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St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

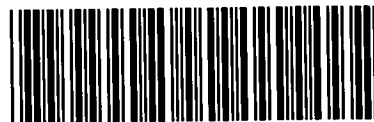
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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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Reference and administrative details

Members	Diocese of Hallam Trustee Rt Rev R Heskett C J Calvert
Governors and Trustees (Directors)	A Beare (resigned 1 November 2022) B Byrne C J Calvert, Chairperson J J Fernandes, Headteacher W Freeman P Mashingaidze (resigned 1 September 2021) C Monaghan Father C M Posluszny (resigned 13 September 2021) E M Shields (resigned 6 September 2021) E Uruchurtu (resigned 21 January 2022) B Twomey (resigned 31 August 2022) G Archer (appointed 27 October 2021 and resigned 8 May 2022) L Moriarty (appointed 15 October 2021) A Philips (appointed 15 October 2021 and resigned 1 November 2022) H L Sheppard (appointed 15 October 2021)
Company Secretary	L A Graham
Senior Management Team	J J Fernandes, Headteacher M Fernandes, Deputy Headteacher F Draper, EYFS Lead A Fenton, Teaching and Learning Responsibilities A Furniss, Literacy Co-ordinator with Teaching and Learning Responsibilities B Twomey, R. E. Coordinator
Principal and Registered Office	Fulwood Road Sheffield S10 3DQ
Company Registration Number	08181858
Auditors	Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors Unit 4, Broadfield Court Sheffield S8 0XF
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 251 Fulwood Road Sheffield S10 3BE

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Reference and administrative details (continued)

Solicitors

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2022. 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 4 to 11 serving an extended catchment area of five parishes. It has a pupil capacity of 210 and had a roll of 216 in the school census on 20th January 2022.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The company registration number is 08181858.

The governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as St Marie's School.

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

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

The academy trust 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

The Diocesan Bishop appoints a minimum of 8 Foundation Governors to ensure that at all times the number of Foundation Governors exceeds the total number of other Governors by at least 2. Applications for a vacant Foundation Governor position are forwarded to the Bishop for appointment. The Diocese of Hallam deal with all appointments of foundation governors and a record is held with the schools' department.

Arrangements for the election of Parent Governors (3): Parents are sent a letter informing them of the vacancy and asking for nominations. Arrangements are made for the election of a Parent Governor and that every person who is entitled to vote in the election has an opportunity to do so by post or, if he/she prefers, by having his/her 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 Governor (1) 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.

Associate Governors (2) may be appointed by the Governing Body provided that the person who is appointed as the Associate Governor is not an employee of the Academy Trust.

The Community Governor (1) may be appointed by the Governing Body provided that the person who is appointed as the Community Governor is not an employee of the Academy Trust and lives in the Academy Trust community.

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

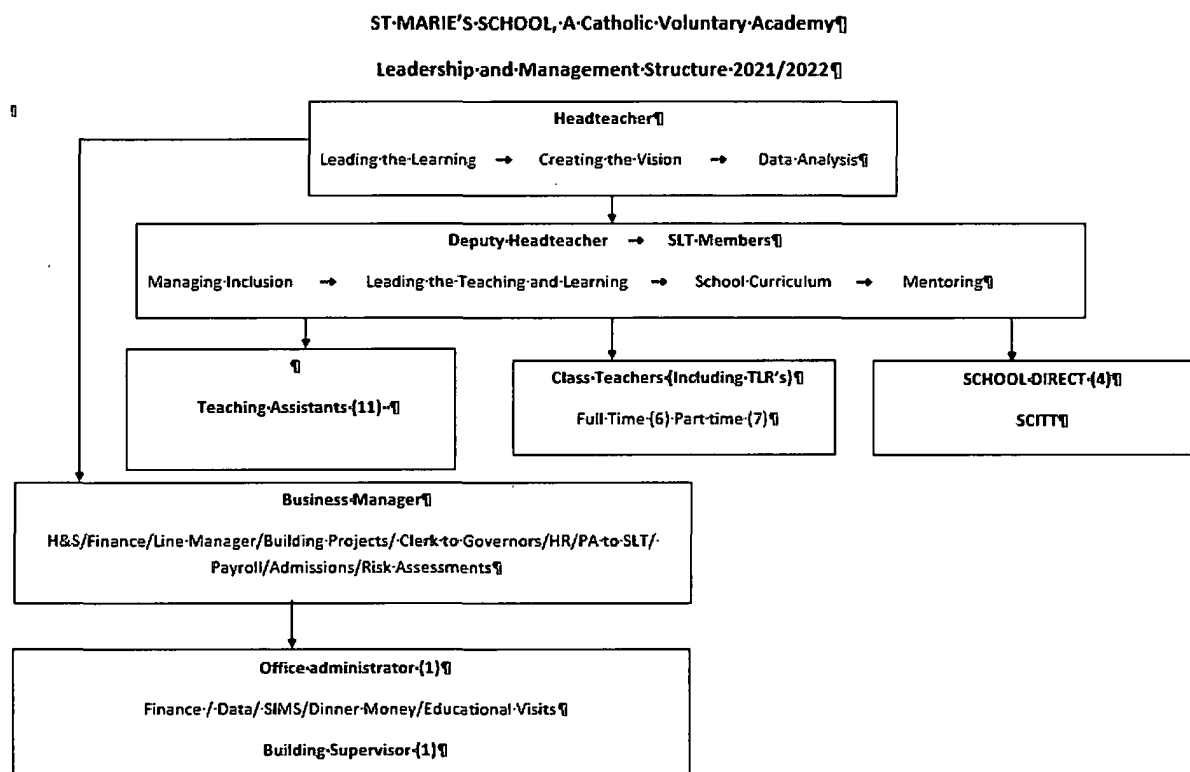
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The Academy has access to the Governor training package delivered by Learn Sheffield. This includes the delivery of New Governor induction training courses. All new Governors are offered the opportunity to attend. A designated Governor Training Co-ordinator is appointed by the full governing body, who ensures that all training is offered to the Governors. The school also shares joint training events for governors with its two partner schools.

