grants		
Local authority grants	708,988	708,988
	<hr/> 708,988	<hr/> 708,988
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)		
Other DfE/ESFA covid-19 funding	134,847	134,847
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COVID-19 additional funding (non-DfE/ESFA)		
Other Covid-19 funding	49,738	49,738
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	<hr/> 7,278,517	<hr/> 7,278,517
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5. Income from other trading activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Catering	74,763	74,763
Lettings	43,947	43,947
After school clubs	105,719	105,719
Trips	34,160	34,160
Other income	26,210	26,210
Insurance claims	11,178	11,178
	<hr/> 295,977 <hr/>	<hr/> 295,977 <hr/>

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Catering	77,154	77,154
Lettings	37,788	37,788
After school clubs	76,952	76,952
Trips	32,708	32,708
Other income	14,247	14,247
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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income	168	168
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6. Investment income (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment income	147	147

7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2023 £	Premises 2023 £	Other 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Educational operations:				
Direct costs	5,224,949	-	445,385	5,670,334
Allocated support costs	1,255,662	436,364	689,879	2,381,905
	<u>6,480,611</u>	<u>436,364</u>	<u>1,135,264</u>	<u>8,052,239</u>

	Staff Costs 2022 £	Premises 2022 £	Other 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Educational operations:				
Direct costs	5,119,850	-	374,670	5,494,520
Allocated support costs	1,896,194	470,942	580,979	2,948,115
	<u>7,016,044</u>	<u>470,942</u>	<u>955,649</u>	<u>8,442,635</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Educational operations	5,670,334	2,381,905	8,052,239

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Educational operations	5,494,520	2,948,115	8,442,635

Analysis of direct costs

	Educational operations 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	5,083,114	5,083,114
Educational non-ICT expenditure	237,113	237,113
Educational ICT expenditure	73,461	73,461
Staff development and training	43,084	43,084
Supply teaching costs	153,773	153,773
Educational consultancy	79,789	79,789
	5,670,334	5,670,334

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Educational operations 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	4,999,271	4,999,271
Educational non-ICT expenditure	196,935	196,935
Educational ICT expenditure	67,612	67,612
Staff development and training	17,918	17,918
Supply teaching costs	131,867	131,867
Educational consultancy	80,917	80,917
	<u>5,494,520</u>	<u>5,494,520</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Educational operations 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Pension finance costs	34,000	34,000
Staff costs	1,065,724	1,065,724
Depreciation	248,916	248,916
Building maintenance	158,882	158,882
Maintenance of plant and equipment	25,209	25,209
Grounds maintenance	23,437	23,437
Energy costs	112,984	112,984
Rent and rates	27,583	27,583
Insurance	17,124	17,124
Other occupancy costs	88,269	88,269
Catering	272,352	272,352
Other support costs	82,213	82,213
Non-cash pension costs	178,000	178,000
Governance costs	47,212	47,212
	<u>2,381,905</u>	<u>2,381,905</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	Educational operations 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Pension finance costs	95,000	95,000
Staff costs	1,058,906	1,058,906
Depreciation	238,370	238,370
Building maintenance	51,257	51,257
Maintenance of plant and equipment	19,632	19,632
Grounds maintenance	21,267	21,267
Energy costs	98,203	98,203
Rent and rates	25,819	25,819
Insurance	19,347	19,347
Other occupancy costs	72,533	72,533
Catering	291,500	291,500
Other support costs	84,833	84,833
Non-cash pension costs	826,000	826,000
Governance costs	45,448	45,448
	<u>2,948,115</u>	<u>2,948,115</u>

9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	248,036	237,490
Amortisation of intangible assets	880	880
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	10,616	10,550
- other services	2,075	3,075
	<u>10,616</u>	<u>10,550</u>
	<u>2,075</u>	<u>3,075</u>

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10. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	4,789,804	4,734,734
Social security costs	408,610	404,983
Pension costs	950,424	918,460
	6,148,838	6,058,177
Agency staff costs	153,773	131,867
Non-cash pension costs	178,000	826,000
	6,480,611	7,016,044

b. Staff numbers

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Teachers	55	58
Administration and support	146	152
Management	5	5
	206	215

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	3	3
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	2	2
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	3	2
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	-	1

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10. Staff (continued)

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page . 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 was £530,281 (2022 - £521,694).

