

St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2017

**Company Registration Number:
07745424 (England and Wales)**

St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn

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Reference and Administrative Details

Members	Mr J R Gerrish (Chair) Mr G Herdman (Internal Auditor) Mr T Hawksley (Church warden) Mrs M Spinks (Independent) Brigd J Spackman (Independent)
Trustees	The Revd. Burns (Foundation) Mrs S Kyles (Foundation) Mrs E Brown (Vice Chair-community) Mrs M Spinks (Chair) Mr SA Thomas (Community) Mrs C Carter (Parent) Mrs L Lewis (Parent) Mrs T Bolton (Community Resigned Oct 2016) Mrs Hannah Banister-White (Parent) Mrs J Clarke (Staff) Mr P Kyles (Principal) Mr J R Gerrish (Diocesan Trust)
Company Secretary	Mr J Cutler Resigned Oct 2016
Principal	Mr P Kyles
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements and auditor's reports of the charitable company for the period 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The trust operates a free school for pupils aged 4 to 11, it has a pupil capacity of 70. There were 54 pupils on roll in the school census on Thursday 18th May 2017.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Free School was incorporated on 18th August 2011 and commenced as a Free School on 7th January 2013.

The Free School 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 Free School.

The governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn and they are also the directors' of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as of St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn.

Details of the governors who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' Liability

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

Governors' Indemnities

St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn has governors' liability insurance in place with Bluefin Insurance.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment of Governors

The academy trustees (board members) may appoint governors as per the Memorandum of Articles. The academy trustees may appoint or remove staff governors. Parent governors shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Free School by secret ballot and a parent governor must be a parent of a pupil at the school at the time of election. Governors may appoint up to three co-opted governors. In accordance with the terms of the Funding Agreement additional governors may be appointed by the Secretary of State if deemed necessary. Governors are elected and serve for four years. After this they can be re-elected or re-appointed.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Governors

Training of governors is provided by *The Key* online governor training which provides up to date areas which require focus.

Organisational Structure

The day to day running of the Free School is the responsibility of the Principal. The Principal is able to delegate the day to day running of the school to Lead Teachers. The Principal acts as the Accounting Officer under the terms of the Funding Agreement. There are two other part time teachers, four teaching assistants who have a teaching/support role, a school secretary, a custodian/playground supervisor and cleaner/lunchtime supervisor.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Related Parties and other connected Charities and Organisations

Governors and staff note their responsibilities under the Education (School Government) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 to declare interests and if appropriate, withdraw from meetings. 'Agendas of all governors' meetings and governors' committee are reminded of their duty to declare any direct or indirect pecuniary interest which may relate to any matter under discussion.'

The school building falls within the responsibility of an 1845 Trust, the trustees being the two wardens and the incumbent of St. Mary's Church, Dilwyn. The school pays a peppercorn rent to the trustees for the use of the building. The school pays rent to another Diocesan Trust for the use of the playing field and play area.

The school is a member of the Hereford Diocesan Trust, an organisation bringing together all Anglican schools within the Hereford diocese-

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The Free School's principal activities for the public benefit are to:

- advance and promote education within a village community
- advance and promote a Christian education
- provide quality education for pupils of different abilities
- provide a broad and balanced curriculum and to '**achieve excellence**' in all we do.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

To achieve our objectives the Free School is governed, led and managed in a way where strategic planning is constantly under critical review.

