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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	Mrs A Carter Mr T Heydon Mr R Nicholson (resigned 6 March 2017) Mr N Wilson Mrs E Youngman (appointed 6 October 2016)
Trustees	Mrs A Carter, Chair of Guilsborough Local Governing Body ¹ Mr T Heydon ² Mr R Nicholson (resigned 6 March 2017) Mr N Wilson, Chair of Trustees Mrs E Youngman (appointed 6 October 2016) Mrs J Swales, Principal and Accounting Officer (appointed 1 September 2016) ¹
Guilsborough Local Governing Body	Mrs A Carter, Chair of Guilsborough Local Governing Body Mr D Doran ¹ Mr R Loakes Mrs J McNulty Mr N Smith Mrs J Swales, Principal and Accounting Officer (appointed 1 September 2016) Mr N Wilson Mr P Moyes (appointed 20 June 2017) Mr D Grimsey (appointed 1 December 2016) Mrs A Miller Mr E Davies (appointed 12 September 2017)
Naseby Local Governing Body	Mr T Heydon Mr P Burditt, Chair of Naseby Local Governing Body Mrs B Thornton, Head of School ² Mrs J Clement Mrs D Lloyd-Sherlock Mrs S MacDonnell (resigned 17 October 2017) Mrs L Jenkinson Mrs S Lubieszko
	¹ Guilsborough Finance and Staffing Committee ² Naseby Finance and Staffing Committee
Company registered number	07535683
Company name	Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust
Principal and registered office	West Haddon Road Guilsborough Northampton Northamptonshire NN6 8QE

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Advisers (continued)

Senior management team

Mrs J Swales, Principal (appointed 1 September 2016)
Mrs R Dutton-Coles, Vice Principal
Mrs A Lakey, Vice Principal
Mrs C Enever-Jones, Assistant Principal
Mr H Gowney-Hedges, Assistant Principal (resigned 31 August 2017)
Mr P Harvey, Assistant Principal
Mrs L Wood, Finance and Business Director
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The trust operates two academies for pupils aged 4 to 19 serving a catchment area in Northamptonshire. Guilsborough Academy has a pupil capacity of 1412 and had a roll of 1351 in the school census on 5 October 2017. Naseby Church of England Primary Academy has a pupil capacity of 75 and had a roll of 79 in the school census on 5 October 2017.

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION

The Multi Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Multi Academy Trust.

The trustees of Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust.

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

MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

TRUSTEES' INDEMNITIES

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Multi Academy Trust. The cost of this insurance is combined with the main policy (see note 12).

METHOD OF RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Appointment of Members

The Members of the Company shall comprise:

- (a) the subscribers to the Memorandum;
- (b) Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust acting corporately by the hand of its Director;
- (c) the Chairman of the Directors; and
- (d) any person appointed under any of Articles 16, 16A or 16B.

Each of the persons entitled to appoint Members in Article 12 shall have the right from time to time by written notice delivered to the Office to remove any Member appointed by them and to appoint a replacement Member to fill a vacancy whether resulting from such removal or otherwise.

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The Members with the written consent of the Diocesan Board of Education may agree by passing a special resolution in writing to appoint such additional Members as they think fit and may agree by passing a special resolution in writing to remove any such additional Members provided that such appointment or removal is in the interests of the Company. Upon the resignation or removal of any Member (including a signatory to the Memorandum) other than the Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust or a member appointed by Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust, the Members shall appoint (by majority) a replacement Member if required -

- i. to ensure that the number of Members appointed to represent the interests of the Church of England shall not exceed 25% of the total number of Members; and
- ii. to ensure that at all times there is a member other than Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust drawn from the community of Naseby Church of England Primary Academy to represent that school.

If the number of Members appointed to represent the interests of the Church of England is less than 25% of the total number of Members then the Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust may appoint an additional Member provided that the total proportion of Members appointed to represent the interests of the Church of England does not exceed 25% of the total number of Members.

Appointment of Directors

The Members shall appoint up to 5 Directors.

The Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust shall appoint no fewer than one and up to three Directors provided that the total number of Directors appointed under this Article would not thereby exceed 25% of the total number of Directors.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

All new Directors are issued with a Directors Induction Pack agreed by the Governing Body and they also attend an initial induction course. This is either commissioned through the SWAN EP partnership or other appropriate external training provider. Subsequent training is organised as required. Trustees also receive training via visits to the academy and a 'buddy' from the existing Trustees.

