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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

Mrs Anne Martin (resigned 1 November 2022) The Derby Diocesan Board of Education The Diocesan Bishop of Derby, The Rt Revd Libby Lane The Diocesan Director of Education (DDE) for Derby, Carolyn Lewis (appointed 7 September 2021) Acting, The Diocesan Secretary Derby Diocesan Board of Finance, Martyn Marples (appointed 24 May 2022) The Diocesan Secretary Derby Diocesan Board of Finance, Kathryn Godfrey (resigned 24 May 2022) The Diocesan Director of Education (DDE) for Derby, Linda Wainscott (resigned 1 September 2021)

Trustees

Mr. Michael John Ford, Chair (resigned 16 September 2022) Archdeacon Carol Coslett (previously of Chesterfield, now Derbyshire Peak and Dales from June 22) Mr. Mark Mallender, Chief Executive (resigned 14 November 2022) Dr. Sarah Hardman Charles, Chair of Trustees Ms. Sheila Mary Lock (resigned 30 June 2022) Ms. Holly Gasgoine (resigned 31 May 2022) Mrs Linda Wainscot (resigned 1 September 2021) Mr. Mark Richard Emly (appointed 19 May 2022) Mrs. Harjinder Kaur (appointed 19 May 2022) Mrs. Harjinder Kaur (appointed 13 July 2022) Mr. Christopher Justin Wilson (appointed 19 May 2022)

Company registered number

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Company name

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2

Principal and registered office

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Company secretary

Michelmores Secretaries Limited JN Hampton Ltd

Interim Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer

Mr. Declan McCauley

Senior management team

Mrs. Hayley Wharton, Chief Operating Officer Mr. Patrick Mosley, Interim Chief Finance Officer Mr. Declan McCauley, Interim Chief Executive Officer & Accounting Officer Mrs. Jackie Stirland, Interim Head of School Improvement

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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 Auditor's Report of the Charitable Company for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Multi-Academy Trust operates thirteen primary academies for pupils aged up to 11 years old serving the Derbyshire catchment area. The thirteen academies are, St Giles CE Primary School, St Laurence CE VA Primary School, Turnditch CE Primary School, All Saints Junior School, Matlock All Saints Infant school, Holbrook CE Primary School, William Gilbert Endowed CE Primary School, Scargill CE Primary School, Bolsover Junior School, Arboretum Primary School, Griffe Field Primary School, Loscoe CE Primary School and St Werburgh's CE Primary School. The Multi-Academy Trust has a pupil capacity of 3533 and had a roll of 3362 in the school census in October 2021.

Between DDAT and DDAT2 there is an agreed strategy for doubling the size of the consolidated trust in the next 4 years, with the strategic plan outlining the phased approach. The growth plan has been included in the plans for future periods section.

The inception of a 'regional hub' model last year has developed and ensures appropriate levels of responsibility and accountability are maintained as the number of schools grow.

Investment in resources has been undertaken with an increase to staffing with a Central School Business Manager brought into the trust within the year. In addition, finance support and training has been provided to all schools to assist in improving reporting and supporting the transition to a new consistent financial system. The trust has further utilised expertise within the schools to provide greater central trust support, this is evidenced through executive HT models.

The Trust faced the challenge of a change in personnel to two of the senior roles within the central team. The positions of Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operations Officer were previously outsourced to AMF, with both roles now being employed in-house providing stability for the Trust and compliance with the Academy Trust Handbook.

The growth within the trust has enabled the appointment of additional central team staff. Additional financial support has supported the trust with capacity for school improvement and HR administration.

The trust has also invested in governance with all directors being assigned to a group of schools to provide additional links between the trust and academies and ensure consistent processes and governance are prevalent.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

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a. CONSTITUTION

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Trustees of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 are also the Directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Derby Diocesan Academy Trust. Details of the trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

b. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

c. TRUSTEES' INDEMNITIES

The Academy Trust purchases indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust; provided that any insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust.

d. METHOD OF RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Trustees are recruited to the board based on their specialist skills and empathy for the ethos of the Trust and its objectives. Trustees and officers nominate new trustees to the members for appointment. Appointments are formally approved by resolution.

e. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are assessed for experience and knowledge as academy trustees and appropriate induction is provided. Ongoing trustee skills needs assessment is carried out by Clerk with appropriate training being arranged.

The Trust have planned a governance support programme to embed procedures that link the Local Governing Board with the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust Board and to ensure governance remains effective as Derby Diocesan Academy Trust grows. An educational governance consultant and trainer with considerable multi academy trust experience will lead the governance support programme.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

f. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Governance: The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the Trust are clearly defined and ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources. Schemes of delegation and authorisation limits are set out in the Trust's financial regulations.

Management: The Trust's Day to day operations are managed by the Accounting Officer/CEO/Chairman, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.

Academy Governance: Each Academy is governed by a local governing body. The functions of the governing body include:

- ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined
- ensuring that the headteacher performs his or her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school
- ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources

The principal/headteacher's responsibilities at each academy include:

- the internal organisation, management and control of the school; and
- the educational performance of the school

g. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SETTING PAY AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

In line with the DDAT executive pay policy, all central posts are externally benchmarked by the HR function across the educational and public sectors and matched appropriately to the DDAT central pay structure with is in line with NJC and Chief Officer scales. Key evidence and justification around the decision making, along with job description and personal specifications are recorded and maintained. The Trust is committed to providing remuneration that will attract and retain key employees and reflect their experience and responsibilities in the Trust. The Board will discharge its responsibilities effectively whilst ensuring pay and benefits are transparent, proportionate, and justifiable.

Annual salary reviews will be in line with the DDAT executive pay policy or School Teachers Pay and Conditions document (STPCD) as appropriate and will be linked to performance and based on achievement of Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") and the Trust's growth strategy.

Academy key management staff are appointed by the local governing board and Trust managers in line with STPCD and Derbyshire Pay policy. Job descriptions and personal specifications are evaluated against job family profiles and salary bandings are reviewed in line with the guidance within the STPCD.

Increments will only be award upon completion of a successful performance review and where there is scope for an increment within the set role banding. Pay bands should only be reviewed, when there have been significant changes to their role or responsibilities.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

h. CONNECTED ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

The Diocese Board of Education chaired by the Rt Revd Malcolm McNaughton Bishop of Repton.

The same related party arrangement exists with Derby Diocesan Academies Trust (DDAT). Derby Diocesan Academies Trust is governed by the same Trustees as Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2.

- Wider network- The trust continues to work closely with local trusts and schools. In particular providing school improvement services to Diocese schools. The trust has also developed strong links with Derby University in collaborative working with teacher training and developing NQTs. During this year and the challenges seen, the trust has been in constant contact with the DfE and shared operational plans some of which have been rolled out nationally as exemplar processes.
- Engagement with employees- The trust has continued to maintain and develop strong engagement with employees. Employees are encouraged to utilise professional services for wellbeing and pastoral services which have been procured through the absence insurance providers for all staff. Central team updates have been provided regularly through the year demonstrating the rigour and emphasis on safety for all staff.
- Engagement with suppliers, customers and others in a business relationship with the trust- The trust has engaged with key suppliers and clients with particular regards to the Procurement policy notices provided by the government this year. Always to ensure fairness and adherence to government guidelines whilst meeting obligations regarding regularity and appropriate sepdning of public funding.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. OBJECTS AND AIMS

The Trust's aim is 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 Academies which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and which shall include:

- Church of England schools designated as such which shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship, and having regard to any advice issued by the Diocesan Board of Education; and
- Other Academies whether with or without a designated religious character; but in relation to each of the Academies to recognise and support their individual ethos, whether or not designated Church of England.

b. OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

Vision and Values

The Derby Diocese Board of Education has established a Multi-Academy Trust "to provide the best possible education for the pupils in their care based on the Christian principle that Every Child Matters to God."

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust (DDAT) is approved by the DFE as an academy sponsor. DDAT supports schools with an exceptional school improvement strategy and looks after the business elements of running an academy, protecting the distinctively Christian nature of each school.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

DDAT aims to:

- Provide children with excellent educational provision
- rapidly improve under-performing schools
- develop effective school-to-school support
- build strong relationships and promote work with external partners
- raise aspirations and tackle disadvantage so that no pupil is failed by their school

The purpose of DDAT is to secure rapid and sustained improvement for every Academy it sponsors, and to sustain and build on the improvement of our converter academies. DDAT is rooted fully in the distinctively Christian and inclusive ethos of the MAT, DBE and the wider Diocese. DDAT will enable schools to work together, share expertise and maximise resources. Our vision is for a family of DDAT academies that offers an outstanding learning experience for every child that will enable them to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit, thereby genuinely changing their lives.

As Academies within DDAT develop and improve, they will be expected and required to share their journey, skills and expertise with other DDAT academies. DDAT will encourage and nurture the dissemination of good practice, fostering a self-sustaining culture of aspiration for educational excellence across all schools and exemplifying Christian values in every area.