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Organisational structure



Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Resource and Strategy committees meet annually to review the recommendations for pay progression of staff by the Headteacher if staff successfully meet their Performance Management objectives in line with the Pay Policy.

Governors on the Headteacher appraisal panel will meet annually with an external advisor to carry out the appraisal of the Headteacher and consider any pay increments if Performance Management objectives are successfully met in line with the Pay Policy.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

St Marie's School is part of the Diocese of Hallam Schools' Partnership Agreement. A full list of schools can be found at the Diocese of Hallam website.

The Trust is part of the Umbrella Trust of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom with Company No. 08180450.

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Academy Trust's object ("the Object") is specifically restricted to the following:

- to advance for the 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 school 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 all Catholic canon law applying thereto including any trust deed governing the use of land used by an Academy both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship and having regard to any advice and following directives issued by the Diocesan Bishop; 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.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The School's objectives for the period ending 31 August 2022 are summarised below:-

- To ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care
- To raise the standard of educational achievement of all pupils
- To improve the effectiveness of the academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under review
- To provide value for money of the funds expended
- To comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements
- To conduct the academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity and openness

Public benefit

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

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Strategic Report

Achievements and performance

Due to COVID-19 all there has not been any statutory assessments in EYFS and KS1 or formal reporting requirements. Additionally, primary school performance measures were not published for the 2020/21 academic year.

Below are the outcomes of the KS2 tests, which our Y6 children took this year (May 2022). The tests have now been in this format from July 2016. There were of course no SAT's taken in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid. The outcomes are now shown as whether or not children have achieved the expected standard, or have not achieved. Each pupil receives their test results as a scaled score based on the standards in the interim framework.

The expected standard (EXS) in the tests is a scaled score of 100 or above. The scaled score range runs from 80 to 120. Children who achieve 110 and above are judged to be working at a higher standard (HS), often called working at greater depth.

The results for writing are based on teacher assessments, which were moderated against and with other schools in our locality and by the local authority.

ST MARIE'S KEY STAGE 2 SATS RESULTS 2022			
This table shows the percentage of children in the school achieving the expected standard and the percentage of children working at high standard at the end of KS2 (compared to national averages).			
		National 2022	St Marie's
Reading	EXS	74%	100%
	HS	-	55%
Writing	EXS	69%	76%
	HS	-	3%
Maths	EXS	71%	97%
	HS	-	81%
SPAG	EXS	72%	93%
	HS	-	45%
Combined (Reading, Writing & Maths)	EXS	59%	76%
	HS	-	3%

EXS - % Percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard or above

HS - % Percentage of pupils achieving at a higher standard

Average score in reading, maths and SPAG

This score is known as the 'scaled score'. The score is an average for pupils in the school in reading, maths and SPAG. The expected standard is a score of 100 or more. The higher standard is 110 or more.

St Marie's Average Scaled Score 2022		National Average
Reading	109	105
Maths	108	104
SPAG	108	105

Catholic Education

Presentation of the school is outstanding. The Catholic mission of St Marie's is impressively witnessed through exciting, inclusive and relevant displays in the public and shared spaces, and in all classrooms.

A strong sense of welcome pervades the school, from staff and pupils.

The RE co-ordinator, as part of the Senior Leadership Team, has led Religious Education teaching and the promotion of the school's Catholic life very effectively, with the enthusiastic involvement of the Head Teacher. It is evident that all staff have ownership of their roles in promoting RE learning and the Catholic ethos to the highest standard.

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Key financial performance indicators

	2022	2021
Fund balance (excluding fixed assets and pension (£))	35,301	7,689
Cash in bank (£)	62,026	63,585
Total staff costs	1,039,259	1,123,279
Staff costs to ESFA revenue income (%)	89.70	96.94
Staff costs to total income excluding fixed asset funds (%)	77.29	84.14
Staff costs as a proportion of total expense (%)	74.15	75.63
Total pupil numbers	216	242
Spend per pupil for non-pay expenditure lines excluding depreciation (£)	1,529	1,410

Key non-financial performance indicators

The school is currently judged as 'good' under an OFSTED inspection in June 2017. We recognise that now we are well on the journey towards where we really want to be – to be acknowledged as an 'Outstanding' school. We are determined to continue on that journey towards our goal, which is certainly within our reach because we have such a united and committed community.