Targets	Action and Staff Involved	Success Criteria	Training Needs / Resources	Review Date
<i>Staffing</i>	Retain enthusiastic and innovative staff with good pedagogy and ICT skills.	Pupil progress and end of KS1 & 2 test results.	Continued training. The sharing of good practice.	Performance management starting October 2017.
<i>Rigorous performance management</i>	All staff to be officially observed. Book trawls. Pupil reading progress monitored by the Principal. All staff observed. Cycle will begin autumn term 2017.	Improving of pedagogy. Sharing of successful good practice. Pupil progress being made which is measured & monitored.	Observations by the Principal. Time for book trawls. Review meetings between Principal Chair of Governors and the member of staff.	Reviews January to March 2018
<i>Teaching and learning pedagogy</i>	Development of assessment for learning techniques. Q&A, provision of criteria, self and peer assessment. On-going. Stimulating the more able.	Pupils to become more aware of which work is good and how they can improve their work.	Inset sharing of good practice between staff. Attending INSET.	July 2018
<i>Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision</i>	Continued development of the outdoor play area. Targeted interventions provided by TA's. (OFSTED 2017 describe individual interventions as bespoke).	Free flow between indoor and outdoor provision for FS pupils.	i-Pads to allow digital data to be recorded on Tapestry an online learning journey. This will continue to be linked with the Playgroup data.	Graded Outstanding OFSTED 2017 July 2018

Trustees' Report (continued)

Targets	Action and Staff Involved	Success Criteria	Training Needs / Resources	Review Date
<i>The integration of interactive software into planning</i>	Continue using Espresso, Tapestry and Phonics Bug	The use and development of software in teaching and learning pedagogy. Espresso, Top marks, Learn your tables, Sparkle, BBC learning zone	Inset within the school. Staff laptops have been made available. Further laptop has been made available for TA use during intervention	September 2018
<i>Development of an environmental area</i>	Continuation of the Forest School. The development of raised beds and a Greenhouse in the environmental /garden area. Sustainability/ reduction of carbon footprint	Beds used to grow vegetables and greenhouse tomatoes. Using vegetables & fruit in cookery.	Kym Pride (TA) has undertake Forest School Level 3 training in October/November 2016. Qualified Sept 2017.	January 2018
<i>Reading Review of reading policy.</i>	Continue prioritising reading. Lead teachers to continue developing reading throughout the school	Reading levels improving throughout the school. Rising Stars test results.KS2 SAT's	Inset within the school. Continue to use synthetic phonics and the continual updating of high interest and classic books. Principal monitoring.	July 2018 ongoing
<i>Evaluating the effectiveness of our assessment</i>	Matching of steps to Rising Stars assessments. Evaluating overall performance against the National Standards and the floor standard.	All staff entering their assessments. Pupil progress being tracked. Interventions introduced when required.	Lead teacher time. SEN intervention programme.	July 2017

Medium to long term objectives include:

- ensuring that the best possible learning outcomes occur so that children achieve a high standard in teaching and learning and pastoral care
- recruiting and retaining highly effective staff and providing inset so they become more effective at responding to changing demands
- maintaining and further developing our buildings and the environment so that the facilities fit our educational aspirations.
- further developing IT skills to improve teaching and learning outcomes
- to utilise fully Scholar-Pack (MIS)
- remaining financially sustainable by ensuring the best value for money in our financial decision making.

Public Benefit

St Mary's is at the heart of the Village community. One of our prime aims is to promote community cohesion by participating in Village activities. 100% of children at the local playgroup currently feed in to the school. The school therefore provides education for the local inhabitants as well as attracting pupils from surrounding villages and Leominster. Pupils are admitted directly and through Herefordshire Council's Admissions Procedure. The Principal, three of the teachers, four teaching assistants and the school secretary all live in the parish.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

The school attendance between September 2016 and August 2017 was 95%. This figure however includes two pupils on a 60% flexi-school timetable. The real attendance figure is therefore 97%

This is a good indicator that pupils are enjoying their education journey.

'Since the beginning of the 2016/2017 academic year, more than half the pupils at the school have over 98% attendance and around one quarter have yet to miss a single day'. (OFSTED April 2017)

Early Years Foundation Stage

At St Mary's 87.5% of pupils reached a Good Level of Development. The National figure is 70.7%.

At Key Stage 1

Year 1 phonics tests pupils working above the expected level of achievement and achieving the highest grading.

