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Bradworthy Primary Academy

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Bradworthy Primary Academy

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Reference and administrative details

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Company Registration Number	07530497
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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 serving a catchment area involving Bradworthy, Milton Dameral, Sutcombe and East and West Pufford in Torridge, West Devon. It has a pupil capacity of 193, an admission number of 210, and had a roll of 214 in the October 2023 school census.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Academy 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. The trustees of Bradworthy Primary Academy are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Bradworthy Primary Academy.

Details of the Trustee's who served throughout the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' Liability

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

Trustee's Indemnities

The Academy has Indemnity insurance for Trustee's limited to £10,000,000

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Charitable Company is to advance, for the public benefit, education for children in, and beyond, our catchment area by establishing, maintaining and operating a school offering a broad curriculum.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Trustee's are Directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of charity legislation.

The articles of association require the Trustees of the Charitable Company to appoint at least three Trustees to be responsible for the statutory and constitutional affairs of the Charitable Company and the management of the Academy. Up to twelve Trustees may be appointed by the Members. The Members may also appoint up to three staff (not including the principal) provided the total number of Trustees (including the principal) who are employees of the Academy does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees. The Local Authority, being Devon County Council may appoint up to one LA Trustee. A minimum of two and up to four parent Trustees may be appointed and are elected by the parents of the registered pupils at the Academy. Finally The Secretary of State may appoint additional Trustee as they think fit if the Secretary of State has given the Trustees a warning notice and the Trustees have failed to comply or secure compliance, with the notice to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State. Trustees' term of office is four years but they are eligible for re-election at the meeting at which they retire.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees.

The Trustees have continued to take a full and appropriate role in the work and development of the academy. Over many years we believe they have developed the experience and skill base required to effectively aid the academy in its work.

During this period Ofsted concluded that the Trustees have an "over-generous" view of the academy and an underdeveloped role in so far as areas like training and monitoring the school are concerned.

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This is in direct contradiction to previous reports and an opinion that we take issue with. The idea that our Trustees have a limited strategic vision is frankly ridiculous in the context of the of the implementation of our buildings project which will take the school into the future at a time when our accommodation is both inadequate and overcrowded and with no support from any other agencies.

That this project has been realised in one of the poorest areas of Britain without any support from either the EFA of DfE is of huge credit to our trustees and was of no interest to Ofsted.

This said we have addressed their concerns and taken steps to protect ourselves during this period. In this period this has included full consideration of the various legislations involved in this process, including financial regulations and controls, and responsibilities for areas such as safeguarding, health and safety and Special Educational needs / Disability (SEND).

They have ensured effective progress towards the academy's development aims, and made appropriate provision for the proper allocation of funds, staff and other resources which support this.

This has been especially challenging at a time when funding remains low and where the academy has had to deal with increased levels of staffing, in response to a growing roll and additional development needs amongst the children in our care who live in one of the most deprived areas in Britain.

The effect of COVID-19 continues to have a significant impact on many children, especially those who are younger, and in addition to redressing this we have also seen the number of children registered as "Pupil Premium" remaining at a high level.

Issues relating to safeguarding, mental health and those broadly categorised as social are rising drastically at a time when it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain any meaningful support from other agencies. There seems to be an attitude that "schools will just have to do it" and this is creating enormous pressures for our staff and for resources in general.

School accommodation remains inadequate with serious overcrowding becoming an issue in several classrooms, however our new buildings are close to occupation now and whilst the project has overspent drastically we have been able to conclude the project with financial support from our PTA (over £40,000) and from Section 106 Funding (approximately £140,000)

The Trustees have fulfilled their monitoring roll during this period, visiting the academy to experience teaching and learning, and meet with staff and children to consider both practice, development and issues linked to safeguarding.

The Trustees have been fully involved in supporting the various processes needed to ensure stability of the academy during a period of potential high instability due to a range of external factors, including a number of long-term absences involving senior staff, and which are beyond our control.

The academy has been subject to a number of external audits during this period including safeguarding (by DCC), Health and Safety (By RPA) and financial (including annual internal and external audits and an additional external audit carried out by the ESFA).

The outcomes of all of these processes were very positive with recommendations fully considered by the Trustees and actioned where deemed necessary.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting a development plan and budget, monitoring the Academy through close liaison with and reporting from the headteacher and through personal observations by visits to the school, making major decisions about the strategic direction of the Academy including capital expenditure and involvement in staff appointments in consultation with the Head Teacher.

The Trustees are appointed in line with articles 50 to 64 within the Memorandum of Association. When appointing new Trustees the Governing Body recognises the need to have a wide range of skills amongst the Trustees.

The Head Teacher is the Accounting Officer for the Academy.

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Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel:

The Headteacher must demonstrate sustained high quality of performance, with particular regard to leadership, management and pupil progress at the school and will be subject to a review of performance against their performance objectives before any pay increase will be awarded. The clarification of the application of the criteria for Leadership Group progression will be taken fully into account. No pay progression for this post is automatic. Any progression is reviewed and agreed by governors taking into account performance in role and national benchmarks including STPCD.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) must demonstrate sustained high quality of performance in respect of school leadership and management and pupil progress and will be subject to a review of performance against their performance objectives before any performance points will be awarded. The clarification of the application of the criteria for Leadership Group progression will be taken fully into account. Annual pay progression within the pay range for these posts is not automatic. Any progression will normally be by one point, but the Trustees' body may consider movement by two points in exceptional circumstances. The national leadership scales as agreed by all unions in 2018 based on STPCD recommendations apply.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of Bradworthy Academy Trust. The Academy encourages strong communication links between the various parent and community forum groups which are linked to the academy and benefits from exceptional relationships with this group.

Objectives and Activities

The principal objectives and activities of the Charitable Company are the operation of the Academy known as Bradworthy Primary Academy and to provide appropriately targeted free education for students between the ages of 4 and 11. In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education.

Objectives

The main objectives of the Academy during the year ended 31 August 2024 are summarised below:

- to deliver high quality education and care to all students within the Academy,
- to maintain and enhance the standards and achievements of all pupils in the widest sense,
- to include and meet the needs of all pupils whatever their educational need,
- to review and enrich the curriculum to provide a broad and balanced curriculum,
- to conduct the Academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness.
- To work within the context of our agreed ethos which is the Academy's central and most important guiding documentation.

Strategy

The Academy's main strategy is to create and promote a happy and enriching learning environment by working in partnership with parents and the community that will inspire children to achieve high standards in the widest sense. The Academy hopes that by celebrating the children's achievements, helping them fulfil their potential, respecting their differences and encouraging kindness, consideration and respect for each other and their environment, we will foster self-esteem and provide a sound foundation for their future life. The Academy aims to do its very best to offer a broad and balanced curriculum and a large range of extracurricular activities.