DDAT follow a number of guiding principles:

- To foster, maintain and celebrate Christian distinctiveness in our schools.
- To ensure that our academies are centres of excellence with a focus on the nurture and achievement of all their members.
- To promote mutual support, encouragement and benefit between all our academies.
- To develop future and aspirational thinking based on our educational heritage and to make use of the latest research in pedagogy and child development.
- To support the nurture and respect of God's creation with a close focus on the sustainability agenda.
- All human beings are made in the image of God. Each child is a unique human being, made by God and loved by him, and worth the highest possible standards of education and care and the closest attention to what will enable them to flourish.
- We must ensure that 'every child and young person has a life enhancing encounter with the Christian faith '.
- To recognise and enable those who often remain invisible, through ethnic or cultural disadvantage, or through disability or poverty.

Church schools have a particular vocation to the poor and vulnerable, to enable them through education to change their lives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

DDAT have adopted the wider vision of the Diocesan Board of Education:



School Improvement Strategy

DDAT has a structured approach to school improvement. An educational audit of the school prior to conversion will highlight areas where, and to what level, the MAT board, through the Head of School Improvement; will support the school post conversion. The level of support will depend on the category which either Ofsted or the MAT board place the school.

DDAT has clear criteria based on Ofsted/DfE requirements and local knowledge in order to place a school at one of three levels based on its developmental state. The level will not necessarily be the same as the most recent Ofsted judgement but will be based on ongoing assessment resulting from school improvement visits. There will be at least 6 such visits each year by a member of the school improvement team.

The key to the DDAT school improvement model is that the school is not judged by its last Ofsted inspection. This could have been as long as 10 years ago. Experience has shown that schools may have fallen from Outstanding to Inadequate in one Ofsted cycle. Such schools may have received little, if any, outside scrutiny because they were deemed as outstanding and therefore given considerable autonomy by the maintaining authority. DDAT has an approach to ensure that this cannot happen. Within DDAT, autonomy is earned, but there is still external scrutiny and rigour – at least 6 times a year. If a 'grade 1' Academy is showing signs of decline then the board will re-categorise the school. This will result in the necessary intervention to stop the school declining any further and putting it back on track to achieve outstanding outcomes. DDAT would, in such circumstances, increase the management fee it receives from the school has would be reduced. Equally, when an Academy has evidenced improvement, more autonomy is handed back to governors – they can make more decisions independently, the intensity and frequency of the support and challenge would reduce and the management fee would also reduce as less support and challenge will be needed. However, the Academy will still be monitored rigorously at least every 6 weeks.

Each school is aiming to become outstanding, but the barriers to this in each school can be very different. Therefore, DDAT does not produce an action plan to fit all Academies, but instead produces bespoke action plans to bring about rapid improvement in those Academies that need it or to ensure that the high standards are maintained in the outstanding schools.

This approach ensures early intervention in all schools before it is too late to protect the interests of the children.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Future Challenges

- Ensuring that the DDAT brand continues to represent something that is distinctively Christian within this professional context and as community schools join the Trust.
- Keep the focus on rigorous school improvement as set out in our 3-level approach so that all schools remain or become good or better.
- Managing growth and resisting the temptation to grow too quickly.
- Managing the vagaries of school demand to join DDAT in an ever changing and diverse local and national context.
- Building capacity of our own staff team so that DDAT are able to provide the high-quality services expected by schools on joining.
- Developing and maintaining positive links with Unions
- Ensuring that the continuing professional development for all of our staff team is up-to-date and relevant.
- Developing further hub models and centralisation of services
- Merger of DDAT 2 to DDAT to create 1 single large trust

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 provides significant public benefit through the dedicated school improvement programme. This programme will improve the quality of teaching and learning in the Derby and Derbyshire catchment area. The aims and objectives described earlier detail how the work of the Trust provide public benefit.

d. Strategic Report

There were 12 eligible schools in DDAT 2 at the time of the Key stage 2 tests.

Summary of outcomes for DDAT.



This data has been taken from FFT national data. Data show as a trust Key Stage 2 pupils' attainment and progress are generally in line with the national average. DDAT had a lower scaled score compared to the national average in reading and mathematics.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

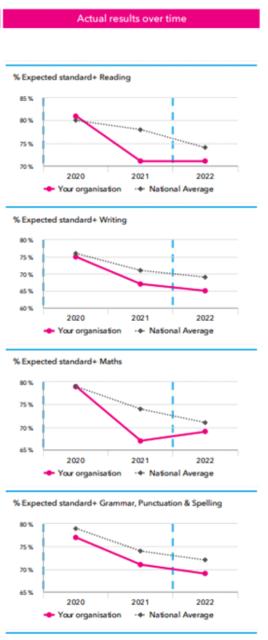


The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic can be seen in the dip in DDAT data in 2021. The data show the gap between DDAT and national data closing in 2022 due to the immense efforts of the teachers in the DDAT schools.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)



% Expected standard+ Science

When data is broken down into subjects showing the proportion of pupils reaching the expected standard it shows the gap for DDAT schools compared to national is less than in the other subjects. Attainment is stronger in mathematics than the other subjects.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)



Disadvantaged pupils' attainment in reading and mathematics was similar to that in 2021. It is pleasing to see the progress gap is narrowing between disadvantaged non disadvantaged in school and all pupils nationally.

Attainment and progress across all current DDAT schools is generally in line with the national average. At the end of Key Stage 2 attainment is stronger in mathematics.

Academy Summary Reports

All Saints Infant School

The school is now working in the Matlock and Dales Primary Partnership under the leadership of a full-time head of school and a highly experienced executive headteacher. Much money has been spent on improving the building and there are plans to do even more.

All Saints Junior School

As another school in the Matlock and Dales Primary Partnership the school has new leadership arrangements. Educationally the pupils at the end of Year 6 attained some of the best outcomes in the trust. Many made rapid progress in their learning because of effective teaching.

Arboretum Primary School

The school learning environment is highly effective in supporting learning. Children get off to a good start to their education in the early years. The school is well led and managed by senior leaders who are effectively supported by a strong staff team.

Bolsover Junior School

The school was inspected by Ofsted last year and was judged Good. Leadership and management are extremely strong. Pupils are well supported in their learning by skilled staff teams. The school curriculum meets the needs of pupils well.

Griffe Field Primary School

Griffe Field continues to be a high performing primary school. Leaders give selflessly of their time to support other schools and colleagues in DDAT schools. School leaders are well focused on pupils achieving the best academic outcomes.

Holbrook Primary School

Since the appointment of the new headteacher there have been many changes in school. The main focus for improvement has been reading. The improvements have been reflected in the academic outcomes. There have been a number of changes to staffing recently which have further strengthened that staff team.

Loscoe Primary School

In the past year the leadership of the school has changed. A new head of school is now working with the highly experienced executive headteacher. Educationally the school is going from strength to strength.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

St Giles Primary School, Matlock

St Giles is now working as a member of the Matlock and Dales Primary Partnership. A new head of school has taken up post and is working with the highly experienced executive headteacher. A new scheme for the teaching of early reading has been introduced.

St Laurence Primary School

St Laurence was judged by Ofsted to be a good school when it was inspected in December 2021. Since then, the head of school has been appointed as the substantive headteacher. Pupil numbers are rising well. The school SENDCO is supporting other DDAT schools.

St Werburgh's Primary School

The interim headteacher was appointed to the substantive headteacher post in the past year. Many developments have taken place in the early years where many improvements have taken place. Leadership is a strength in this school.

Scargill Primary School

Much work is being done to further strengthen subject leaders so they can lead their subjects more effectively. The executive headteacher and head of school are well supported by a strong and dedicated staff team.

Turnditch Primary School

The executive headteacher and the head of school have done much in the short time they have been leading the school. There have been improvements in reading and they are focusing on how they can strengthen the teaching of mathematics next.

William Gilbert Primary School

Under the highly skilled headteacher the school continues to thrive. Pupils achieve exceptionally well at this school. Academic standards are exceedingly high. Provision in the early years is exemplary and this is built upon as the children progress through school. Governor's support and challenge leaders well.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Financial and education performance KPI's are produced for each school and the central trust. These are reviewed and analysed by the operations team, finance subcommittee and board.

Key measures include expenditure costs against income and progress and attainment in each school.

b. GOING CONCERN

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

c. PROMOTING THE SUCCESS OF THE COMPANY

- Working with Sarah Charles to promote DDAT as an 'employer of choice' with NQTs at Derby University
- Archdeacon Carol Coslett and Linda Wainscott promotion of DDAT throughout Diocese as Chair of DBE and DDE respectively

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The main sources of income for the Academy Trust are grants from the Department of Education (DfE) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the period ended 31 August 2022 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2015), any capital grants and donations of fixed assets are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned as defined in the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

During the period ended 31 August 2021, total expenditure of £20,906,301 (2021: £18,736,424) was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. The in year deficit on free reserves was £1,839,602 (2021: £166,617). These figures exclude the deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme (see note 24 to the accounts). At 31 August 2022 the net book value of fixed assets was £20,873,893 (2021: £20,212,493) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy Trust.

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a. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy Trust annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. With no material designated projects the Trust's longer term policy with regard to the available free reserves is to use them strategically to maintain the high standard of teaching and learning across the academies.

