

ALFRISTON SCHOOL

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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Members

Mr Peter Cullimore (stepped down 13 March 2017)
Mr Tor Farquhar (appointed 05 July 2017)
Mr Keith C Jones
Mrs Jinna Male
Ms Heather McCallum
Mr Ian Tencor

Trustees / Governors

Mrs Amanda J Blackburn-Levitt (Staff Governor)
Mr George Bodiam (Parent Governor)
Mr Paul Donald (Parent Governor)
Mr Tor Farquhar (Parent Governor)
Mr Keith C Jones (Parent Governor)
Mrs Milena Kurgo (Parent Governor)
Mrs Jinna Male (Headteacher and Accounting Officer)
Ms Heather McCallum (Community Governor and Vice Chair of Governors)
Mrs Neena Phakkey (Staff Governor)
Mr Stuart Price (Parent Governor) – appointed 21 September 2016
Mr Colin Schnadhorst (Community Governor) (stepped down 05 July 2017)
Mrs Mary Sharp (Co-opted Governor) – appointed 23 November 2016, stepped down 16 March 2017

Mrs Susan Ware (Parent Governor)
Mr Larry Zalcman (Community Governor) (stepped down 07 November 2017)
Mr William Wilsnagh (Community Governor) – appointed 20 September 2017

Senior Management Team

Mrs Jinna Male (Headteacher)
Mr Trevor Hails (Deputy Headteacher) – appointed 01 September 2016
Mrs Anne Pickford (Academy Business Director)
Mr David Waterman (Assistant Headteacher) – appointed 01 September 2016
Mrs Rachel Chapman (Assistant Headteacher) – appointed 01 September 2016

Company Name

Alfriston School

Principal and registered office

Penn Road, Knotty Green, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 2TS

Company registered number

07916763 (England & Wales)

Responsible Officer

Mr Bernard O'Sullivan, Accountant

Independent Auditors

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Bankers

Lloyds Bank, Beaconsfield Branch, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT

Solicitors

Veale Wasborough Vizards, Narrow Quay House, Narrow Quay, Bristol, BS1 4QA

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of Alfriston School ("the **Academy**") for the year ended 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

Alfriston School operates a special academy for pupils aged 11 to 18 with moderate learning difficulties and disabilities serving a catchment area in Beaconsfield and the surrounding area. It has a pupil capacity of 150 pupils and had a roll of 147 in the school census for the summer term 2017. The school roll has risen to 151 in September 2017.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Alfriston School is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy.

The trustees of Alfriston School (referred to as "**Trustees**" in this report) are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The Academy operates and trades/is known as "Alfriston School" and is referred to as such in this report.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative details on pages 1.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

The Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to any or all of them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy. The cost of this insurance in the year was £2,003.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The members of the governing body of the predecessor school as at 29 February 2012 were appointed as Trustees from 1 March 2012 to serve out their remaining terms of office.

When appointing Trustees consideration is given to the skill set of existing Trustees and any perceived gaps in such skills and in addition the following is taken into consideration:

- The Articles of the Academy require the Governing Body to be comprised as follows:
 - Up to 6 community governors appointed by the Members
 - 2 staff governors appointed via staff election
 - A minimum of 2 parent governors elected by parents of registered pupils of the Academy
 - Up to 3 co-opted governors appointed by the governors that have not themselves been co-opted.
 - The Headteacher is an ex officio governor

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Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees (continued)

- Trustees who are employees of the Academy (including the Headteacher) cannot exceed one third of the total number of governors.

The structure of the Governing Body that was in place throughout the financial year was 14 Trustees (in this section also referred to as governors) as follows (including leavers and new appointments):

- 4 community governors
- 8 parent governors
- 2 staff governors
- Headteacher (ex officio)

The term of office for any Trustee shall be 4 years except:

- The Headteacher
- Staff governors if they cease to be employed by the Academy

In general Trustees are replaced as and when they reach the end of the term of their office. 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 Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees depends on their existing experience. Where necessary induction provides training on charity, educational, legal and financial matters.

All new Trustees are given a tour of the school and the chance to meet with staff and pupils. New Trustees are given a Governor Induction Pack and a New Governor Welcome Pack from Buckinghamshire Learning Trust. Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees.

As there are normally only a few new Trustees per year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual.

Organisational Structure

The management structure consists of three levels: Trustees, Senior Management Team (“**SMT**”) and budget holders.

The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting and monitoring an annual strategic plan and budget and making major decisions about the strategic direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. The Trustees are also responsible for approving the Financial Handbook under which the Academy's finances operate.

The Headteacher has overall executive responsibility for the Academy's activities including financial activities. Much of the day to day responsibility for financial activities has been delegated to the Academy Business Director.

The Headteacher is responsible for the appointment of all staff with the exception of the Senior Management Team which is done in conjunction with the Trustees.

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Organisational Structure (continued)

During the financial year the Senior Management Team comprised the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, two Assistant Headteachers and the Academy Business Director. The SMT have responsibility for the Academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and reporting back to them. Teaching Staff SMT meet weekly and SMT Resources meet fortnightly and are collectively responsible for the day to day operation of the Academy, in particular organising the teaching staff, facilities and pupils.

Spending control is devolved to budget holders, with expenditure above certain limits needing additional authorisation from either members of SMT or the Trustees (or both).

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel for the Academy are the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, the Academy Business Director and the Trustees. The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, and the Academy Business Director are paid in accordance with the pay range agreed with the Trustees for the particular role. The Headteacher conducts annual performance management reviews for the Deputy Headteacher and Academy Business Director, and reviews pay, within the agreed range, as part of that review. Two Trustees, together with a third party education advisor form a panel to conduct the annual performance management and pay review for the Headteacher.

The Trustees are not remunerated for their role as Trustees; staff governors are paid in accordance with their other duties within the organisation only and their remuneration is set according to the appropriate pay range for those duties and reviewed at their annual performance management meeting in the same way as other staff conducting those or similar duties.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations.

Alfriston School is not controlled by any third party in how it manages its operations and in delivering its objectives.

Alfriston Pool Ltd is a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Alfriston School. Since incorporation on 9th July 2014, the principal activity has been the management of swimming pool facilities at Alfriston School.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the Academy is "to prepare pupils for integration into the wider community, able to enjoy and participate in life as contributing adults".

The Academy's aims are: To provide a safe and happy environment, where our pupils can grow in confidence, through working with others, to acquire the education and skills to achieve their full potential.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Academy's vision is to be recognised nationally as a centre of excellence for the development of girls with Moderate Learning Difficulties and to be acknowledged as a leader and model for our specific approaches to:

- Skills development through the provision of relevant education and attainment of appropriate qualifications.
- The enabling of independence through the development of relevant skills and experience (including independent living and work).
- The use of Sport to build self-esteem, confidence, promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage teamwork and social interaction.
- The use of Information Technology as an enabler for lifelong learning, communication and employment.