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The Academy has reviewed its development plan and adopted a new document in Spring 2024, which details how it intends to achieve the aims and objectives. The activities provided include:

- teaching and learning opportunities to ensure each child achieves to their full potential,
- training opportunities for all staff,
- a programme of enrichment and extension activities for all students,
- developing strong collaborative partnerships which properly promote the needs of our local community.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Achievements and Performance

We have continued to work to embed our academy's ethos which outlines and explains the educational philosophy in which we believe, and which forms the corner-stone of our current work and the academy's future development.

When inspected by Ofsted in 2017 they were very positive about our work and the standards that we achieve by the time children leave the school at the end of Key Stage Two. They were impressed with the range and breadth of our curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

The inspection which took place during this period had no interest in any of this and made little reference to the huge amount of time and effort we put into this so that children living in a highly deprived area of rural isolation have the life chances they both need and deserve if they are to flourish in society.

Our inspection team concluded that "outcome don't matter" and chose simply to reflect upon the systems we had in place which, because they didn't fit their inflexible and inappropriate framework, were deemed in need of improvement.

The entire process was chaotic and unfair from the start and has been deeply undermining to our staff and work.

Senior members of staff have suffered huge levels of stress and there has been real damage to individuals' mental health with, for example, the Headteacher needing time away from work, medication and counselling and taking him to a point where retirement is a serious possibility during the next period.

The inspection was subject to complaint, however their inhouse procedure chose to take the word of their inspector above that of a number of witnesses and in the end, we were forced to abandon this because of the mental and emotional toll the process was having.

The continued effects of COVID-19 remain far reaching.

We have allocated resources in order to redress this with assessment and tracking data indicating good progress amongst older children. There is still a significant issue where younger children are concerned as indicated by performance data at the end of Key Stage One.

This data is, however, encouraging when taken in the context of exceptionally low levels of development that the vast majority of our children have on entry to our Reception Class; and also in the fact that the gap between our levels of achievement and those nationally have closed since Summer 2022.

It is worth considering that standards at the end of Key Stage 2 in core subjects (reading, writing and maths) have been unaffected by COVID-19 and remain significantly above national averages as they have always been. This is the result of a huge amount of targeted teaching and resource management across the school and the fact that standards have remained so high a source of real pride, however this was not even worthy of mention in our inspection report.

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Key Stage 2 Data:

	Passing the Test:		Attaining Greater Depth (above average results):	
	Bradworthy	National	Bradworthy	National
Reading	87%	74%	67%	National Data is not yet available
Grammar / Spelling	83%	72%	50%	
Writing	83%	72%	27%	
Maths	90%	73%	23%	
Science	90%	81%	N/A	
Reading, Writing and Maths	80%	61%	17%	

Our results are significantly higher than national averages. Especially where “all subjects combined” in concerned.

Children performing at a level which is above national expectations (Greater Depth) is significantly higher than national averages published last year and this will almost certainly be the case again next year.

The pass rate for all subjects combined is 19% higher than national results which is very significant.

It is worth noting that the national averages for passing reading, writing and maths has crept slightly above the “floor threshold” (60%), which is considered the minimum expected standard for schools, for the first time in many years.

When SEND is taken out of the equation there remain no boy / girl divides.

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium (9 pupils):

	At Standard (incl GDS)		Greater Depth Standard	
Reading	89%	Not yet available	67%	N/A
Writing	89%		11%	
Maths	78%		11%	
R / W / M Pass	78%		0%	

Pupil Premium pass results are broadly the same as children not in the Pupil Premium Group. Less children in this group attain greater depth in writing and maths.

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Pupils with SEND (6 pupils):

	At Standard (incl GDS)		Greater Depth Standard	
	School	National (23/24)	School	National
Reading	50%	45%	0%	N/A
Writing	33%	34%	0%	
Maths	50%	42%	0%	
R / W / M Pass	17%	24%	N/A	

Results are broadly the same as national averages.

Data Trends 2022 – 2024

	2022		2023		2024	
	Sch	Nat	Sch	Nat	Sch	Nat
Reading	97%	78%	88%	73%	87%	74%
Writing	93%	69%	74%	71%	83%	72%
Maths	93%	71%	82%	73%	90%	73%
SPAG	97%	72%	94%	72%	83%	72%
Science	97%	79%	95%	80%	90%	81%

The following table shows our school's three year average in comparison to national averages over this period and as can be seen our results are clearly well above average.

The following relates to a post-covid recovery "World".

	School Average	National Average	School Variance
Reading	91%	75%	+ 16%
Writing	84%	70%	+ 14%
Maths	88%	72%	+ 16%
SPAG	92%	72%	+ 20%
Science	94%	80%	+ 14%
All Subjects	90%	73%	+ 17%

The results speak for themselves and because they are a three year average (of around 100 children) they are very reliable statistically.

Our last inspection in Autumn 2023 informed us that "outcomes don't matter" and that our governors had an overinflated opinion of the school.

We are very proud of the way in which we have enabled to maintain the standards that our children achieve in these core areas, especially in the light of the enormous disruption from covid that schools nationally have struggled to address.

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We reject the ridiculous conclusions of the unfair inspection that we were forced to endure entirely, and this year's end of school results only serve to strengthen this stance.

Key Stage One Assessments:

Key Stage One assessments are no longer reportable and as such there is no national comparison available anymore.

For this reason, last year's results, for the year 2022/23, have been provided as a guide.

2022/23:

	Bradworthy	National	Pre-Covid National Average
Reading	63%	68%	75%
Writing	57%	60%	69%
Maths	63%	70%	76%

2023/24:

	Percentage Achieving the Required Standard
Reading	55%
Writing	41%
Maths	65%

All three areas are below national averages and in respect of reading and writing this is significant.

Two of the children in this class (7%) have severe SEND, however the proportion of other children on the Special Needs Register, which is three, is low compared to the other classes in Key Stage 2. The poor levels of performance are not compatible with phonics testing in Year One.

Statutory Phonics Testing has taken place in Year One:

	Percentage	
	Bradworthy	National
Pass	86%	80%
Fail	14%	20%

This is once again higher than national averages.

Phonics is a vital skill, and these results are a testament to the levels of support we have put in place and the hard work of our Year One team.

At the end of 2022/23 86% of our Year One children passed this statutory test. In the previous year, 2021/22, 84% of our children passed the test.

The national average over the past three years is 78%. Our average over the same period is 85% which is a variance of +7% in favour of school.