The Academy is holding reserves at 31 August 2022 of £22,596,859 (2021: £12,759,757).

This comprises:

Restricted Funds deficit of £881,857 (2021: £9,553,878) Unrestricted Funds of £2,461,739 (2021: £2,063,362) Restricted Fixed Asset Funds of £21,016,977 (2021: £20,250,273)

Restricted Funds comprises:

 \pounds 1,339,143 (2021: \pounds 1,878,122) general funds to support the academy's budget in 2021-22. \pounds 2,221,000 (2021: \pounds 11,432,000) is the deficit on the defined benefit pension scheme.

The free reserves of the Academy Trust are £3,800,882 (2021: £3,941,484) at 31 August 2022. This represents approximately 3 months of the Trust's annual payroll costs plus contingency for capital spend and unexpected costs which is considered to be a reasonable level of reserves in the current economic climate.

The Trustees have reviewed these reserves and believes they are adequate to provide sufficient working capital for the Academy Trust to continue to operate within its financial resources, and to cover unexpected urgent work. Specific use to which the respective funds can be applied are detailed in note 17.

b. INVESTMENT POLICY

A return on working capital shall be optimised whilst allowing easy access of the funds. In balancing risk against return the Academy policy is geared towards avoiding risk rather than to maximise return. The Academies current investment policy is to maximise income but from a low risk strategy. All monies are currently held on bank deposit and are attracting interest.

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c. PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Trustees review a register of principal risks at each meeting and receive a report from officers how the risks are being alleviated. The principal risks are listed in the table below:

Trust Capacity	The requirements of conversion projects, and new schools joining the Trust, will make significant demands on Trust capacity at times which carries the risk of poor performance, key deadlines being missed and reputational damage.
Governance	Trust may be unable to recruit individuals to the Local Governing Bodies who possess the required skills and knowledge. This results in poor performance, a lack of local context in the management of the school and disengagement with the local community.
Growth	DDAT's current strong reputation with the Department for Education as an Academy Sponsor is compromised and growth is halted.
Demand & Viability	Insufficient pupil demand for charity's services leaves it unsustainable.
Competition	Presence of other organisations with similar objects and little scope for differentiation.
Strategic & Reputational	Risk of the impact an uncontrollable event will have on the charity e.g., fire, flood, oil crisis, war, recession.
Strategic & Reputational	An inspection of a DDAT school results in a downgrading of Ofsted rating and has a negative impact on the reputation of the Trust and school improvement service.
HR	Failure to comply with employment law- e.g., unfair dismissal of an employee - attracts adverse publicity.
Governance	Committees not established with delegated authority, e.g., finance, personnel etc.
HR	Key person loss/succession risk.
HR	Recruitment risk - recruiting an individual not capable of performing duties and/or unsuitable to work with children.
Operational	Risk health and safety and/or employment legislation is not adhered to at schools.
Finance	Risk that school and/or Trust budgets will be in deficit.
Finance	Risk that actual performance is not measured against budget on a regular basis.
Operational	Risk that assets built by contractors do not meet specifications, or actual cost exceeds budget.
Finance	Risk that funding increases don't match the additional cost pressures on our budgets, mainly linked to staffing and energy costs.

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FUNDRAISING

The Academy Trust's approach to fundraising is confirmed as conforming to recognised standards.

This includes Protection of the public, including vulnerable people, from unreasonably intrusive or persistent fundraising approaches, and undue pressure to donate.

No fundraising work is undertaken with any commercial participators/professional fundraisers. No fundraising complaints have been received.

The basis of fundraising is undertaken at the individual schools and takes the form of three specific models. These being, Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) fundraising through separate bodies from the trust, school based fundraising for the academy's benefit and fundraising for charities.

All funds raised by the school are recorded as unrestricted income and expenditure is recorded similarly. Funds raised for external charities are collected and sent onwards in their entirety.

STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING

UK energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions

The Trust is pleased to report its current UK based annual energy usage and associated annual greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to the Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations") that came into force 1 April 2019.

Organisational boundary

In accordance with the 2018 Regulations, the energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions are for those within the UK only for all assets that come under an operational control boundary. This includes 13 schools controlled during the reporting period along with personal vehicles used for business mileage ("grey fleet"). The Trust does not own any vehicles (e.g. minibuses).

Reporting period

The annual reporting period is 1 September to 31 August each year and the energy and carbon emissions are aligned to this period.

Quantification and reporting methodology

The 2019 UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines and the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (revised edition) were followed. The 2020 UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting were used in emission calculations. The report has been reviewed independently by Briar Consulting Engineers Limited.

The energy consumption was compiled from invoice records with gaps estimated using the pro-rata method. One gas supply (All Saints CE Infant School, Matlock) was estimated using a Trust-specific benchmark (annual kWh per square meter). Mileage records were used to calculate energy use and emissions associated with grey fleet. Generally gross calorific values were used except for transport mileage energy calculations as per Government GHG Conversion Factors.

The associated emissions are divided into mandatory and voluntary emissions according to the 2018 Regulations, then further divided into the direct combustion of fuels and the operation of facilities (scope 1), indirect emissions from purchased electricity (scope 2) and further indirect emissions that occur as a consequence of Trust activities (scope 3).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING (CONTINUED)

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

	2022	2021
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	3,186,654	3,508,739
ENERGY CONSUMPTION BREAKDOWN (KWH):		
Gas	2,346,627	2,666,822
Electricity	848,678	841,917
Transport fuel	1,348	-
SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS (IN TONNES OF CO2 EQUIVALENT):		
Gas consumption	428.4	488.5
TOTAL SCOPE 1	428.4	488.5
SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS (IN TONNES OF CO2 EQUIVALENT):		
Purchased electricity	162.2	178.8
SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS (IN TONNES OF CO2 EQUIVALENT):		
Business travel in employee-owned or rental vehicles	0.3	-
TOTAL GROSS EMISSIONS (IN TONNES OF C02 EQUIVALENT):	590.9	667.3

Intensity ratio:

Tonnes of CO2 equivalent per pupil - 0.176 (2021: 0.193) Tonnes of CO2e per square meter floor area - 0.031 (2021: 0.035)

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

- the 2019 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines;
- the GHG Reporting Protocol Corporate Standard; and
- the 2020 UK Government's Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING (CONTINUED)

Intensity ratio

Two intensity ratios are reported showing emissions (tCO2e) per pupil and per square meter floor area. Emissions per pupil is the recommended ratio for the sector for consistency and comparability and pupil numbers are based on the Autumn 2021 Census. Emissions per square meter floor area is reported to reflect the energy efficiency of the buildings, which are the source of the majority of emissions.

Energy efficiency action during current financial year

The Trust is committed to reducing emissions and this year has seen the implementation of the following energy efficiency measures:

•All Saints CofE Infant School has refurbished the whole nursery block which includes installing new aluminium windows / doors, insulation, and LED lighting. They also have had boiler replacements along with All Saints CofE Junior School.

All Saints CofE Junior School pupil welfare facilities has been refurbished including LED lighting and current insulation etc. New aluminium windows and doors have been installed in the library.
Holbrook Church of England Primary School new hall is equipped with modern windows, doors and roof which has improved efficiency in this section of the school.

•Loscoe Cofé Primary School and Nursery have had new boilers in both the nursery building and the main school, at the end of 2021. They are also in the process of having a new kitchen built which will be 100% electric rather than the previous gas and electric pod. This should be completed by December 2022. •Scargill Cofe (Aided) Primary School has replaced single glazed windows with double glazed windows. They have also installed new fire doors and LED lightings.

•There is an Eco Council at St Werburgh's CofE Primary School who monitor usage and run 'save energy' campaigns encouraging everyone to switch off when not in use.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

DDAT2 is planning to merge with DDAT during 2022-23. This will create a single trust structure and provide consistency and greater effectiveness by combining the 2 related organisations. The growth plan outlined below relates to the current organisational structure and plans for the wider consolidated trust.

Approximately 15 schools have expressed an interest in joining the Trust. Significant demand from schools and the ability to grow selectively from a large number of schools offers DDAT a position of considerable strength. In order to manage growth in a sustainable manner, trustees have agreed that schools should not be brought into the Trust on a first come, first served, basis. Trustees formally consider which schools to bring into the trust on a termly basis against an agreed list of priorities. The growth plan is considered and has been communicated and ratified by the DfE through MAT reviews and subsequent approval.

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust (DDAT) Growth Plan

Context

This narrative sets out the continuing strategic plan for a 24-month period. Growth is matched to strengthened capacity and there is a deliberate focus on improved accountability and governance and implementation of Trust wide systems that become essential for the successful management of a larger number of schools.

Growth Rationale and Context 1: Small School Solutions

Derby Diocese supports 33 Voluntary Aided (VA) Church of England (CE) Primary Schools and 77 Voluntary Controlled (VC) CE Primary Schools representing approximately 15,000 children. The diocese has many small schools, 53% with fewer than 110 pupils and 82% with fewer than 210 pupils. Some have fewer than 10 pupils! Many of our small schools will not be viable, especially after the removal of Minimum Funding Guarantees and as other protection built into the National Funding Formula in Derbyshire dissipates over time. Many of our schools work in supportive clusters, often including community schools, but few schools and governing bodies have tackled the requirement to embrace alternative models of leadership with adequate vigour, although many are beginning to be challenged by financial realities and changes to the LA offer.