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Objectives, Strategies and Activities (continued)

Alfriston has continued to be successful in achieving these aims, in enabling our pupils to develop independence and confidence and to acquire the skills and appropriate qualifications to prepare them for their next stage:

- Students achieved very well in GCSE, Entry Level and Functional Skills, this was the second year that students were entered for GCSE English and 6 girls passed really well. All year 11 pupils passed Entry Level English and Maths. One pupil passed an AS level in photography at grade B by working for part of the week at Sir William Ramsay School
- Vocational qualifications – 10 pupils gained Diplomas in Vocational Studies at Level 1 or Entry 3 and a number of pupils gained qualifications in Caring for Children, Sport and Active Leisure
- Alfriston also offers qualifications and experiences which reflect achievement in other important life skill areas, such as Work Experience, Health and Safety, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze and Silver Level plus Skills for Independence and Work
- Great emphasis is placed on the destination of students after they leave Alfriston. 100% of Year 11 pupils went on to a sustained educational destination, compared to the national figure of 92% for all pupils. All of the Post 16 students progressed to either a sustained education placement or employment

Public Benefit

The Trustees of the Academy have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on Public Benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The activities undertaken to further the Academy's purpose for the Public Benefit can be demonstrated by:

- The continued excellent preparation of pupils for integration into the wider community, able to enjoy and participate in life as contributing adults.
- The continued success achieved by pupils in examinations (summary above; details below).
- The extension of the Academy's support for other schools to include support for Primary School PE in the local area.
- The development of the school buildings for use by the local community including the construction of a new swimming pool which has been made available for lettings and swimming lessons from September 2014.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

Alfriston School was the first special school in Buckinghamshire to become an academy, and was rated as "outstanding" by Ofsted for the second consecutive time in July 2013.

The total pupils in the year ended 31 August 2017 numbered 147.

Achievements -Year 11

- 7 pupils passed GCSE Maths
- 6 pupils passed GCSE English Language
- 6 pupils passed GCSE Spoken English at either Pass or Merit Level
- 5 pupils passed GCSE Science
- 1 pupil passed the BTEC Extended Certificate in Vocational Studies at Entry Level 3
- 15 pupils passed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- All pupils passed Entry Level Maths at either Entry Level 1, 2 or 3
- All pupils passed Entry Level English at either Entry Level 1, 2 or 3
- 16 pupils passed Entry Level Science at either Entry Level 1, 2 or 3
- 1 pupil passed Entry Level 2 Skills for Independence and work at Award Level
- 4 leavers all went to either a college destination or apprenticeship

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Achievements-16+

- 23 pupils passed Functional Skills English at Entry Level 1, Entry Level 2 Entry Level 3 or Level 1
- 21 pupils passed Functional Skills Maths at Entry Level 1, Entry Level 2 or Entry Level 3
- 10 pupils gained the BTEC Entry Level 3 or Level 1 Vocational Studies Diploma
- 8 pupils gained the BTEC Entry 3 or Level 1 Award, Certificate or Extended Certificate in Vocational Studies
- 9 pupils passed the Skills for Independence and Work Entry Level 2 at either award or certificate level
- 18 pupils passed Health and Safety Entry Level 3
- 4 pupils passed BTEC Caring for Children Level 1 at either Award or Certificate Level
- 8 pupils passed BTEC Sport and Active Leisure Entry Level 3 or Level 1 at Award or Certificate Level
- 5 pupils passed the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award
- 3 pupils passed GCSE Art & Design
- 1 pupil passed AS photography (sat at Sir William Ramsey School)
- 1 pupil passed GCSE photography
- 5 leavers went to residential college
- 13 leavers went to local colleges
- 1 leaver transferred to another school with specialist facilities
- 1 leaver is working part-time and attending college

Key Financial Performance Indicators

The KPIs based on the period September 2016 to August 2017 are as follows (2016 is given for comparison):

Key Performance Indicators	2017 (k)	2016 (k)
GAG & SEN Income	2491	2493
Staffing Costs to GAG/SEN Income %	81.6%	77.6%
Staffing Costs to Total Educational Funding %	78.3%	74.3%
Total Revenue Educational Income	2597	2604
Teaching and Support Staff Costs	2033	1935
Staffing Costs as % Total Educational Expenditure	71.1%	66.1%
Total Educational Expenditure	2859	2926

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that Alfriston School 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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The majority of the Academy's income is obtained from the Education and Skills Funding Agency ("ESFA" formerly the Education Funding Agency) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. Following a national change to High Needs funding which took effect from 1st April 2013, the Academy now receives a significant proportion of its funding directly from Local Authorities ("LAs") that commission High Needs places at the Academy ("SEN Funding"). The grants received from the ESFA and the LAs during the period to 31 August 2017, and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. The grants are summarised in Note 5.

The Academy also received grants for fixed assets from the ESFA and other donors. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2015), such grants are shown in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned. During 2016-17 the Academy successfully completed works to upgrade the school fire alarm system funded by an ESFA Condition Improvement Fund grant received in 2015-16. See further details below.

During the period to 31 August 2017, total resources expended of £2,938,972 (see notes 6-12) of the Financial Statements) were covered by the grants received by the school from the ESFA, SEN funding and other income generated by the Academy prior to, but not after, balance sheet adjustments for depreciation and pension. The increase in Net Current Assets for the year (after adjustment for capital expenditure) was £49,559. At the year end the net book value of tangible fixed assets was £4,042,458 (see note 13 of the Financial Statements). Assets are used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The largest recent project has been the development of the sports facilities to provide an indoor swimming pool to enhance the curriculum and to provide valuable life skills for pupils. The pool was jointly funded by fundraising activities and a capital grant from the ESFA. A new trading subsidiary was formed and the pool opened to third party users in September 2014. During the first three years of trading the pool has provided swimming lessons for the local community including mother and baby sessions, a disability swimming club and a swim school for all ages and abilities. The programme has grown steadily over the first three years of trading and in 2016-17 income covered the total running costs of the facility which is utilised daily by pupils of the school and has enabled several girls to learn to swim for the first time.

During the year the Academy has completed an upgrade to the emergency evacuation systems within the school including the fire alarm system, emergency lighting system, residential pupils' fire escape, fire door improvements to classrooms, and to secure the recycling facilities. The English, Maths and post 16 classrooms have been refurbished, including new LED lighting, Interactive Screens. Water ingress issues were resolved and radiators added to provide an excellent learning environment for pupils. In addition, the Academy has replaced the boilers in the Technology area of the school and upgraded the heating controls to both Technology and Willow House which accommodates our Maths, Post 16, Careers and Humanities classrooms.

The Academy's approach to spending during the year has continued to be cautious. Firstly, as a result of concern with regards to the ongoing reform of High Needs funding. The Academy is awaiting the results of ongoing consultations and reviews on the part of Buckinghamshire LEA regarding the Top up funding formula and residential places. Secondly, to ensure funds are available to cover national increases in the cost of staffing and the necessary refurbishment of the premises to ensure Alfriston School continues to be fit for purpose and provide an appropriate learning environment for the pupils.