The fact that our results have been consistently above national averages is something we are very proud of, especially in a context where Torridge is considered one of the most deprived areas in Britain, where pre-school provision is at best "haphazard" and where entry data to Reception is very poor each year.

The unreasonable demand from ofsted that we adopt a compliant scheme has cost towards £20,000.

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Our staff have undertaken this with commitment and a very positive approach and this is a huge credit to them, however the question has to be asked – is the huge amount of financial and staff-time resources which have been directed to this going to achieve anything that we weren't already achieving?

Time will tell

Attendance (from the start of this school year in September to June 2024)

	Overall Attendance	Children who are not Pupil Premium	Children in our Pupil Premium Group	Unauthorised Absences
Reception	95.6%	96.4%	90% (3)	0%
Year One	95%	94.7%	96.1% (7)	0%
Year Two	94.9%	95.3%	93.6% (6)	0%
Year Three	96.7%	96.8%	96.2% (7)	0%
Year Four	96.9%	97.5%	95.3% (8)	0%
Year Five	96.1%	96.3%	95.7% (12)	0%
Year Six	96.7%	97.2%	95.5% (9)	0%
Whole School	96% +0%	96.3% +0%	95.2% (52) +0%	0%

(The number in brackets indicates the number of children in this group)

Overall attendance across the school is slightly better than the rate reported in January and the same as reported in March..

Attendance for children in our pupil premium group has risen by 2% over this school year.

Over the same period attendance for children not listed as pupil premium has risen by 1.2%.

Rates for children in our pupil premium group are currently 1.1% lower than for other children which is a 0.9% improvement since January.

There is no significant difference between attendance rates for pupil premium children and those who are not in this group.

National attendance for the last school year was 92.5%. Our attendance is much better than national averages.

There have been no exclusions during this period.

As an academy we are extremely proud of the following areas of our work – and incredulous that Ofsted didn't share our view.

What a sad World we live in when none of the following is even worthy a mention by those who are charged with the vital task of assessing the work of our schools.

The academy places a great emphasis on our extended curriculum, offering a huge range of heavily subsidised activities and trips, both within and beyond, the school day because we believe that this a very positive effect on the children's development as rounded individuals as well as on academic standards.

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We work hard to embed this approach to learning and in support of this, and with the help of our pupil premium, we now fund and operate three minibuses which we subsidise so that they may be used freely by all children.

All residential and day trips are subsidised, often by as much as 50%

Sport, art and music are central parts of our work.

We employ specialist teachers and coaches (for athletics, running, football, climbing, surfing, wakeboarding, swimming and gymnastics) to ensure that all children achieve high standards and enjoy regular access, older children are achieving at least five hours of activities based on sport and fitness.

Teams have represented the academy in most traditional sports, with high levels of success in rugby, netball, hockey, football and cross country running, over the years.

We have also developed, and extended, our curriculum so that children have access to a range of adventurous activities (such as rock climbing, surfing, wakeboarding and wilderness walking / camping on Dartmoor) as well as both forest and beach school.

The creative arts are key to our work and we employ specialist teachers who support and extend the children's work in music, art, dance and drama. Free tuition is offered on a weekly basis and supports ukulele choir and guitar groups. Children have performed regularly.

We were once again able to perform a nativity and musical play, Back to the Future – The Day the Music Died, to combined audiences of over six hundred people.

Our annual art exhibition took place again this year and have once again been able to offer a full range of experiences for our children as indicated by the following data which relates to Year Six in 2023/24:

	Specific Activities	Cost to Family	Participation
Residential Trips	Five day visit to London	£250	100%
	Wilderness Camping on Dartmoor	£0	91%
	Three Day Camping Trip on Dartmoor	£0	73%
Day Trips	Geography Trip To Hartland Quay	£0	100%
	Broomhill Sculpture Gardens	£1	100%
	Burton Art Gallery	£0	93%
	History Trip to Bideford	£0	93%
Theatre	2.22 A Ghost Story in London	Included above	100%
	Back to the Future in London	Included above	100%
Art Galleries	Burton Gallery in Bideford	£0	93%
	Broomhill Sculpture Garden	£1	100%
	Castle Museum in Bude	£0	100%
	National Gallery in London	Included above	100%
	Tate Modern in London	Included Above	100%

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Museums	Natural History Museum	Included Above	100%
	Burton in Bideford	£0	93%
	Hartland Quay Museum	£0	93%
Productions	Christmas Musical	£0	100%
	Art Exhibition	£0	100%
	Harvest Festival	£0	100%
	Christmas Carol Concert	£0	100%
	Public Speaking	£0	100%
Music	School Based Performances	£0	100%
	Choir Concerts	£0	100%
	Rock Band Gigs	£0	67%
	Guitar Lessons	£0	33%
	Piano Lessons	£5 / lesson	10%
Sport	In School Competitions	£0	100%
	Inter-School Competition, Including:		
	Football	£0	90% in at least one event
	Netball		
	Rugby		
	Athletics		
	Cross Country Running		
	Hockey		
Multi Sports			
Dance			
Aquathon			
Swimming Lessons (2 week block)	£20	100%	
Adventurous Activities:			
Climbing (multiple, including three outside)	£0 £48	100% in at least one experience	

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	Surfing (6 sessions)	£72	
	Wakeboarding (12 sessions)	£0	
	Hill Walking and Camping (10 events)		
Charitable	Including: McMillan Cancer Research Children in Need Air Ambulance Sport Relief	No compulsory cost for participation, however funds raised.	100%
Extra-Curricular Activities	Regular participation in at least one of: Athletics Running Football Netball Rugby Hockey Multi-Sports Climbing Band Textiles Construction Board Games Gardening	£0	100%

Careful budgeting and a growing school roll have enabled us to fully support our teaching groups. Average Class sizes have grown to over thirty through this period, however we have maintained an excellent pupil / teacher ratio of 24.

Continued building work in the village seems likely to grow our roll further in the next few years, which will once again put pressure on our accommodation. The school has remained completely full, and over subscribed during this period.

The school remains overcrowded in four classes where some children now have 65% less space than would be expected nationally.

We have continued attempt to deal with this in a proactive way by raising funds for building new The project is now nearing completion, despite the fact that we have had little external support and no success in obtaining any grant funding during this period.

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The academy continued to offer a free childcare service, opening from 8.00am until 5.30pm each day, in support of the local community so that parents and carers can attend work and training without the constraints of a short school day or the prohibiting factors of expensive childcare.

The academy has continued to take an active role in local community life.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy 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.

The Trustees are, however aware of a falling demographic in the local area (as well as nationally) and will be instigating very close monitoring and management of any issues which may arise in the next period – with the October census as a first and key indicator.

