

Company Registration No. 09888339 (England and Wales)

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

D Faley (Head Teacher/Accounting Officer)
P Campbell
N Hole
P Maycock (Chair)
J Povey (Resigned 7 May 2017)
G Smith
N Squires
A Parker
G Bragg
L Froggatt (Appointed 2 October 2016)
S Caldwell (Appointed 2 October 2016)
C Kay (Appointed 4 October 2016)

Members

E J Whittaker
Bishop R Heskett
Diocese of Hallam Trustee Limited

Senior management team

- Head Teacher	D Faley
- Deputy Head	C Round
- Teacher	A Crookes
- Teacher	P Campbell
- Teacher	J Lord

Company registration number

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The Trustees of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period ended 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a Trustees' report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11. It has a pupil capacity of 210 and had a roll of 210 in the school census in January 2017.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The company was incorporated on 25th November 2015. The company registration number is 09888339.

The Trustees of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy are also Trustees of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the period are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the 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 they cease to be a member.

Trustees' indemnities

The academy, through its articles, has indemnified its Trustees to the fullest extent permissible by law. During the period, the Academy also purchased and maintained liability insurance for its Trustees.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

Foundation Trustees are appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese to represent the interests of the Bishop and the Trustees of the Diocese. Foundation Trustees need to be in good standing with the Church and be supported in writing by the parish priest. Completed application forms (Foundation Trustee of a Catholic School, Information and Nomination Form) are forwarded to the Diocese of Hallam School's Department for processing.

The arrangements made for the election of a Parent Trustee provides for every person who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so by post or, if they prefer, by having their ballot paper returned to the Academy Trust by a registered pupil at the Academy. The parent receiving the highest number of votes shall be appointed.

The arrangements made for the election of a Staff Trustee provides for every member of staff who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so. The Staff member receiving the highest number of votes shall be appointed.

Community Trustee may be appointed by the Governing Body provided that the person who is appointed as the Community Trustee is not an employee of the Academy Trust and lives and works in the community.

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The Umbrella Trustee is appointed by the Umbrella Trust.

The academy trust shall have the following Trustees as set out in its Articles of Association and Funding Agreement:

Subject to Articles 48-49, the academy trust shall have the following Trustees:

- (a) 8 Foundation Trustees appointed under Article 50

(The Diocesan Bishop may appoint a minimum of 8 Foundation Trustees so as to ensure that at all times the number of Foundation Trustees exceeds the total number of other Trustees (excluding Foundation Trustees) by at least 2.)

- (b) Up to 1 Staff Trustee appointed under Article 50A

(The trustees shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine all matters relating to, the election and removal of Staff Trustees.)

(The total number of Trustees (including the Principal if he or she so choose to act as Trustee under Article 57) who are employees of the company does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees.)

- (c) A minimum of 2 Parent Trustees appointed by the Trustees under Articles 53 - 56

(Shall be elected by parents and individuals exercising parental responsibility of registered pupils at the academy. A Parent Trustee must be a parent or an individual exercising parental responsibility of a registered pupil at the academy at the time when they are elected.)

- (d) up to 1 Community Trustee appointed under Article 58A;

(The Community Trustee may be appointed by the Trustees provided that the person who is appointed as the Community Trustee is:

- (i) a person who lives or works in the community served by the academy; or*
- (ii) a person who, in the opinion of the Trustees, is committed to the government and success of the academy.*

The Trustees may not appoint an employee of the academy trust as the Community Trustee if the number of Trustees who are employed by the academy trust (including the Principal) would thereby exceed one third of the total number of Trustees.)

- (e) up to 1 Umbrella Trustee appointed under Article 58B;

(The Umbrella Trustee may be appointed by:-

- (i) the Trustees if a 'Trigger Event' (as defined in the Articles of Association) has not occurred or has previously occurred but now ceased; or*
- (ii) the Umbrella Trust if a 'Trigger Event' has occurred.)*

- (f) the Principal.

A total of 14 Trustees to be:

- 1 principal
 - 1 staff
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- 2 parents
- 1 community
- 8 foundation trustees
- 1 Umbrella trustee

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All new Trustees are offered the opportunity to attend Trustee training. This year, Trustees have attended new Trustee induction training and finance training.

