
LEVERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	V Brelsford A Jee K Jones Diocese of Nottingham and Southwell Educational Trust
Governors	S Attenborrow (Resigned 2 November 2020) V Brelsford, Joint Chair of Governors M Cantrill R Chadwick, Headteacher and Accounting Officer V Gray, Staff Governor O Lord C Saint (resigned 13 December 2020) S Simpson H Turner, Joint Chair of Governors E Walker J Langheld (appointed 14 January 2021)
Company Registered Number	07998451
Company Name	Leverton Church of England Academy
Principal and Registered Office	Main Street North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AD
Senior Leadership Team	R Chadwick, Headteacher J Bailey, Assistant Headteacher and SENCO Z Sirrell, Office Manager
Independent Auditors	Streets Audit LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House Lucy Tower Street Lincoln LN1 1XW
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GOVERNORS' REPORT
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The governors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's reports of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. The annual report serves the purposes of both a governors' report and a directors' report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for pupils aged 2 to 11 years serving a catchment area in the locality of North & South Leverton and surrounding villages.

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 governors of Leverton Church of England Academy are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Leverton C of E Academy.

Details of the governors who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 3.

Members' Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while 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.

Governors' Indemnities

The academy maintains governors' and officers' liability insurance which gives appropriate cover for any legal action brought against its governors. The academy has also granted indemnities to each of its governors and other officers to the extent permitted by law. Qualifying third party indemnity provisions (as defined by section 234 of the Companies Act 2006) were in force during the period and remain in force, in relation to certain losses and liabilities which the governors or other officers may incur to third parties in the course of acting as governors or officers of the academy.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Governors

Under the terms of its Articles: Subject to Articles 48-49 and 64, the academy shall have the following governors:

- up to 6 governors, appointed under Article 50 (members may appoint up to 6 governors);
- foundation governors, appointed and/or holding office further to Article 51;
- any staff governors, if appointed under Article 50A;
- a minimum of 2 parent governors appointed under Articles 53-58;
- the Headteacher;
- any additional governors, if appointed under Article 62, 62A or 68A; and
- any further governors, if appointed under Article 63 or Article 68A.

The members may appoint up to 14 governors save that there shall be no more than three employees of the academy (including the Headteacher) appointed as governors.

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Governors are recruited as far as reasonably possible based on a skills set process to ensure that the governing body has the appropriate expertise to run the academy.

- Subject to Article 57, the parent governors shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the academy. A parent governor must be a parent of a pupil at the academy at the time when he/she is elected.
- The governing body shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine, all other matters relating to the election of parent governors, including any question of whether a person is a parent of a registered pupil at the academy. Any election of parent governors which is contested shall be held by secret ballot.
- The arrangements made for the election of a parent governor shall provide for every person who is entitled to a vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so by post, or if he prefers, by having his ballot paper returned to the academy by a registered pupil at the academy.
- Where a vacancy for a parent governor is required to be filled by election, the governing body shall take such steps as are reasonably practical to secure that every person who is known to them to be a parent of a registered pupil at the academy is informed of the vacancy and that it is required to be filled by election, that they are entitled to stand as a candidate, and vote at the election and be given an opportunity to do so.

The number of parent governors required shall be made up by parent governors appointed by the governing body if the number of parents standing for election is less than the number of vacancies.

Governors are responsible for nominating co-optees' if and when a need is established. The governors may not co-opt an employee of the academy as a co-opted governor if the number of governors who are employed by the academy would thereby exceed three (including the Headteacher).

Vacancies are through the academy clerking services, on the school website or internally via parent post and in academy newsletters. Governors are elected for a four-year period, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Headteacher; subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of governor, any governor may be re-appointed or re-elected.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Governors

The governors receive:

- Object of Leverton C of E Academy.
- Induction for New Governors.
- Code of Conduct for New Governors.
- The Purpose and conduct of Governor Visits.
- Roles and Responsibilities of Governors.
- Governor Training Records.
- Governor Monitoring Records.
- Governors Handbook and Competency Framework.

Organisational Structure

The organisational structure at Leverton C of E Academy consists of three levels: members board, governing body and the senior leadership team (including middle management personnel). The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The members board steer the strategic direction of the academy and are responsible for appointing new governors and members to the board.

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

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The senior leadership team comprises the Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher and Office Manager, with guidance taken from other key middle leaders within the school. These managers control the academy on a day-to-day basis, implementing the policies laid down by the governors and reporting back to them. They are responsible for the day to day operation of the academy, in particular organising the teaching staff, facilities and pupils. As a group, the senior leadership team, are responsible for the authorisation of spending up to a level delegated to them within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, although appointment boards for teaching staff and posts in the senior leadership team always contain at least one governor. Some spending control is devolved to members of the middle leadership team, with limits above which a member of the senior leadership team must countersign. The finance and general purposes committee work closely with the senior leadership team to drive the school development plan and report back to the governing body.

As a single academy, the Accounting Officer for Leverton C of E Academy is the Headteacher.

All delegated responsibilities are outlined fully in the Leverton C of E Academy Terms of Reference and Remit document. This document is reviewed and updated annually and includes:

- Whole Governing Body Remits.
- Organisation and Membership of the members board and governing body at Leverton C of E Academy.
- Link Trustee and Teacher Responsibilities.
- Curriculum, Pupils & Personnel Committee Terms of reference and Remit.
- Finance and General Purposes Committee Terms of reference and Remit.
- Pay Committee
- Complaints Committee.
- Pupil Discipline Committee.
- Headteacher Appraisal Governor Review.
- Admissions and Exclusions

Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Management Personnel

The senior leadership team (SLT) undertakes the day-to-day management of the academy. Governors of the academy are also part of the management team although they receive no pay or other remuneration in respect of their role. Where employee governors are in place, they receive remuneration for their role as employees and not as governors. Their pay is determined in the same way as all other staff at the academy. Further details of remuneration paid to employees who are also governors are set out within the notes to the accounts.