Strategic Risk Management

The Trustees manage strategic risk through their Risk Register which is available on the academy's website. The risks are grouped as external risk, operational risk and change risk. During this period these risks were:

- Low levels of local pre-school provision
- Falling standards in the Early Years
- Falling Demographic in our local area
- Building destruction
- Incapacity of senior members of staff
- School Roll and class sizes
- School Funding
- Timely completion of building projects
- Succession Planning

These risks are scaled and mitigated against and during this period it has been the Trustees' view that the only meaning risk to our operations and continued success is related to funding vitally needed additional / improved accommodation and facilities.

Health and Safety

The Academy has a number of robust and effective policies and procedures in place so that we can identify and manage risks on a day-to-day basis and ensure that we are able to offer and apply our ethos in a safe, controlled and effective manner – as shown by an external audit carried out on behalf of RPA.

These include whole school assessments (RAA22), First Aid Needs (RAA09), Security (RAA24B), Fire, Emergency Evacuation and Curriculum Risks – as well as a number of additional documents covering aspects of our work such as Hill Walking on Dartmoor and the use of our climbing wall. All key documents are available on the academy website.

The academy subscribes to the Health and Safety support offered by DCC who provide advice, guidance and who carry out external audit.

The academy has a full asbestos management policy and plan which lists the very small amount of asbestos present on our site. Documentation is provided to all contractors before any work is carried out. Annual assessments are carried out.

Legionella testing and compliance is contracted out to "Primary Water Solutions" who carry out monthly monitoring and testing. Our site manager has undertaken relevant training, with records maintained.

Statutory testing takes place as required with records available from our school office.

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All members of staff have a responsibility for their own health and safety and are required to bring any concerns to the immediate attention of senior staff. Understanding of these responsibilities is signed and held on record on an annual basis.

Our site manager is responsible for ongoing review of our premises with issues relayed to senior staff and Trustees as required.

The Trustees carry out an annual inspection of our premises, with our site manager, and as a result of this additional issues can be identified, priorities and mediated as part of our annual maintenance programme. The school is currently in good repair with no issues of any consequence being present during this period.

The academy has undergone significant extension and alteration over the last few years and at this point there are no structural issues.

Key Performance Indicators

The main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the balance sheet date as well as the number of pupils at the school as this is what the DfE funding is based on.

Financial Review

The majority of the Academy's income is obtained from the Department for 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 year ended 31 August 2024 and the associated expenditure is shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 August 2024, total restricted and unrestricted expenditure (excluding restricted fixed assets funds and pensions reserves) of £1,287,468 was more than covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources totalling £1,347,662. The excess for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £60,194.

Restricted Funds

In the year, the Trust has received General Annual Grant (GAG) income totalling £1,058,259. The trust spent £1,005,259 of this on GAG activities. Of this, 94% was spent on salary costs.

The trust received £49,464 of Capital Grants in the year from the Devolved Formula Capital grant of which was spent on a new building project for the school.

The Trust carries forward £nil into the next accounting period (excluding the restricted fixed asset fund and pension reserve) after transfers of £53,000 to the restricted fixed asset fund in the year.

Unrestricted Funds

The trust generated £29,295 of its own income. £18,600 of this related to Catering. The trust received £10,695 of voluntary donations and other trading activities in the year.

The Trust carries forward a balance of £46,942 on the unrestricted fund to the next accounting year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments, and the nature of the reserves. The Trustees consider that unrestricted reserves of £46,942 are appropriate to cover unexpected costs with a possibly higher carry forward for specific capital projects.

Investment Policy

The Trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds managed by the academy on their behalf are used in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk. This is not a key activity for the school and the risk profile of any investments made should be low but should provide an effective utilisation of school assets. There have been no investments during this period.

Where cash balances are held the Trustees ensure that these are deposited in a suitable account seeking a high rate of return at a low risk. Cash investments are monitored to ensure these are inline with the objectives of the Academy.

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Where significant funds have been accumulated that are not required in the short term for operational expenses, or as part of a planned surplus for a specific project, Trustees may consider the investment of these funds in order to generate a longer-term income or capital fund. There have been no investments during this period.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Income

As the Academy has one main funder, being the DfE, there is a reliance on this funding remaining at a level sufficient to cover the financial requirements of the Academy. This is outside the control of the Academy.

Pupil numbers

As the DfE funding is based on pupil numbers, the Academy is reliant on the demographics of the catchment areas and parental preference.

This will be subject to very close monitoring and management during the next period, however, pupil numbers during this period have been sufficient to cover our needs.

Cashflow risk

The Academy currently considers that it has sufficient cash reserves for normal day to day operations. This is monitored on a monthly basis by the Headteacher and Senior Administrator with regular reports provided to the Trustees.

Fundraising

The majority of fundraising for the Academy is carried out by the Parent Teacher Association. Events such as raffles, music and social events all contribute towards raising funds. The funds are then donated to the school to purchase equipment and furniture for the benefit of the students.

Fundraising events are advertised through posters, newsletters and the school website. No direct targeting of individuals is used to raise funds.

Plans for Future Years

Projections suggest that our roll may start to fall in the short to medium term, however, continuing problems with overcrowding, have forced us to manage and adapt our resources so that we can avoid the need to preclude many activities and prove a bar to continued development in many areas. We have growing concerns about our work being undermined.

Toilet facilities have remained inadequate.

Children in Years One, Two, Three and Four have been forced to work and learn in classrooms which are overcrowded and far too small for the needs of even a basic curriculum throughout this period.

Additionally, there is no Headteacher's office and no available areas for Special Educational Needs teaching.

All of the above will form the basis of continued attempts to obtain additional funds for buildings work because, despite the fact that our initial project is now near completion there remains a real prospect of our improved accommodation do little more than providing a "stop-gap".

Increased staff costs are, whilst thoroughly deserved on an individual basis, is only partially funded nationally and is an enormous concern going forward especially were we to be in a position where our roll is falling.

The sale of the former school at Sutcombe has been an unknown variable through most of this period. It has sold very recently and we have had confirmation of the release of 90% of the sale value (some £90,000), however at the end of this period we have not received these funds.

We have continued to review and develop our own teaching and learning policy and procedures and develop the curriculum that we offer our children. This is set firmly in the context of our ethos and will be on-going for several years. This includes continued work on knowledge and skills progression across the school which was begun in 2022.

It will be impossible to maximize this development as long as we are forced to endure substandard facilities.

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Effective coordination is key, and in order to increase the effectiveness of this, and whole staff involvement in this we continue to operate a system of Key Stage coordination, rather than subject coordination.