Organisational Structure

Academy's Financial Organisation Chart

Trustees

Resources Committee

Head Teacher / Finance Manager

Admin / Budget Holders

Academy's Governing Body Structure

The Trustees and each committee meet on at least a termly basis.

A timetable of meetings is produced and agreed at the start of each academic year.

The minutes of committee meetings are distributed to all Trustees and an opportunity to discuss them is provided.

Decisions made at committee meetings outside of the resources committee which have financial implications are referred to the resources committee for ratification before being actioned.

Full Governing Body

The full governing body is made up as follows:

8 Foundation Trustees:

Mr P Maycock (Chair), Mrs A Parker (Vice Chair), Mrs L Froggatt, Mr G Smith, Mr N Hole, Mr C Kay, Mr S Caldwell and 1 vacancy.

2 Parent Trustees:

Mrs J Povey (resigned 7 May 2017) and Mr G Bragg

1 Community Trustee:

Mrs N Squires

1 Staff Trustee:

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Miss P Campbell

1 Principal:

Mrs D Faley

1 Umbrella Trustee:

Vacant

The Trustees have elected to delegate responsibility for the financial administration of the academy budget including the overseeing of its preparation, monitoring its implementation and controlling expenditure against it to the resources committee.

The statutory responsibility for the oversight of financial management in the academy will remain with the Trustees.

Reporting arrangements:

The resources committee will report back to the Trustees who will consider the minutes of the committee. The decisions made by the full Trustees and resources committee under its delegated powers are binding on all Trustees. All reports from committees should include a section on the financial implications of any decisions or recommendations as appropriate.

Composition

Mr P Maycock, Mrs A Parker, Mr G Smith, Mrs J Povey (resigned 7 May 2017), Mrs D Faley, Mrs L Froggatt, Mr C Kay

Role:

To ensure proper financial administration arrangements are in place that enable the Trustees to fulfil its statutory responsibilities for financial management and also demonstrate the achievement of key financial administration standards required by the DfE & OFSTED.

To oversee the management of the academy's finances with the framework established by the Academies Financial Handbook published by the ESFA and the Academy Schools: guidance on regulation as Charities published by the Charities Commission.

Responsibilities:

- To ensure the budget reflects the academy's prioritised educational objectives, seeks to achieve value for money and is subject to regular effective monitoring.
- To establish formal procedures and a timetable for planning the budget to ensure that all relevant factors are considered.
- To ensure that planned expenditure for each year does not exceed the available resources.
- To monitor the amount of each budget allocation in the light of known activity and to take decisions on the virement of funds between budget headings, subject to the advice of the principal and in the interests of the academy achieving its overall aims and objectives.
- To ensure that the academy has sound internal financial controls in place which safeguard the probity of its financial transactions and the reliability and accuracy of its financial records. (The committee should ensure that there are written descriptions of financial systems and procedures which are kept up to date and that all appropriate staff are trained in their use).

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- Where necessary, the finance committee will ensure that the academy obtains satisfactory support services.
- To formally approve the year revisions to the spending plan (where delegated authority has been granted).

Reporting arrangements:

The committee will receive:

- An annual report on the academy's long term financial plans.
- Reports on the annual academy budget process and proposed spending plan.
- Quarterly monitoring reports showing spending and receipts, including sums committed but not yet paid for against the academy's approved budget; explanation of major variances; details of corrective action taken; and a forecast of the expected year end position.
- Final year end report including a review of the academy's performance and an assessment of progress against objectives in the academy development / action plan.

Delegated authority:

The resources committee has authority to make decisions on behalf of the Trustees to enable it to fulfil the responsibilities shown above. Decisions or recommendations will be reported to the Trustees for ratification where appropriate.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The strategy committee meet annually in the Autumn term to review the recommendation for pay progression of staff by the Headteacher if staff successfully meet their appraisal objectives in line with the pay policy.

Trustees on the Headteacher appraisal panel meet annually in the Autumn term with an external advisor to carry out the appraisal of the Headteacher and consider any pay increments if appraisal objectives are successfully met in line with the pay policy.