The school's main strengths are:

- The headteacher, the deputy headteacher and governors lead with strong determination to provide pupils with a high-quality education that develops them as well-rounded individuals.
- The school's ethos is incredibly nurturing and inclusive.
- Staff are keen to do their very best to provide pupils with a vibrant curriculum which interests and engages them and values them as individuals.
- Children enjoy school, have good attitudes to learning and are considerate and caring towards each other.
- By the end of early years, a greater proportion of pupils reach a good level of development than that seen nationally.
- Pupils achieve highly in reading and mathematics.
- The provision for the moral and spiritual development is very good which directly contributes to the positive relationships and the racial harmony that is evident.

Going concern

The academy joined the St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust on 1 September 2022. As a result, the existing funding agreement for the school transferred to the MAT and the trust ceased to trade. Therefore the trustees do not believe the trust to be a going concern at the year end and the accounts have been prepared on a break up basis.

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Financial review

The Trust has cash of £62,026 (2021 - £63,585) at the bank, with total net assets of £624,569 (2021 - £613,497) excluding the pension liability of £362,000 (2021 - £1,491,000). The Trust has an in year surplus of £27,612 (2021 - £(132,938)) on restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) and unrestricted funds.

At 31 August 2022 the level of free reserves held was £32,831 which shows an increase of £26,499 on the 2021 total of £6,332. There was also a balance of £2,470 (2021 - £1,357) on unrestricted designated funds at 31 August 2022.

The Trust adopted as its principal financial policies the Academies Financial Handbook published by the DfE, 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 Trust is principally funded by the General Annual Grant from the Department of Education which is used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the Trust.

The 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.

The Trust has plans to reduce the staff costs, through redundancy and early retirement procedures, and has consulted and identified three members of staff. Redundancy and early retirement took place in August 2022 the payments of which will be made in the next financial year by the Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

Reserves policy

The balance on restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) plus the balance on unrestricted funds amounted to £35,301 (2021 - £7,689) and the Trust has an overall balance of £589,268 (2021 - £605,808) on restricted fixed asset funds.

Investment policy

The 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.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risk and uncertainty the Trust faces is the continued funding from the Department of Education. To mitigate against this risk the Trust ensures that these funds are used for the purpose they were provided for and only in accordance with guidance laid out in the DfE Academies Financial Handbook. The 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. The trust will convert to a Catholic Multi Academy Trust on 1 September 2022.

The main financial risks are:

- Protection of the 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 Trust's nominated external reviewer to ensure law and regulations are adhered to.

The Academy is not generally exposed to significant uncertainty in relation to financial instruments. The key issue is the pension scheme liability, which is included in the accounts on the basis of actuarial advice and inevitably will be subject to fluctuations in the future.

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Trustees' report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Fundraising

The school raises funds through the work of the Home School Association (HSA). There have been no complaints received in relation to this. The school makes clear that all fund raising carried out is of a voluntary nature and used to support the school in educating the pupils. From September 2020 the school has started to provide before school childcare provision to bring in income to support maintaining the current staffing structure.

Plans for future periods

St Marie's School will be joining St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust on 1 September 2022 and this will provide additional resource, support and capacity for the academy. Governors view the CMAT as bringing the following benefits:

- Stronger and wider collaboration through a shared vision and values
- Deepening of distinctive ethos
- Stronger Strategic Leadership
- School Improvement Strategy
- Access to Specialist Resources
- Access to Funding Streams
- High Quality Professional Development
- Career Development
- Shared Accountability
- Delivering Economies of Scale
- Reducing Duplication of Effort
- Access to Data to inform decisions
- Reducing Policy Burdens
- Supporting Compliance duties

The Trust leaders and those responsible for governance will ensure that subject leadership is developed to include a rigorous cycle of self-evaluation so that leaders are able to take greater responsibility for school improvement and become more accountable for improving standards in their subjects.

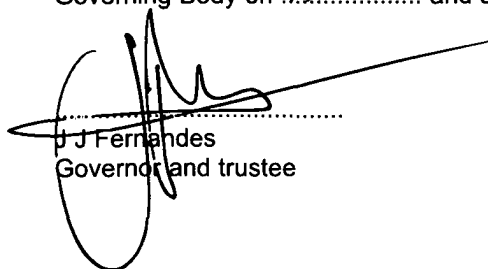
Our aim as a school academically is to continue to work towards becoming an outstanding school.

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.

The trustees' report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on 13/12/22 and signed on its behalf by:



J J Fernandes
Governor and trustee

St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Governance statement

Scope of responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that St Marie's School, A Catholic 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.

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

The Governing Body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to J J Fernandes, 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 Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body 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 Governing Body has formally met 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Governing Body was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
B Byrne	4	4
A Beare (resigned 1 November 2022)	2	4
C J Calvert, Chairperson	4	4
J J Fernandes, Headteacher	4	4
W Freeman	4	4
Father C M Posluszny (resigned 13 September 2021)	0	0
P Mashingaidze (resigned 1 September 2021)	0	0
B Twomey (resigned 31 August 2022)	4	4
C Monaghan	4	4
E Uruchurtu (resigned 21 January 2022)	0	1
E M Shields (resigned 6 September 2021)	0	0
H L Sheppard (appointed 15 October 2021)	4	4
G Archer (appointed 27 October 2021 and resigned 8 May 2022)	1	3
L Moriarty (appointed 15 October 2021)	3	4
A Philips (appointed 15 October 2021 and resigned 1 November 2022)	3	4

P Mashingaidze had work commitments during the prior year which enabled her to attend any of the meetings therefore she has been removed from office, effective from 1 September 2021.