DDAT has a pipeline of schools wanting to join the Trust but is unwilling to take on schools that do not have a viable financial future. DDAT is also unwilling to prop up schools in existing organisational structures that are unable to provide 21st Century Education sustainably due to their size. We need schools within structures that have the authority to remodel educational resources across groups of schools. The diocese is working with other MATs to facilitate this, but our own MAT (DDAT) must also model this approach and be part of the solution. Our experience is that demand is by far exceeding supply within Derbyshire.

DDAT can provide a sustainable solution for many of the smaller schools, providing that they are brought into the MAT with other schools within the same geographical location. In this way DDAT can create sustainable "units of school" within a regional hub of 6-8 schools. The geographic importance is critical to ensure that staffing can be restructured across the group of schools to provide shared expertise from staff with the requisite skills.

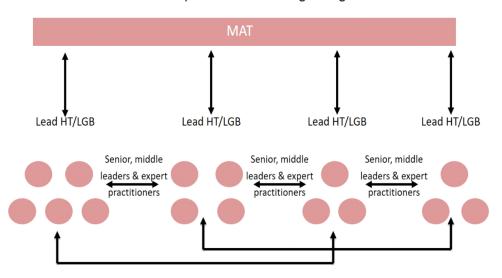
Our experience is that a federation of two schools of 100 pupils might save £10k from each budget (including second tier leadership) using an Executive Headteacher model, but this does not go far enough to improve provision or meet fiscal responsibilities beyond two years. A federation might however, be a stepping stone to a larger collaborative model. DDAT estimates that approximately 400 pupils are needed to sustain an effective Executive Headteacher role. However, the model for urban and rural communities will need to be context sensitive and second tier leadership is critical. In a small school rural context, leadership may be a teacher on a TLR with responsibilities as DSO. Effective leadership, previously provided by the headteacher, can be provided within units of school and overseen by a regional hub lead headteacher effectively held to account by the wider DDAT team.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (CONTINUED)

Six to eight schools in rural Derbyshire are unlikely to offer enough pupils to form a viable MAT that adds value. DDAT modelling suggests that a MAT with resources to add value requires approximately 3000 pupils with an average top-slice of 5%; a geographical collaboration of this nature is unavailable in large parts of rural Derbyshire. However, a regional hub with fewer pupils could be viable if the economies of scale are within a larger Trust. In this context smaller schools can deliver high quality provision as part of a larger Trust if they also work with other hubs that are effectively collaborating.



Scale and spans of control in a growing MAT

Growth Rationale and Context 2: Delivering in Derby

Derby Diocese serves schools within Derby City LA as well as Derbyshire LA. DDAT have been working to deliver key priorities to support Derby as an opportunity area through two key projects.

Derby Cathedral School, an 11-18 CE secondary school opened in September 2018 with planned admission allowing for 1200+ pupils over time. This school is not a faith school for the faithful but a church school for the community and has already received and accepted applications from students from a diverse range of communities within the city.

DDAT also received a grant from the DfE for MAT development which has been used throughout this period to support the school improvement and develop training for the schools. This has helped the Derby City hub director role to be fully established and enabled significant investment in training events targeted for improvement across Derbyshire schools.

Growth priorities

Growth has always had to be managed carefully and the DDAT Board prioritises schools not on a first come first served basis, but in a manner that should promote secure and stable growth. Schools joining the Trust must add value in terms of their contribution to viable regional hubs. All schools must embrace the "stick of rock" values for our Trust.

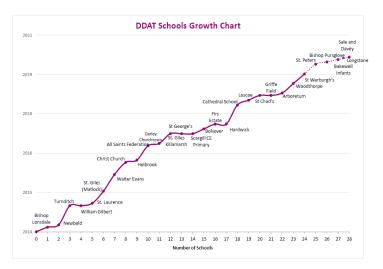
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (CONTINUED)

Priority order:

- Church of England schools that are "eligible for intervention"
- Strong schools (at least two thirds good or better) to ensure sustained capacity of Trust.
- A blend of small and larger schools.



Developing capacity for the next phase

Significant capacity building activity is already recorded within the DDAT Strategic Development Plan. However, DDAT is cognisant that the growing scale of operation will require key capacity building activity in the following areas.

- 1. Bringing the CFO and COO roles back in house.
- 2. Restructuring the central team and adding additional capacity.
- 3. School improvement within the central team, our schools and our partners.
- 4. Financial security over time, whilst providing an increased level of core service efficiently from the centre,
- 5. Strengthened Governance at all levels,
- 6. Increased alignment of Trust wide systems and accountability from CEO and core team through the new regional lead headteachers, to school leaders and staff.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (CONTINUED)

Growing Cautiously

Trustees are very cognisant of information provided by robust due diligence exercises before taking on a school. As such there are often periods of pause. Trustees have not followed any trajectory without proper consideration of the risks. In the last financial year, DDAT has put on pause any conversion where single status/equal pay issues remain unresolved, unless the school is Voluntary Aided where such risk can be managed. Building issues have also put projects on pause until money has been secured to resolve issues prior to conversion. One school has been with an academy order for over a year and continues to be maintained by the local authority pending resolution of issues raised by due diligence. Due diligence includes a formal review of Buildings, Finance, Human Resource, ICT and School improvement.

The DDAT board recognises the value of becoming a cross phase MAT. The new Derby Cathedral Secondary Free school opened on 1st September 2018. Trustees have a vision for this secondary school to be fed by a hub of DDAT feeder primary schools to offer high quality educational provision to the city of Derby for pupils from 3-18 years of age. It should be noted that this hub and secondary school will offer education to some significantly disadvantaged pupils. Derby has been highlighted as one of six areas nationally where social mobility has been extremely limited.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

There are no Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others.

TRADE UNION FACILITY TIME

The trust employs no trade union officials and therefore had no time or costs spent on union activities during the current or prior financial period.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED

Employee consultation

Employee engagement and consultation has been maintained through the year. Prior to schools joining the trust a full program of consultation with staff is undertaken. Following conversion staff are provided with a welcome pack and information on matters that may affect them, including details on HR and TUPE as well as through trust handbooks and regulations. A strategic committee has been implemented which includes HTs from across the schools, whereby decisions are agreed to enable first hand communication of impact and rationale between the senior leaders and their staff. Unions are involved as appropriate for any proposed changes to terms affecting staff and changes are implemented only after formal consultation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Disabilities

Sickness absence may result from a disability or develop into a disability.

The Equality Act 2010 provides a single consolidated source of discrimination law and covers the disability provision.

You're disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

Managers/Headteachers and Governors have an obligation under the Equality Act 2010. The Act places a duty on the Trust and Governing Bodies not to discriminate against current employees on the grounds of disability. Schools should give consideration at each stage of the Sickness Absence Procedure as to whether there are reasonable adjustments that could be made to the requirements of the job, or practices to ensure as far as reasonably possible that a disabled person can be supported at work or to assist them to return to work. If you consider that you are impacted by a disability or any medical condition which affects your ability to undertake your work, you should inform your Manager/Headteacher to ensure that the right support is put in

Disability discrimination

If you are disabled or become disabled, we encourage you to tell us about your condition so that we can support you as appropriately.

If you experience difficulties at work because of your disability, you may wish to contact your line manager or Human Resources to discuss any reasonable adjustments that would help overcome or minimise the difficulty. Your line manager or a member of the HR team may wish to consult with you and a medical adviser(s) about possible adjustments. We will consider the matter carefully and try to accommodate your needs within reason. If we consider a particular adjustment would not be reasonable, we will explain our reasons and try to find an alternative solution where possible.

We will monitor the physical features of our premises to consider whether they place disabled workers, job applicants or service users at a substantial disadvantage compared to other staff. Where reasonable, we will take steps to improve access for disabled staff and service users.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

place to assist you in maintaining your attendance at work.

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 15 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Dr. Sarah Hardman Charles Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive, 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 Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of Trustees has formally met 9 times during the year.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr. Michael John Ford, Chair	8	9
Venerable Carol Coslett	6	9
Mr. Mark Mallender, Chief Executive	8	9
Dr. Sarah Hardman Charles, Chair of Trustees	6	9
Ms. Sheila Mary Lock	6	8
Ms. Holly Gasgoine	2	7
Mr. Mark Richard Emly	1	4
Mr. Michael John Holt	4	4
Mr. Christopher Justin Wilson	3	4

Governance reviews

A Trustee skills audit is completed in the form of a robust survey outlining qualities and expertise for each trustee in over 30 specific areas related to the ability to provide strong governance. This is completed to review the effectiveness of the board and to highlight any areas of individual development as well as where appointments to provide additional effectiveness should be recommended.

This year's audit highlighted strong expertise in all areas with strong outcomes, however there was a need identified for additional finance and accounting knowledge following the resignation of the previous finance committee chair last year.