Connected organisations including related party relationships

St. Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy, is part of the Diocese of Hallam School's Partnership Agreement. A full list of academies/schools can be found at the Diocese of Hallam website. The academy trust is part of the Our Lady Umbrella Trust for procurement purposes only however this does not impact on the academy trust's operating policies.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives & Aims

The academy trust's objective is:

- to advance for public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a Catholic academy designated as such ("the Academy") which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Catholic Church; and
 - to promote for the benefit of individuals living in the area served by the academy and the surrounding area who have need by reason of their age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said individuals.
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Objectives, strategies and activities

The academy provides education for FS2 to Year 6 of different abilities who are mainly drawn from the area in which the academy is located.

The academy aims to promote excellence in learning, achievement and attainment by helping its pupils to:

- Be given opportunities to develop their relationship with God and so come to full human wholeness on their journey of faith
- Have confidence in themselves and have high self-esteem
- Become independent and well-motivated life-long learners
- Leave St Thomas More's as fully rounded, responsible human beings able to understand and take part fully in modern society
- Achieve their full potential in all areas of the curriculum

The schools objectives for the period ending 31 August 2017 are summarised below:

- For our pupils to know they are loved unconditionally by God and develop a shared sense of awe and wonder as they grow closer to God
- To raise the standard of educational achievement of all pupils
- For all pupils to have access to excellent learning and teaching opportunities and experiences, within an inclusive, lively and stimulating environment
- For all pupils to have access to a broad and balanced, stimulating, interesting and relevant curriculum including extra-curricular activities and visits
- To provide value for money of the funds expended
- To comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements
- To pursue the search for excellence in all things is our common goal

Public benefit

The academy trust provides educational services to all children in the local area. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for the public benefit guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance (National figures in brackets)

EYFS GLD - 87% (71%)

Y1 Phonics – 83% (81%)

Y2

	Achieved expected standard	Working at Greater depth
Reading	83% (76%)	17% (25%)
Writing	77% (68%)	10% (16%)
Maths	80% (75%)	20% (21%)

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Y6

	Achieved expected standard	Working at Greater depth
Reading	67% (71%)	17% (25%)
Writing	70% (76%)	0% (18%)
Maths	73% (75%)	23% (23%)
Reading, writing & maths combined	53% (61%)	0% (9%)
Grammar, punctuation & spelling	90% (77%)	40% (31%)

Key non-financial performance indicators

Latest OFSTED Inspection (11th & 12th July 2013)

Overall effectiveness	Good
Achievement of pupils	Good
Quality of teaching	Good
Behaviour & safety of pupils	Good
Leadership & Management	Good

Attendance for 2016/17: 96.7%

Key financial performance indicators

As of 31st August 2017

	2017	2016
Fund balance (excluding fixed assets and pension)	£148,455	£122,099
Cash in Bank	£191,496	£141,091
Total Staff Costs (£)	£754,431	£424,200
Staff Costs to ESFA Revenue Income (%)	78.68%	79.48%
Staff Costs to Total Income excluding fixed asset funds (%)	73.89%	73.28%
Staff Costs as Proportion of Total Expense (%)	75.88%	74.61%
Total Pupil Numbers	210	208
Spend per pupil for non-pay expenditure lines excluding depreciation (£)	£1,095	£1,156

Our key financial performance indicators are showing consistent strong performance and we expect this to continue into future academic years.

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Going concern

After making appropriate enquires, the Trustees have 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 accounting policies in the notes to the accounts.

Financial Review

The academy trust has a cash reserve of £191,496 (2016 - £141,091) at the bank, with total net assets of £272,123 (2016 - £206,678) as at 31 August 2017 (excluding the defined pension liability). The trust adopted as its principal financial policies the Academies Financial Handbook published by the ESFA. Academy Schools: guidance on regulation as Charities and Internal Controls for Charities published by the Charities Commission together with the Academy's operational Financial Management and Administration procedure.

The academy trust is principally funded by the General Annual Grant from the Department of Education.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The main financial risks are:

- Protection of the academy trust's assets
- Conflicts of interest, theft, bribery, loss, waste, fraud or mistakes
- Robust financial reporting systems
- Compliance with financial law and regulations

To mitigate against these risks relevant insurance policies are in place. Rigorous internal controls and risk assessments have taken place, in collaboration with the academy trust's nominated internal auditor to ensure law and regulations are adhered to.