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Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserves level of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be £250,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance; particularly given the age of many of the school buildings.

Current reserves are in excess of the £250,000 referred to above since it has been the policy of the Academy in recent years to carry forward the maximum amount of funds available until (i) the reform of High Needs funding and (ii) the reviews on the part of Buckinghamshire LEA regarding the Top up funding formula and residential places can each be assessed with a higher degree of certainty.

Furthermore, the Academy is currently reviewing the need to replace two classrooms currently occupying a temporary building with a permanent performing arts studio and to develop the school grounds to improve the range of facilities and opportunities for the pupils; both of which projects will require significant funding.

At 31 August 2017 the total funds comprised:

Unrestricted	232,773
Fixed asset funds	4,042,458
GAG	451,956
Pension reserve	(1,079,000)
Other restricted funds	309,235
	<u>£3,957,422</u>

The deficit on the pension reserve relates to the non-teaching staff pension scheme where, unlike the teachers' scheme, separate assets are held to fund future liabilities (as discussed in note 25). The deficit can be met in the longer term from any combination of increased employer or employee contributions, increased government funding or changes to scheme benefits. The restricted funds will be spent in accordance with the terms of the particular funds. Unrestricted funds are for use on the general purposes of the Academy, at the discretion of the Trustees. The aim of the Trustees is to increase this reserve to meet future working capital requirements.

Monitoring and oversight of the reserves held by the Academy is undertaken throughout the year. The reserves policy is also reviewed formally on at least an annual basis by the Trustees as part of the Academy's strategic and business planning process.

Investment Policy

It is the Trustees' current policy to hold cash balances in local bank deposit accounts only. This enables the funds to be accessible to support the capital projects and working capital requirements for which they have been raised.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Academy practices risk management principles through its Board of Trustees (namely the Governing Body) and the various sub-committees. Any major risks highlighted at any sub-committee are brought to the full Governing Body with proposed mitigating actions and they continue to be reported until the risk is adequately mitigated.

The Trustees accept managed risk as an inevitable part of the operations of the Academy but maintain an objective not to run unacceptable levels of risk in any area. The subjective nature of this process requires major risks to be resolved by the Trustees collectively, whilst more minor risks are dealt with by the Senior Management Team.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties (continued)

The Trustees have identified four broad areas of risk – Strategic and reputational risks; operational risks; compliance risks and financial risks.

Effective procedures are in place to ensure the safety and security of pupils and staff. An annual Health & Safety audit is conducted, with a designated Health & Safety Trustee. Any issues identified are promptly addressed. Pupils are closely supervised at all times, particularly on trips. Tight control is exercised over site visitors and a rigorous anti-bullying policy is enforced. An effective Child Protection policy is in place and is reviewed annually in order to safeguard all pupils. Financial risk is mitigated through the discipline of an annual plan, approved by Trustees in the summer term for the following academic year, starting in September. This sets the expenditure limits for all departments. It also contains a small contingency fund for the Headteacher to manage minor fluctuations. The financial aim of the annual plan is to operate within a balanced budget.

The Academy has a Scheme of Financial Delegation that defines the financial expenditure limits, systems and procedures to be followed by all levels of management. This scheme is reviewed annually by the Finance Committee. Further information is included under the system of internal controls on page 16 of this report. Financial progress is reported regularly to the Headteacher and was reviewed by the Finance Committee during 2016-17 (now the Resources Committee from September 2017). The Academy's Responsible Officer reviews transactions on a termly basis to ensure that procedures are being followed rigorously.

It is a major challenge to maintain and upgrade the older buildings. This risk is obviated by managing a planned maintenance programme. In the event that unforeseen significant maintenance is required the Academy is able to approach the ESFA for funding. Should unforeseen incidents occur the Trustees have ensured that adequate insurance cover is in place. The Academy has produced a strategic development plan to upgrade the buildings and the facilities over the long term. This will be funded through various government and other grants, as well as through significant fund raising programmes involving parents and friends of the Academy.

Demand for pupil places at the Academy is strong, based on the reputation for an outstanding, rounded education. This reputation could be undermined should outcomes for pupils fall or be perceived to be deteriorating. Pupil progress is closely monitored throughout their school career.

Pupils are constantly mentored and coached to achieve their full potential. Reputation could also be impacted either through the loss of experienced senior staff or inappropriate behaviour or incidents involving staff. Either could potentially lead to a drop in academic standards, reputation and ultimately a reduction in parents selecting the Academy. Career paths are provided for all staff with training and development plans to underpin this. For key posts succession plans are in place. The school has a clear code of conduct for all staff that is included in the Employee Handbook and is regularly reinforced.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Academy will continue to strive to improve the outcomes for all pupils and will continue to ensure that all pupils get employment or places in further education or training once they leave.

Subject to funding, the Academy plans to replace two classrooms currently occupying a temporary building with a permanent media suite and to further develop the school grounds, to improve the range of facilities and opportunities for the pupils.

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AUDITOR

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

This Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by the Trustees, as the company directors, on 6 December 2017 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

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Mr K C Jones
Chair of Trustees

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Alfriston School has in place 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 Trustees have 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 the Trustees in the funding agreement between Alfriston School and the Secretary of State for Education. The Headteacher is also responsible for reporting to the Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Mrs Amanda J Blackburn-Levitt	4	4
Mr George Bodiam	0	4
Mr Paul Donald	3	4
Mr Tor Farquhar	2	4
Mr Keith C Jones	4	4
Mrs Milena Kurgo	2	4
Mrs Jinna Male	4	4
Ms Heather McCallum	3	4
Mrs Neena Phakkey	4	4
Mr Stuart Price	4	4
Mr Colin Schnadhorst	4	4
Mrs Mary Sharp	2	2
Mrs Susan Ware	3	4
Mr Larry Zalczman	4	4

Mr Keith Jones was re-elected as Chair of Governors at the meeting on 21 September 2016 and Ms Heather McCallum was elected as Vice Chair of Governors.

There have been a number of changes in the composition of the board of trustees during the year as set out in more detail on page 1 above. When appointing new trustees, the board has regard to the skills of existing trustees and where possible seeks to fill any gaps in such expertise. Much of the work of the board takes place in four committees which report back to the board. Those committees are (1) finance, (2) premises (3) teaching & learning and (4) personnel. Following a review, for the year 2017/18 the finance committee and premises committee have been combined into a single resources committee.

- The finance committee oversees all aspects of financial and resource provision, signing off on the budget and longer term financial plans. It also ensures that the school has appropriate financial procedures in place and oversees risk management across the school.