Governance reviews

The Governing body annually audit the skill set of the governors and use this information to allocate governors to specific roles and committees. Governors are encouraged to attend training sessions to fill any particular skillsets. The next self-evaluation of governance will take place at the Autumn term meeting 2022.

The Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. Its purpose is to ensure proper financial administration arrangements are in place that enables the Governing Body to fulfil its statutory responsibilities for financial management. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

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Governance statement (continued)

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
A Beare	1	2
C J Calvert	2	2
J J Fernandes	1	2
W Freeman	2	2
A Philips	1	2

Effective oversight of funds

Monthly management accounts are reviewed by the Chair of Governors and the Accounting Officer on a monthly basis and discussed with the school business manager. These are then discussed in detail, along with up to date budgets, at the Finance and General Purpose Committee meetings and Full Governing Body meetings.

Review of value for money

As accounting officer the 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 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:

- Checking staffing costs are accurate and planned appropriately.
- Ensuring all invoices are accounted for and audit trails are in place to ensure that costs incurred are for the education of our pupils.
- Providing support for our internal bursar saving the school money.
- Outsourcing support services, such as governor support.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of 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 Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy for the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Governing Body 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 Governing Body 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 2021 to 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Governing Body.

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Governance statement (continued)

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 Governing Body;
- 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 (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- identification and management of risks.

The Governing Body has decided:

- to employ Hart Shaw LLP as internal auditor

The auditor'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:

- testing of payroll systems; and
- testing of procedures for the recording of financial information and reporting to governors.

The auditor reported twice to the Governing Body, through the audit committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's 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.

There were no material control or other issues reported by the auditor to date, except for the matters listed below.

Non Financial Matter - Failure to comply with paragraph 2.19 of the Academies Trust Handbook's requirement to share management accounting information with the Chair of Governors every month. Monthly management information for the period September 2021 to November 2021 were shared with the Chair of Governors in December 2021.

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Governance statement (continued)

Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, J J Fernandes 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 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 work of the external auditor;
- correspondence from ESFA: FNI/Ntl and 'minded to' letters.

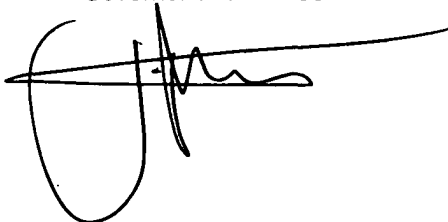
The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on 13/11/22 and signed on its behalf by:



C J Calvert
Governor and trustee

J J Fernandes
Accounting officer
Governor and trustee



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Statement of regularity, propriety and compliance

As Accounting Officer of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Governing Body and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

I confirm that I and the academy trust Governing Body 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

I confirm that the following instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance discovered to date have been notified to the Governing Body and the ESFA. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Governing Body and ESFA

- **Non-financial issues**

Failure to comply with paragraph 2.19 of the Academies Trust Handbook's requirement to share management accounting information with the Chair of Governors every month. Monthly management information for the period September 2021 to November 2021 were shared with the Chair of Governors in December 2021.

J J Fernandes
Accounting officer

Date: _____



St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

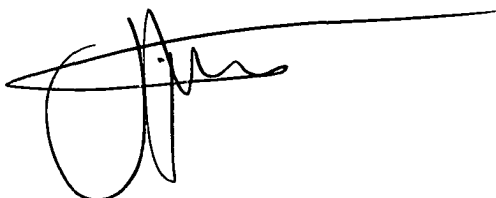
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements 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 on 13/12/22 and signed on its behalf by:

J J Fernandes
Governor and trustee



St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities (Charities SORP 2019) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy trust's affairs as at 31 August 2022 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

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 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 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.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which explains that the academy trust was transferred into the St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust on 1 September 2022 and its primary source of funding ceased. The trustees therefore do not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a break up basis as described in Note 1.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information (covers the Reference and administrative details, the Trustees' report and Strategic Report and the Governance statement)

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements 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.

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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 Strategic Report and Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' 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 company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Trustees' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 16], the Trustees 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.

Auditor 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 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 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.

Based on our understanding of the Academy Trust and its industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the funding agreement with the Department of Education, UK tax legislation, pensions legislation, employment regulation and health and safety regulation, anti-bribery, corruption and fraud, money laundering, non-compliance with implementation of government support schemes relating to COVID-19, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

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We evaluated the Trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- Discussing with the Trustees and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit;
- Enquiring with management and trustees concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims;
- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and legal advisors;
- Reviewing minutes of trustees meetings; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the Trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud;
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by reviewing transactions around the end of the reporting period and by testing the appropriateness of journals and other adjustments;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify unexpected changes or movements to account balances which may be indicative fraud;
- Assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of any potential bias; and
- Evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, misrepresentations, forgery, intentional omissions, collusion, or the override of internal controls.