Governors determine remuneration for the senior leader team through the pay committee. The pay committee receives reports on performance management of the Headteacher from the Headteachers' performance management governors, and in the case of other members of the senior leadership team, from the Headteacher. The pay committee makes decisions based upon reports, the position of senior staff within their pay bands and the wider impact of such decisions on the budget.

The pay of the Headteacher is set annually by the pay committee, having taken into account performance management against objectives set in the previous year. Pay for other SLT members is based on recommendation of the Headteacher through the performance management process.

Related Parties and Other Connected Charities and Organisations

The academy works with, and is supported by, Leverton Academy PTA. The PTA is a charitable organisation run by volunteers and whose sole purpose is to raise funds for the advancement of education of pupils attending Leverton C of E Academy. It has been very difficult to carry out much fundraising from the PTA during these times, and it has been difficult to recruit new members to the PTA.

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Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The academy trust's object ("the object") is specifically restricted to the following:

a) to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school with a designated Church of England religious character offering a broad and balanced curriculum conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship (as required by the Funding Agreement) and in having regard to the advice of the Diocesan Board of Education.

b) to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Leverton and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The objectives of the academy are to:

- To develop and embed the leadership and management of all stakeholders across the academy.
- To fully establish the new curriculum and assessment systems.
- To develop an open culture which actively promotes confident, self-assured learners.
- To ensure progress and attainment of all groups across the school is at least good.
- To ensure the quality of Early Years Provision is at least good.
- To enhance the Christian distinctiveness of our school.

Public Benefit

The governors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission (on their website at Charities and Public Benefit) in exercising their powers or duties.

Leverton C of E Academy is an academy converter catering for children aged 2 to 11 years old and strives to promote and support the advancement of education within the villages of North and South Leverton and other surrounding villages. The academy provides an extensive programme of educational and recreational activity -all designed to contribute to the overall education of our students in areas such as academic distinction, music, the arts and sport. For example, the academy works with:

- The local church & community groups to develop community events both in and out of school.
- Local MP, Parish Council and the GP Surgery
- Local sports clubs for training, coaching & competitions.
- Additional music teachers.
- The Leverton Churches, Messy Church
- Feeder Secondary schools

Wherever possible the academy also aims to contribute to the benefit of the wider public, by making available the premises to third parties for the provision of educational and other opportunities. For example:

- Local sports clubs use the hall for clubs during the school holidays & after school. (This has not been possible during this academic year due to the ongoing pandemic)
- The PTA use the school to hold a range of fundraising activities for the children, families and the wider community.

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Although these have been limited in line with Covid-19 Guidelines.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The governors believe that the academy's aims, together with the activities outlined above, are demonstrably to the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

As a result of the pandemic, many of the events that the children normally participate in have been unable to be held.

In the Autumn Term the Y5 children were involved in an online sports leaders training event, the school supported world mental health day and the reception children held a mock wedding. Once the children returned to school in March 2021 we began to reintroduce a range of events such as: meet an engineer online, cricket coaching sessions, science day, virtual bedtime stories and each class participated in a trip at the end of the year. Willow Class went to Perlethorpe, Elm Class went to The Butterfly House, Ash Class went to Cleethorpes, and Oak Class went to the Holocaust Centre.

As a school we have continued to work closely with the local church community for Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas and Easter, where restrictions allowed, Christmas performances were online instead of inviting parents into the school hall as we normally would.

Our end of year celebration assembly for our Y6 leavers was held socially distanced on the playground.

The church also supports activities within school such as messy church sessions, but these have been on hold due to Covid-19

The Academy, with its School Council, also supported a range of charities over the past year through different fundraising events. We helped Macmillan Coffee, Children in Need and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Academy Results

No published data due to Covid-19.

Covid-19 Update

In light of the Global pandemic which saw schools facing continued unprecedented challenges, we remained open to provide key worker provision for our community during the lockdown in Spring Term in 2021. This was staffed by the teachers and TAs, with the children at home joining the lessons live via Microsoft TEAMS. Staff provided support for parents during this time via telephone conversations, online meetings and regular messages.

Key Financial Performance Indicators

The governors consider that the following are key financial performance indicators for the academy:

Pupil numbers (leading directly to the Education and Skills Funding Agency ("ESFA") funding level); the school currently has a nearly full PAN of 15 in some years' groups. The academy monitors the prospective pupil numbers through our Early Years provision. Numbers of families with children within the locality allow us to be confident that the numbers present a sustainable model for future admissions.

Financial stability: The academy will always try to match income with expenditure within each year (set and manage a balanced budget), and will only carry forward reserves that it considers necessary (in line with the Reserves Policy).

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The governors have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves for this financial year should be equivalent to one month's payroll cost, approximately £30,000. This is re-calculated on an annual basis. In addition:

- The school meals service should be self-funding.
- Maintenance of a positive cash balance that never falls below the next month's cash expenditure commitments.
- Maintenance of current assets that are at least twice the value of current liabilities (the Solvency Ratio).
- Income per pupil.
- That a clear audit trail for income from Pupil Premium and Sports Funding can be followed to demonstrate spend and links to outcomes in terms of progress and attainment.
- Ofsted inspection results.