We are continuing to develop the way in which we go about monitoring standards in our school, with particular reference to Key Stage One and the extent to which children with higher levels of ability are stretched and achieve at the end of Year Two.

There will be continued focus on children's progress through our phonics programme so that good levels of achievement are apparent in the end of Key Stage One testing and across the early years phase.

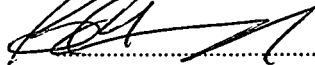
An Early Years / Key Stage One phonics and handwriting scheme has been introduced so that we can engender a more consistent approach. This has been demanded by Ofsted and is not an effective use of substantial resources in our opinion – given the fact that our results have been consistently above national averages.

Auditor

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on ~~20/12/24~~ and signed on its behalf by:



B P W Radford
Member and Trustee

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Scope of responsibility

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to R J Stephenson, 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 Bradworthy Primary Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met five times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Members		
S Huxtable	0	5
B P W Radford	5	5
J Furse	5	5
Trustees		
R J Stephenson	5	5
B Turner	4	5
J Holloway	3	5
J Foster	5	5
K Cleave	5	5
K McCabery	5	5
R Millman (stepped down July 2024)	0	5
S Moyse	5	5

Governors with key responsibilities, such as safeguarding, have held appropriate meetings with members of staff, and contracted agencies (such as our accountants) to ensure compliance as well as the effective application of procedures.

Our SMT has worked closely with governors to ensure stability at a time of potential risk and that fact that our outcomes (in terms of finance, pupil attainment and involvement, staffing and our environment) have remained strong show the effectiveness of this approach. Our SMT has reported directly to our Trustee's during this period, enabling them to oversee the operation of the school – especially when key members of staff have been unavailable. In addition, governors have carried out monitoring visits and met with members of staff who have key responsibilities in school to ensure effective oversight.

Governance reviews

A review of the governance is performed on an annual basis

The Members consider that there is currently a very good balance of skills on the Board taking into account the size of the Academy.

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Review of value for money

As accounting officer the trustee 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, as well as estates safety and management, achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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

Improvement of Educational Results

We have maintained the highest of academic standards and this is something which has been consistently the case for twenty years now.

Financial Governance and Oversight

Our Trustees and the Accounting Officer are fully involved in financial governance and oversight. Budget setting is fully considered prior to the start of each financial year in relation to our school roll and available funds, within the context of the Academy's needs and developmental aims. Management accounts are prepared and examined at each Trustees' meeting so that actual spending can be compared to original plans and allocations of funds. This allows challenging discussion in relation to the way funds are facilitating the successful running of the Academy and its development in relation to the Academy's ethos and reported outcomes. Full evaluation of the success of our work and the effect that funding has on development is key because this, in turn, leads to better financial planning so that available funds can be effectively targeted in the future.

Better Purchasing

Appraisal of our various contracts and service providers is part of our annual work and we are constantly seeking opportunities for more cost effective options. This is a real challenge, especially where the provision of services such as water and energy are concerned, and whilst the installation of a biomass heating system is providing significant savings, other areas, such as the cost of water, electricity and internet connectivity, are proving difficult to control and are of concern.

Our budget is based on the funds made available to Devon LA and as such it is very low in comparison to schools nationally. We have worked hard to achieve low adult / pupil ratios and as policy our staffing levels are high and this necessitates relatively low levels of curriculum spending.

Our monitoring leads us to believe that all purchases are targeted, represent good value and that waste is at an absolute minimum. Where available, options are appropriately considered prior to purchase so that goods and services are appropriate to our needs and of value. The nature of our isolated rural community often leads to limited opportunities where economies of scale are concerned, however it is our policy to use our funds in within the local community wherever possible and we believe that this provides excellent value for money.

Income Generation

Opportunities for the generation of additional income are limited by the nature of our work and the community in which we operate. We operate a thriving school meals service, and whilst it is non-profit making and subsidised by our general budget, it produces a good annual income which allows it to remain tenable. The need for additional equipment to provide for the increased demands for meals as a result of the government's free school meals initiative has been challenging, but achieved, as there was no access to additional external funding for our academy.

Various fundraising initiatives, including those facilitated by our "PTA" have raised money which provides much needed "extras" which wouldn't otherwise be unaffordable.

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Review of Controls and Management of Risks

We operate within the context of a small village school with the resources for only limited staffing. Our budget is small and the financial margins within which we work very tight. The level of financial risk is low and in the view of our governing body our controls are measured and appropriate. Review of our arrangements is an integral part of the discussions, and work, of our governors.

Lessons Learned

We operate a very tight budget with a growing roll leading to significant difficulties relating to the provision of staffing on funds based on a census return which is nearly twelve months out of date at the start of the new financial year.

We have operated for many years in an area of very low financial resource, and whilst academy status has allowed greater flexibility and control, there is still disparity between our status and the national average. Within this context we have constantly reviewed and adapted the way in which we allocate our funds to achieve our aims. In the view of our governors our academy achieves outstanding results with very limited funds, and as such we believe that we offer outstanding 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 Bradworthy Primary Academy for the year ended 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The risk and control framework

The Academy Trust's system of internal 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 implications and effects of COVID-19 on our operations.

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The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function.

The board of trustees has decided to appoint Devon Audit services as internal auditor. The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of control account/ bank reconciliations

On a timely basis, the internal auditor reports to the board of trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

There were no material control or other issues reported by the Responsible Officer to date.

Review of effectiveness

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

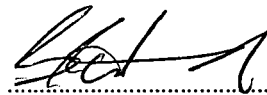
- the work of the responsible officer and internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self assessment process;
- the work of the finance staff within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

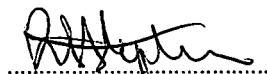
Conclusion

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on ~~20.12.24~~ 20.12.24 and signed on its behalf by:



B P W Radford
Trustee



R J Stephenson
Accounting officer
Trustee

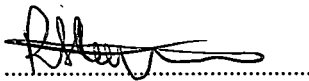
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Statement of regularity, propriety and compliance

As Accounting Officer of Bradworthy Primary Academy, I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the academy trust board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of 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 Trust Handbook 2023.

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



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R Stephenson
Accounting Officer

Date: 20.12.2024

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who act as the governors of Bradworthy Primary Academy and 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 Annual Accounts Direction published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

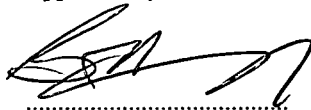
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board on ~~20/12/21~~ 20/12/24 and signed on its behalf by:



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B P W Radford
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Bradworthy Primary Academy

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bradworthy Primary Academy (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its results 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 Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of 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 in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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

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

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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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' report been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 22], the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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.