11. Central services

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

- Leadership and management support
- Finance management
- Audit and control services

The Academy charges for these services on the following basis:

4.5% of GAG (2022: 4.5%)

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fairchildes Primary School	107,453	103,575
Rowdown Primary School	81,530	82,485
Monks Orchard Primary School	54,167	63,471
Total	243,150	249,531

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy. 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:

		2023	2022
		£	£
Miss R Sandell	Remuneration	80,000 -	95,000 -
		85,000	100,000
	Pension contributions paid	15,000 -	20,000 -
		20,000	25,000

During the year ended 31 August 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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13. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2023 was £215 (2022 - £208). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

14. Intangible assets

	Patents £
Cost	
At 1 September 2022	20,485
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At 31 August 2023	20,485
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Amortisation	
At 1 September 2022	19,605
Charge for the year	880
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At 31 August 2023	20,485
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Net book value	
At 31 August 2023	-
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At 31 August 2022	880
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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Leasehold improvements £	Assets under construction £	Furniture & fittings & ICT equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 September 2022	9,181,000	1,356,396	113,307	536,379	11,187,082
Additions	-	-	220,090	41,752	261,842
Transfers between classes	-	113,307	(113,307)	-	-
At 31 August 2023	9,181,000	1,469,703	220,090	578,131	11,448,924
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2022	508,043	466,164	-	374,452	1,348,659
Charge for the year	73,448	89,436	-	85,152	248,036
At 31 August 2023	581,491	555,600	-	459,604	1,596,695
Net book value					
At 31 August 2023	8,599,509	914,103	220,090	118,527	9,852,229
At 31 August 2022	8,672,957	890,232	113,307	161,927	9,838,423

16. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	15,526	24,020
Prepayments and accrued income	71,666	39,109
Tax recoverable	112,612	10,573
Grants receivable	106,665	118,389
	306,469	192,091

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other loans	12,432	12,400
Trade creditors	206,329	102,684
Other taxation and social security	97,035	98,549
Accruals and deferred income	373,709	294,511
	<u>689,505</u>	<u>508,144</u>
	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2022	151,736	250,482
Resources deferred during the year	180,698	151,736
Amounts released from previous periods	(151,736)	(250,482)
	<u>180,698</u>	<u>151,736</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust as holding funds received in advance for the year 2023/24.

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Other loans	28,179	40,645

The loans are from:

Salix Finance Limited - 2 loans for a total of £39,181, are interest free, unsecured and repayable in annual instalments of £8,927; and
Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) - 1 loan for £13,896 bearing interest at 2.31% per annum, unsecured and repayable in annual instalments of £3,474.

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19. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	3,693	168	-	-	-	3,861
Restricted general funds						
GAG	1,057,963	5,430,759	(5,382,463)	50,668	-	1,156,927
UIFSM	-	82,194	(82,194)	-	-	-
Pupil premium	-	639,263	(639,263)	-	-	-
Supplementary grant	-	158,379	(158,379)	-	-	-
Mainstream schools additional grant	-	76,156	(76,156)	-	-	-
Other DfE funding	-	177,383	(177,383)	-	-	-
Local authority funding	-	779,509	(779,509)	-	-	-
General	-	295,976	(295,976)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(747,000)	-	(212,000)	-	959,000	-
	310,963	7,639,619	(7,803,323)	50,668	959,000	1,156,927
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds- all funds	9,839,303	271,899	(248,916)	(50,668)	-	9,811,618
Total Restricted funds	10,150,266	7,911,518	(8,052,239)	-	959,000	10,968,545
Total funds	10,153,959	7,911,686	(8,052,239)	-	959,000	10,972,406

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

All funds originated from assets gifted by the predecessor school. In addition:

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted fixed asset funds have been increased by capital grants provided by the DfE and reduced by depreciation charges.

Restricted general funds have been increased by revenue grants provided by the DfE and reduced by expenditure incurred in the operation of the trust.

The restricted funds can only be used in terms of limitations imposed the the Funding Agreement with the DfE and the terms of any specific grant.

Unrestricted funds have been increased by voluntary contributions by parents and reduced by expenditure incurred in the operation of the trust.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2023.

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

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	3,546	147	-	-	3,693
Restricted general funds					
GAG	756,808	5,564,598	(5,274,897)	-	1,057,963
UIFSM	-	82,829	(82,829)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	637,001	(637,001)	-	-
Catch-up premium	55,600	-	(55,600)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA covid-19 funding	-	134,847	(134,847)	-	-
Other covid-19 funding	-	49,738	(49,738)	-	-
Other grants	-	1,046,937	(1,046,937)	-	-
General	-	238,849	(238,849)	-	-
Pension reserve	(5,323,000)	-	(921,000)	5,497,000	(747,000)
	<u>(4,510,592)</u>	<u>7,754,799</u>	<u>(8,441,698)</u>	<u>5,497,000</u>	<u>310,963</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds - all funds	10,030,296	58,831	(238,370)	-	9,839,303
Total Restricted funds	<u>5,519,704</u>	<u>7,813,630</u>	<u>(8,680,068)</u>	<u>5,497,000</u>	<u>10,150,266</u>
Total funds	<u><u>5,523,250</u></u>	<u><u>7,813,777</u></u>	<u><u>(8,680,068)</u></u>	<u><u>5,497,000</u></u>	<u><u>10,153,959</u></u>