Reserves policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the academy annually. Our aim is to use the funds each year for the full benefit of the pupils within that year.

However, the academy also considers it necessary to carry forward some reserves:

- To invest in future years priorities for the children of our academy, for example capital projects;
- To have a contingency reserve to cover a reduction in pupil numbers; and
- To cover any unforeseen urgent maintenance.

The level of free reserves (total funds less fixed asset and other restricted funds) held at 31 August 2017 was £45,711 (2016 - £23,997).

The restricted pension fund reserve is in deficit to the value of £412,000 (2016 - £506,000) as at 31 August 2017. This deficit has been inherited upon conversion to academy status and the trustees will continue to monitor this situation closely.

Investment policy

The academy trust currently has no financial investments; however should it decide to pursue these in the future the policy is to delegate the management of investments to a financial expert.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties the academy trust faces are a fall in pupil numbers and the continued funding from the Department of Education. To mitigate against this risk the academy trust ensures that these funds are used for the purpose they were provided for and only in accordance with guidance laid out in the ESFA Academies Financial Handbook. The academy trust ensures proper stewardship of those funds, economy, efficiency and effectiveness in their use, using its discretion reasonably and takes into account any and all relevant guidance on accountability or propriety.

Plans for the future

The academy intends to continue developing its learning environment by having a rolling programme of refurbishment & redecoration, along with plans for alteration to some rooms within school to create new learning areas. Also, the academy intends to review data outcomes to use its funds to accelerate progress and attainment along with continually reviewing the curriculum to ensure it is broad and balanced. The academy requires an upgrade to the current heating system and was successful in gaining funding for this project to take place in 2017/18 through a CIF bid.

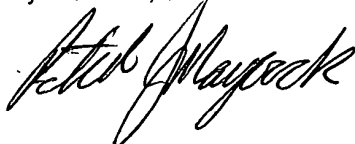
Auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

A resolution proposing Hart Shaw LLP be appointed as auditor of the charitable company will be put to the members.

Trustees report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of Trustees, as the company Trustees, on 7 December 2017 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Mr P Maycock
Chair

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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Scope of responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy 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.

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Head Teacher, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy 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 3 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
D Faley (Head Teacher/Accounting Officer)	3	3
P Campbell	3	3
N Hole	3	3
P Maycock (Chair)	3	3
J Povey (Resigned 7 May 2017)	1	2
G Smith	2	3
N Squires	3	3
A Parker	2	3
G Bragg	3	3
L Froggatt (Appointed 2 October 2016)	1	3
S Caldwell (Appointed 2 October 2016)	3	3
C Kay (Appointed 4 October 2016)	3	3

This academic year, 2 new foundation trustees were appointed, which strengthened the make-up of the board of trustees. The term of office of one of the parent trustees expired so invitations for a new parent trustee will be invited at the start of the next academic year.

Over the course of the academic year the trustees have followed a set timeline of activities. This has included evaluations of the progress of children/different groups of learners, attending learning walks in school, reviewing and evaluating a range of school policies, as well as being involved in the appointment of new staff. They have offered support and challenge to the head teacher via questioning of items in the head teacher reports to trustees.

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The resource committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is to ensure 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 St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. The sub-committee are also responsible for reporting to the full board any material weaknesses or breakdown in internal control.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
D Faley (Head Teacher/Accounting Officer)	4	4
P Maycock (Chair)	4	4
J Povey (Resigned 7 May 2017)	2	3
G Smith	1	4
A Parker	3	4
L Froggatt (Appointed 2 October 2016)	2	4
C Kay (Appointed 4 October 2016)	4	4

Review of value for money

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

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

- Following tendering policies in line with the finance policy
- Ongoing review of staffing structure
- Negotiation of contracts
- Working with other schools within the Umbrella trust to look at purchases services/training jointly

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 St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

Capacity to handle risk

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

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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The risk and control framework

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

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

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided appoint Hart Shaw LLP as internal auditor.