The governors have been pleased that expectations for most of the key performance indicators listed have been successfully met during the period.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the governing body 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

The members of the trust have agreed that the governors can review becoming part of a multi academy trust. If this were to occur then the school would transfer as a going concern out of this legal entity and into the multi academy trust. Following the transfer and after sufficient time had elapsed, this legal entity would commence the process to be dissolved. This process is not expected to be completed within the next twelve months. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Financial Review

Most of the academy's recurrent income is obtained from the ESFA in the form of grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the year ended 31 August 2021 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 August 2021, total expenditure of £740,653 was higher than grant funding from the ESFA together with other incoming resources. The excess of expenditure over income for the year (excluding actuarial movement) was £51,826.

At 31 August 2021, the net book value of fixed assets was £1,021,963 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the financial statements. During the year the assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the academy.

Reserves Policy

The governors review the reserve levels of the academy trust at both the finance and general purposes committee and full governing body level throughout the year. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of the reserves.

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The policy of Leverton C of E Academy is to carry forward a prudent level of resources designed to meet the long-term cyclical needs of renewal and any other unforeseen contingencies. The governors at Leverton C of E Academy require a revenue reserve to be created to fund future expenditure related to the Development Plan's strategic long-term aims and developments.

Academies are expected to create reserves from their annual GAG funding. Currently, the DfE provides minimal funding in the way of Devolved Formula Capital Grant but the academy trust is able to bid for a share of the Academies Condition Improvement Fund as required. The governors of Leverton C of E Academy require a capital reserve to fund future capital expenditure.

The academy's reserves policy:

- Assists in strategic planning by considering how new projects or activities will be funded.
- Informs the budget process by considering whether reserves need to be used during the financial year or built up for future projects.
- Informs the budget and risk management process by identifying any uncertainty in future income streams.

The governors identify:

- When reserves are drawn on, so that they understand the reasons for this and can consider what corrective action, if any, needs to be taken.
- When reserve levels rise significantly above target so that they understand the reasons and can consider the corrective action, if any, that need to be taken.
- When the reserves level is below target, and considers whether this is due to short-term circumstance, or longer term reasons which might trigger a broader review of finances and reserves.

The governors will always try to match income with expenditure within each year (set and manage a balanced budget), and will only carry forward reserves that it considers necessary, having a clear plan for how it will be used to benefit the pupils. The governors have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be equivalent to one month's payroll cost, approximately £30,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grant income and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance or long term sickness where unforeseen costs are incurred.

The academy will monitor the level of reserves to ensure that they are maintained at the required level. In the event that they are partly used the academy will strive to rebuild free reserves up to the level needed.

The value of restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) plus unrestricted funds was £299,762. Of the total restricted fixed assets fund of £1,041,061, £1,021,963 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets.

Investment Policy

The purpose of the Investment Policy is to ensure that any surplus funds are invested well so that they achieve the best financial returns with the minimum risk. Good financial returns mean that more money can be spent on educating pupils. Adequate cash balances must be maintained to ensure that there are always sufficient funds in the academy's current account to cover financial commitments such as payroll and day-to-day expenses. If there is a surplus of funds after all financial commitments have been considered, this surplus will be invested.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Leverton C of E Academy full governing body complete a Risk Analysis Matrix termly in order to ensure compliance with the ESFA Funding Agreement. The areas listed below are given consideration through the completion of this annual process.

Operational and reputational - this covers risks to the running of the academy (including the capacity of staff and buildings to meet the needs of pupils) and its performance in delivering the curriculum.

Financial - covering risks to the academy's financial position, including revenue streams, cost control and cash management.

The risks to which the academy is exposed arise both internally and externally. External risks include those in respect of future funding levels, competition, changes to rules and regulations, and the financial position of staff pension schemes.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The academy does not use complex financial instruments. It manages its activities using cash and various items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the academy trust to a number of financial risks which are described in more detail below. The main risks arising from the academy's financial instruments are liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk.

Liquidity risk - the academy manages its cash resources, including sufficient working capital, so that all its operating needs are met without the need for short-term borrowing.

Interest rate risk - the academy earns interest on the current account. With interest rates currently low, the governors will consider action to increase the income in line with the academy's Reserves and Investment Policies, provided it does not jeopardise the liquidity or security of the academy's assets.

Credit risk arises from the possibility that amounts owed to the academy will not be repaid. The academy does not undertake credit activities so it is only exposed to credit risk as it arises from normal business. Credit risk is managed through the use of approved banks and the prompt collection of amounts due.

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The governing body identify the following policies relating to risk management:

Health and Safety Policy.
Fire Safety Policy.
First Aid Policy.
Emergency Plan Procedure.
Whistle Blowing Policy.
Anti-Corruption and Bribery Policy.
Reserves Policy.
Cash Handling Policy.
Capital and Revenue Reserves Policy.
Data Protection Policy.
Behaviour Policy.
Visits and Trips Policy.
Finance Policy.
Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.
Staff Handbook.
Charging and Remissions Policy.
Fraud Policy.
Lettings Policy.
Investment Policy.
Write Off & Asset Disposal Register.
GDPR Policy.

These areas of risk of regularly reviewed by appropriate staff, the senior management team and the full governing body. All changes made to policies identified as relevant to risk management are approved and signed off by the governing body. Adherence to, and awareness of changes within the Academies Financial Handbook are priority.