The Trust is committed to ensuring that all Employees, Members, Trustees and Governors understand what constitutes a conflict of interest, and their responsibility to identify and declare any conflicts that might arise; and that the conflict and the actions taken are recorded to ensure that the conflict does not affect decision-making at any level within the governance of the Trust.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of Trustees.

The Committees remit is as follows:

- To ensure sound management of the Trust's finances and resources, including the proper planning, monitoring, probity and value for money.
- Advise the board on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Trust's governance, risk management, internal control and value for money systems and frameworks.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr. Michael John Ford	3	3
Mr. Mark Mallender	3	3
Ms. Holly Gascoigne	2	3
Mrs. Sheila Lock	1	2

Review of value for money

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- implementing the Trust's highly regarded school improvement service it ensures that public funds are used effectively and efficiently to improve teaching and learning.
- actively encouraging collaboration between Academies and other Church of England schools in Derbyshire to share best practice and mutual support to deal with issues assists the continuing improvement in pupil attainment
- Implementing joint purchasing for the Academies and use of third party assessors to get the best value for money

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 Derby Diocesan Academy Trust for the year 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 board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 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 Board of Trustees.

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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 Board of Trustees.
- regular reviews by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes.
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance.
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees have developed a program of internal scrutiny which is managed and monitored through the financial and audit committee established this year.

Internal scrutiny for the period of 2021/22 has been undertaken by using independent professional external reviews across key areas highlighted and formally agreed by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Summary of work undertaken and standards 2021/22

•**H&S risk audits** have been completed with RAG ratings supplied for each school within the trust in distinct areas namely: Management of health and safety, in-house compliance and contractor compliance. YMD Boon Ltd have acted as specialist independent scrutineers. The overall score of the majority of the schools is above 80%, with several scoring above 85%. All schools currently receive three health and safety visits per academic year with the audits taking place in the spring term.

•**Utilities** - Report raised that Water suppliers across the schools provided varying levels of service and cost. Recommendation to have consistent provider is being investigated in January 2023.

•Budget/Finance monitoring and Payroll- Ongoing financial scrutiny for all schools within the trust. Actioned by DDAT Finance team and reported/monitored by Finance and Audit committee. External consultants S4S have provided a summary of quality assurance across all schools to highlight areas of support and further training.

•HR Harmonisation audit and recommendations. The harmonisation project is still ongoing with the HR Team currently focussing on the implementation of a suite of HR policies and procedures.

•Health Check meetings – All schools have received a thorough health check across all functions including HR, Finance, Operations and School Improvement.

•Contract Compliance - Introduction of a number of HR reports to check compliance such as a starters forms to ensure contract compliance

The trust will continue to prioritise internal scrutiny. The finance and audit committee will continue to identify areas for review in the subsequent years. The trust will continue to use qualified and experienced external companies to undertake the specific review areas as directed along with suitably qualified internal directors and partners for financial scrutiny.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The risk and control framework (continued)

The trust has agreed that the option of internal scrutiny being conducted by bought in audit services from external organisations and individuals is most appropriate with additional finance scrutiny from our qualified internal directors and external working partners. This decision is based on the board's wish to ensure that specialists inform them on areas of development and scrutiny identified by the audit committee rather than peer reviews or non-employed trustees.

Other approaches have been considered and will continue to be reviewed depending on complexity and risk profile of the elements included in the internal scrutiny.

Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- Internal scrutiny:
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.
- the work of the external auditor;

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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Dr. Sarah Hardman Charles Chair of Trustees

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust, I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration, I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Handbook 2022.

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

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

Declan McCauley

Mr. Declan McCauley Accounting Officer Date: 15 December 2022

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Sarah Hardman Charles Chair of Trustees Date: 15 December 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF DERBY DIOCESAN ACADEMY TRUST 2

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 31 August 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, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Emphasis of matter - non going concern basis of preparation

We draw attention to note 1.3 in the financial statements, which indicates that the financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the company is no longer a going concern; as the charitable company will transfer its entire operations, assets and liabilities to Derby Diocesan Academy Trust on 1 January 2023.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF DERBY DIOCESAN ACADEMY TRUST 2 (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF DERBY DIOCESAN ACADEMY TRUST 2 (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Academy Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Academies Accounts Direction and the Academy Trust Handbook. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company for fraud. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were General Data Protection Regulation, health and safety legislation, Ofsted and employee legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquire of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing and completeness of income recognition and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Board about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the ESFA, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF DERBY DIOCESAN ACADEMY TRUST 2 (CONTINUED)

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing noncompliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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

Use of our report

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

Dave Darlaston (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of **Crowe U.K. LLP** Statutory Auditor Black Country House Rounds Green Road Oldbury West Midlands B69 2DG

Date:

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO DERBY DIOCESAN ACADEMY TRUST 2 AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 September 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 Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 during the year 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 Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 26 February 2015 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 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 Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO DERBY DIOCESAN ACADEMY TRUST 2 AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 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.

Crowe U.K. LLP

Reporting Accountant

Black Country House Rounds Green Road Oldbury West Midlands B69 2DG

Date:

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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	As restated Total funds 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	293,324	535,402	828,726	453,739
Other trading activities		364,392	-	-	364,392	257,695
Investments		552	-	-	552	441
Charitable activities		590,454	18,049,279	-	18,639,733	17,857,932
Total income		955,398	18,342,603	535,402	19,833,403	18,569,807
Expenditure on: Charitable activities: Academy Trust educational						
operations		-	19,987,625	361,655	20,349,280	18,213,542
Other charitable activities		557,021	-	-	557,021	522,882
Total expenditure		557,021	19,987,625	361,655	20,906,301	18,736,424
Net income/(expenditure)		398,377	(1,645,022)	173,747	(1,072,898)	(166,617)
Transfers between funds	17	-	(592,957)	592,957	-	-
Net movement in funds before other						
recognised gains/(losses)		398,377	(2,237,979)	766,704	(1,072,898)	(166,617)
Other recognised gains/(losses): Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit						
pension schemes	24	-	10,910,000	-	10,910,000	(2,470,000)
Net movement in funds		398,377	8,672,021	766,704	9,837,102	(2,636,617)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	As restated Total funds 2021 £
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward as previously stated		2,063,362	(9,553,878)	31,387,035	23,896,519	26,768,957
Prior year adjustment		-,	-	(11,136,762)	(11,136,762)	(11,372,583)
Total funds brought forward as restated Net movement in funds		2,063,362 398,377	(9,553,878) 8,672,021	20,250,273 766,704	12,759,757 9,837,102	15,396,374 (2,636,617)
Total funds carried forward		2,461,739	(881,857)	21,016,977	22,596,859	12,759,757

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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

The notes on pages 42 to 76 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note		2022 £		As restated 2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		20,873,893		20,212,493
Current assets					
Debtors	14	2,214,166		1,101,799	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,560,101		5,162,018	
		6,774,267		6,263,817	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,830,301)		(2,284,553)	
Net current assets			3,943,966		3,979,264
Net assets excluding pension liability			24,817,859		24,191,757
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		(2,221,000)		(11,432,000)
Total net assets			22,596,859		12,759,757
Funds of the Academy Trust Restricted funds:					
Fixed asset funds	17	21,016,977		20,250,273	
Restricted income funds	17	1,339,143		1,878,122	
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	17	22,356,120		22,128,395	
Pension reserve	17	(2,221,000)		(11,432,000)	
Total restricted funds	17		20,135,120		10,696,395
Unrestricted income funds	17		2,461,739		2,063,362
Total funds			22,596,859		12,759,757

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

The financial statements on pages 37 to 76 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 15 December 2022 and are signed on their behalf, by:

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Dr. Sarah Hardman Charles Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 42 to 76 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Cash flows from operating activities	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	19	(103,634)	1,511,894
Cash flows from investing activities	20	(498,283)	(5,423)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(601,917)	1,506,471
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		5,162,018	3,655,547
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	21, 22	4,560,101	5,162,018

The notes on pages 42 to 76 form part of these financial statements

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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), judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 COMPANY STATUS

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee. The Academy Trust is incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 09442311. The registered office is Top Floor, Unit 3 Endcliffe Mount Deepdale Business Park, Ashford Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1GT. The members of the company are named on page 1. In the event of The Academy Trust being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of The Academy Trust.

1.3 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy Trust to continue as a going concern.

On 1 January 2023 it is the intention for the entire operations of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2, and its assets and liabilities will be transferred to Derby Diocesan Academy Trust. Therefore the Trustees have concluded that from that date the financial statements of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 should not be prepared on the going concern basis. From 1 January 2023 there will be no transactions accounted for within the legal entity known as Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2.

1.4 INCOME

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

• Grants

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 INCOME (CONTINUED)

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

• Sponsorship income

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

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.

The value of donated services and gifts in kind provided to the Academy Trust are recognised at their open market value in the period in which they are receivable as incoming resources, where the benefit to the Academy Trust can be reliably measured. An equivalent amount is included as expenditure under the relevant heading in the Statement of Financial Activities, except where the gift in kind was a fixed asset in which case the amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Academy Trust's policies.

• Other income

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

• Donated goods, facilities and services

The rent of the land and buildings owned by the Church is donated by the Diocese/Charity at a market rate of rent and is recognised as income, with a corresponding expense in the Statement of Financial Activities. The supplemental agreements state a two year notice period and this is recognised within debtors with a corresponding creditor.