Year 1 Phonics

	Pupils Total	A	D	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	Wt	Wa	% Working Above
<i>All pupils</i>	9	0	0	0	0	3	6	3	6	66.7
<i>Boys</i>	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	3	75
<i>Girls</i>	5	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	60

Year 2 Phonics retest

	Pupils Total	A	D	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	Wt	Wa	% Working Above
<i>All pupils</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	100
<i>Boys</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	100
<i>Girls</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Trustees' Report (continued)

Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Assessment

The New National Curriculum raised the standard, 86% of pupils in the cohort reached the 'AS' Achieved Standard in RWM. The school achieved results at KS1 10% higher than the National Average in all areas.

School Data

School Test Results 2017 – All

Subject	Percentage at each level									
	A	B	L	M	T	F	P	D	AS	NS
<i>Writing</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	14
<i>Reading</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	14
<i>Mathematics</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	14

National average; Reading 76%, Writing 68%, Mathematics 75%

School Teacher Assessments 2017 – All

Subject	Percentage at each level									
	A	D	U	HNM	BLW	PKF	WTS	EXS	GDS	
<i>Reading</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	43	43	
<i>Writing</i>	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	57	29	
<i>Mathematics</i>	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	57	29	
<i>Science</i>	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	86	0	

Result Explanation

- **A** - Absent
- **B** - Working below the level of the test
- **L** - Left
- **M** - Missing
- **T** - Unable to access test
- **F** - Pupil will take the test in the future
- **P** - Pupil has taken the test in the past
- **D** - Disapplied
- **AS** - Achieved standard
- **NS** - Not achieved standard
- **BLW** - Below the standard of the pre-key stage**
- **PKF** - Pre-key stage foundation**
- **WTS** - Working towards the expected standard**
- **EXS** - Working at the expected standard
- **GDS** - Working at a greater depth at the expected standard

Trustees' Report (continued)

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Levels

School Data

School Test Results 2017 - All

Subject	Percentage at each level												
	A	B	L	M	T	F	P	H	Q	AS	NS	CA	CN
<i>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72.7	27.3	0	0
<i>Reading</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
<i>Writing</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90.9	9.1	0	0
<i>Mathematics</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90.9	9.1	0	0

Reading, Writing and Mathematics

90.9% of St Mary's pupils achieved the required standard. Nationally this figure is 61% while Herefordshire is 60%. This figure is also well above the DfE floor benchmark set by the government of 65%.

School Teacher Assessments 2016 – All

Subject	Percentage at each level												
	A	D	L	F	P	HN M	BL W	PK F	PK E	PKG	WT S	EXS	GDS
<i>Reading</i>	0	0	0	0	0	8.33	0	0	0	0	0	90.9	0
<i>Writing</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.1	55	36
<i>Mathematics</i>	0	0	0	0	0	8.33	0	0	0	0	0	90.9	0
<i>Science</i>	0	0	0	0	0	8.33	0	0	0	0	0	90.9	0

Result Explanation

- **A** - Absent
- **AS** - Achieved standard
- **NS** - Not achieved standard
- **WTS** - Working towards the expected standard
- **EXS** - Working at the expected standard
- **GDS** - Working at a greater depth at the expected standard
- **HNM** - Has not met the standard

Science

At KS1 86% of pupils are working at the EXPECTED STANDARD.

At KS2 91% of pupils are working at the EXPECTED STANDARD.

Other Educational Achievements

Of course, preparation for the SATs is important as it prepares pupils for the next stage of their educational journey. It is crucial that pupils begin secondary school achieving the results they deserve in order that future provision is tailored to their needs. However, it must be remembered that academic success is only a small part of St Mary's achievement. Producing confident well-rounded pupils who are both helpful and polite is another important aspect of our community school.

Trustees' Report (continued)

'A small school with a big curriculum' OFSTED April 2017

Also, alongside the pupil's learning journey a broad curriculum with educational enrichment has developed interest and motivated learning. History and geography are related to the pupils own environment.