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

- testing of purchasing/procurement systems including ensuring that authorisation and value for money policies are adhered to;
- testing of payroll systems;
- testing of the receipt of income systems;
- testing of bank controls and reconciliation procedures;
- testing of VAT reporting;
- testing of procedures for the recording of financials and reporting to governors; and
- testing of the website requirements per the Academies Financial Handbook

In June 2017, Hart Shaw LLP completed a full comprehensive internal control review and reported to the board of trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the financial responsibilities of the board of trustees.

Various recommendations were made and are to be implemented by the academy throughout 2017/18 academic year.

Review of effectiveness

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

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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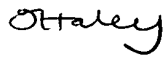
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The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the resource committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 07 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


P Maycock
Chair


D Faley
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

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

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

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

D Faley

D Faley
Accounting Officer

07 December 2017

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The trustees (who also act as governors for St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy and are also the directors of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

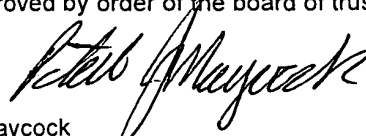
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 07 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


P Maycock
Chair

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts' section of our report. We are independent of the academy trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees' Report including the incorporated 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 the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report, including the incorporated strategic report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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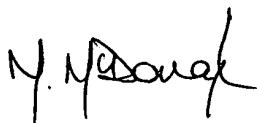
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company'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 charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Martin McDonagh (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Hart Shaw LLP**

7 December 2017

**Chartered Accountants
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ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 27 January 2016 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2016, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance, and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- the review for any transactions requiring prior approval from the Secretary of State and ensuring approval has been received where required;
- confirming that the academy trust has not sought borrowings that contravene section 3.4 of the Handbook;
- reviewing for connected party transactions and ensuring the academy has complied with section 3.2 of the Handbook;
- reviewing committee meeting minutes for indications of irregular transactions; and
- carrying out systems and controls testing and considering the effectiveness of such controls.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Hart Shaw LLP
Reporting Accountant

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Dated: 07 December 2017

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £ Fixed asset £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	20,132	-	12,624	32,756
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	23,072	962,899	-	985,971
Other trading activities	5	14,790	-	-	14,790
Investments	6	126	-	-	126
Total income and endowments		58,120	962,899	12,624	1,033,643
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	36,406	948,027	9,765	994,198
Charitable expenditure - transfer from local authority on conversion		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	7	36,406	948,027	9,765	994,198
Net income/(expenditure)		21,714	14,872	2,859	39,445
Transfers between funds		-	(36,230)	36,230	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	120,000	-	120,000
Net movement in funds		21,714	98,642	39,089	159,445
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		23,997	(407,898)	84,579	(299,322)
Total funds carried forward		45,711	(309,256)	123,668	(139,877)

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

Comparative information ended 31 August 2016	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	General £	Restricted funds: Fixed asset £	Total 2016 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	17,394	3,717	-	21,111
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	555,327	-	555,327
Other trading activities	5	9,099	-	-	9,099
Investments	6	87	-	-	87
Total income and endowments		<u>26,580</u>	<u>559,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>585,624</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	16,146	548,269	4,166	568,581
Charitable expenditure - transfer from local authority on conversion		(13,563)	274,673	(88,745)	172,365
Total expenditure	7	<u>2,583</u>	<u>822,942</u>	<u>(84,579)</u>	<u>740,946</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		23,997	(263,898)	84,579	(155,322)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	(144,000)	-	(144,000)
Net movement in funds		23,997	(407,898)	84,579	(299,322)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>23,997</u>	<u>(407,898)</u>	<u>84,579</u>	<u>(299,322)</u>

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Notes	2017 £	£	2016 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		123,668		84,579
Current assets					
Debtors	13	65,410		54,167	
Cash at bank and in hand		191,496		141,091	
		<u>256,906</u>		<u>195,258</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(108,451)		(73,159)	
Net current assets			148,455		122,099
Net assets excluding pension liability			272,123		206,678
Defined benefit pension liability	18		(412,000)		(506,000)
Net assets			<u>(139,877)</u>		<u>(299,322)</u>
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds	16				
- Fixed asset funds			123,668		84,579
- Restricted income funds			102,744		98,102
- Pension reserve			(412,000)		(506,000)
Total restricted funds			<u>(185,588)</u>		<u>(323,319)</u>
Unrestricted income funds	16		45,711		23,997
Total funds			<u>(139,877)</u>		<u>(299,322)</u>