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2023 were allocated as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Fairchildes Primary School	637,201	476,271
Rowdown Primary School	330,843	203,165
Monks Orchard Primary School	192,744	382,220
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Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	1,160,788	1,061,656
Restricted fixed asset fund	9,811,618	9,839,303
Pension reserve	-	(747,000)
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Total	10,972,406	10,153,959
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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 2023 £
Fairchildes Primary School	2,381,812	678,507	205,205	356,085	3,621,609
Rowdown Primary School	1,592,244	242,557	249,862	426,906	2,511,569
Monks Orchard Primary School	1,097,120	334,598	132,153	349,424	1,913,295
Consolidation adjustment	-	-	-	(243,150)	(243,150)
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Academy	5,071,176	1,255,662	587,220	889,265	7,803,323
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19. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total 2022 £
Fairchildes Primary School	2,275,115	1,124,728	166,276	447,774	4,013,893
Rowdown Primary School	1,629,595	398,436	124,855	345,021	2,497,907
Monks Orchard Primary School	1,215,140	373,030	69,285	284,541	1,941,996
Consolidation adjustment	-	-	-	(249,531)	(249,531)
Academy	5,119,850	1,896,194	360,416	827,805	8,204,265

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	9,852,229	9,852,229
Current assets	3,861	1,834,000	-	1,837,861
Creditors due within one year	-	(677,073)	(12,432)	(689,505)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	-	(28,179)	(28,179)
Total	3,861	1,156,927	9,811,618	10,972,406

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	9,838,423	9,838,423
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	880	880
Current assets	3,693	1,606,752	-	1,610,445
Creditors due within one year	-	(508,144)	-	(508,144)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(40,645)	-	(40,645)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(747,000)	-	(747,000)
Total	3,693	310,963	9,839,303	10,153,959

21. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(140,553)	(866,291)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation	880	880
Depreciation	248,036	237,490
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(271,899)	(58,831)
Interest receivable	(168)	(147)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	178,000	826,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	34,000	95,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(114,378)	5,805
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	181,361	(29,146)
Net cash provided by operating activities	115,279	210,760

22. Cash flows from financing activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Repayments of borrowing	(12,466)	(12,432)
Net cash used in financing activities	(12,466)	(12,432)

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23. Cash flows from investing activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	168	147
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(261,842)	(62,707)
Capital grants from DfE Group	271,899	58,831
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	10,225	(3,729)

24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand and at bank	1,531,392	1,418,354
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,531,392	1,418,354

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,418,354	113,038	1,531,392
Debt due within 1 year	(12,400)	(32)	(12,432)
Debt due after 1 year	(40,645)	12,466	(28,179)
	1,365,309	125,472	1,490,781

26. Contingent asset

As at 31 August 2023, the actuarial valuation of the Local Government Pension Scheme was calculated as a surplus of £105,000 (2022: £747,000 deficit). As this valuation does not give rise to a virtually certain economic benefit for the trust, either in the form of a reduction in future contributions or a cash settlement, any surplus arising on the valuation is recognised solely as a contingent asset.

27. Capital commitments

	2023 £	2022 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		
Boiler and heating replacement	171,863	-

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28. Pension commitments

The Academy'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 London Borough of Croydon Pension Fund. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and the latest triennial valuation for LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2022. The Trust has received an actuarial report relating to the valuation of the LGPS as at 31 August 2023.

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £564,964 (2022 - £567,776).

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

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28. 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 2023 was £477,000 (2022 - £443,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £360,000 (2022 - £326,000) and employees' contributions totalled £117,000 (2022 - £117,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are between 17.4 and 19.1 per cent for employers and between 5.5 and 9.9 per cent for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

London Borough of Croydon Pension Fund

	2023	2022
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	2.88	3.15
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.98	3.15
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.20	4.25

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

	2023	2022
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
Males	20.1	21.9
Females	24.1	24.1
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	21.0	22.7
Females	25.1	25.8

Sensitivity analysis

London Borough of Croydon Pension Fund

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Discount rate -0.1%	170	173
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	307	312
CPI rate +0.1%	161	168

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28. Pension commitments (continued)

Share of scheme assets

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

	At 31 August 2023 £	At 31 August 2022 £
Equities	5,445,000	4,935,000
105700	1,167,000	1,057,000
916000	933,000	916,000
Cash and other liquid assets	233,000	141,000
Total market value of assets	<u>7,778,000</u>	<u>7,049,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £(293,000) (2022 - £(124,000)).