In music years 3 and 4 follow a weekly carousel of tin whistle, samba drums and ukulele. Years 5 and 6 are learning to play the flute. Peripatetic Teacher also provides Piano and Flute lessons. Forest School, swimming and cookery broaden the curriculum and further develop the whole child. The leasing of our minibus continues to enable the school to enrich and broaden pupil interests. Trips to, Pantomime Aladdin, Judges Lodgings, Darling Buds of May (Lucton), Birmingham Symphony Hall (KS2 concert), Goodrich Castle, Goodrich Butterfly Farm, St Marys Science Day, Crucial Crew and St Fagan's National Museum of Wales further enrichment and widen both interest and learning.

The school has also run clubs that include football, tag rugby, guitar and crafts, while ASPIRE dance studios in Weobley run after school classes.

Going Concern

The principal and trustees have the expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of twelve months from the approval of these accounts. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

Financial Review

St Mary's Church of England Primary School recognises the responsibility it has under the Companies Act 2006 s417 to disclose the principal risks and uncertainties it may face. The school acknowledges that its ability to provide for pupils the continuing advancement of education is reliant upon the agreed public funding levels, distributed to the school in the form of the GAG. The Free School acknowledges that its planned level of expenditure must not exceed known income now and in the future. In doing so it pays due regard to the proportion of costs spent on staffing. It prepares detailed budget plans for the current year and there is internal financial monitoring. A finance committee is in place and meets regularly to further monitor the budget.

Financial Report for the Year

The school like all Free Schools receives its funding from the EFA. During the period ending 31 August 2017 our total expenditure of £324,356 was less than the recurrent grant funding from the EFA. The excess of income over expenditure for the period was £25,622.

At 31 August 2017 the net value of fixed assets was £48,325; the assets were used exclusively to provide education for pupils.

Our funding is linked directly to our pupil numbers. Our pupil admission number was 56 (funding agreement section 17). This has been revised to 70 pupils as we have provided an additional classroom. Our 2016/17 GAG was £307,768.5 based on 57 pupils. In the January 2017 census there were 53 pupils on role. This means our GAG for 2017/18 is £288,194.73.

This year 11 pupils have left the school while there are 9 starting in reception. With other pupils joining the school this means our numbers on 31st August 2017 were 56. With a small cohort leaving in 2018 and a current intake forecast at 9. Our numbers should rise to 60 pupils.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

St Mary's has a robust financial policy. We have taken part in the EFA self-assessment procedures and a business continuity policy is in place. Mr Geoffrey Herdman is our internal auditor and he has scrutinised internal procedures.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Reserves Policy

As there will undoubtedly be fluctuations in salaries, pupil numbers and expenditure, a contingency has been set aside. This currently stands at £49,000. This is a cheque account at Lloyds Bank. The £20,000 one year investment bond has matured and the money has been transferred to the contingency fund. In the future the Principal in consultation with the Finance Committee may make further investments to maximise interest.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Adequate insurance to cover continuity of education, future pupil numbers and future government funding for Free Schools are areas of potential future risks. Our GAG is currently not keeping pace with inflation or increases in staff salaries. This will result in an annual 3/4% decrease in funding in real terms.

Plans for Future Periods

The Governors and Principal will continue to work to maintain the current upward trend in numbers. We forecast that our numbers will increase to 60 pupils in September 2018. It is also hoped to maintain pupils' high attainments.

The Governors and Principal will work so that the Free School at least achieves a "good" status under the new Ofsted framework. A section 5 inspection that was requested by the Principal has resulted in the school achieving an outstanding grading in 2 areas and good in three areas. Overall grading being GOOD with OUSTANDING features.

The Governors and Principal will continue working to support the development of the play school adjacent to the school. The success of the playschool will allow us to increase admissions making the school even more financially sustainable in the medium to long term.