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The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

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

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the academy sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2019, The academies Accounts Direction, the Academies Financial Handbook, The Equality Act, The Data Protection Act in addition to various employment, environmental, fire safety, health and safety legislation and safeguarding legislation.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management, reviewing licenses, certificates and relevant correspondence including the inspection of legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Academy and its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Thompson Jenner LLP

David Tucker (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Thompson Jenner LLP, Statutory Auditor

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Exmouth
Devon
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Date: *20/12/24*

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Bradworthy Primary Academy and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 6 November 2024 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Bradworthy Primary Academy during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of the board of trustees's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of the board of trustees's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 March 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

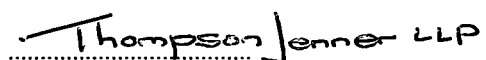
- Inspection and review of documentaion providing evidence of governance procedures
- Evaluation of the system of internal controls for authorisation and approval
- Performing substantive tests on relevant assumptions
- Evaluation of incoming resources and resources expended being in line with the charitable objectives of the academy and in line with any restrictions imposed.

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Bradworthy Primary Academy and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (continued)

Conclusion

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



David Tucker

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2024/23 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	6,604	-	49,464	56,068
Other trading activities	4	3,901	4,500	-	8,401
Investments	5	190	-	-	190
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	<u>18,600</u>	<u>1,313,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,332,467</u>
Total		<u>29,295</u>	<u>1,318,367</u>	<u>49,464</u>	<u>1,397,126</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	22,031	38,027	-	60,058
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	7	<u>70</u>	<u>1,221,340</u>	<u>34,696</u>	<u>1,256,106</u>
Total		<u>22,101</u>	<u>1,259,367</u>	<u>34,696</u>	<u>1,316,164</u>
Net income		7,194	59,000	14,768	80,962
Transfers between funds		(68,340)	(53,000)	121,340	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		(61,146)	31,000	136,108	105,962
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2023		<u>108,088</u>	<u>(74,000)</u>	<u>1,922,880</u>	<u>1,956,968</u>
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2024		<u>46,942</u>	<u>(43,000)</u>	<u>2,058,988</u>	<u>2,062,930</u>

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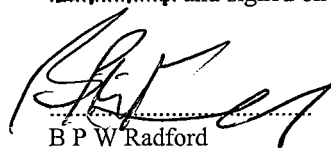
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2023/22 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	13,132	-	55,823	68,955
Other trading activities	4	11,891	701	-	12,592
Investments	5	507	-	-	507
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	<u>18,362</u>	<u>1,228,721</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>1,347,083</u>
Total		<u>43,892</u>	<u>1,229,422</u>	<u>155,823</u>	<u>1,429,137</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	23,323	40,656	-	63,979
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	7	<u>70</u>	<u>1,162,160</u>	<u>34,781</u>	<u>1,197,011</u>
Total		<u>23,393</u>	<u>1,202,816</u>	<u>34,781</u>	<u>1,260,990</u>
Net income		20,499	26,606	121,042	168,147
Transfers between funds		(79,396)	(219,168)	298,564	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	<u>-</u>	<u>134,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,000</u>
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		(58,897)	(58,562)	419,606	302,147
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2022		<u>166,985</u>	<u>(15,438)</u>	<u>1,503,274</u>	<u>1,654,821</u>
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2023		<u>108,088</u>	<u>(74,000)</u>	<u>1,922,880</u>	<u>1,956,968</u>

Bradworthy Primary Academy
(Registration number: 07530497)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,058,988	1,922,880
Current assets			
Debtors	12	51,533	34,621
Cash at bank and in hand	19	<u>99,334</u>	<u>168,509</u>
		150,867	203,130
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(103,925)</u>	<u>(95,042)</u>
Net current assets		<u>46,942</u>	<u>108,088</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,105,930</u>	<u>2,030,968</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		2,105,930	2,030,968
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	22	<u>(43,000)</u>	<u>(74,000)</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,062,930</u>	<u>1,956,968</u>
Funds of the Academy:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted fixed asset fund	14	2,058,988	1,922,880
Pension reserve	14	<u>(43,000)</u>	<u>(74,000)</u>
		2,015,988	1,848,880
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted general fund	14	<u>46,942</u>	<u>108,088</u>
Total funds		<u>2,062,930</u>	<u>1,956,968</u>

The financial statements on pages 29 to 53 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on ~~29/12/24~~ and signed on their behalf by:


 B P W Radford
 Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	51,975	104,029
Cash flows from investing activities	18	<u>(121,150)</u>	<u>(398,057)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(69,175)	(294,028)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		<u>168,509</u>	<u>462,537</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	19	<u><u>99,334</u></u>	<u><u>168,509</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

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

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 company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Sponsorship income

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Donations

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

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

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

Donated fixed assets

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 is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy trust's accounting policies.

Expenditure

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £250 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. 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 such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the Academy Trust's depreciation policy.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful lives, per the table below.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Leasehold land	Straight line over lease term
Leasehold buildings	2% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line basis
Computer equipment	20% straight line basis

Liabilities

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

Provisions

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

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

Leased assets

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

Financial Instruments

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 12. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 13. 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 charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Taxation

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

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

Pension benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on 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 net income/(expenditure) are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2024/23 Total £	2023/22 Total £
Capital grants	-	49,464	49,464	55,823
Other donations	6,604	-	6,604	13,132
	<u>6,604</u>	<u>49,464</u>	<u>56,068</u>	<u>68,955</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	2024/23 Total £	2023/22 Total £
Educational operations				
DfE/ESFA revenue grants				
General Annual Grant	-	1,058,259	1,058,259	977,606
Universal Infant Free School Meals	-	29,564	29,564	60,974
Other DfE/EFA Grants	-	90,490	90,490	35,710
Pupil premium	-	79,367	79,367	92,451
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,257,680</u>	<u>1,257,680</u>	<u>1,166,741</u>
Other government grants				
Local Authority Grants	-	3,250	3,250	4,500
Special Educational Grants	-	10,700	10,700	6,103
DCC - STRAT	-	-	-	100,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,950</u>	<u>13,950</u>	<u>110,603</u>
Non-government grants and other income				
Catering Income	18,600	-	18,600	18,362
Sales to students	-	4,927	4,927	4,750
Educational trips and visits	-	31,262	31,262	30,211
Other Income	-	6,048	6,048	-
	<u>18,600</u>	<u>42,237</u>	<u>60,837</u>	<u>53,323</u>
Covid-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	16,416
Total grants	<u>18,600</u>	<u>1,313,867</u>	<u>1,332,467</u>	<u>1,347,083</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	2024/23 Total £	2023/22 Total £
Hire of facilities	3,000	-	3,000	2,750
Other sales	901	4,500	5,401	9,842
	3,901	4,500	8,401	12,592