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Current service cost	(538,000)	(1,152,000)
Interest income	307,000	114,000
Interest cost	(341,000)	(209,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	<u>(572,000)</u>	<u>(1,247,000)</u>

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

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 September	7,796,000	12,048,000
Current service cost	538,000	1,152,000
Interest cost	341,000	209,000
Employee contributions	117,000	117,000
Actuarial gains	(881,000)	(5,621,000)
Benefits paid	(133,000)	(109,000)
At 31 August	<u>7,778,000</u>	<u>7,796,000</u>

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28. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 September	7,049,000	6,725,000
Interest income	307,000	114,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	78,000	(124,000)
Employer contributions	360,000	326,000
Employee contributions	117,000	117,000
Benefits paid	(133,000)	(109,000)
At 31 August	7,778,000	7,049,000

29. Members' liability

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

30. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy 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's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

No other related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 12.

Fairchildes Academy Community Trust

Fairchildes Avenue, New Addington, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 0AH

05/12/2023

Date:

Your ref: **FAI002**

BKL Audit LLP
35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

Dear Sirs

Fairchildes Academy Community Trust

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your audit of the academy trust's financial statements and, as relevant, your assurance engagement on regularity for the year ended 31 August 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as Trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
2. All the transactions undertaken by the academy trust have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
3. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and regularity assurance engagement. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the academy trust, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with the Education and Skills Funding Agency, Department for Education and the Charity Commission.
4. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
5. We approve all adjustments as set out in Appendix A, and all decisions on issues requiring the exercise of judgement. We believe that those uncorrected misstatements identified during the audit are immaterial

both individually and in aggregate to the financial statements as a whole. A list of these items will also be included in Appendix A, if applicable, together with our reasons for not correcting them.

Internal Control and Fraud

6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control systems to prevent and detect fraud and error and which conform to the requirements both of propriety and good financial management. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.
7. We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
8. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

Assets and Liabilities

9. The academy trust has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the academy trust's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
10. All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
11. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
12. We consider that the actuarial assumptions made in connection with the valuation of the deficit on the local government defined benefit pension scheme, are appropriate and representative of the scheme members.

Accounting Estimates

13. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
14. All accounting policies adopted are appropriate for the academy trust and are adequately disclosed.

Loans and arrangements

15. The academy trust has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

Legal claims

16. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

17. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
18. All relevant correspondence with the academy trusts regulators, including serious incident reports, has been made available to you.

Related parties

19. Related party relationships and transactions, comply with the academy trust's financial regulations, relevant requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook and have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with the requirements and guidance set out in the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Subsequent events

20. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

21. We believe that the academy trust's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the academy trusts needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

22. Grants made by the Department of Education and Education and Skills Funding Agency have been applied for the purposes intended and the Accounting Officer has ensured regular and proper use and value for money of monies received from government.
23. All other grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.
24. The academy trust has not been in receipt of any income relating to the year ended 31 August 2023 other than that recorded within the books.

We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware.

We confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant other information needed by you in connection with preparing your reporting accountant's assurance report on regularity of which you are unaware.

Each Trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit other information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

Yours faithfully

Robert M. L.

Fairchildes Academy Community Trust
Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Fairchildes Academy Community Trust

Fairchildes Avenue, New Addington, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 0AH

05/12/2023

Date:

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Dear Sirs

Fairchildes Academy Community Trust

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as I consider necessary in connection with your assurance report on regularity to Fairchildes Academy Community Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy me that I can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of my knowledge and belief.

General

1. I have fulfilled my responsibilities as accounting officer under the requirements of the funding agreement between Fairchildes Academy Community Trust and the Secretary of State for Education the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.
2. I acknowledge my personal responsibility to Parliament for the regularity and propriety of the public finances for which I am answerable; for the keeping of proper accounts; for effective internal controls; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; for achieving value for money; and for the efficient and effective use of all the resources in my charge.
3. I acknowledge my responsibility to notify the Trustee Board and the ESFA of any instances of material irregularity or impropriety, or non-compliance with the terms of the academy trust's funding agreement and have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2022 in performing this duty.
4. Any instances of material irregularity, impropriety, or non-compliance discovered to date have been notified to the governing body and the ESFA.

5. Significant matters of which you should be aware have been brought to your attention including any instances of irregularity, impropriety or non-compliance with laws and regulations specific to the academy trust's authorising framework.
6. Full and free access has been granted to all records, correspondence, information and explanations that you have considered necessary to enable you to perform your work.

Yours faithfully

Jo Hussey

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Accounting Officer
Fairchildes Academy Community Trust