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GOVERNANCE (continued)

- The premises committee reviews the condition and maintenance of the school buildings and makes recommendations for upkeep and development works. It also has oversight of Health & Safety within the school.
- The teaching and learning committee oversees the strategic direction of both the pastoral system and the curriculum including monitoring the progress made by pupils and examination results. It seeks to ensure that the curriculum is broad and balanced and the pastoral system meets the needs of each girl.
- The personnel committee's main focus is to support the school in recruiting, retaining and developing the best teachers and staff. Its role also involves oversight of staff appointments, salary reviews and performance management.

The Headteacher and relevant members of the SMT attend committee meetings to provide reports and updates so that trustees can monitor performance and update relevant policies.

In addition, some of the trustees have individual responsibilities to report on how the school fulfils its statutory duties in specific areas including Safeguarding and Health & Safety. The trustees also get involved with the school and engage with parents, teachers and pupils to get feedback and better understand the girls' experience.

In January 2017 the Department for Education issued new guidance about the competencies it wants governing bodies to have. The board evaluated its performance and trustees completed a skills audit. The trustees believe that the board has sound processes and is working well in fulfilling its statutory duties. At each board meeting the trustees consider what the impact is on the girls of the matters discussed and the decisions taken, to ensure that the best interests of the girls are considered and prioritised.

The Finance Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its primary responsibility is to consider and recommend acceptance/non-acceptance of the Academy's budget at the start of each financial year. It then monitors performance against the annual budget and three year forecast approved by the main board of trustees and recommends corrective action where necessary. To ensure the validity of the monitoring reports presented to it, the Finance Committee has responsibility to agree appropriate procedures and controls covering all aspects of the Academy's finances.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Mr Keith C Jones	3	4
Mrs Jinna Male	4	4
Mr Colin Schnadhorst	3	4
Ms Heather McCallum	4	4
Mrs Milena Kurgo	4	4

It has been agreed by the Board of Trustees, that from September 2017, the current role of the Finance Committee will be carried out by a Resources Committee and will include the areas of responsibility previously carried out by the Premises Committee, formerly a separate sub-committee of the Board of Trustees.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)
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REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

As the 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 social outcome 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 trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The accounting officer for the Academy has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

Improving educational results:

The qualifications and courses offered to KS4 and Post 16 pupils are continually being reviewed. 100% of our pupils were placed in further education, employment or training when they left Alfriston School at the end of the 2016-17 academic year.

The extended day activities and weekend activities offered to our pupils have been developed to improve pupil well-being and develop social skills. A wide range of residential opportunities is given to all pupils, including adventurous and cultural trips to inspire aspirational thinking and personal resilience. In 2016-17 these opportunities included residential trips to Shropshire, Wales, Italy and Center Parcs.

The Academy collaborates with other schools on sharing good practice and offers consultancy to mainstream schools to improve provision and practice in raising standards for pupils with SEN more generally.

The Academy offers a wide range of sporting events for pupils with SEN across the county to encourage healthy lifestyles, social interaction and high self-esteem. The PE staff provide a consultancy service to local primary schools to assist with their development of the PE curriculum.

The improvement in pupil attainment, for both year 11 and post 16 pupils in 2016-17 provides excellent evidence that these strategies are achieving success.

Financial Governance and oversight:

The Academy's system of financial governance includes strong oversight by the Trustees and the accounting officer at regular meetings to set the budget, monitor the actual spending against the budget, approve high value purchases and consider changes to staffing and funding.

The Academy has kept its staffing structure under review and has deployed staff efficiently. This review also extends to the provision of services by external agencies, including therapists, brought in to provide support for the pupils.

The Pool Manager manages the new swimming pool and letting of the school premises, with the aim of covering the cost of running this facility. A trading subsidiary of the school has been set up to ensure that this operation is fully compliant with HMRC tax regulations.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)
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REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY (continued)

With regards to purchases, the school undertakes a best value assessment of purchases over £2000. This includes using a premises consultant to ensure specifications are drawn up and that competitive quotations are obtained for improvements and other maintenance of the school site. The school has established programmes of internal and external decoration / refurbishment to ensure the premises are maintained in good order; an annual cycle is in place to prioritise work, obtain competitive quotations to an agreed specification and achieve completion of the works with the minimum of disruption to the running of the school. The same principles were applied to capital purchases.

Principles of best value are applied to the provision of services for the school. In the Summer of 2017, a tender exercise was carried out for the provision of cleaning services from 1st July 2017, after a full review of the specification. The existing contractor has been reappointed and continues to provide a very good service to the school. In all cases the school pays particular attention to the standard of the service to ensure safeguarding of both pupils and staff.

The Trustees carefully review the internal controls of the Academy which are set out in the Academy's Financial Handbook. Their decisions have been informed by the auditors and their own visits and in addition the Trustees have appointed a Responsible Officer to conduct reviews on a termly basis. Risks are managed and insurance is taken where necessary, for example, staffing insurance is taken out to mitigate the cost of long term sickness.

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 the Academy's 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 Alfriston School for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK

The Trustees have 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 Trustees are of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Trustees.

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 Trustees
- regular reviews by the Finance Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK (continued)

- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- identification and management of risks

The Trustees have considered the need for a specific internal audit function and appointed Mr Bernard O'Sullivan as Responsible Officer.

The Responsible Officer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included:

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of control account and bank reconciliations
- review of contracts in place and income streams
- review of VAT returns and reimbursements

On a termly basis, the Responsible Officer reports to the Trustees, through the Finance Committee, on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Trustees' financial responsibilities. These reports have been delivered as scheduled to each Finance Committee meeting and there have not been any material control issues arising.

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year/period 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 executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

Approved by of the Trustees on 6 December 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr K C Jones
Chair of Governors

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Mrs J Male
Accounting Officer

STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

As Accounting Officer of Alfriston School I have considered my responsibility to notify the Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy and the Secretary of State. 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 Academy's Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of 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 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 Trustees and ESFA.

.....
Mrs J Male
Accounting Officer

6 December 2017

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The Trustees (who act as Governors of Alfriston School and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (including Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the Group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and the Group 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 the Group 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 and the Group applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Group'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 Governing Body on 6 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr K C Jones
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ALFRISTON SCHOOL

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Alfriston School (the 'parent academy') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and Academy Balance Sheets, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement 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 FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

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 Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Academy and its 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 Group's and of the parent Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2017 and of the Group's 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the 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 Group or the parent Academy 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ALFRISTON SCHOOL

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 information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report has 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 Group and the parent Academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (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 Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ALFRISTON SCHOOL

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

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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. The description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

BIANCA SILVA BA ACA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

MHA MacIntyre Hudson

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

Abbey Place
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17 December 2017

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ALFRISTON SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 25 August 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) 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 Alfriston School during the year 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 Alfriston School and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Alfriston School and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Alfriston School and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALFRISTON SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Alfriston School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 29 February 2012, 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 year 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 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.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ALFRISTON SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (continued)

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- reviewing the minutes of the meetings of the Governing Body and other evidence made available to us, relevant to our consideration of regularity;
- a review of the objectives and activities of the Academy, with reference to the income streams and other information available to us as auditors of the Academy;
- testing of a sample of payroll payments to staff;
- testing of a sample of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- testing of a sample of grants received and other income streams;
- evaluating the internal control procedures and reporting lines, and testing as appropriate; and
- making appropriate enquires of the Accounting Officer.