The accounts set out on pages 22 to 43 were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 07 December 2017 and are signed on its behalf by:


P Maycock
Chair

Company Number 09888339

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Notes	2017 £	£	2016 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by operating activities	19		86,509		229,749
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		126		87	
Capital grants from DfE and ESFA		12,624		-	
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(48,854)		(88,745)	
			(36,104)		(88,658)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			50,405		141,091
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2016			141,091		-
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2017			191,496		141,091

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

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

St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Income

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

Grants receivable

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the period for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donations

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

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

Donated fixed assets

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs; including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the academy trust's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management, trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

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

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

Leasehold improvements	50 years straight line
Leasehold land and buildings	125 years straight line
Computer equipment	20% straight line
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line

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

1.6 Liabilities

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

1.7 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Financial instruments

The academy trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academy trust and their measurement basis are as follows.

Financial assets

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Financial liabilities

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

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

1.9 Taxation

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.10 Pensions benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 18, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

1.11 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement

The main school building is held on a licence from the trustees of the Diocese of Hallam. The trustees have assessed the risks and rewards of ownership and in their judgement these have not been transferred to the academy trust, therefore the building has not been recognised within tangible fixed assets.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Capital grants	-	12,624	12,624	-
Other donations	20,132	-	20,132	21,111
	<u>20,132</u>	<u>12,624</u>	<u>32,756</u>	<u>21,111</u>

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
DfE / ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	853,421	853,421	505,798
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	105,478	105,478	34,667
	-	958,899	958,899	540,465
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	4,000	4,000	14,862
Other funds				
Other incoming resources	23,072	-	23,072	-
Total funding	23,072	962,899	985,971	555,327

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Catering income	-	-	-	200
After school and breakfast club income	-	-	-	4,845
Insurance claims for staff absence	14,790	-	14,790	4,054
	14,790	-	14,790	9,099

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Short term deposits	126	-	126	87

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7 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Premises & equipment £	Other costs £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	637,331	9,765	48,478	695,574	395,259
- Allocated support costs	117,100	52,908	128,616	298,624	173,322
	<u>754,431</u>	<u>62,673</u>	<u>177,094</u>	<u>994,198</u>	<u>568,581</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2017 £	2016 £
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	3,500	3,500
- Other services	7,800	8,075
Operating lease rentals	1,666	1,795
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	9,765	4,166
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	11,000	9,000
	<u></u>	<u></u>

8 Charitable activities

	2017 £	2016 £
All from restricted funds:		
Direct costs - educational operations	695,574	395,259
Support costs - educational operations	298,624	173,322
	<u>994,198</u>	<u>568,581</u>

	2017 £	2016 £
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	117,100	57,656
Technology costs	6,459	3,644
Premises costs	47,210	32,932
Other support costs	116,455	65,815
Governance costs	11,400	13,275
	<u>298,624</u>	<u>173,322</u>

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9 Staff costs

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	527,380	329,910
Social security costs	42,566	22,563
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	112,534	53,151
Staff costs	682,480	405,624
Supply staff costs	59,773	18,576
Staff development and other staff costs	12,178	-
Total staff expenditure	754,431	424,200

Staff numbers

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

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Teachers	3	5
Administration and support	21	20
Management	5	6
	29	31

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

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Teachers	3	5
Administration and support	11	10
Management	4	5
	18	20

Higher paid staff

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

	2017 Number	2016 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £235,934 (2016 - £133,781).

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10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The 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, and not in respect of their services as trustees.

The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows; D Faley (head teacher): Remuneration (excluding pension) £60,000 - £65,000 (2016: £15,000 - £20,000), Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2016: £0 - £5,000). P Campbell (excluding pension) £30,000 - £35,000 (2016: £15,000 - £20,000), Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £0 - £5,000).

During the year there were no travel and subsistence payments reimbursed or paid directly to trustees.