Current building maintenance includes the replacement of the infants floor at a cost of approximately £17,000 and the replacement of the school lighting (LED lighting) at a cost of £6000.

The Governors and Principal plan to maintain academic excellence. In 2016 KS2 SAT results were equal second in the county and in 2017 although our percentage pass rate increased we finished in third position (79 Primary Schools).

Auditor

In so far 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.

Approved by order of the members of the governing body on the 7th December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

M Spinks
Chairman

Governance Statement

Scope of Responsibility

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

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

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The whole governing body meets at least once a term (more if deemed necessary) where all business is discussed. There are three governor committees:

- **Finance Committee** meets at least twice a term. The members are: J Gerrish (Chairman), G Herdsman (appointed February 2017, T Bolton (resigned 20th October 2016), P Kyles and S Thomas.
- **Staffing Committee** meets at least once a term or as necessary with any staff changes. The members for the year ending 31st August, 2017 were: Mrs M Spinks (chair), Rev M Burns, Mr P Kyles and Mrs E Brown.

Teaching and Learning

Meets at least once a term or as necessary to discuss necessary changes in the curriculum. The members for the year ending 31st August 2017 were: Mrs E Brown (Chair), Mrs S Kyles, Mrs J Clarke, Mrs C Carter, Mrs L Lewis and Mrs H Bannister-White.

Attendance is logged and the minutes are kept both electronically and as hard copies in school, by Mrs Isobel Gibson, Clerk to the Governors.

Full Governors Meeting Attendance

Attendance log and minutes are kept electronically in school and by Mrs Isobel Gibson, Clerk to the Governors

Full Governors Meeting Attendance		Oct 20 16	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	April 2017	June 2017	Totals
Terry Bolton		1	Resigned				1
Ellie Brown		1	1	1	1	0	4
Rev Matthew Burns		0	1	0	0	1	2
Caroline Carter		1	1	0	1	1	4
Jane Clarke		1	0	1	1	0	3
John Gerrish		1	1	1	1	1	5
Hannah Bannister - White		1	1	1	1	1	5
Sally Kyles		1	1	1	1	1	5
Peter Kyles		1	1	1	1	1	5
Louise Lewis		1	1	1	1	1	5
Madeleine Spinks		1	1	1	1	1	5
Steve Thomas		1	1	1	1	1	5

Governance Statement (continued)

Review of Value for Money

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

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

- increasing staffing levels; our pupil premium has been used to support a range of targeted interventions both inside and outside of the classroom. This has allowed all pupils with specific difficulties to move forward. To facilitate this, the school has maintained TA coverage at 3.8. One of the TAs is SENCO trained and one who is currently studying the early year's foundation degree. C Shaw a job share lead teacher holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Assessing Literacy and Dyslexia
- increasing capacity; the mobile classroom has meant our PAN has been increased from 56 to 70. In the long term this will improve the schools financial sustainability. There are plans to increase housing by 14% (NDP) in the area and it is hoped that family housing will increase the need for school places.
- improvement of the school environment; an environmental area has been developed with a large polytunnel, raised beds and a small chicken ark. This will be incorporated within the KS1 and KS2 school curriculum. A small, but stimulating early years outdoor play area has been developed so that the personal, social, emotional and physical skills of reception children can be further developed.

Government funding has not been increased and it is expected that with 8/10% inflation figure predicted over the next 4 years and an increase in staffing costs and pensions costs the school will have to evaluate its expenditure. The accounting officer and secretary are currently in the process of making saving and resourcing operating costs.

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 risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn for the period 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The governing body has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed, together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The governing body is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Free School's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the Annual Report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the financial committee and governing body.

Governance Statement (continued)

The Risk and Control Framework

The Free School 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 set and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the governing body
- regular reviews by the finance committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecast and major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- the setting of targets to measure financial and other performance
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties to the finance committee and Principal
- the identification and management of risk.