The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy (continued)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy's Trustees, 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 trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A. Pickstone

Alan Pickstone FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited,
Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Unit 4, Broadfield Court
Sheffield
S8 0XF

Date: *16 December 2022*

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Education and Skills Funding Agency to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 31 August 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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 Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we may state to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Governing Body's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of the Governing Body's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 October 2012 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, 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 2021 to 2022. 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 from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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 2021 to 2022 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 assessment and evaluation of relevant control procedures adopted by the Academy Trust
- Assessing the risk of material irregularity
- Undertaking limited testing of income and expenditure, including identifying and testing funding agreements in place

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Education and Skills Funding Agency to St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (continued)

Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matters listed below nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

- **Non Financial Matter** - Failure to comply with paragraph 2.19 of the Academies Trust Handbook's requirement to share management accounting information with the Chair of Governors every month. Monthly management information for the period September 2021 to November 2021 were shared with the Chair of Governors in December 2021.

Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited

Marriott Gibbs Rees Wallis Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants and Reporting Accountant

Unit 4, Broadfield Court
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Date: *16 December 2022*

St Marie's School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2022/21 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	66,441	16,563	-	83,004
Other trading activities	4	21,216	61,191	-	82,407
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	-	1,179,175	-	1,179,175
Total		87,657	1,256,929	-	1,344,586
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	342	236	-	578
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	6	57,032	1,327,364	16,540	1,400,936
Total		57,374	1,327,600	16,540	1,401,514
Net income/(expenditure)		30,283	(70,671)	(16,540)	(56,928)
Transfers between funds		(2,671)	2,671	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	1,197,000	-	1,197,000
Net movement in funds/(deficit)		27,612	1,129,000	(16,540)	1,140,072
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2021		7,689	(1,491,000)	605,808	(877,503)
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2022		35,301	(362,000)	589,268	262,569

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021
(including Income and Expenditure Account)**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2021/20 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	58,686	15,194	-	73,880
Other trading activities	4	35,989	55,585	-	91,574
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	-	1,167,684	-	1,167,684
Total		94,675	1,238,463	-	1,333,138
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	6,052	135	-	6,187
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	6	58,877	1,435,134	15,993	1,510,004
Total		64,929	1,435,269	15,993	1,516,191
Net income/(expenditure)		29,746	(196,806)	(15,993)	(183,053)
Transfers between funds		(120,112)	98,234	21,878	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	(173,000)	-	(173,000)
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		(90,366)	(271,572)	5,885	(356,053)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2020		98,055	(1,219,428)	599,923	(521,450)
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2021		7,689	(1,491,000)	605,808	(877,503)

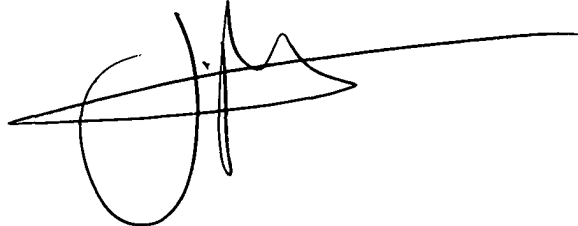
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(Registration number: 08181858)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	589,268	605,808
Current assets			
Debtors	11	30,470	59,804
Cash at bank and in hand		62,026	63,585
		92,496	123,389
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(57,195)	(115,700)
Net current assets		35,301	7,689
Total assets less current liabilities		624,569	613,497
Net assets excluding pension liability		624,569	613,497
Pension scheme liability	21	(362,000)	(1,491,000)
Net assets/(liabilities) including pension liability		262,569	(877,503)
Funds of the Academy:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted fixed asset fund		589,268	605,808
Pension Reserve		(362,000)	(1,491,000)
		227,268	(885,192)
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted general fund		32,831	6,332
Unrestricted designated fund		2,470	1,357
		35,301	7,689
Total funds		262,569	(877,503)

The financial statements on pages 23 to 47 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 13.12.22 and signed on their behalf by:

J J Fernandes
Governor and trustee



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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	16	(1,559)	(80,361)
Cash flows from investing activities	17	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,878)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(1,559)	(102,239)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		<u>63,585</u>	<u>165,824</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	18	<u><u>62,026</u></u>	<u><u>63,585</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The governors 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 charitable company to continue as a going concern. The governors 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.

The Academy joined the St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust on 1 September 2022. As a result, the existing funding agreement of the school transferred to the MAT and the trust ceased to trade. All existing remaining liabilities of the academy trust will be met following the transfer to the St Clare Multi Academy Trust.

The financial statements are therefore prepared on a break up basis, no remeasurements have been required as a result of this basis of preparation.

Income

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

Grants

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the 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 spent on capital projects in line with the terms and conditions of the grant. 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Other income

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

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'.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and 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.

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.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

With the exception of the playing field that is held under a 125 year lease from Sheffield City Council, all of the academy premises consist of land and buildings owned by, or leased by the Diocese of Hallam. The Trustees of the Diocese of Hallam are the providers of the academy on the same basis as when the academy was a maintained school. The academy trust occupies the land and buildings under a mere licence. The continuing permission of the Diocese of Hallam is pursuant to, and subject to, the Diocese's charitable objects, and is part of the Catholic Church's contribution since 1847 to provide state funded education in partnership with the State. The licence delegates aspects of the management of the land and buildings to the academy trust company for the time being, but does not vest and rights over the land in the academy trust company. The Diocese of Hallam has given an undertaking to the Secretary of State that they will not give the academy trust company less than two years notice to terminate the occupation of the land and buildings. Having considered the factual matrix under which the academy trust company is occupying the land and buildings, the governors have concluded that the value of the land and buildings occupied by the academy trust company should not be recognised on the balance sheet of the company.