The following policies and registers are also in place and reviewed annually by the governing body:

Register of Business Interests.
School Development Plan.
Financial Delegation (Contained within Finance Policy).
Statement of Internal Control.
FMGS and Risk Matrix Tool.

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The governors of the academy oversee risk management through a series of elements:

- **Policy and Procedure**

Policy and procedures (as above) are set and approved by governors. They are implemented and communicated to staff and visitors through the Headteacher. Written procedures provide structure to policies where appropriate.

- **Termly Reporting**

Termly reporting to the full governing body enables monitoring of the key risks and provides opportunity for problems to be highlighted.

- **Business Planning and Budgeting**

Development planning and the budgeting process is used to set objectives, agree action plans and allocate resources. Progress towards meeting the academy's objectives is monitored regularly.

- **Responsible Officer (RO)**

The RO will report to the governing body on internal controls and alert governors to any emerging issues as they arise. The RO is well placed to provide advice on the effectiveness of the internal control system, including risk management.

- **Finance Governor**

The Finance Governor/Chair of Finance meets with the Business Administrator to do a series of internal audit checks, with a range of financial transactions being tested at each visit.

- **External Audit**

The external audit provides feedback to the governors on the operation of the internal financial controls reviewed as part of the annual audit.

- **Third Party Reports**

The use of external consultants will be necessary in areas such as health and safety and Human Resources. The use of such specialists will be used to increase the reliability of the internal control system.

Plans for Future Periods

The governing body of the academy set key objectives in order to plan for future periods of operation.

- A key area of future work involves the development of the EYFS outdoor area.
- In addition to this, we look to continue the development of our wider outdoor areas to link with the forest schools provision, ensuring that all children are given the opportunity to experience the joys of being outdoors.
- We continue to support the staff team in developing a curriculum which reflects the local community and the needs of our children.
- Where guidance allows to get parents back into school
- To develop the outdoor area with the purchase of equipment for the children.
- Recruit a full complement of governors

Areas for whole school development

- To develop and implement an adapted curriculum (where necessary) that supports pupils development of key skills and knowledge.
- To further develop curriculum leadership to ensure a coherently planned and sequenced curriculum, which is ambitious for all children, is embedded.
- To develop a coherent and consistent approach to the teaching and learning of phonics and early reading across the school.

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Auditor

Insofar as the governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the governors 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 Governors' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of governors, as the company directors, on 17 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



V Brelsford
Joint Chair of Governors

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

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

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

The board of governors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Leverton Church of England Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of governors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

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Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' report and in the Statement of Governors' responsibilities. The board of governors has formally met 3 times during the year.

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

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
S Attenborrow	0	0
V Brelsford	3	3
M Cantrill	3	3
R Chadwick	3	3
V Gray (Maternity leave)	0	3
O Lord	3	3
C Saint	1	1
S Simpson	1	2
H Turner	3	3
E Walker	2	3
J Langheld	2	2

We hope that this report will give parents/carers an insight into the work of the Governing Body at Leverton Church of England Academy, and reflect some of the things which make our school such a caring and inspirational place for all the children.

Despite the ongoing turbulent times the Governing Body are please to document that we do have positive and encouraging developments to report during the 2020/2021 academic year. We would like to thank the whole staff team at Leverton Church of England Academy, for their contributions towards the Academy's continued improvements and success, especially so during the ongoing pandemic. This year has continued to be a year of challenge, and again we want to thank our Headteacher Miss Chadwick for her continued dedicated leadership.

In addition to all the regular GB committee meetings, governors regularly visit the school, and our Joint Chairs meet with the Headteacher on a regular basis to support her work and be kept abreast of important matters, and our vice chair continued to meet regularly with our School Office Manager to keep abreast of the schools finances and to offer support to this role.

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Governance (continued)

Governors have continued to pay termly visits to the academy to ensure monitoring was effective this was done in a combination of virtual visits and in person visits. With Covid-19 measures still in place, a close working relationship remained between the Governing Body and the Senior Leadership team to ensure that risk assessments and appropriate safety measures were in place following the latest guidelines from the DFE. Priority was placed on making sure that the health, safety and wellbeing of all staff and pupils was given our full consideration.

Fortunately, the Academy was able to re-open in the Autumn Term 2020 following the flood in the summer term. We also started this Academic year with the opening of our new Early Years Provision. The Academy is now able to offer high quality Early Years provision for families with children aged 2 and over. Work took place over the Summer holidays 2020 to provide a classroom within school which was fit for purpose. New equipment was purchased, and the addition of a kitchenette and nappy change area in this provision, along with a small outdoor area outside this classroom were created. The Early Years provision has continued to increase in pupil numbers and this is very positive to see and feedback from parents has been very positive. With children attending who don't live in our catchment area, because the provision has been recommended to them.

The Academy saw the return of home schooling when the country went into another "lockdown" in January 2021 requesting all children to be home schooled where possible. The children were well equipped with the technology in place to be able to carry out their learning with "live teaching and input" from the class teacher and encouraged to complete their work and then "turn it in" for the teacher to look at. Laptops were lent to the children who needed them, and the school remained open for any children of Keyworkers so that they could access the provision when needed. All children returned to school on 8th March 2021. The feedback from parents was that despite everything this was a positive experience and they felt very supported as a family unit. The return to school for all children was as smooth as it could be with a higher focus on the children's well-being in the first few weeks to ensure a positive transition. The Academy was forced to close for a week towards the end of the Summer Term due to staff having to isolate following the instructions from NHS Track and Trace. The children were taught on TEAMS for 5 days with enrichment activities.