The governing body has an internal auditor Geoffrey Herdman who acts as Responsible Officer (RO). The RO performs a range of checks to ensure that procedures are being followed. The RO reports back to the finance committee which then reports back to the governing body.

The Board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided:

- The RO performs a range of checks to ensure that procedures are being followed. The RO reports back to the finance committee which then reports back to the governing body.

We confirm that the RO function has been fully delivered in line with the EFA's requirements. These arrangements have provided reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorised and material errors and irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

Review of Effectiveness

The Principal (Accounting Officer) and the Finance Committee have 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 auditor;
- the financial management and governance self- assessment process;
- the work of the governors within the Free School who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer will be advised of the implication of the result of the review of the system.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 7th December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

J Gerrish
Chair of Finance Committee,
Chair of Members of the Board

P Kyles
Accounting Officer

Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As accounting officer of St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn I have considered my responsibility to notify the Free School Board of Members and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the Free School Board of Members are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the free school funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

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

P Kyles
Accounting Officer
7th December 2017

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who act as governors of St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the academy board on 7th December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

J R Gerrish
Chair of Academy Board

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Academy Board

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn for the period ended 31st August 2017 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the company'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 company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and 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.

Conclusion relating to going concern

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

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

Other Information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report the 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 Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and;
- The Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have not realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statement is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditresponsibilities. The description forms part of our Report of Independent Auditors

R J Francis (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

R. J. Francis & Co Limited
Statutory Auditor
Franklin House,
Commercial Road,
Hereford,
HR1 2AZ

Date: 7th December 2017

Independent Reporting Accountants Assurance Report on Regularity to St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn and the Education Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 14 October 2013 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective Responsibilities of St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn Accounting Officer and the Reporting Auditors

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

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

Approach

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

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

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

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

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the academy complied with the framework of authorities.

We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, Dilwyn and the Education Funding Agency (continued)

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

Conclusion

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

R J Francis (Reporting Accountant)

For and on behalf of

R. J. Francis & Co Limited
Statutory Auditor
Franklin House,
Commercial Road,
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Date: 7th December 2017

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2017
(including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement
of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations	2	315	2,775	-	3,090	1,946
Investment income	4	283	-	-	283	65
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>						
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	-	341,964	4,641	346,605	316,696
Total		598	344,739	4,641	349,978	318,707
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities:</i>						
Academy trust educational Operations	5	-	324,356	-	324,356	325,747
Total resources expended		-	324,356	-	324,356	325,747
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		598	20,383	4,641	25,622	(7,040)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward at 1 September 2016	13	9,568	53,377	27,468	90,413	97,453
Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2017		10,166	73,760	32,109	116,035	90,413

All of the Academy Trust's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 23 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2017

	Note	2017 £	2017 £	2016 £	2016 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		48,325		52,813
Current assets					
Debtors	11	3,853		2,359	
Cash at bank and in hand		80,682		51,758	
		84,535		54,117	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	16,825		16,517	
Net current assets			67,710		37,600
Total assets less current liabilities			116,035		90,413
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted income funds					
Fixed asset fund	13	32,109		27,468	
General fund	13	73,760		53,377	
Total restricted funds			105,869		80,845
Unrestricted income funds					
General fund	13	10,166		9,568	
Total unrestricted funds			10,166		9,568
Total funds			116,035		90,413

The financial statements on pages 23 to 32 were approved by the academy board, and authorised for issue on 7th December 2017 and are signed on their behalf by:

J. R Gerrish
Chair of Academy Board

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 August 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	16	29,824	(19,958)
Capital expenditure	17	(900)	(3,083)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	18	28,924	(23,041)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2016		51,758	74,799
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2017	18	80,682	51,758

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the free school which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, the Charity Commission 'Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities' ('SORP 2015'), the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the EFA and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

Going Concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised when the academy trust has entitlement to the funds,

- **Grants Receivable**

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the year for which it is receivable and any unspent amount is reflected as a balance in the restricted general fund. Capital grants are recognised when receivable and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted asset fund.