An amount based upon the rateable value of these land and buildings has been recognised in these accounts within income and expenditure.

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 lives, per the table below.

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

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.

Asset class

Leasehold land

Building improvements

ICT equipment

Depreciation method and rate

Over the life of the lease - 125 years

Between 2% - 5% straight line

3 years straight line

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Provisions

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

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

Leased assets

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

Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 11. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 12. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Taxation

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

Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension 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. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated 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 based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to net income/(expenditure) 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.

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/Department for Education.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, 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 2022. 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 governors have assessed the risks and rewards of ownership and in their judgement, and after holding discussions with The Diocese of Hallam, these have not been transferred to the academy trust.

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	2022/21 Total £	2021/20 Total £
Educational trips and visits	-	15,027	15,027	13,131
Other donations	66,441	1,536	67,977	60,749
	<u>66,441</u>	<u>16,563</u>	<u>83,004</u>	<u>73,880</u>

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3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Restricted General Funds £	2022/21 Total £	2021/20 Total £
Educational operations			
DfE/ESFA revenue grants			
General annual grant	1,046,917	1,046,917	957,329
Pupil premium	40,232	40,232	40,693
Devolved formula capital	6,734	6,734	7,038
Universal free school meals	30,386	30,386	38,795
Other	16,226	16,226	-
Rates reclaim	-	-	4,915
PE and sports grant	18,110	18,110	18,130
Teachers pay grant	-	-	11,465
Teachers pension grant	-	-	32,396
	<u>1,158,605</u>	<u>1,158,605</u>	<u>1,110,761</u>
Other government grants			
Local authority grants	12,290	12,290	12,000
Exceptional government funding			
Coronavirus exceptional support	8,280	8,280	25,323
Covid-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)			
Catch-up premium	-	-	19,600
Total grants	<u>1,179,175</u>	<u>1,179,175</u>	<u>1,167,684</u>

• In the prior year the academy received £19,600 of funding for catch-up premium and costs incurred in respect of this funding totalled £19,600.

The academy trust has been eligible to claim additional funding in year from government support schemes in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown above under "exceptional government funding".

• The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support covers £8,280 (2021: £25,323) of cleaning and additional classroom resources costs. These costs are included in notes 6 and 7 below as appropriate.

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4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	2022/21 Total £	2021/20 Total £
Hire of facilities	8,015	-	8,015	6,669
Catering income	722	-	722	1,598
Recharges and reimbursements	11,211	48,665	59,876	67,675
Other sales	1,268	12,526	13,794	15,632
	<u>21,216</u>	<u>61,191</u>	<u>82,407</u>	<u>91,574</u>

5 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non Pay Expenditure		2022/21 Total £	2021/20 Total £
		Premises £	Other costs £		
Expenditure on raising funds					
Direct costs	-	-	578	578	6,187
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	825,108	-	41,794	866,902	913,689
Allocated support costs	<u>229,655</u>	<u>155,533</u>	<u>148,846</u>	<u>534,034</u>	<u>596,315</u>
	<u>1,054,763</u>	<u>155,533</u>	<u>191,218</u>	<u>1,401,514</u>	<u>1,516,191</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2022/21 £	2021/20 £
Operating leases - other leases	5,936	5,936
Fees payable to auditor - audit	4,325	4,120
- other audit services	525	495
- other non-audit services	5,995	5,170
Depreciation	<u>16,540</u>	<u>15,993</u>

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6 Charitable activities

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Direct costs - educational operations	866,902	913,689
Support costs - educational operations	534,034	596,315
	<u>1,400,936</u>	<u>1,510,004</u>

	Educational operations £	2021/22 Total £	2020/21 Total £
Analysis of support costs			
Support staff costs	229,655	229,655	276,152
Depreciation	16,540	16,540	15,993
Technology costs	10,234	10,234	11,938
Premises costs	138,993	138,993	132,281
Other support costs	127,108	127,108	149,266
Governance costs	11,504	11,504	10,685
Total support costs	<u>534,034</u>	<u>534,034</u>	<u>596,315</u>

7 Staff

Staff costs

	2022/21 £	2021/20 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	716,580	792,609
Social security costs	68,918	70,329
Pension costs	253,761	260,341
	<u>1,039,259</u>	<u>1,123,279</u>
Staff restructuring costs	15,504	35,584
	<u>1,054,763</u>	<u>1,158,863</u>
	2022/21 £	2021/20 £
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Redundancy payments	<u>15,504</u>	<u>35,584</u>

Non statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £Nil (2021: £3,828). Individually, the payments were £1,276, £1,276, and £1,276.

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7 Staff (continued)

Staff numbers

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

	2022/21 No	2021/20 No
Teachers	7	9
Administration and support	14	17
Management	6	6
	<u>27</u>	<u>32</u>

Higher paid staff

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

	2022 No	2021 No
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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 and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £323,146 (2021 - £336,550).