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024/23 Total £	2023/22 Total £
Short term deposits	190	190	507
	190	190	507

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

6 Expenditure

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

		2024/23		2023/22
		£		£
Operating lease rentals		14,420		15,596
Depreciation		34,696		34,782
Fees payable to auditor - audit		5,725		5,000
- other audit services		5,911		3,938
		<u>5,911</u>		<u>3,938</u>
	Non Pay Expenditure			
		2024/23		2023/22
		Total		Total
		£		£
	Staff costs		Premises	Other costs
	£		£	£
Expenditure on raising funds				
Direct costs	-	-	60,058	63,979
Academy's educational operations				
Direct costs	868,950	-	50,228	919,178
Allocated support costs	172,676	97,951	66,301	336,928
	<u>1,041,626</u>	<u>97,951</u>	<u>176,587</u>	<u>1,316,164</u>
				<u>1,260,990</u>

7 Charitable activities

		2024/23		2023/22
		£		£
Direct costs - educational operations		919,178		845,164
Support costs - educational operations		336,928		351,847
		<u>1,256,106</u>		<u>1,197,011</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

7 Charitable activities (continued)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Analysis of support costs - Educational operations		
Support staff costs	172,676	194,722
Depreciation	34,696	34,781
Technology costs	13,596	12,654
Premises costs	63,255	59,436
Other support costs	44,645	42,244
Governance costs	8,060	8,010
Total support costs	336,928	351,847

8 Staff

Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	795,797	746,133
Social security costs	64,335	59,276
Pension costs	181,494	188,692
	1,041,626	994,101

Staff numbers

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

	2024/23 No	2023/22 No
Teachers	10	12
Administration and support	19	19
Management	2	2
	31	33

Higher paid staff

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

	2024/23 No	2023/22 No
£70,001 - £80,000	1	1

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

8 Staff (continued)

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £281,863 (2023: £272,886).

9 Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the academy trust. The principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

R J Stephenson:

Remuneration: £75,000 - £80,000 (2023 - £75,000 - £80,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £15,000 - £20,000 (2023 - £15,000 - £20,000)

B Turner:

Remuneration: £50,000 - £55,000 (2023 - £45,000 - £50,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £10,000 - £15,000 (2023 - £10,000 - £15,000)

During the year ended 31 August 2024, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £Nil (2023 - £Nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to 0 trustees (2023 - 0).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 23.

10 Trustees' and officers' insurance

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £	Assets under construction £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	2024/23 Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2023	1,613,556	560,930	34,937	51,350	2,260,773
Additions	<u>2,983</u>	<u>167,563</u>	-	<u>258</u>	<u>170,804</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>1,616,539</u>	<u>728,493</u>	<u>34,937</u>	<u>51,608</u>	<u>2,431,577</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2023	268,104	-	33,240	36,549	337,893
Charge for the year	<u>28,321</u>	-	<u>683</u>	<u>5,692</u>	<u>34,696</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>296,425</u>	-	<u>33,923</u>	<u>42,241</u>	<u>372,589</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2024	<u>1,320,114</u>	<u>728,493</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>9,367</u>	<u>2,058,988</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,345,452</u>	<u>560,930</u>	<u>1,697</u>	<u>14,801</u>	<u>1,922,880</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
VAT recoverable	15,617	9,063
Prepayments	21,986	11,468
Accrued grant and other income	13,930	14,090
	51,533	34,621

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	15,139	-
Other taxation and social security	15,151	15,306
Accruals	34,624	41,222
Deferred income	17,246	19,489
Pension scheme creditor	21,765	19,025
	103,925	95,042

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September 2023	19,489	16,962
Resources deferred in the period	17,246	19,489
Amounts released from previous periods	(19,489)	(16,962)
Deferred income at 31 August 2024	17,246	19,489

At the balance sheet date the Academy was holding funds received in advance for Universal Infant Free School Meals funding.

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted funds					
<i>Restricted general funds</i>					
General Annual Grant	-	1,058,259	(1,005,259)	(53,000)	-
Universal Free School Meals	-	29,564	(29,564)	-	-
Other DfE/EFA Grants	-	90,490	(90,490)	-	-
Other Restricted Funds	-	46,737	(46,737)	-	-
Other Government Grants	-	13,950	(13,950)	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	79,367	(79,367)	-	-
Total restricted general funds	<u>-</u>	<u>1,318,367</u>	<u>(1,265,367)</u>	<u>(53,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Pension reserve funds</i>					
Pension Reserve	(74,000)	-	6,000	25,000	(43,000)
<i>Restricted fixed asset funds</i>					
DfE/EFA Capital Grant	373,423	6,464	(13,047)	-	366,840
Capital Expenditure from Unrestricted Funds	114,643	-	(932)	68,340	182,051
Capital Expenditure from GAG	360,803	-	(2,374)	53,000	411,429
Fixed Assets from Predecessor School	939,011	-	(18,331)	-	920,680
Capital Expenditure from Donations	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
Capital Expenditure from LA grants	100,000	43,000	(12)	-	142,988
Total restricted fixed asset funds	<u>1,922,880</u>	<u>49,464</u>	<u>(34,696)</u>	<u>121,340</u>	<u>2,058,988</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>1,848,880</u>	<u>1,367,831</u>	<u>(1,294,063)</u>	<u>93,340</u>	<u>2,015,988</u>
<i>Unrestricted general funds</i>					
Unrestricted funds	108,088	29,295	(22,101)	(68,340)	46,942
Total unrestricted funds	108,088	29,295	(22,101)	(68,340)	46,942
Total endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>1,956,968</u>	<u>1,397,126</u>	<u>(1,316,164)</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>2,062,930</u>

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14 Funds (continued)

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

General Annual Grant (GAG) – This fund includes income from the ESFA which is to be used for the running costs of the Academy, including education and support costs. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that could be carried forward.

Pupil Premium - Pupil premium represents funding received from the ESFA for children that qualify for free school meals to enable the academy to address the current underlying inequalities between those children and their peers.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) – This grant income has been received to support the Academy in delivering the legal requirement to offer free school meals, meeting the school food standards, to all pupils in year groups reception, year 1 and year 2.

Other DfE/ESFA Grants – Includes the PE and Sport grant is to provide additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport and the mainstream school additional grant.

Other Restricted Funds - This includes income relating to the provision of trips and visits provided by the school and donations received for specific projects.