11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £102 (2016: £125). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Leasehold land and buildings	Computer equipment	Furniture & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 September 2016	21,597	35,000	19,270	12,878	88,745
Additions	28,393	-	20,461	-	48,854
At 31 August 2017	49,990	35,000	39,731	12,878	137,599
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2016	252	163	2,248	1,503	4,166
Charge for the year	537	280	6,378	2,570	9,765
At 31 August 2017	789	443	8,626	4,073	13,931
Net book value					
At 31 August 2017	49,201	34,557	31,105	8,805	123,668
At 31 August 2016	21,345	34,837	17,022	11,375	84,579

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13 Debtors	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade debtors	324	-
VAT recoverable	20,173	20,594
Prepayments and accrued income	44,913	33,573
	<u>65,410</u>	<u>54,167</u>
14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade creditors	60,268	25,223
Other taxation and social security	10,095	12,493
Other creditors	8,747	-
Accruals and deferred income	29,341	35,443
	<u>108,451</u>	<u>73,159</u>
15 Deferred income	2017	2016
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	<u>17,462</u>	<u>24,766</u>
Deferred income at 1 September 2016	24,766	-
Released from previous years	(24,766)	-
Amounts deferred in the year	<u>17,462</u>	<u>24,766</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2017	<u>17,462</u>	<u>24,766</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy was holding in advance £17,462 of universal free school meals grant, which relates to the 2017/18 academic year.

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16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant	98,102	853,421	(812,549)	(36,230)	102,744
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	105,478	(105,478)	-	-
Other government grants	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
	<u>98,102</u>	<u>962,899</u>	<u>(922,027)</u>	<u>(36,230)</u>	<u>102,744</u>
Funds excluding pensions	(506,000)	-	(26,000)	120,000	(412,000)
	<u>(407,898)</u>	<u>962,899</u>	<u>(948,027)</u>	<u>83,770</u>	<u>(309,256)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transferred on conversion	84,579	-	(7,133)	-	77,446
DfE / ESFA capital grants	-	12,624	-	-	12,624
Capital expenditure from GAG	-	-	(2,632)	36,230	33,598
	<u>84,579</u>	<u>12,624</u>	<u>(9,765)</u>	<u>36,230</u>	<u>123,668</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(323,319)</u>	<u>975,523</u>	<u>(957,792)</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>(185,588)</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	23,997	58,120	(36,406)	-	45,711
	<u>23,997</u>	<u>58,120</u>	<u>(36,406)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,711</u>
Total funds	<u>(299,322)</u>	<u>1,033,643</u>	<u>(994,198)</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>(139,877)</u>

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16 Funds

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

General Annual Grant

The General Annual Grant (GAG) funds have been spent in line with the terms of the Master Funding Agreement. Under this funding agreement, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2017.

A total of £36,230 (2016 - £nil) has been transferred to the restricted fixed asset fund, as permitted by the Academies Accounts Direction.

Other DfE/ESFA grants

This includes Pupil Premium funding, Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), Rates Relief and the PE and Sports grant.

Pupil premium is additional funding given to academies so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

Universal Infant Free School Meals is funding for the provision of free school meals to infant pupils.

Rates relief is given in respect of rates charged on non-domestic premises.

The PE and Sports grant is to support the sporting facilities of the academy.

Other government grants

This includes the Special Educational Needs and Looked After Children funding.

Special Educational Needs is funding to be used to provide support and facilities for pupils with special educational needs.

Looked After Children is additional funding given to academies so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

DfE/ESFA capital grants

This includes Devolved Formula Capital funding.

Devolved Formula Capital provides academies with funding for maintenance and minor works.

Inherited fixed asset fund

This includes the fixed assets transferred to the academy upon conversion.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds includes income for breakfast club income, money collected for trips/books etc. and cover for teachers. This also includes any unspent amounts from the surplus of funds prior to conversion.

The restricted pension fund is in deficit to the value of £412,000 (2016 - £506,000) as at 31 August 2017. However the majority of this deficit was inherited upon conversion to Academy status. The trustees will continue to monitor this situation closely.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total 2017 £
Fund balances at 31 August 2017 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	123,668	123,668
Current assets	46,019	210,887	-	256,906
Creditors falling due within one year	(308)	(108,143)	-	(108,451)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(412,000)	-	(412,000)
	<u>45,711</u>	<u>(309,256)</u>	<u>123,668</u>	<u>(139,877)</u>

18 Pensions and similar obligations

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £8,747 (2016: £nil) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017 and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis - these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014.