This academic year saw the introduction of a new school website, which proved to be easier to navigate and for staff to update regularly. The website is also more user friendly for parents/wider community.

As always, the board of governors has been keen to ensure that the academy reflects the needs of the local families which it serves and that it continues to work closely with others within the community to maintain its local character.

Governor succession planning remained a key objective for further improvement. This year saw Mrs Hayley Turner continue in the role as joint Chair of the Governing Body alongside Dr Victoria Brelsford, and Mr Mike Saint continued as Vice-Chair to the Governing Body until the end of the Autumn Term, as his term of office came to an end at the start of the Spring Term. It saw the end of term of Office in the Autumn Term 2020 for Stacey Attenborrow, and for Mrs Sara Simpson at the beginning of the Summer Term of 2021, after taking on a new term of office in the Autumn Term 2020, and again we thank them all for their contributions whilst on the Governing Body. It also saw Miss Victoria Knight join us as a staff observer whilst Mrs Victoria Gray was on maternity leave, and we thank Miss Knight for her valued contributions to our meetings during this year. We were joined also by Mrs Johanna Langheld, who was appointed as a Foundation Governor by the Diocese in the Spring Term of 2021. The Academy is keen to recruit further parent governors in order to ensure representation of families attending the school.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

It is still the aim of the board to strengthen the role of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and that priority remains to recruit a further Governing Body member with knowledge around finance and business. When appointing new members, the Governing Body always gives consideration to the skills and experienced mix of existing members in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to its development.

The Governing Body remains a supportive employer and encourages a whole staff voice. During the spring term of this academic year Mrs Turner and Mrs Simpson carried out well-being visits either via teams or in person once the school reopened. We felt this was important to listen to our staff especially after the times we have had and continued to have. All but one member of staff took the opportunity to meet with the Governors.

In addition to thanking staff for all their hard work and dedication to the school during this uncertain academic year, we would also like to thank all families for the patience and understanding they have continued to show during this time. We would also like to thank our Full Governing Body for its continued support, time and dedication. As ever, the Board of Governors look forward to working with the whole staff team on the Academy's continued journey of improvement and would like to express their gratitude to all staff for their continued dedication to the school, its' pupils and their families.

The governors consider that they have had sufficient oversight given the provision of regular financial information as well as the meetings of the sub-committees in the year. In addition, regular monitoring visits are attended by the governors.

The Finance and Personnel Committee is a sub-committee of the board of governors. Its purpose is to determine, approve and monitor the academy's budget, budgetary systems and allocation of resources, including pay, premises, health and safety, and security responsibilities. One of the Committee's responsibilities is routine budget setting and monitoring, as well as ensuring the academy provides a safe educational environment.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
V Brelsford	3	3
R Chadwick	3	3
O Lord	3	3
C Saint	1	1
J Langheld	1	1
H Turner	3	3

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of value for money

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

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

- Producing spending forecasts linked to the key priorities in the School Development Plan. This outlines at least 3 options for substantial spending and appraised the pros and cons of each option; ensuring best values in relation to pricing and effectiveness.
- Pupil Premium and Sports Funding has been more rigorously allocated and monitored; reviewing the impact of the spending and the benefits for the children.
- Termly external audit procedures ensure value for money is monitored and reported on.
- A review of all contracts has been carried out throughout the year to ensure value for money; ensuring best value and service.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy 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 Leverton Church of England Academy for the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of governors has reviewed the key risks to which the academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of governors is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of governors.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The risk and control framework

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

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

The board of governors has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the governors have appointed , a governor, to carry out a programme of internal checks.

The reviewer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the academy's financial systems. The Responsible Officer visited the academy in December 2020 just prior to the lockdown. There was a planned second visit during the year which did not take place due to Covid-19 restrictions. Areas covered during the visit were:

- a review of purchase ordering and payments;
- a review of the academy's payroll system; and
- a review of the academy's website to ensure all statutory information is present.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer, the Headteacher 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;
- the work of the external auditors;
- the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of governors on 17 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



V Brelsford
Joint Chair of Governors



R Chadwick
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Leverton Church of England Academy I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy board of governors and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy, under the funding agreement in place between the academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

I confirm that I and the academy board of governors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

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 governors and ESFA.



R Chadwick
Accounting Officer
Date: 17 December 2021

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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

Company law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the governors 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 governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of governors on 17 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



V Brelsford
Joint Chair of Governors

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
LEVERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Leverton Church of England Academy (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
LEVERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY (CONTINUED)**

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement, the governors (who are also the directors of the academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors 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 governors 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 governors either intend to liquidate the academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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 academy through discussions with management, and from our knowledge and experience of the sector in which it operates;
- 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 academy, including relevant DfE and ESFA guidance, the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting 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 academy'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; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
LEVERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY (CONTINUED)**

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 governors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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 for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

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



Robert Anderson (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

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Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Tower House

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21 December 2021

LEVERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO LEVERTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Leverton Church of England Academy during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 Leverton Church of England Academy and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Leverton Church of England Academy and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Leverton Church of England Academy and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Leverton Church of England Academy's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Leverton Church of England Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 April 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2020, 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 2020 to 2021. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

Our audit work involved:

- a review of the academy systems and controls and confirmation of their operation and effectiveness during the year;
- a detailed review of purchase transactions confirming the purpose, value for money and that appropriate tendering / quotation procedures had been followed in line with the academy finance policy; and
- a review of the related party relationships and internal audit reports.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO LEVERTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Robert Anderson
Streets Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Date: 21 December 2021

LEVERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	5,058	5,058	5,564
Charitable activities		63,581	609,299	-	672,880	610,269
Other trading activities		10,858	-	-	10,858	94,102
Investments	6	31	-	-	31	125
Total income		74,470	609,299	5,058	688,827	710,060
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		74,470	636,938	29,245	740,653	729,348
Total expenditure		74,470	636,938	29,245	740,653	729,348
Net income / (expenditure)		-	(27,639)	(24,187)	(51,826)	(19,288)
Transfers between funds	16	-	(5,920)	5,920	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		-	(33,559)	(18,267)	(51,826)	(19,288)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	(106,000)	-	(106,000)	(77,000)
Net movement in funds		-	(139,559)	(18,267)	(157,826)	(96,288)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	-	(354,679)	1,059,328	704,649	<i>800,937</i>
Net movement in funds	-	(139,559)	(18,267)	(157,826)	<i>(96,288)</i>
Total funds carried forward	-	(494,238)	1,041,061	546,823	<i>704,649</i>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 34 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,021,963	1,045,288
		<u>1,021,963</u>	<u>1,045,288</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	14	21,437	96,824
Cash at bank and in hand		339,197	237,623
		<u>360,634</u>	<u>334,447</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(41,774)	(48,086)
Net current assets		<u>318,860</u>	<u>286,361</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,340,823</u>	<u>1,331,649</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		<u>1,340,823</u>	<u>1,331,649</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	22	(794,000)	(627,000)
Total net assets		<u><u>546,823</u></u>	<u><u>704,649</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Funds of the academy			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	16	1,041,061	1,059,328
Restricted income funds	16	299,762	272,321
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	16	<u>1,340,823</u>	<u>1,331,649</u>
Pension reserve	16	<u>(794,000)</u>	<u>(627,000)</u>
Total restricted funds	16	<u>546,823</u>	<u>704,649</u>
Unrestricted income funds	16	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u><u>546,823</u></u>	<u><u>704,649</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 29 to 58 were approved by the governors, and authorised for issue on 17 December 2021 and are signed on their behalf, by:



V Brelsford
Joint Chair of Governors

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	18	102,405	(22,815)
Cash flows from investing activities	19	(831)	(1,431)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		101,574	(24,246)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		237,623	261,869
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20, 21	<u>339,197</u>	<u>237,623</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Leverton Church of England Academy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

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

As disclosed in the Trustees' Report the members have agreed for the governors to review becoming part of a multi academy trust. If this were to occur then the school would transfer and the company would be ultimately dissolved. This is not expected to be completed within the next twelve months.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

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

• **Grants**

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

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

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

• **Donations**

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

• **Other income**

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

1.4 Expenditure

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

• **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Interest receivable

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £200 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold property	- straight line over 50 years
Property improvements	- straight line over 10 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- straight line over 3, 4 and 10 years

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

1.7 Debtors

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

1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank represents amounts held in current bank account facilities only.

1.9 Liabilities

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.11 Pensions

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes.

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

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

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 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 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2021. 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.

Tangible fixed assets are recognised at cost or valuation, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment. Depreciation takes place over the estimated useful life, down to the assessed residual value. The carrying amount of the academy's fixed assets is tested as soon as changed conditions show that a need for impairment has arisen.

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3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	-	-	-
Capital Grants	-	5,058	5,058
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	-	5,058	5,058
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	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Donations	405	-	405
Capital Grants	-	5,159	5,159
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	405	5,159	5,564
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4. Funding for the academy's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
DfE/ESFA grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	473,042	473,042
Other DfE/ESFA grants			
Pupil Premium	-	24,695	24,695
PE & Sports Premium	-	16,840	16,840
Universal Infant Free School Meals	-	10,272	10,272
Teachers Pay Grants	-	17,988	17,988
	-	542,837	542,837
Other Government grants			
Local Authority Grants	-	57,922	57,922
	-	57,922	57,922
Other income from the academy's educational operations	63,581	-	63,581
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)			
Catch-up Premium	-	5,140	5,140
Other Covid Funding	-	3,400	3,400
	-	8,540	8,540
	63,581	609,299	672,880

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4. Funding for the academy's educational operations (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
DfE/ESFA grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	493,987	493,987
Other DfE/ESFA grants			
Pupil Premium	-	30,740	30,740
PE & Sports Premium	-	16,940	16,940
Universal Infant Free School Meals	-	14,212	14,212
Teachers Pay Grants	-	18,303	18,303
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	-	574,182	574,182
Other Government grants			
Local Authority Grants	-	22,819	22,819
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	-	22,819	22,819
Other income from the academy's educational operations	13,268	-	13,268
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	13,268	597,001	610,269
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Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department for Education and ESFA, individually material income streams are no longer reported under the Other DfE Group grants heading, but as separate lines under the Other DfE/ESFA grants heading. The prior year numbers have been reclassified.

During the year the academy received Covid-19 Catch-Up and Covid-19 Emergency Support Funding of £5,140 and £3,400 respectively, all of which was spent in the year.