- **Donations**

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where there is certainty of receipt and the amount can be reliably measured.

- **Other Income**

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

- **Cost of Generating Funds**

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

- **Charitable Activities**

These are costs incurred on the academy trust's educational operations.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

▪ Governance Costs

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets costing £500 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.

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

▪ Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20%
▪ ICT equipment	33%
▪ Buildings	4%

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

A review of 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.

Leased Assets

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

Taxation

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

Pensions Benefits

Retirement benefits to teachers of the free school are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS"). This is a defined benefit scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the free school.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of the pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of the current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in note 21, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and

reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017 (continued)

Fund Accounting

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

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

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from the Education Funding Agency/Department for Education.

2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Other donations	315	2,775	3,090	1,946
	315	2,775	3,090	1,946

3. Funding for the Academy Trust's Educational Operations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
DfE / EFA grants				
General annual grant	-	307,768	307,768	274,880
Capital grants	-	4,641	4,641	4,563
Other DfE/EFA grants	-	34,196	34,196	37,253
	-	346,605	346,605	316,696

4. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Short term deposits	283	-	283	65
	283	-	283	65

5. Expenditure

	Staff Costs £	Non Pay Premises £	Expenditure Other Costs £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
<i>Academy's educational operations:</i>					
Direct costs	203,114	-	25,100	228,214	224,487
Allocated support costs	44,741	15,662	35,739	96,142	101,260
	247,855	15,662	60,839	324,356	325,747

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017 (continued)

Incoming/outgoing resources for the year include:	2017	2016
	£	£
Operating leases	635	642
Finance lease	4,100	4,020
Fees payable to auditor – audit	2,200	2,140
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6. Charitable Activities – Academy’s Educational Operations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Direct costs				
Teaching and educational support staff costs	-	203,114	203,114	199,366
Depreciation	-	2,303	2,303	5,688
Technology costs	-	5,397	5,397	5,232
Educational supplies	-	13,785	13,785	14,912
Staff development	-	2,357	2,357	1,183
Educational consultancy	-	1,258	1,258	960
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	-	228,214	228,214	227,341
Support costs – educational operations				
Support staff costs	-	44,741	44,741	43,686
Depreciation	-	3,085	3,085	3,086
Technology costs	-	1,702	1,702	2,289
Maintenance of premises and equipment	-	8,142	8,142	9,657
Cleaning	-	1,387	1,387	1,295
Rent and rates	-	860	860	2,056
Energy costs	-	5,273	5,273	4,887
Insurance	-	1,799	1,799	3,339
Security and transport	-	6,637	6,637	5,569
Catering	-	955	955	537
Legal and Professional	-	4,218	4,218	2,398
Auditors Remuneration	-	2,200	2,200	2,140
Other support costs	-	15,143	15,143	17,467
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	-	96,142	96,142	98,406
Total direct and support costs	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	-	324,356	324,356	325,747

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017 (continued)

7. a. Staff Costs

Staff costs during the period were:	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	219,144	214,037
Social security costs	12,906	10,912
Pension costs	15,805	15,404
	<u>247,855</u>	<u>240,353</u>

b. Staff Numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

Charitable Activities	2017	2016
	No.	No.
Teachers	3	3
Administration and support	5	5
Management	1	1
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

c. Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £76,999 (2016: £76,500).

8. Related Party Transactions – Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

The principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff, and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the academy trust in respect of their role as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration for the year to 31 August 2017 was as follows:

P Kyles	£40,000 - £45,000
S Kyles	£30,000 - £35,000
J Clarke	£ 1,000 - £10,000

During the year ended 31 August 2017, no travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed to trustees.

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 21.