• Donated fixed assets (excluding transfers on conversion or into the Academy Trust)

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 Capital Grants' 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 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.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

• Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

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

1.7 TAXATION

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

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

1.8 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold Land	- Over the term of the lease
Leasehold Property	- 2% (straight line)
Leasehold Improvements	- 2% (straight line)
Furniture and equipment	- 10% (straight line)
Computer equipment	- 25% (straight line)

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

The Derby Diocese own the land and buildings of Matlock All Saints CofE Infant School, Matlock All Saints CofE Junior School, Holbrook Church of England Primary School, Loscoe CofE Primary School and Nursery, St Giles CE Primary Matlock, St Laurence CofE VA Primary School, St Werburgh's CofE Primary School and Turnditch CofE Primary School. The Trust occupies the premises for the provision of education. There is a Church Supplemental Agreement in place between the Diocese and the Trust. The rent of the land and buildings is donated by the Diocese/Charity at a market rate of rent and is recognised as income, with a corresponding expense in the Statement of Financial Activities. The supplemental agreements state a two year notice period and this is recognised within debtors with a corresponding creditor.

Land and buildings at, or adjoining the sites at, Matlock All Saints CofE Junior School, Arboretum Primary School, Bolsover Church of England Junior School, Griffe Field Primary School, Holbrook Church of England Primary School, Loscoe CofE Primary School and Nursery, St Laurence CofE VA Primary School, St Werburgh's CofE Primary School and Turnditch CofE Primary School are owned by Derbyshire County Council. There is a 125 year lease agreement and the land is being depreciated over this period, with any buildings depreciated over 50 years.

Land and buildings at Scargill CofE (Aided) Primary School are owned by The Trustees of Scargill's Educational Foundation. There is a 125 year lease agreement and the land is being depreciated over this period, with any buildings depreciated over 50 years.

Land and buildings at William Gilbert Endowed CofE Primary School are owned by The Duffield Endowed School Foundation. There is a 125 year lease agreement and the land is being depreciated over this period, with any buildings depreciated over 50 years

Land to the rear of Turnditch CofE Primary School is owned by Mr. D R Fearn and is being leased to the school via Derbyshire County Council. There is a 5 year lease and the land has therefore not been capitalised. This is included in the operating lease commitment shown in note 25.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 DEBTORS

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

1.10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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

1.11 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

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

Provisions are 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. 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.

1.12 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to the Academy Trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

The LGPS pension deficit is recognised at its net present value at each balance sheet date and is based on an annual actuarial valuation. The key judgements in performing this valuation can be found in note 1.14.

1.13 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 PENSIONS

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

1.15 FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Academy 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 risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 24, 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.

The asset values are reported using estimated asset allocations prepared by the scheme Actuary. The asset value is calculated at each triennial valuation. Thereafter it is rolled forward to accounting dates using investment returns, contributions received and benefits paid out. During each annual reporting period between triennial valuations, asset returns are estimated using 11 months of market experience and one month of extrapolation being assumed.

For valuation of the land and buildings in relation to converted academies, the Trust intended to use the desktop valuations provided by the Department for Education (DfE), however these are not available at the date of signing the audit report. Therefore, where an academy trust occupies premises on a long lease, in order to determine an appropriate fair value for the asset on acquisition an estimate is made using insurance values and other Local Authority school values on a £/sqm basis together with other factors such as condition of the building. The trust believes this method provides a reasonable and reliable estimate of the current value.

Critical areas of judgment:

There are no critical judgements which would have a material impact on the financial statements.

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3. Income from donations and capital grants

DONATIONS	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Other donations	-	293,324	-	293,324
Capital Grants	-	-	535,402	535,402
TOTAL 2022	-	293,324	535,402	828,726

DONATIONS	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	As restated Restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £	As restated Total funds 2021 £
Donated fixed assets	-	-	69,400	69,400
Other donations	11,312	242,662	-	253,974
Capital Grants	-	-	130,365	130,365
TOTAL 2021 AS RESTATED	11,312	242,662	199,765	453,739

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4. Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable activities

FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
DFE/ESFA GRANTS			
General Annual Grant	-	14,483,821	14,483,821
OTHER DFE/ESFA GRANTS			
Pupil Premium Grant	-	914,535	914,535
UIFSM	-	391,863	391,863
Other Dfe/ESFA Grants	-	617,040	617,040
OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS	-	-	16,407,259
Local Authority Grants - SEN Funding	-	970,324	970,324
Local Authority Grants - Early Years Funding	-	560,746	560,746
Local Authority Grants - Other	-	39,474	39,474
Other income from the Academy Trust's funding for	-	1,570,544	1,570,544
educational operations	590,454	-	590,454
COVID-19 ADDITIONAL FUNDING (DFE/ESFA)			
Catch-up Premium	-	71,476	71,476
TOTAL 2022	590,454	18,049,279	18,639,733

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4. Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable activities (continued)

FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
DFE/ESFA GRANTS			
General Annual Grant	-	13,297,750	13,297,750
OTHER DFE/ESFA GRANTS			
Pupil Premium Grant	-	841,756	841,756
Teachers Pay and Pension Grant	-	632,428	632,428
UIFSM	-	435,562	435,562
Other Dfe/ESFA Grants	-	368,187	368,187
OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS			15,575,683
Local Authority Grants - SEN Funding	-	869,863	869,863
Local Authority Grants - Early Years Funding	-	622,237	622,237
Local Authority Grants - Other	-	85,871	85,871
	-	1,577,971	1,577,971
Other income from the Academy Trust's funding for educational operations	420,724	-	420,724
COVID-19 ADDITIONAL FUNDING (DFE/ESFA)			
Catch-up Premium	-	283,554	283,554
TOTAL 2021	420,724	17,437,208	17,857,932

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
School improvement service income	4,250	4,250
Other income	237,601	237,601
Out of school club	95,726	95,726
Hire of facilities	26,815	26,815
TOTAL 2022	364,392	364,392

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5. Income from other trading activities (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
School improvement service income	3,868	3,868
Other income	186,956	186,956
Out of school club	50,736	50,736
Hire of facilities	16,135	16,135
TOTAL 2021	257,695	257,695

6. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2022 £	Premises 2022 £	Other 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Funding for educational operations:				
Direct costs	12,024,587	361,655	1,425,673	13,811,915
Support costs	3,746,148	1,148,669	1,642,548	6,537,365
Other incoming resources:				
Support costs	-	-	557,021	557,021
	15,770,735	1,510,324	3,625,242	20,906,301

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6. Expenditure (continued)

	Staff Costs 2021 £	As restated Premises 2021 £	Other 2021 £	As restated Total 2021 £
Funding for educational operations:				
Direct costs	11,143,394	614,477	773,870	12,531,741
Support costs Other incoming resources:	2,994,154	1,148,528	1,539,119	5,681,801
Support costs	-	-	522,882	522,882
	14,137,548	1,763,005	2,835,871	18,736,424

Analysis of expenditure by activities 7.

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Funding for educational operations	13,811,915	6,537,365	20,349,280
Other incoming resources	-	557,021	557,021
	13,811,915	7,094,386	20,906,301

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	As restated Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	As restated Total funds 2021 £
Funding for educational operations Other incoming resources	12,531,741 -	5,681,801 522,882	18,213,542 522,882
	12,531,741	6,204,683	18,736,424

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Funding for educational operations 2022 £	Other incoming resources 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	3,746,148	-	3,746,148
Technology costs	193,140	-	193,140
Maintenance of premises and equipment	1,148,669	-	1,148,669
Other support costs	1,417,493	557,021	1,974,514
Governance costs	31,915	-	31,915
	6,537,365	557,021	7,094,386

Included within governance costs are any costs associated with the strategic as opposed to day-to-day management of the charitable company's activities. These costs will include any employee benefits for governorship, the cost of charity employees involved in meetings with governors, and costs relating to constitutional and statutory requirements including audit and preparation of statutory accounts.

	Funding for educational operations 2021 £	Other incoming resources 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	2,994,154	-	2,994,154
Technology costs	215,306	-	215,306
Maintenance of premises and equipment	1,148,528	-	1,148,528
Other support costs	1,291,063	522,882	1,813,945
Governance costs	32,750	-	32,750
	5,681,801	522,882	6,204,683

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8. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2022 £	As restated 2021 £
Operating lease rentals	20,785	21,813
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	361,655	350,553
Fees paid to auditor for:		
- audit	21,475	18,000
- other services	5,550	4,850

9. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	10,158,187	9,710,202
Social security costs	920,931	856,409
Pension costs	3,895,286	3,175,390
	14,974,404	13,742,001
Agency staff costs	784,732	395,547
Staff restructuring costs	11,599	-
	15,770,735	14,137,548
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Redundancy payments	11,599	

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9. Staff (continued)

b. Staff numbers

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

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Teachers	153	299
Administration and support	396	182
Management	29	31
	578	512

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2022 No.	2021 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	4
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	3	2
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	2	2

The employees included above have participated in the teachers pension scheme, employer contributions in the year totalled £124,639 (2021: £136,099).