8 Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from 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 role as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

J J Fernandes (Headteacher):

Remuneration: £65,000 - £70,000 (2021 - £65,000 - £70,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £15,000 - £20,000 (2021 - £15,000 - £20,000)

B Twomey (R. E. Coordinator):

Remuneration: £30,000 - £35,000 (2021 - £30,000 - £35,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £5,000 - £10,000 (2021 - £5,000 - £10,000)

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 22.

9 Trustees' and officers' insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £	Computer equipment £	2022/21 Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2021	707,202	5,701	712,903
At 31 August 2022	707,202	5,701	712,903
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2021	101,394	5,701	107,095
Charge for the year	16,540	-	16,540
At 31 August 2022	117,934	5,701	123,635
Net book value			
At 31 August 2022	589,268	-	589,268
At 31 August 2021	605,808	-	605,808

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	3,457	5,045
Prepayments	13,480	14,815
Accrued grant and other income	6,283	8,471
VAT recoverable	7,220	-
Other debtors	30	31,473
	<u>30,470</u>	<u>59,804</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,442	5,451
Other taxation and social security	-	17,617
Other creditors	20,984	42,841
Pension scheme creditor	8,038	22,637
Accruals	-	450
Deferred income	24,731	26,704
	<u>57,195</u>	<u>115,700</u>
	2022	2021
	£	£

Deferred income

Deferred income at 1 September 2021	26,704	29,083
Resources deferred in the period	24,731	26,704
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(26,704)</u>	<u>(29,083)</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2022	<u>24,731</u>	<u>26,704</u>

Deferred income relates to Devolved Formula Capital and Universal Infant Free School Meals grants received in relation to the 2022/23 academic year.

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13 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Restricted general funds					
General fund	-	1,209,963	(1,212,634)	2,671	-
Devolved formula capital (DFC)	-	6,734	(6,734)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	40,232	(40,232)	-	-
Defined benefit pension liability	(1,491,000)	-	(68,000)	1,197,000	(362,000)
	<u>(1,491,000)</u>	<u>1,256,929</u>	<u>(1,327,600)</u>	<u>1,199,671</u>	<u>(362,000)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital funding	555,890	-	(14,009)	-	541,881
Memorial garden	6,996	-	(157)	-	6,839
KS1 playground	7,558	-	(467)	-	7,091
Capital expenditure from GAG	35,364	-	(1,907)	-	33,457
	<u>605,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,540)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,268</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(885,192)</u>	<u>1,256,929</u>	<u>(1,344,140)</u>	<u>1,199,671</u>	<u>227,268</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	6,332	86,037	(56,867)	(2,671)	32,831
Unrestricted designated funds	1,357	1,620	(507)	-	2,470
Total unrestricted funds	<u>7,689</u>	<u>87,657</u>	<u>(57,374)</u>	<u>(2,671)</u>	<u>35,301</u>
Total funds	<u>(877,503)</u>	<u>1,344,586</u>	<u>(1,401,514)</u>	<u>1,197,000</u>	<u>262,569</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

13 Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Restricted general funds					
General fund	41,321	1,171,132	(1,310,686)	98,233	-
Devolved formula capital (DFC)	-	7,038	(7,038)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	40,693	(40,693)	-	-
Play pod scheme	1,252	-	(1,252)	-	-
Catch-up premium	-	19,600	(19,600)	-	-
Defined benefit pension liability	<u>(1,262,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,000)</u>	<u>(173,000)</u>	<u>(1,491,000)</u>
	<u>(1,219,427)</u>	<u>1,238,463</u>	<u>(1,435,269)</u>	<u>(74,767)</u>	<u>(1,491,000)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital funding	569,899	-	(14,009)	-	555,890
Memorial garden	7,153	-	(157)	-	6,996
KS1 playground	8,025	-	(467)	-	7,558
Capital expenditure from GAG	<u>14,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,360)</u>	<u>21,878</u>	<u>35,364</u>
	<u>599,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,993)</u>	<u>21,878</u>	<u>605,808</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(619,504)</u>	<u>1,238,463</u>	<u>(1,451,262)</u>	<u>(52,889)</u>	<u>(885,192)</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	96,400	92,705	(63,695)	(119,078)	6,332
Unrestricted designated funds	<u>1,654</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>(1,234)</u>	<u>(1,033)</u>	<u>1,357</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>98,054</u>	<u>94,675</u>	<u>(64,929)</u>	<u>(120,111)</u>	<u>7,689</u>
Total funds	<u>(521,450)</u>	<u>1,333,138</u>	<u>(1,516,191)</u>	<u>(173,000)</u>	<u>(877,503)</u>

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13 Funds (continued)

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

Restricted general funds:

General fund - Income receivable from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and other sources to fund the educational operations and running costs of the Academy.

Devolved Formula Capital - A grant that can be used for improvements to buildings or other facilities, including ICT, or capital repairs/ refurbishments.

Catch-up premium - A one-off universal catch-up premium for the 2020/21 academic year to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure.

Pupil premium - Additional funding given to schools so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

Play pod scheme - A grant received from Big Lottery Fund for the provision of and training costs relating to a childrens scrapstore programme.

Restricted pension funds:

Defined benefit pension liability - The deficit on the local government pension scheme has been recognised against restricted funds in order to match it against GAG as recommended by the Accounts Direction published by the ESFA.