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5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Lettings Income	45	45	-
Insurance Claims	10,813	10,813	94,102
	<u>10,858</u>	<u>10,858</u>	<u>94,102</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Bank Interest	31	31	125

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7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2021 £	Premises 2021 £	Other 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Educational Operations:				
Direct Costs	449,167	-	38,832	487,999
Support Costs	121,983	32,164	98,507	252,654
	<u>571,150</u>	<u>32,164</u>	<u>137,339</u>	<u>740,653</u>
	<i>Staff Costs 2020 £</i>	<i>Premises 2020 £</i>	<i>Other 2020 £</i>	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
Educational Operations:				
Direct Costs	365,328	-	42,991	408,319
Support Costs	111,110	120,717	89,202	321,029
	<u>476,438</u>	<u>120,717</u>	<u>132,193</u>	<u>729,348</u>

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Educational Operations	<u>487,999</u>	<u>252,654</u>	<u>740,653</u>
	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2020 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Educational Operations	<u>408,319</u>	<u>321,029</u>	<u>729,348</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Staff Costs	444,881	362,390
Educational Supplies	27,716	28,062
Staff Development	3,580	3,710
Other Direct Staff Costs	9,775	8,799
Other Direct Costs	2,047	5,358
	487,999	408,319

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Pension Finance Costs	10,000	9,000
Staff Costs	121,983	111,110
Depreciation	29,245	32,727
Maintenance	11,603	98,298
Rates	3,035	3,208
Insurance	2,142	2,214
Energy	13,682	14,335
Cleaning	1,702	2,662
Technology	17,569	16,800
Transport	2,390	1,000
Catering	10,072	6,867
Other Support Costs	18,827	10,819
Governance Costs	10,404	11,989
	252,654	321,029

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9. Net expenditure

Net expenditure for the year includes:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	2,546	2,546
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	29,245	32,727
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	3,100	3,100
- other services	2,000	3,225
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,225</u>

10. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	395,745	339,604
Social security costs	29,905	24,669
Pension costs	141,214	109,227
	<u>566,864</u>	<u>473,500</u>
Agency staff costs	4,286	2,938
	<u>571,150</u>	<u>476,438</u>

b. Staff numbers

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

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Teachers	7	6
Administration and Support	13	11
	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>

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10. Staff (continued)

b. Staff numbers (continued)

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Teachers	7	6
Administration and Support	8	8
	15	<i>14</i>
	15	<i>14</i>

c. Higher paid staff

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy comprise the governors and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy was £145,000 (2020 - £167,000).

11. Governors' remuneration and expenses

One or more governors has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy. The principal and other staff governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment. The value of governors' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2021	<i>2020</i>
		£	<i>£</i>
R Chadwick	Remuneration	55,000 -	<i>55,000 -</i>
		60,000	<i>60,000</i>
	Pension contributions paid	10,000 -	<i>10,000 -</i>
		15,000	<i>15,000</i>
V Gray	Remuneration	15,000 -	<i>20,000 -</i>
		20,000	<i>25,000</i>
	Pension contributions paid	0 - 5,000	<i>0 - 5,000</i>

During the year ended 31 August 2021, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to governor (2020 - £501 to 1 governor). Expenses represent mileage incurred in performance of their employed roles.

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12. Governors' and Officers' insurance

The academy has opted into the Department of Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects governors 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 governors and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme membership.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Property improvement £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2020	1,151,607	14,337	61,454	1,227,398
Additions	-	-	5,920	5,920
At 31 August 2021	<u>1,151,607</u>	<u>14,337</u>	<u>67,374</u>	<u>1,233,318</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2020	141,837	4,515	35,758	182,110
Charge for the year	20,152	1,434	7,659	29,245
At 31 August 2021	<u>161,989</u>	<u>5,949</u>	<u>43,417</u>	<u>211,355</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2021	<u><u>989,618</u></u>	<u><u>8,388</u></u>	<u><u>23,957</u></u>	<u><u>1,021,963</u></u>
At 31 August 2020	<u><u>1,009,770</u></u>	<u><u>9,822</u></u>	<u><u>25,696</u></u>	<u><u>1,045,288</u></u>

Long-term leasehold property includes land of £144,000 which is not depreciated.

Long-term leasehold property is held under a 125 year lease from Nottinghamshire County Council. The property was initially valued in line with the valuation provided on conversion by the ESFA.

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14. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
VAT reclaimable	5,806	23,932
Prepayments and accrued income	15,631	72,892
	21,437	96,824
	21,437	96,824

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	10,632	17,519
Other taxation and social security	7,731	3,052
Other creditors	10,009	8,939
Accruals and deferred income	13,402	18,576
	41,774	48,086
	41,774	48,086

	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred Income		
Deferred income at 1 September	7,651	14,883
Resources deferred during the year	7,607	7,651
Amounts released from previous periods	(7,651)	(14,883)
	7,607	7,651
	7,607	7,651

At the year-end, the academy had received funding in advance in respect of UIFSM and Local Authority Early Years Funding.

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16. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	-	74,470	(74,470)	-	-	-
Restricted General Funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	267,786	473,042	(453,506)	(5,920)	-	281,402
Other ESFA Grants	4,535	78,335	(64,510)	-	-	18,360
Other Government Grants	-	57,922	(57,922)	-	-	-
Pension Reserve	(627,000)	-	(61,000)	-	(106,000)	(794,000)
	<u>(354,679)</u>	<u>609,299</u>	<u>(636,938)</u>	<u>(5,920)</u>	<u>(106,000)</u>	<u>(494,238)</u>
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds						
Assets on Conversion	932,651	-	(18,520)	-	-	914,131
Funded Assets	112,637	-	(10,725)	5,920	-	107,832
DFC Grants	14,040	5,058	-	-	-	19,098
	<u>1,059,328</u>	<u>5,058</u>	<u>(29,245)</u>	<u>5,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,041,061</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>704,649</u>	<u>614,357</u>	<u>(666,183)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(106,000)</u>	<u>546,823</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>704,649</u></u>	<u><u>688,827</u></u>	<u><u>(740,653)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(106,000)</u></u>	<u><u>546,823</u></u>

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

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

Unrestricted Funds:

General Funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the objects of the academy at the discretion of the governors.