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £14,968 (2021 £NIL).

Within the year the central trust management team also included consultancy operational management by Richard Wetherall (Finance Director) and Sarah Ferguson (Chief Operating Officer). The cost for these services totalled £86,767 (2021: £107,400).

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10. Central services

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

- Management Services
- Legal Services
- Education Support Services
- Maintenance and admin support services
- Finance and accounts support

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

Flat percentage of GAG income (2 to 6%). Any surplus generated is held as contingency reserve for us in future periods.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
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Turnditch Church of England Primary School	18,098	15,915
William Gilbert Endowed Church of England Primary School	40,613	36,450
St Laurence CofE VA Primary School	47,394	43,901
St Giles Church of England Primary School	26,710	21,625
Holbrook Church of England Primary School	37,219	30,557
All Saints CofE Junior School	49,533	45,036
All Saints CofE Infant School	35,608	33,238
Scargill CofE (Aided) Primary School	85,710	75,188
Bolsover Church of England Junior School	77,308	68,336
Loscoe CofE Primary School and Nursery	39,588	35,704
Griffe Field Primary School	74,388	65,550
Arboretum Primary School	127,668	119,576
St Werburgh's CofE Primary School	65,573	58,500
TOTAL	725,410	649,576

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11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Chief Executive Officer during the year was paid on a single contract through Derby Diocesan Academy Trust, remuneration for the year totalled $\pounds 155,000 - \pounds 160,000$ (2021: $\pounds 145,000 - \pounds 150,000$) and pension contributions paid for the year totalled $\pounds 0 - \pounds 5,000$ (2021: $\pounds 10,000 - \pounds 15,000$). The cost is split proportionately between Derby Diocesan Academy Trust and Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 via a recharge for work undertaken on behalf of both Trusts. The Trustee resigned on 14 November 2022.

During the year ended 31 August 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

12. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

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

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Leasehold improvemen ts £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST OR VALUATION					
At 1 September 2021 (as previously stated)	32,093,786	1,084,489	124,232	346,044	33,648,551
Prior Year Adjustment	(12,152,161)	-	-	-	(12,152,161)
At 1 September 2021 (as	40.044.625	4 094 490	404 020	246 044	24 406 200
restated) Additions	19,941,625	1,084,489	124,232	346,044	21,496,390
Additions	-	832,761	41,694	148,600	1,023,055
At 31 August 2022	19,941,625	1,917,250	165,926	494,644	22,519,445
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2021 (as previously stated)	2,039,527	64,377	47,665	147,727	2,299,296
Prior Year Adjustment	(1,015,399)	-	- -	-	(1,015,399)
At 1 September 2021 (as					
restated)	1,024,128	64,377	47,665	147,727	1,283,897
Charge for the year	236,897	22,982	11,852	89,924	361,655
At 31 August 2022	1,261,025	87,359	59,517	237,651	1,645,552
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2022	18,680,600	1,829,891	106,409	256,993	20,873,893
At 31 August 2021 (as restated)	18,917,497	1,020,112	76,567	198,317	20,212,493

During the year the Derby Diocese expressed that in their opinion, land and buildings held on a Church Supplemental Agreement should not be shown on the Trust's Statement of Financial Position in accordance with Section 3.34 of the Academies Accounts Direction and a prior year adjustment was made to reflect this (see note 16). Where adjoining land at the school is owned by another party with a long-term lease in place, the value of this land has been retained on the Statement of Financial Position.

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14. Debtors

	2022 £	As restated 2021 £
Trade debtors	16,195	19,119
Other debtors	546,025	470,575
Prepayments and accrued income	563,830	439,727
Tax recoverable	1,088,116	172,378
	2,214,166	1,101,799

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	As restated 2021 £
Trade creditors	679,833	340,450
Other taxation and social security	201,873	203,883
Other creditors	979,766	1,012,170
Accruals and deferred income	968,829	728,050
	2,830,301	2,284,553
	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2021	434,273	445,871
Resources deferred during the year	452,315	434,273
Amounts released from previous periods	(434,273)	(445,871)
	452,315	434,273

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust is holding amounts within deferred income in respect of grants received in advance for Nursery funding, universal infant free school meals, rates, trips and local authority funding.

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16. Prior year adjustments

Land and buildings used by the schools in the Trust but owned by the Church had previously been recognised by the Trust in the Statement of Financial Position. Following a reassesment of the terms of the supplemental agreements by the Derby Diocesan Board of Education, management now considers the land and buildings to be under the control of the Church. A prior year adjustment has been made to remove these assets from the Statement of Financial Position. The effect of this adjustment is a reduction of £11,136,762 in the land and buildings asset value and restricted fixed asset fund, and a reduction of £235,821 in expenditure as at 31 August 2021.

Where adjoining land at the school is owned by another party with a long-term lease in place, the value of this land has been retained on the Statement of Financial Position. An estimate of 25% of the value of the land has been removed along with the value of the buildings, to acknowledge the footprint of the land owned by the Church where the building is situated.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

17. Statement of funds

	As restated Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Funds - all funds	2,063,362	955,398	(557,021)			2,461,739
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,878,122	14,483,821	(14,429,843)	(592,957)	-	1,339,143
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	617,040	(617,040)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	1,570,544	(1,570,544)	-	-	-
Other restrictedincom						
е	-	111,978	(111,978)	-	-	-
UIFSM	-	391,863	(391,863)	-	-	-
Pupil premium	-	914,535	(914,535)	-	-	-
Land and buildings donation and rent	-	252,822	(252,822)	_	-	-
Pension reserve	(11,432,000)	-	(1,699,000)	-	10,910,000	(2,221,000)
	(9,553,878)	18,342,603	(19,987,625)	(592,957)	10,910,000	(881,857)

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS

FUNDS						
Fixed assets	20,212,493	-	(361,655)	1,023,055	-	20,873,893
Conditional improvement						
Fund	37,780	-	-	-	-	37,780
School Capital Allocation	-	433,929	-	(328,625)	-	105,304
Devolved Formula						
Capital	-	101,473	-	(101,473)	-	-
	20,250,273	535,402	(361,655)	592,957	-	21,016,977
TOTAL						
RESTRICTED FUNDS	10,696,395	18,878,005	(20,349,280)	-	10,910,000	20,135,120
TOTAL FUNDS	12,759,757	19,833,403	(20,906,301)	-	10,910,000	22,596,859

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

1)	General Annual Grant:	this must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy Trust.
2)	Other DfE/ESFA Grant:	this fund relates to other grants received which must be used for the purposes intended.
3)	Other restricted:	this fund relates to all other restricted funds received which must be used for the purpose intended.
4)	Restricted fixed asset fund:	this fund relates to resources which must be applied for specific capital purposes intended.

Transfers between funds represent capital expenditure from funds other than the restricted fixed asset fund and reclassifications of certain funds between restricted and unrestricted.

The difference between the fixed asset note and the restricted fixed asset funds represents unspent capital funding.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

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

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	As restated Balance at 1 September 2020 £	As restated Income £	As restated Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	As restated Balance at 31 August 2021 £
General Funds - all funds	1,924,977	690,172	(528,160)	(23,627)	-	2,063,362
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	949,201	13,297,750	(12,386,590)	17,761	-	1,878,122
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	1,047,579	(1,047,579)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	1,577,971	(1,577,971)	-	-	-
Other restrictedincom						
е	-	17,531	(17,531)	-	-	-
UIFSM	-	435,562	(435,562)	-	-	-
Pupil premium	-	841,756	(841,756)	-	-	-
PE & Sports Grant	-	236,590	(236,590)	-	-	-
Land and buildings donation and		005 (0)				
rent	-	225,131	(225,131)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(7,873,000)	-	(1,089,000)	-	(2,470,000)	(11,432,000)
	(6,923,799)	17,679,870	(17,857,710)	17,761	(2,470,000)	(9,553,878)

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17.	. Statement of funds (continued)						
	RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
	Fixed assets	20,187,153	69,400	(350,553)	306,493	-	20,212,493
	DfE/ESFA capital grants	-	90,343	-	(90,343)	-	-
	Conditional improvement Fund	37,780	_	-	_	-	37,780
	School Capital Allocation	170,262	40,022	-	(210,284)	-	-
		20,395,195	199,765	(350,553)	5,866	-	20,250,273
	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	13,471,396	17,879,635	(18,208,263)	23,627	(2,470,000)	10,696,395
	TOTAL FUNDS	15,396,373	18,569,807	(18,736,423)	-	(2,470,000)	12,759,757

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 were allocated as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnditch Church of England Primary School 10	8,149	121,111
William Gilbert Endowed Church of England Primary School 23	2,011	251,454
St Laurence CofE VA Primary School 424	4,344	336,999
St Giles Church of England Primary School 8	7,076	77,566
Holbrook Church of England Primary School 82	2,417	98,757
All Saints CofE Junior School 24	3,282	165,213
All Saints CofE Infant School 14	4,361	100,209
Bolsover Church of England Junior School48	1,829	401,238
Scargill CofE (Aided) Primary School 17	1,979	321,969
Loscoe CofE Primary School and Nursery 12	6,955	255,476
Griffe Field Primary School 45	8,792	369,837
Arboretum Primary School 96	6,377	1,011,371
St Werburgh's CofE Primary School 15	6,733	199,509
Trust 24	6,577	230,775
Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve 3,80 0	0,882	3,941,484
Restricted fixed asset fund 21,010	6,977	20,250,273
Pension reserve (2,22)	1,000)	(11,432,000)
TOTAL 22,590	6,859	12,759,757