Other Government Grants – This includes grant funding received from the local authority towards the costs of providing teaching and support for pupils with special educational needs.

Pension Reserve – This fund represents the pension deficit for Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) as revalued in note 22.

DfE/ESFA capital grants – Grants from the ESFA/DfE to be spent on capital related expenditure.

Capital expenditure from GAG – This fund includes transfers from the GAG restricted fund for capital related expenditure.

Fixed assets from predecessor school – This fund relates to the transfer of fixed assets on conversion to academy status from the previous school.

Capital expenditure from Donations - This fund includes funding received from donations to be spent on capital related expenditure.

Capital expenditure from LA grants - This fund includes funding received from the local authority grants to be spent on capital related expenditure.

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14 Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Restricted funds					
<i>Restricted general funds</i>					
General Annual Grant	167,562	977,606	(926,000)	(219,168)	-
Universal Free School Meals	-	60,974	(60,974)	-	-
Other DfE/EFA Grants	-	35,710	(35,710)	-	-
Other Restricted Funds	-	35,662	(35,662)	-	-
Other Government Grants	-	10,603	(10,603)	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	92,451	(92,451)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	16,416	(16,416)	-	-
Total restricted general funds	<u>167,562</u>	<u>1,229,422</u>	<u>(1,177,816)</u>	<u>(219,168)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Pension reserve funds</i>					
Pension Reserve	(183,000)	-	(25,000)	134,000	(74,000)
<i>Restricted fixed asset funds</i>					
DfE/EFA Capital Grant	366,064	20,823	(13,464)	-	373,423
Capital Expenditure from Unrestricted Funds	36,148	-	(901)	79,396	114,643
Capital Expenditure from GAG Fixed Assets from Predecessor School	143,716	-	(2,081)	219,168	360,803
Capital Expenditure from Donations	957,346	-	(18,335)	-	939,011
Capital Expenditure from LA grants	-	35,000	-	-	35,000
Total restricted fixed asset funds	<u>1,503,274</u>	<u>155,823</u>	<u>(34,781)</u>	<u>298,564</u>	<u>1,922,880</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>1,487,836</u>	<u>1,385,245</u>	<u>(1,237,597)</u>	<u>213,396</u>	<u>1,848,880</u>
<i>Unrestricted general funds</i>					
Unrestricted funds	166,985	43,892	(23,393)	(79,396)	108,088
Total unrestricted funds	166,985	43,892	(23,393)	(79,396)	108,088
Total endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>1,654,821</u>	<u>1,429,137</u>	<u>(1,260,990)</u>	<u>134,000</u>	<u>1,956,968</u>

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,058,988	2,058,988
Current assets	48,271	70,055	32,541	150,867
Current liabilities	(1,329)	(70,055)	(32,541)	(103,925)
Pension scheme liability	-	(43,000)	-	(43,000)
Total net assets	46,942	(43,000)	2,058,988	2,062,930

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

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Prior Period				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	1,922,880	1,922,880
Current assets	109,399	67,231	26,500	203,130
Current liabilities	(1,311)	(67,231)	(26,500)	(95,042)
Pension scheme liability	-	(74,000)	-	(74,000)
Total net assets	108,088	(74,000)	1,922,880	1,956,968

16 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

Operating leases

At 31 August 2024 the total of the Academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts due within one year	9,620	12,686
Amounts due between one and five years	21,151	8,866
	30,771	21,552

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17 Reconciliation of net income to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income	80,962	168,147
Depreciation	34,696	34,781
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(49,464)	(55,823)
Interest receivable	(190)	(507)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(9,000)	19,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	3,000	6,000
Increase in debtors	(16,912)	(16,559)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	8,883	(51,010)
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>51,975</u>	<u>104,029</u>

18 Cash flows from investing activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	190	507
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(170,804)	(454,387)
Capital grants from DfE/EFA	49,464	55,823
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(121,150)</u>	<u>(398,057)</u>

19 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand and at bank	99,334	168,509
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>99,334</u>	<u>168,509</u>

20 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2023	Cash flows	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£
Cash	168,509	(69,175)	99,334
Total	<u>168,509</u>	<u>(69,175)</u>	<u>99,334</u>

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21 Member 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.

22 Pension and similar obligations

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

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

Contributions amounting to £21,765 (2023 - £19,025) were payable to the schemes at 31 August and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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22 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

The key elements of the valuation outcome are:

- employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.

- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million.

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £121,778 (2023: £106,113).

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

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

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £87,000 (2023 - £81,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £69,000 (2023 - £64,000) and employees' contributions totalled £18,000 (2023 - £17,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22.9 per cent for employers and between 5.5 and 12.5 per cent for employees.

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

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22 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2024	2023
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.90
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.10	5.30
Inflation assumptions (CPI)	2.90	2.90
RPI increases	3.20	3.30

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 August 2024 £'000	At 31 August 2023 £'000
Discount rate +0.1%	(19)	(16)
Discount rate -0.1%	19	16
Mortality assumption + 1 year increase	28	24
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	(27)	(23)
CPI rate +0.1%	18	15
CPI rate -0.1%	(18)	(15)

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

	2024	2023
Retiring today		
Males retiring today	21.40	21.40
Females retiring today	22.70	22.60
Retiring in 20 years		
Males retiring in 20 years	22.70	22.70
Females retiring in 20 years	24.10	24.00

The Academy Trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme were:

	At 31 August 2024 £	At 31 August 2023 £
Equities	534,000	420,000
Other bonds	222,000	171,000
Property	71,000	66,000
Other	137,000	131,000
Total market value of assets	964,000	788,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £101,000 (2023 - £20,000).

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22 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2024/23	2023/22
	£	£
Current service cost (net of employee contributions)	60,000	83,000
Net interest cost	2,000	6,000
Admin expenses	1,000	-
	<u>63,000</u>	<u>89,000</u>
Total amount recognized in the SOFA	<u>63,000</u>	<u>89,000</u>

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

	2024/23	2023/22
	£	£
At start of period	862,000	899,000
Current service cost	60,000	83,000
Interest cost	46,000	38,000
Employee contributions	18,000	17,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	32,000	(166,000)
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(9,000)
	<u>1,007,000</u>	<u>862,000</u>
At 31 August	<u>1,007,000</u>	<u>862,000</u>

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

	2024/23	2023/22
	£	£
At start of period	788,000	716,000
Interest income	43,000	32,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	57,000	(32,000)
Employer contributions	69,000	64,000
Employee contributions	18,000	17,000
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(9,000)
	<u>964,000</u>	<u>788,000</u>
At 31 August	<u>964,000</u>	<u>788,000</u>

23 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.

There were no related party transactions in the year, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 9.