Restricted Funds:

General Annual Grant is made up of a number of different funding streams all of which are to be used to cover the running costs of the academy.

Other ESFA Grants represents other funding from the ESFA received for specific purposes.

Other Government Income represents funding received from other Government sources to be spent for specific purposes.

Pension Reserve represents the current deficit balance of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds:

The individual balances represent the net book value of fixed assets acquired by the different sources of funding received by the academy.

Unspent DFC and CIF Grants relate to unspent funding received from the ESFA to be spent on expenditure of a capital nature.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2021.

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2020 £</i>
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	-	107,900	(107,900)	-	-	-
Restricted General Funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	225,498	493,987	(441,699)	(10,000)	-	267,786
Other ESFA Grants	5,543	80,195	(81,203)	-	-	4,535
Other Government Grants	-	22,819	(22,819)	-	-	-
Pension Reserve	(507,000)	-	(43,000)	-	(77,000)	(627,000)
	<u>(275,959)</u>	<u>597,001</u>	<u>(588,721)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(77,000)</u>	<u>(354,679)</u>
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds						
Assets on Conversion	951,171	-	(18,520)	-	-	932,651
Funded Assets	115,129	-	(14,207)	11,715	-	112,637
DFC Grants	10,596	5,159	-	(1,715)	-	14,040
	<u>1,076,896</u>	<u>5,159</u>	<u>(32,727)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,059,328</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>800,937</u>	<u>602,160</u>	<u>(621,448)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(77,000)</u>	<u>704,649</u>
Total Funds	<u>800,937</u>	<u>710,060</u>	<u>(729,348)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(77,000)</u>	<u>704,649</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,021,963	1,021,963
Current assets	341,536	19,098	360,634
Creditors due within one year	(41,774)	-	(41,774)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(794,000)	-	(794,000)
Total	<u>(494,238)</u>	<u>1,041,061</u>	<u>546,823</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,045,288	1,045,288
Current assets	320,407	14,040	334,447
Creditors due within one year	(48,086)	-	(48,086)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(627,000)	-	(627,000)
Total	<u>(354,679)</u>	<u>1,059,328</u>	<u>704,649</u>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of financial activities)	(51,826)	(19,288)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	29,245	32,727
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(5,058)	(5,159)
Interest receivable	(31)	(125)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	51,000	34,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	10,000	9,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	75,387	(76,460)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(6,312)	2,490
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	102,405	(22,815)

19. Cash flows from investing activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest received	31	125
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(5,920)	(6,715)
Capital grants from DfE Group	5,058	5,159
Net cash used in investing activities	(831)	(1,431)

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand and at bank	339,197	237,623
Total cash and cash equivalents	339,197	237,623

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	237,623	101,574	339,197
	<u>237,623</u>	<u>101,574</u>	<u>339,197</u>

22. Pension commitments

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

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

Contributions amounting to £9,966 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2021 (2020 - £8,789) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £56,000 (2020 - £49,000).

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £43,000 (2020 - £34,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £34,000 (2020 - £26,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 9,000 (2020 - £8,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 20.8 per cent for employers and a maximum of 12.5 per cent for employees.

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

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

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	%	%
Salary Increase Rate	3.85	3.25
Pension Increase Rate	2.85	2.25
Discount Rate	1.65	1.65

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

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	Years	Years
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	21.9	21.8
Females	24.5	24.4
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	23.2	23.2
Females	25.9	25.9

Sensitivity analysis - effect on total obligation

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£000	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	(35)	(28)
Discount rate -0.1%	36	29
Life expectancy - 1 year increase	58	41
Life expectancy - 1 year decrease	(56)	(39)
Pension increases +0.1%	34	28
Pension increases -0.1%	(33)	(27)

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Share of scheme assets

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Equities	342,000	257,000
Gilts	17,000	17,000
Other Bonds	33,000	37,000
Property	54,000	57,000
Cash	22,000	17,000
Other	59,000	46,000
Total market value of assets	527,000	431,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £64,000 (2020 - £15,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Current service cost	(85,000)	(60,000)
Interest income	7,000	8,000
Interest cost	(17,000)	(17,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	(95,000)	(69,000)

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	1,058,000	942,000
Current service cost	85,000	60,000
Interest cost	17,000	17,000
Employee contributions	9,000	8,000
Changes in actuarial assumptions	163,000	44,000
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(13,000)
At 31 August	1,321,000	1,058,000

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

	2021 £	2020 £
At 1 September	431,000	<i>435,000</i>
Interest income	7,000	8,000
Return on assets less interest	57,000	(33,000)
Employer contributions	34,000	26,000
Employee contributions	9,000	8,000
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(13,000)
At 31 August	527,000	<i>431,000</i>

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2021 the academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts payable:		
Not later than 1 year	316	1,510
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	790	1,106
	1,106	<i>2,616</i>

24. Members' liability

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

25. Related party transactions

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain governors' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 11.