9. Trustees' and Officers' Insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the period ended 31 August 2017 was £1,799 (2016: £3,339). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017 (continued)

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings £	Furniture & Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Costs				
At 1 September 2016	50,150	15,428	22,407	87,985
Additions	-	-	900	900
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2017	<u>50,150</u>	<u>15,428</u>	<u>23,307</u>	88,885
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2016	4,012	8,753	22,407	35,172
Charged in year	2,006	3,085	297	5,388
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2017	<u>6,018</u>	<u>11,838</u>	<u>22,704</u>	40,560
Net book values				
At 31 August 2017	<u>44,132</u>	<u>3,590</u>	<u>603</u>	48,325
At 1 September 2016	<u>46,138</u>	<u>6,675</u>	<u>-</u>	52,813

11. Debtors

	2017 £	2016 £
VAT recoverable	3,133	1,683
Prepayments and deferred income	<u>720</u>	<u>676</u>
	3,853	2,359

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	3,423	2,021
Other Creditors	3,901	3,740
Taxation and social security	5,766	5,961
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,735</u>	<u>4,795</u>
	16,825	16,517

Deferred Income

	2017 £	2016 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2016	4,716	5,997
Resources deferred in the year	3,735	4,716
Amounts released from previous years	<u>(4,716)</u>	<u>(5,997)</u>
Deferred Income at 31 August 2017	3,735	4,716

At the balance sheet date, the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for the academy pupil premium for the academic year starting September 2017.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017 (continued)

13. Funds

	Balance at 31 August 2016 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains, Losses & Transfer s £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	53,377	307,768	(287,385)	-	73,760
Other DfE/EFA Grants	-	34,196	(34,196)	-	-
Other donations	-	2,775	(2,775)	-	-
	<u>53,377</u>	<u>344,739</u>	<u>(324,356)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,760</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE/EFA capital grants	27,468	4,641	-	-	32,109
Donated Assets	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>27,468</u>	<u>4,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,109</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>80,845</u>	<u>349,380</u>	<u>(324,356)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,869</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds	9,568	598	-	-	10,166
Total unrestricted funds	<u>9,568</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,166</u>
Total funds	<u>90,413</u>	<u>349,978</u>	<u>(324,356)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,035</u>

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

General Annual Grant - Income from the EFA which is to be used for the normal running costs of the free school, including education and support costs.

Under the funding agreement with the secretary of state, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31st August 2017

Other grants - income which has been received for specific purposes.

14. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2017 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	--	-	48,325	48,325
Current assets	10,166	74,369	-	84,535
Current liabilities	-	(16,825)	-	(16,825)
	<u>10,166</u>	<u>57,544</u>	<u>48,325</u>	<u>116,035</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017 (continued)

15. Commitments under Operating Leases

Operating Leases

At 31 August 2017 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	Land & Buildings		Other	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	435	235	962	1,920
Between two and five years	1,740	940	-	962
After more than five years	435	235	-	-

16. Reconciliation of Net Income / Expenditure to Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Net income / (expenditure)	25,622	(7,040)
Depreciation	5,388	8,773
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	(1,494)	14,429
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	308	(36,120)
Net Cash used in from Operating Activities	29,824	(19,958)

17. Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment

	2017	2016
	£	£
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(900)	(3,083)
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment	(900)	(3,083)

18. Analysis of Changes in Net Funds

	At 1 September 2016	Cash flows	At 31 August 2017
	£	£	£
Cash in hand and at bank	51,758	28,924	80,682
	<u>51,758</u>	<u>28,924</u>	<u>80,682</u>

19. 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.

20. Pension and Similar Obligations

The academy's employees belong to one principal pension scheme: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2004.

Contributions amounting to £15,805 were payable to the scheme at 31 August 2017.

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Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

Not less than every four years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- Employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%))
- Total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- An employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- The assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.
- During the year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at March 2017, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from April 2019.
- The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £15,805 (2016: £15,404).
- A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the [Teachers' Pensions website](#).

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

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21. Related Party Transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which a trustee has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

The following related party transactions took place in the period of account:

Payments to Stephanie Kyles for grounds maintenance £530