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The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

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

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £45,766 (2016: £31,374).

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 12.9% for employers and 5.5 to 12.5% for employees.

The academy has entered into an agreement to make additional contributions in addition to normal contributions. These amount to £1,958 to be paid monthly during the period April 2017 to March 2018.

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.

Total contributions made	2017 £	2016 £
Employer's contributions	52,000	29,000
Employees' contributions	11,000	6,000
Total contributions	63,000	35,000

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18 Pensions and similar obligations

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Principal actuarial assumptions	2017 %	2016 %
Rate of increases in salaries	3.45	3.55
Rate of increase for pensions in payment	2.20	1.90
Discount rate	2.50	2.10
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.20	1.80

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

	2017 Years	2016 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	22.9	23.0
- Females	25.7	25.7
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	25.1	25.4
- Females	28.0	28.5

Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Discount rate + 0.1%	(14)	(12)
Mortality assumption + 1 year	9	9
CPI rate + 0.1%	13	12
Pay growth + 0.1%	4	4

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

	2017 Fair value £	2016 Fair value £
Equities	65,000	22,000
Government bonds	15,000	6,000
Other bonds	7,000	2,000
Cash/liquidity	2,000	1,000
Property	10,000	4,000
Other assets	8,000	3,000
Total market value of assets	107,000	38,000
Actual return on scheme assets - gain/(loss)	9,000	3,000

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Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities	2017 £	2016 £
Current service cost	66,000	24,000
Interest income	(1,000)	-
Interest cost	12,000	9,000
Administrative expenses	1,000	-
Total operating charge	78,000	33,000
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2017 £	2016 £
Obligations at 1 September 2016	544,000	-
Obligations acquired on conversion	-	358,000
Current service cost	66,000	24,000
Interest cost	12,000	9,000
Employee contributions	11,000	6,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(114,000)	147,000
At 31 August 2017	519,000	544,000
Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets	2017 £	2016 £
Assets at 1 September 2016	38,000	-
Interest income	1,000	-
Actuarial gain	6,000	3,000
Employer contributions	52,000	29,000
Employee contributions	11,000	6,000
Administrative expenses	(1,000)	-
At 31 August 2017	107,000	38,000

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19 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flows from operating activities

	2017 £	2016 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period	39,445	(155,322)
Adjusted for:		
Net deficit on conversion to academy	-	172,365
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA and other capital income	(12,624)	-
Investment income receivable	(126)	(87)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	15,000	(5,000)
Defined benefit pension net finance cost	11,000	9,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	9,765	4,166
(Increase) in debtors	(11,243)	(54,167)
Increase in creditors	35,292	73,159
Stocks, debtors and creditors transferred on conversion	-	185,635
Net cash provided by operating activities	86,509	229,749

20 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2017 the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts due within one year	1,659	2,124
Amounts due in two and five years	2,531	3,730
	4,190	5,854

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21 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust's operations 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 academy trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures. The following related party transaction took place in the period of account:

The Diocese of Hallam Trustee, a company limited by guarantee, is also a trustee of Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam, a registered charity.

During the period the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam charged the academy £3,620 (2016 - £3,620) for the professional services of the Diocesan Schools' Department and the Catholic Education Service. The cost of these service was based on the Diocese's fee per pupil which is a standard fee charged to all academies within the Diocese. Furthermore these costs have DfE/ESFA approval on a national level through discussions held with the Catholic Education Service. No amounts were outstanding at the 31 August 2017.

Furthermore the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam is the legal owner of the property in which the academy resides; no rent is charged by the Diocese for the provision of the property.

During the year P Povey, who is the spouse of J Povey (trustee), charged the academy trust £282 (2016 - £1,437) for his services. The transaction has been conducted under normal market conditions and have followed the academy trust's procurement policies. The cost to the academy trust during the year falls below the de minimis set by the Academies Financial Handbook for the "at cost" principle. No amounts were outstanding as at 31 August 2017.

22 Members' liability

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