CONCLUSION

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

Reporting Accountant

MHA MacIntyre Hudson

Chartered Accountants

Abbey Place
24-28 Easton Street
High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire
HP11 1NT

17 December 2017

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and capital grants	2	-	31,283	8,894	40,177	172,718
Charitable activities	5	16,894	2,579,659	-	2,596,553	2,603,989
Other trading activities	3	146,719	38,882	-	185,601	155,844
Investments	4	2,274	-	-	2,274	2,240
TOTAL INCOME		165,887	2,649,824	8,894	2,824,605	2,934,791
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		80,342	-	-	80,342	68,010
Charitable activities	8	23,062	2,688,744	146,824	2,858,630	2,925,957
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6	103,404	2,688,744	146,824	2,938,972	2,993,967
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS						
Transfers between Funds	19	62,483	(38,920)	(137,930)	(114,367)	(59,176)
		-	(51,242)	51,242	-	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES						
		62,483	(90,162)	(86,688)	(114,367)	(59,176)
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	307,000	-	307,000	(469,000)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		62,483	216,838	(86,688)	192,633	(528,176)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought forward		170,290	(534,647)	4,129,146	3,764,789	4,292,965
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		232,773	(317,809)	4,042,458	3,957,422	3,764,789

The notes on pages 29 to 57 form part of these financial statements.

ALFRISTON SCHOOL
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 07916763

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13		4,042,458		4,108,184
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	41,502		83,187	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,219,798		1,158,024	
		1,261,300		1,241,211	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	17	(245,736)		(275,206)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			1,015,564		966,005
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			5,058,022		5,074,189
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(21,600)		(26,400)
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			5,036,422		5,047,789
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25		(1,079,000)		(1,283,000)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			3,957,422		3,764,789
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted income funds:					
Restricted income funds	19	761,191		748,353	
Restricted fixed asset funds	19	4,042,458		4,129,146	
Restricted income funds excluding pension liability		4,803,649		4,877,499	
Pension reserve	19	(1,079,000)		(1,283,000)	
Total restricted income funds			3,724,649		3,594,499
Unrestricted income funds	19		232,773		170,290
TOTAL FUNDS			3,957,422		3,764,789

The financial statements on pages 24 to 57 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 6 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf, by:

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Mr K C Jones
Chair of Trustees

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Mrs J Male
Accounting Officer

The notes on pages 29 to 57 form part of these financial statements.

ALFRISTON SCHOOL
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 07916763

ACADEMY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13		4,042,458		4,108,184
Investments	14		1		1
			<u>4,042,459</u>		<u>4,108,185</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	70,365		118,511	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,149,077		1,110,392	
		<u>1,219,442</u>		<u>1,228,903</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	17	(232,812)		(262,005)	
			<u>986,630</u>		<u>966,898</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			5,029,089		5,075,083
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(21,600)		(26,400)
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			5,007,489		5,048,683
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25		(1,079,000)		(1,283,000)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			3,928,489		3,765,683

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ACADEMY BALANCE SHEET (continued)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	20	761,190		748,363	
Restricted fixed asset funds	20	4,042,459		4,129,146	
				<u>4,877,509</u>	
Restricted funds excluding pension asset		4,803,649		4,877,509	
Pension reserve	20	(1,079,000)		<u>(1,283,000)</u>	
Total restricted funds			3,724,649		3,594,509
Unrestricted funds	20		203,840		171,174
			<u>3,928,489</u>		<u>3,765,683</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			3,928,489		3,765,683

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 6 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf, by:

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Mr K C Jones
Chair of Trustees

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Mrs J Male
Accounting Officer

The notes on pages 29 to 57 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	22	136,505	(146,606)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		2,274	2,240
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(81,099)	(120,803)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		8,894	130,278
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(69,931)	11,715
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayments of borrowings		(4,800)	(4,800)
Net cash used in financing activities		(4,800)	(4,800)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		61,774	(139,691)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		1,158,024	1,297,715
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	23	1,219,798	1,158,024

The notes on pages 29 to 57 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Alfriston School constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Academy and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

No separate SOFA has been presented for the Academy alone as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 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 Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the donors 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 and include grants from the Department for Education and the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Academy has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account 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 incorporating Income and Expenditure Account in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement 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 fixed asset fund.

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

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Going concern

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

1.6 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Alfriston School and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries').

The Academy has taken advantage of the exemption contained within S408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and Expenditure Account.

The income and expenditure account for the year dealt with in the accounts of the Academy was a loss of £144,195 (2016 - loss of £74,688) before defined benefit pension scheme actuarial losses/gains.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

ICT equipment costing more than £500 and other tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised 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 Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account 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 Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account.

Depreciation is not charged on long leasehold land. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long leasehold property	-	2% per annum on cost on buildings only
Motor vehicles	-	10% per annum on cost
Equipment	-	20% per annum on cost
Fixtures and furniture	-	6.6% per annum on cost
ICT equipment	-	33% per annum on cost

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 Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account.

1.8 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.9 Investments

The Academy's shareholding in the wholly owned subsidiary, Alfriston Pool Ltd, is included in the Balance Sheet at the cost of the share capital owned less any impairment. There is no readily available market value and the cost of valuation exceeds the benefit derived.

1.10 Taxation

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.12 Cash at bank and in hand

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

1.13 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities and provisions 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.

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

1.14 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 basis are as follows:

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due by the Academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 17 and 18. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to the Academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.15 Pensions

The Academy operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Academy to the fund in respect of the year.

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated 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. As stated in note 25, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore 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 scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance Sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.16 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 (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 25, 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 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgment:

The judgements that have had a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements are those concerning the choice of depreciation policies and asset lives.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Donations	-	31,283	-	31,283	42,440
Capital grants	-	-	8,894	8,894	130,278
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	-	31,283	8,894	40,177	172,718
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<i>Total 2016</i>	-	42,440	130,278	172,718	
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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Rental income	19,836	-	19,836	19,221
Other income	16,715	38,882	55,597	53,101
Income of trading subsidiary	110,168	-	110,168	83,522
	<u>146,719</u>	<u>38,882</u>	<u>185,601</u>	<u>155,844</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>118,307</u>	<u>37,537</u>	<u>155,844</u>	

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Bank interest receivable	2,274	-	2,274	2,240
	<u>2,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>2,240</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,240</u>	