Restricted fixed asset funds:

Capital funding - Funding provided for capital projects.

Memorial garden - Various donations received for the creation of a peace garden at the entrance to the school.

KS1 playground - Donation received for the creation of a new playground area.

Unrestricted designated funds:

Kitchen equipment repair fund - Money designated to cover costs of the upkeep of the kitchen equipment.

Unrestricted general funds:

Funds available to spend for the general purposes of the Academy.

Transfers:

The gross transfers from the unrestricted general fund to the restricted fixed asset fund represent general funds invested in improving school facilities and equipment.

The gross transfers from the unrestricted general fund to the restricted general fund represent funds invested from other trading activities to support the staffing resource and general fund expenditure in school.

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	589,268	589,268
Current assets	35,301	57,195	-	92,496
Current liabilities	-	(57,195)	-	(57,195)
Pension scheme liability	-	(362,000)	-	(362,000)
Total net assets	<u>35,301</u>	<u>(362,000)</u>	<u>589,268</u>	<u>262,569</u>

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

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	605,808	605,808
Current assets	7,689	115,700	-	123,389
Current liabilities	-	(115,700)	-	(115,700)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,491,000)	-	(1,491,000)
Total net assets	<u>7,689</u>	<u>(1,491,000)</u>	<u>605,808</u>	<u>(877,503)</u>

15 Financial commitments

Operating leases

At 31 August 2022 the total of the Academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts due within one year	5,936	5,936
Amounts due between one and five years	<u>4,452</u>	<u>10,388</u>
	<u>10,388</u>	<u>16,324</u>

16 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Net expenditure	(56,928)	(183,053)
Depreciation	16,540	15,993
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	42,000	33,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	26,000	23,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,334	(3,436)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(58,505)</u>	<u>34,135</u>
Net cash used in Operating Activities	<u>(1,559)</u>	<u>(80,361)</u>

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17 Cash flows from investing activities

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(21,878)

18 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	62,026	63,585

19 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2022 £
Cash	63,585	(1,559)	62,026

20 Member 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.

21 Pension and similar obligations

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

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

Contributions amounting to £8,038 (2021 - £22,637) were payable to the schemes at 31 August and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for 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 member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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21 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £104,086 (2021 - £119,074).

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 an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £99,000 (2021 - £103,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £82,000 (2021 - £85,000) and employees' contributions totalled £17,000 (2021 - £18,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.6% for employers and variable according to salary for employees.

As the scheme is in deficit, the trustees have agreed to make annual contributions of £34,400 in addition to normal funding levels.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2022	2021
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.05	4.05
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.05	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25	1.70
Inflation assumptions (CPI)	<u>3.05</u>	<u>2.80</u>

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

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21 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

	2022	2021
Retiring today		
Males retiring today	22.60	22.50
Females retiring today	25.40	25.30
Retiring in 20 years		
Males retiring in 20 years	24.10	24.00
Females retiring in 20 years	<u>27.30</u>	<u>27.20</u>
Sensitivity analysis		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	-37,000	-60,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	58,000	78,000
CPI rate +0.1%	<u>29,000</u>	<u>61,000</u>

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Equities	765,100	707,000
Bonds	218,600	217,000
Property	98,370	88,000
Cash and other liquid assets	<u>10,930</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total market value of assets	<u>1,093,000</u>	<u>1,022,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was (£17,000) (2021 - £143,000).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

21 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Current service cost	124,000	117,000
Interest income	(18,000)	(14,000)
Interest cost	44,000	37,000
Admin expenses	-	1,000
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	<u>150,000</u>	<u>141,000</u>

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

	2022/21 £	2021/20 £
At start of period	2,513,000	1,966,000
Current service cost	124,000	117,000
Interest cost	44,000	37,000
Employee contributions	17,000	18,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(1,232,000)	301,000
Benefits paid	<u>(11,000)</u>	<u>74,000</u>
At 31 August	<u>1,455,000</u>	<u>2,513,000</u>

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

	2022/21 £	2021/20 £
At start of period	1,022,000	704,000
Interest income	18,000	14,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(35,000)	128,000
Employer contributions	82,000	85,000
Employee contributions	17,000	18,000
Benefits paid	<u>(11,000)</u>	<u>74,000</u>
Effect of non-routine settlements	-	(1,000)
At 31 August	<u>1,093,000</u>	<u>1,022,000</u>

22 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust and the composition of the board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

22 Related party transactions (continued)

Expenditure related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

Diocese of Hallam

During the year under review, the Academy had free use of the school premises and land owned by the Diocese of Hallam. The accounts include a notional rent of £48,000 (2021 - £48,000) for the year which is included in premises costs.

Diocese of Hallam Schools' Partnership

During the year the Diocese of Hallam Schools' Partnership charged the academy £3,739 (2021 - £3,814) for professional services and subscriptions.

All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

Income related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

Diocese of Hallam

During the year under review, the Academy had free use of the school premises and land owned by the Diocese of Hallam. The accounts include a notional rent of £48,000 (2021 - £48,000) for the year which is included in voluntary income.

All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

23 Events after the end of the reporting period

The academy joined the St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust on 1 September 2022. As a result the existing funding agreement for the school transferred to the MAT and the trust ceased to trade. All assets and liabilities will be transferred to the St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust at fair value.