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

Total cost analysis by academy

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total 2022 £
Turnditch Church of England Primary School	345,660	102,932	9,625	144,066	602,283
William Gilbert Endowed Church of England Primary School	865,965	318,779	33,230	189,729	1,407,703
St Laurence CofE VA Primary School	611,359	233,830	20,022	250,360	1,115,571
St Giles Church of England Primary School	415,102	119,626	13,244	174,327	722,299
Holbrook Church of England Primary School	489,674	156,741	12,820	215,663	874,898
All Saints CofE Junior School	658,844	218,981	32,312	322,737	1,232,874
All Saints CofE Infant School	482,869	122,354	33,150	264,856	903,229
Bolsover Church of England Junior School	1,029,664	233,775	34,512	336,812	1,634,763
Scargill CofE (Aided) Primary School	1,347,415	331,134	43,357	421,962	2,143,868
Loscoe CofE Primary School and Nursery	704,165	238,368	18,504	266,420	1,227,457
Griffe Field Primary School	1,495,464	345,728	40,868	391,221	2,273,281
Arboretum Primary School	2,540,864	848,100	40,590	437,911	3,867,465
St Werburgh's CofE Primary School	991,318	330,135	43,938	343,772	1,709,163
Trust	46,224	145,665	-	637,903	829,792
ACADEMY TRUST	12,024,587	3,746,148	376,172	4,397,739	20,544,646

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total 2021 £
Turnditch Church of England Primary School	333,121	47,209	6,694	141,681	528,705
William Gilbert Endowed Church of England Primary School	811,518	175,655	38,646	202,191	1,228,010
St Laurence CofE VA Primary School	659,115	152,144	15,702	303,855	1,130,816
St Giles Church of England Primary School	386,239	61,678	5,297	173,168	626,382
Holbrook Church of England Primary School	469,821	82,571	13,247	229,602	795,241
All Saints CofE Junior School	649,724	122,100	25,233	311,303	1,108,360
All Saints CofE Infant School	472,381	53,431	11,852	288,022	825,686
Bolsover Church of England Junior School	926,234	85,775	23,258	392,329	1,427,596
Scargill CofE (Aided) Primary School	1,155,486	181,022	27,157	431,982	1,795,647
Loscoe CofE Primary School and Nursery	651,680	94,684	19,602	269,843	1,035,809
Griffe Field Primary School	1,402,805	113,174	49,829	432,660	1,998,468
Arboretum Primary School	2,216,951	443,613	63,392	501,235	3,225,191
St Werburgh's CofE Primary School	950,192	182,137	16,612	357,123	1,506,064
Trust	58,127	1,198,961	-	(103,193)	1,153,895
ACADEMY TRUST	11,143,394	2,994,154	316,521	3,931,801	18,385,870

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
-	-	20,873,893	20,873,893
2,461,739	4,169,444	143,084	6,774,267
-	(2,830,301)	-	(2,830,301)
-	(2,221,000)	-	(2,221,000)
2,461,739	(881,857)	21,016,977	22,596,859
	funds 2022 £ - 2,461,739 - -	funds 2022 funds 2022 £ £ - - 2,461,739 4,169,444 - (2,830,301) - (2,221,000)	Unrestricted funds 2022 Restricted funds 2022 fixed asset funds 2022 £ £ £ - - 20,873,893 2,461,739 4,169,444 143,084 - (2,830,301) - - (2,221,000) -

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	As restated Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £	As restated Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	20,212,493	20,212,493
Current assets	1,639,218	4,586,819	37,780	6,263,817
Creditors due within one year	424,144	(2,708,697)	-	(2,284,553)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(11,432,000)	-	(11,432,000)
TOTAL AS RESTATED	2,063,362	(9,553,878)	20,250,273	12,759,757

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

		2022 £	As restated 2021 £
	Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(1,072,898)	(166,617)
	ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
	Depreciation charges	361,655	350,553
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,112,367)	364,698
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	545,748	244,728
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(524,220)	(370,027)
	Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	1,498,000	947,000
	Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	201,000	142,000
	Interest receivable	(552)	(441)
	NET CASH (USED IN)/PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(103,634)	1,511,894
20.	Cash flows from investing activities		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(1,023,055)	(375,891)
	Capital grants from DfE Group	524,220	370,027
	Interest receivable	552	441
	NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(498,283)	(5,423)
21.	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Cash in hand and at bank	4,560,101	5,162,018
	TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,560,101	5,162,018

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22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	5,162,018	(601,917)	4,560,101
	5,162,018	(601,917)	4,560,101

23. Capital commitments

At 31 August 2022 the Academy Trust had capital commitments as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Contracted for but not provided for in these financial statements	161,568	90,000

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24. Pension commitments

The Academy Trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Derbyshire Pension Fund. 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 £245,817 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2022 (2021 - £236,651) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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.

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £1,415,241 (2021 - £1,359,849).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy Trust 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 pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trusteeadministered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £978,225 (2021 - £916,447), of which employer's contributions totalled £761,851 (2021 - £712,657) and employees' contributions totalled £ 216,374 (2021 - £203,790). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21 per cent for employers and 5.50 per cent for employees.

As described in note the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the Academy Trust, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the Scheme in the year. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the Academy Trust at the balance sheet date.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2022 %	2021 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.75	3.60
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.05	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25	1.70

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

	2022 Years	2021 Years
Retiring today		
Males	21.10	21.30
Females	23.80	23.90
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22.20	22.50
Females	25.60	25.80

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis on scheme obligations

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	13,135	21,911
Discount rate -0.1%	13,817	23,049
Salary increase rate +0.1%	13,511	22,539
Salary increase rate -0.1%	13,441	22,421
Pension increase rate +0.1%	13,784	22,982
Pension increase rate -0.1%	13,168	21,978
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	14,015	23,379
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	12,937	21,581

Share of scheme assets

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

At 31 August 2022 £	At 31 August 2021 £
Equities 7,541,000	7,181,000
Bonds 2,364,000	2,541,000
Property 1,013,000	773,000
Cash 337,000	552,000
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS 11,255,000	11,047,000

The actual return on scheme assets was $\pounds(654,000)$ (2021 - $\pounds1,561,000$).

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Current service cost	2,256,000	1,660,000
Interest cost	201,000	142,000
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,457,000	1,802,000

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2022 £	2021 £
At 1 September 2	2,480,000	16,551,000
Current service cost	2,256,000	1,660,000
Interest cost	390,000	296,000
Employee contributions	215,000	204,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses (1	1,753,000)	3,877,000
Benefits paid	(112,000)	(108,000)
AT 31 AUGUST 1	3,476,000	22,480,000

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

	2022 £	2021 £
At 1 September	11,048,000	8,678,000
Interest income	189,000	154,000
Actuarial (losses)/gains	(843,000)	1,407,000
Employer contributions	758,000	713,000
Employee contributions	215,000	204,000
Benefits paid	(112,000)	(108,000)
AT 31 AUGUST	11,255,000	11,048,000

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2022 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	18,310	20,785
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	21,342	44,987
	39,652	65,772

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26. Members' liability

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

27. Related party transactions

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

The Derby Diocese are considered related parties due to the both parties being under common control. The rent of the land and buildings owned by the Church (see note 1.8) is donated by the Diocese/Charity at a market rate of rent and is recognised as income of £252,822 (2021: £225,131), with a corresponding expense of £252,822 (2021: £225,131) in the Statement of Financial Activities. The supplemental agreements state a two year notice period and this is recognised within debtors of £505,644 (2021: £450,262) with a corresponding creditor of £505,644 (2021: £450,262).

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 and Derby Diocesan Academy Trust are related parties due to them having the same Members and Trustees. Amounts in relation to recharges and SCA transfers from the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust totalled: £609,693 (2021: £220,936) in the financial year, with recharges made of £598,233 (2021: £694,882). As at the 31 August 2022, there were balances due from the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust totalling: £11,553 (2021: £14,447) and balance due to, totalling: £322,749 (2021: £408,022).

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2 and AMF (UK) Limited are related parties due to the significant influence exercised by certain Directors of AMF (UK) Limited on the Academy Trust in their role as key management personnel. During the year the Academy Trust received services totalling £109,600 (2021: £107,400). Of these costs, an element related to costs incurred in providing key management personnel services as detailed in note 9, and an element related to costs incurred after the services relating to the role of key management personnel ceased. As at the 31 August 2022 the balance due to the company was £10,260 (2021: £10,740).

28. Controlling party

The Derby Diocese Academy Trust 2 is an autonomous body, financed mainly by public funding and files separate entity accounts.

The Academy's sponsor, The Diocesan Board of Education, has the power to appoint Governors to the board of the Academy Trust.