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5. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,552,354	1,552,354	1,450,989
Pupil premium	-	45,750	45,750	45,204
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	29,811	29,811	41,930
	-	1,627,915	1,627,915	1,538,123
Other government grants				
SEN funding	-	908,406	908,406	999,797
Other government grants	-	23,797	23,797	23,803
	-	932,203	932,203	1,023,600
Other funding				
Catering income	-	19,541	19,541	20,793
Trip income	16,894	-	16,894	21,473
	16,894	19,541	36,435	42,266
	16,894	2,579,659	2,596,553	2,603,989
<i>Total 2016</i>	21,473	2,582,516	2,603,989	

6. EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs 2017 £	Premises 2017 £	Other costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Expenditure on subsidiary	39,284	-	41,058	80,342	68,010
Academy's educational operations:					
Direct costs	1,549,258	-	277,494	1,826,752	1,810,658
Support costs	444,689	304,594	282,595	1,031,878	1,115,299
	2,033,231	304,594	601,147	2,938,972	2,993,967
<i>Total 2016</i>	1,934,897	467,324	591,746	2,993,967	

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7. EXPENDITURE - ANALYSIS OF SPECIFIC EXPENSES

Included within expenditure are the following transactions:

	Total	Individual items above £5,000	
	£	Amount	Reason
	£	£	
Gifts made by the trust	300	-	

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total funds 2017	Total funds 2016
	£	£
DIRECT COSTS - EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS		
Teaching and educational support wages and salaries	1,549,258	1,541,048
Other staff costs	29,026	28,944
Educational consultancy	114,508	101,259
Technology costs	20,945	21,231
Educational supplies	63,496	72,658
Examination fees	6,344	7,562
Other direct costs	43,175	37,956
	1,826,752	1,810,658
SUPPORT COSTS - EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS		
Support staff wages and salaries	444,689	360,904
Depreciation	146,825	133,438
Pension finance costs	26,000	27,000
Other staff costs	15,782	16,761
Performing arts project and other repairs	69,014	-
Catering supplies	87,825	93,872
Maintenance of premises and equipment	74,486	293,182
Cleaning	29,679	26,260
Energy	55,217	57,727
Legal and professional	15,903	22,859
Non staff related insurance	19,489	33,615
Other support costs	23,084	25,710
Security and transport	7,615	8,509
Governance costs	16,270	15,462
	1,031,878	1,115,299
	2,858,630	2,925,957

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charitable group	146,825	133,438
Auditors' remuneration - audit	7,000	7,000
Auditors' remuneration - other services	9,270	8,462
Operating lease rentals	3,146	3,146
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10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,555,737	1,518,110
Social security costs	135,461	115,639
Pension costs	342,033	301,148
	<u>2,033,231</u>	<u>1,934,897</u>

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

	2017	2016
	No.	No.
Teachers	20	21
Administration and support	39	33
Management	3	3
	<u>62</u>	<u>57</u>

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

	2017	2016
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	0	1
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	0	1
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	1	0

The above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2017, pension contributions for these staff amounted to £26,536 (2016: £38,972).

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprises the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and the Academy Business Director. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £285,015 (2016: £292,239).

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11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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

		2017	2016
		£	£
J Male, Headteacher	Remuneration	90,000-95,000	85,000-90,000
	Pension contributions paid	10,000-15,000	10,000-15,000
A Blackburn-Levitt	Remuneration	30,000-35,000	30,000-35,000
	Pension contributions paid	5,000-10,000	5,000-10,000
N Phakkey	Remuneration	40,000-45,000	35,000-40,000
	Pension contributions paid	5,000-10,000	5,000-10,000

During the year, three Trustees received reimbursement of travel and other expenses totalling £1,375 (2016 - £981 to one Trustee).

12. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

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

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group and Academy	Long leasehold property	Motor vehicles	Equipment	Fixtures and furniture	ICT equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 September 2016	3,781,704	55,295	425,280	31,196	127,372	4,420,847
Additions	2,931	-	34,617	-	43,551	81,099
At 31 August 2017	<u>3,784,635</u>	<u>55,295</u>	<u>459,897</u>	<u>31,196</u>	<u>170,923</u>	<u>4,501,946</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2016	143,440	7,551	82,842	2,947	75,883	312,663
Charge for the year	56,757	5,530	45,163	2,080	37,295	146,825
At 31 August 2017	<u>200,197</u>	<u>13,081</u>	<u>128,005</u>	<u>5,027</u>	<u>113,178</u>	<u>459,488</u>
Net book value						
At 31 August 2017	<u>3,584,438</u>	<u>42,214</u>	<u>331,892</u>	<u>26,169</u>	<u>57,745</u>	<u>4,042,458</u>
At 31 August 2016	<u>3,638,264</u>	<u>47,744</u>	<u>342,438</u>	<u>28,249</u>	<u>51,489</u>	<u>4,108,184</u>

Included in long leasehold property is land at valuation of £945,000 (2016: £945,000) which is not depreciated.

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Academy	Shares in group undertakings
	£
At 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017	<u>1</u>

Alfriston Pool Ltd is a private limited company which provides leisure activities, registration number 09123723. The Academy holds 100% of the shares in this company.

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15. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Alfriston Pool Ltd

Subsidiary name	Alfriston Pool Ltd
Company registration number	09123723
Basis of control	Wholly owned subsidiary
Equity shareholding %	100%
Total assets as at 31 August 2017	£ 70,721
Total liabilities as at 31 August 2017	£ (41,785)
Total equity as at 31 August 2017	£ 28,936
Turnover for the year ended 31 August 2017	£ 110,168
Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2017	£ (80,340)
Profit for the year ended 31 August 2017	£ 29,828

16. DEBTORS

	Group		Academy	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	4,224	3,773	4,224	3,773
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	28,863	35,324
Prepayments and accrued income	23,318	37,457	23,318	37,457
VAT recoverable	13,960	41,957	13,960	41,957
	41,502	83,187	70,365	118,511

17. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Academy	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
SALIX loan	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
Trade creditors	59,642	62,696	59,642	62,696
Other taxation and social security	35,801	-	35,801	-
Other creditors	672	900	672	900
Accruals and deferred income	144,821	206,810	131,897	193,609
	245,736	275,206	232,812	262,005

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17. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Academy</u>	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income				
Deferred income at 1 September 2016	32,604	91,426	19,404	91,426
Resources deferred during the year	34,637	32,604	21,715	19,404
Amounts released from previous years	(32,604)	(91,426)	(19,404)	(91,426)
Deferred income at 31 August 2017	<u>34,637</u>	<u>32,604</u>	<u>21,715</u>	<u>19,404</u>

Deferred income relates to school trip income and other income received in advance.

The SALIX loan of £36,000 is repayable at a rate of £4,800 per annum over 7 and a half years from 2015. No interest is charged on this loan. The total amount outstanding is £26,400 (2016: £31,200) of which £4,800 is due within one year and £21,600 is due after more than one year.

18. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Academy</u>	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
SALIX loan	<u>21,600</u>	<u>26,400</u>	<u>21,600</u>	<u>26,400</u>

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS - GROUP

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Transfers in/(out) £	Gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
Unrestricted funds						
General unrestricted funds	171,182	55,719	(23,062)	-	-	203,839
Trading subsidiary	(892)	110,168	(80,342)	-	-	28,934
	<u>170,290</u>	<u>165,887</u>	<u>(103,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,773</u>
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	439,118	1,552,354	(1,488,274)	(51,242)	-	451,956
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	29,811	(29,811)	-	-	-
Transfer on conversion	309,235	-	-	-	-	309,235
Pupil premium	-	45,750	(45,750)	-	-	-
SEN	-	908,406	(908,406)	-	-	-
Other government grants	-	23,797	(23,797)	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	89,706	(89,706)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,283,000)	-	(103,000)	-	307,000	(1,079,000)
	<u>(534,647)</u>	<u>2,649,824</u>	<u>(2,688,744)</u>	<u>(51,242)</u>	<u>307,000</u>	<u>(317,809)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	4,108,184	-	(146,824)	81,098	-	4,042,458
Condition improvement fund	20,962	-	-	(20,962)	-	-
Devolved formula capital	-	8,894	-	(8,894)	-	-
	<u>4,129,146</u>	<u>8,894</u>	<u>(146,824)</u>	<u>51,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,042,458</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,594,499</u>	<u>2,658,718</u>	<u>(2,835,568)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,000</u>	<u>3,724,649</u>
Total of funds	<u>3,764,789</u>	<u>2,824,605</u>	<u>(2,938,972)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,000</u>	<u>3,957,422</u>

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS - GROUP (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 September 2015 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Transfers in/(out) £	Gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2016 £
Unrestricted funds						
General unrestricted funds	125,342	58,498	(12,658)	-	-	171,182
Trading subsidiary	(16,404)	83,522	(68,010)	-	-	(892)
	<u>108,938</u>	<u>142,020</u>	<u>(80,668)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,290</u>
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	494,686	1,492,919	(1,545,287)	(3,200)	-	439,118
Transfer on conversion	309,235	-	-	-	-	309,235
Pupil premium	-	45,204	(45,204)	-	-	-
SEN income	-	999,797	(999,797)	-	-	-
Other government grants	-	23,803	(23,803)	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	100,770	(100,770)	-	-	-
Defined benefit pension scheme	(749,000)	-	(65,000)	-	(469,000)	(1,283,000)
	<u>54,921</u>	<u>2,662,493</u>	<u>(2,779,861)</u>	<u>(3,200)</u>	<u>(469,000)</u>	<u>(534,647)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	4,120,819	-	(133,438)	120,803	-	4,108,184
Condition improvement fund	-	121,654	-	(100,692)	-	20,962
Devolved formula capital	8,287	8,624	-	(16,911)	-	-
	<u>4,129,106</u>	<u>130,278</u>	<u>(133,438)</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,129,146</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>4,184,027</u>	<u>2,792,771</u>	<u>(2,913,299)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(469,000)</u>	<u>3,594,499</u>
Total of funds	<u>4,292,965</u>	<u>2,934,791</u>	<u>(2,993,967)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(469,000)</u>	<u>3,764,789</u>

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS - GROUP (continued)

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

All general funds are held for the purpose of education in line with the academy's objectives.

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20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS - ACADEMY

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers in/(out)	Gains/ (losses)	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
General unrestricted funds	171,182	55,719	(23,062)	-	-	203,839
	<u>171,182</u>	<u>55,719</u>	<u>(23,062)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,839</u>
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	439,118	1,552,354	(1,488,274)	(51,243)	-	451,955
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	29,811	(29,811)	-	-	-
Transfer on conversion	309,235	-	-	-	-	309,235
Pupil premium	-	45,750	(45,750)	-	-	-
SEN income	-	908,406	(908,406)	-	-	-
Other Government grants	-	23,797	(23,797)	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	89,706	(89,706)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,283,000)	-	(103,000)	-	307,000	(1,079,000)
	<u>(534,647)</u>	<u>2,649,824</u>	<u>(2,688,744)</u>	<u>(51,243)</u>	<u>307,000</u>	<u>(317,810)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	4,108,184	-	(146,824)	81,099	-	4,042,459
Academies capital maintenance	20,962	-	-	(20,962)	-	-
Devolved formula capital	-	8,894	-	(8,894)	-	-
	<u>4,129,146</u>	<u>8,894</u>	<u>(146,824)</u>	<u>51,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,042,459</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,594,499</u>	<u>2,658,718</u>	<u>(2,835,568)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,000</u>	<u>3,724,649</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>3,765,681</u></u>	<u><u>2,714,437</u></u>	<u><u>(2,858,630)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>307,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,928,489</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS - ACADEMY - PRIOR YEAR

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers in/(out)	Gains/ (losses)	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
General unrestricted funds	125,342	58,498	(12,658)	-	-	171,183
	<u>125,342</u>	<u>58,498</u>	<u>(12,658)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,183</u>
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	494,686	1,492,919	(1,545,287)	(3,200)	-	439,118
Funds transferred on conversion	309,235	-	-	-	-	309,235
Pupil premium	-	45,204	(45,204)	-	-	-
SEN income	-	999,797	(999,797)	-	-	-
Other Government grants	-	23,803	(23,803)	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	100,770	(100,770)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(749,000)	-	(65,000)	-	(469,000)	(1,283,000)
	<u>54,921</u>	<u>2,662,493</u>	<u>(2,779,861)</u>	<u>(3,200)</u>	<u>(469,000)</u>	<u>(534,647)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	4,120,819	-	(133,438)	120,803	-	4,108,184
Academies capital maintenance	-	121,654	-	(100,692)	-	20,962
Devolved formula capital	8,287	8,624	-	(16,911)	-	-
	<u>4,129,106</u>	<u>130,278</u>	<u>(133,438)</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,129,146</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>4,184,027</u>	<u>2,792,771</u>	<u>(2,913,299)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(469,000)</u>	<u>3,594,499</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>4,309,369</u></u>	<u><u>2,851,269</u></u>	<u><u>(2,925,957)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(469,000)</u></u>	<u><u>3,765,682</u></u>

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21. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - GROUP

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	4,042,458	4,042,458
Current assets	232,773	1,028,530	-	1,261,303
Creditors due within one year	-	(245,739)	-	(245,739)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(21,600)	-	(21,600)
Pension liability	-	(1,079,000)	-	(1,079,000)
	<u>232,773</u>	<u>(317,809)</u>	<u>4,042,458</u>	<u>3,957,422</u>

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21. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - GROUP (continued)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	2016 £	2016 £	2016 £	2016 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	4,108,184	4,108,184
Current assets	170,290	1,049,959	20,962	1,241,211
Creditors due within one year	-	(275,206)	-	(275,206)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(26,400)	-	(26,400)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,283,000)	-	(1,283,000)
	<u>170,290</u>	<u>(534,647)</u>	<u>4,129,146</u>	<u>3,764,789</u>

22. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Group	
	2017	2016
	£	£
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(114,367)	(59,176)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	146,825	133,438
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(2,274)	(2,240)
Decrease in debtors	41,685	6,590
Decrease in creditors	(29,470)	(159,940)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(8,894)	(130,278)
Pension adjustments	103,000	65,000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>136,505</u>	<u>(146,606)</u>

23. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Group	
	2017	2016
	£	£
Cash in hand	1,219,798	1,158,024
Total	<u>1,219,798</u>	<u>1,158,024</u>

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24. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2017 the Group and Academy had capital commitments as follows:

	Group		Academy	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	-	27,410	-	27,410
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

25. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Group's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teacher's Pension Scheme for England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Buckinghamshire County Council. Both are Multi-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, unfunded, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010, and the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. These regulations apply to teachers in schools and other educational establishments, including academies, in England and Wales that are maintained by local authorities. In addition, teachers in many independent and voluntary-aided schools and teachers and lecturers in some establishments of further and higher education may be eligible for membership. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers and lecturers and, from 1 January 2007, automatic too for teachers and lecturers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract. Teachers and lecturers are able to opt out of the TPS.

The Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Accounts

Although members may be employed by various bodies, their retirement and other pension benefits are set out in regulations made under the Superannuation Act (1972) and Public Service Pensions Act (2013) and are paid by public funds provided by Parliament. 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 under arrangements governed by the above Act.

The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 require an annual account, the Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account, to be kept of receipts and expenditure (including the cost of pension increases). From 1 April 2001, the Account has been credited with a real rate of return, which is equivalent to assuming that the balance in the Account is invested in notional investments that produce that real rate of return.

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The latest actuarial review 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 on 9 June 2014. The key results of the valuation are:

- employer contribution rates were set at 16.4% of pensionable pay; in line with current regulations, not including the additional 0.08% employers pay for the cost of Scheme administration;
- total scheme liabilities for service to the effective date of £191.5 billion, and notional assets of £176.6 billion, giving a notional past service deficit of £15.0 billion;
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay;
- Actuarial assessments are undertaken in intervening years between formal valuations for financial reporting purposes, using updated membership data.

The new employer contribution rate and administration levy for the TPS were implemented in September 2015.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £146,000 (2016 - £204,000).

A full copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation can be found on the Teachers' Pension Scheme website at the following location:
(<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuationreport.aspx>).

Scheme Changes

Lord Hutton, who chaired the Independent Public Service Pensions Commission, published his final report in March 2011 and made recommendations about how pensions can be made sustainable and affordable, whilst remaining fair to the workforce and the taxpayer. The Government accepted Lord Hutton's recommendations as the basis for consultation and Ministers engaged in extensive discussions with trade unions and other representative bodies on reform of the TPS. Those discussions concluded on 9 March 2012, and the Department published a Proposed Final Agreement, setting out the design for a reformed TPS to be implemented from 1 April 2015.

The key provisions of the reformed scheme include: a pension based on career average earnings; an accrual rate of 1/57th; and a Normal Pension Age equal to State Pension Age, but with options to enable members to retire earlier or later than their Normal Pension Age. Importantly, pension benefits built up before 1 April 2015 will be fully protected.

In addition, the Proposed Final Agreement includes a Government commitment that those within 10 years of Normal Pension Age on 1 April 2012 will see no change to the age at which they can retire, and no decrease in the amount of pension they receive when they retire. There will also be further transitional protection, tapered over a three and a half year period, for people who would fall up to three and a half years outside of the 10 year protection.

In his interim report of October 2010, Lord Hutton recommended that short-term savings were also required, and that the only realistic way of achieving these was to increase member contributions. At the Spending Review 2010 the Government announced an average increase of 3.2 percentage points on the contribution rates by 2014-15. The increases have been phased in since April 2012.

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The arrangements for a reformed Teachers' Pension Scheme, in line with the remainder of the recommendations made by Lord Hutton, have now been implemented. The Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) scheme was implemented from 1 April 2015, whereby benefits will accrue on a career average basis and there is a normal pension age aligned to the state pension age.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £151,000 (2016 - £140,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £119,000 (2016 - £110,000) and employees' contributions totalled £32,000 (2016 - £30,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22.8% for employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	2017	2016
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.60 %	2.10 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.20 %	4.10 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.70 %	2.30 %
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.70 %	2.30 %
RPI increases	3.60 %	3.20 %

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

	2017	2016
Retiring today		
Males	23.9	23.8
Females	26.0	26.2
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	26.2	26.1
Females	28.3	28.5

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Sensitivity analysis - present value of total obligation	At 31 August 2017 £	At 31 August 2016 £
Discount rate +0.1%	2,187,000	2,138,000
Discount rate -0.1%	2,282,000	2,225,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	2,311,000	2,244,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	2,160,000	2,120,000
CPI rate +0.1%	2,275,000	2,220,000
CPI rate -0.1%	2,194,000	2,143,000

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

	Fair value at 31 August 2017 £	Fair value at 31 August 2016 £
Equities	645,000	491,000
Gilts	112,000	117,000
Debt instruments	150,000	109,000
Property	85,000	73,000
Cash and other liquid assets	40,000	30,000
Alternative assets	123,000	78,000
Total market value of assets	<u>1,155,000</u>	<u>898,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £121,000 (2016 - £116,000).

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Current service cost	(195,000)	(143,000)
Interest cost	(26,000)	(27,000)
Admin expenses	(1,000)	(5,000)
Total	<u>(222,000)</u>	<u>(175,000)</u>

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	2,181,000	1,409,000
Current service cost	195,000	143,000
Interest cost	46,000	55,000
Employee contributions	32,000	30,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	(180,000)	557,000
Benefits paid	(40,000)	(13,000)
	<u>2,234,000</u>	<u>2,181,000</u>

Movements in the fair value of the Group's share of scheme assets:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	898,000	660,000
Return on plan assets	20,000	28,000
Actuarial gains	127,000	88,000
Employer contributions	119,000	110,000
Employee contributions	32,000	30,000
Benefits paid	(40,000)	(13,000)
Administration expenses	(1,000)	(5,000)
	<u>1,155,000</u>	<u>898,000</u>

The amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities is as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Changes in financial assumptions	180,000	(557,000)
Return on plan assets	127,000	88,000
	<u>307,000</u>	<u>(469,000)</u>

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PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The amount recognised in the Balance Sheet is as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(2,234,000)	(2,181,000)
Fair value of scheme assets	1,155,000	898,000
	<u>(1,079,000)</u>	<u>(1,283,000)</u>

26. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

Group and Academy	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	2,185	3,289
Between 1 and 5 years	2,549	4,733
Total	<u>4,734</u>	<u>8,022</u>

27. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy'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 the Trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

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

28. 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.