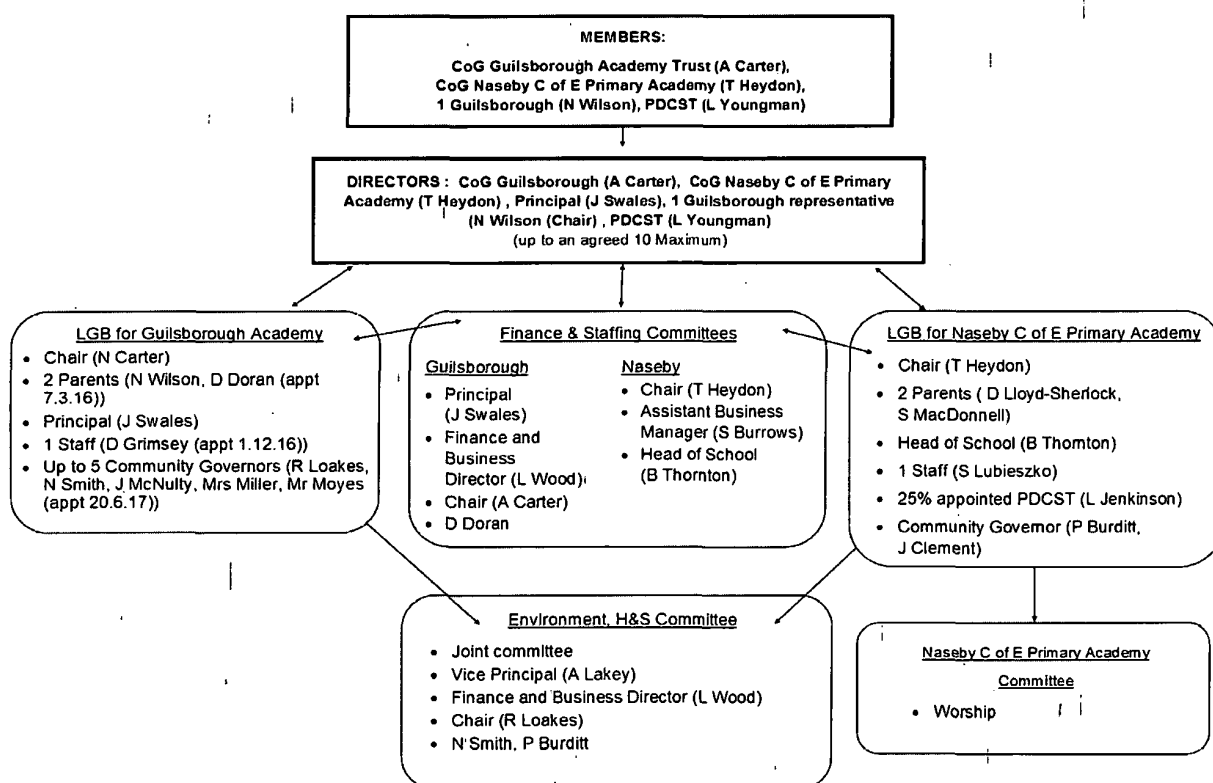
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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



Mat Structure 2016-2017

The full organisational structure of the Multi Academy Trust can be seen above.

The Trustees are responsible and accountable for the strategic planning and policy making that enables the day to day task of managing the Multi Academy Trust to be effectively delegated to the Principal. Specifically, this requires the committees of the Multi Academy Trust to undertake the responsibilities listed below within each academic year.

The Principal has delegated powers and functions in respect of internal organisation, management and control of the Multi Academy Trust, the implementation of all policies approved by the Local Governing Bodies and for the direction of teaching and the curriculum:

Directors

- Approval of a written scheme of delegation of its financial powers and duties to its Finance and Staffing Committee, the Principal and other staff, ensuring that its responsibility for ensuring adequate financial controls are in place and operate in conjunction with the Financial Regulations of the Academy;
- Formally approve the annual Multi Academy Trust budget at least two months prior to the start of each financial year;
- Receiving the reports of the external auditor;
- Receiving the reports of the Responsible Officer on the use of resources, systems of internal financial control, and discharge of financial responsibilities;

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- Monitoring of safeguarding procedures;
- Monitoring of MAT policies.

Local Governing Bodies

- Consider budgetary reports from the Finance and Staffing Committee at every meeting;
- Academy Improvement Plan (and its review);
- Monitoring of safeguarding procedures;
- Monitoring of Academy policies.

The Multi Academy Trust has established a number of committees to which it delegates certain responsibilities:

Finance and Staffing Committee

- Consider the Academy Trust's indicative funding and assess the implications for the Multi Academy Trust, making recommendations and/or raising concerns to the Local Governing Bodies;
- To consider and recommend acceptance/non-acceptance of the Multi Academy Trust's budget, at the start of each financial year;
- To contribute to the formulation of the Multi Academy Trust's development plan through consideration of financial priorities and the aims and objectives of the Multi Academy Trust.

Environment and Health and Safety Committee

- Monitoring the condition of the Academy Trust buildings and site and maintaining the Asset Management Plan;
- Governance of Health and Safety in the academy trust, encompassing all staff, curriculum and site including fire evacuation arrangements.

Pay Review Committee

- Annual review of staff pay scales and pay policy for teaching and non-teaching staff (within STRB criteria);
- Performance review for Principal.

Appeals Committee

- Each school maintains its own appeals committee, staffed by appropriate members of the Local Governing Bodies:
- Disciplinary and Competency matters;
- Appeals;
- Student exclusion appeals and representations.

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PAY POLICY FOR KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Pay Review Committee, which has representatives from both academies and the External Advisor set the pay scale for the Principal, agreeing key targets and taking into account external work undertaken on behalf of the trust with other schools as part of a continuing contribution to the development of the trust and its successful partnerships.

Trustee oversight and final approval of all PMR processes has been delegated to the Pay Review Committee. The committee reviews and samples the PMR targets and procedures to ensure that there are rigorous and effective processes. They receive a detailed summary analysis of pay awarded at each level and across individual departments and clear indications of where performance pay has not been awarded. The information includes an analysis of gender and other protected groups of staff. This summary enables them to ensure that the process is rigorous and effective.

RELATED PARTIES AND OTHER CONNECTED CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

- Guilsborough Academy is part of a soft federation of 9 secondary academies, in the south and west area of Northamptonshire. This allows for support at all levels from shared professional development activities, joint commissioning of some services to achieve better value for money and higher quality of provision and shared curriculum development in some areas. The mature collaboration that is the hallmark of the SWAN Partnership (comprising Heads and Principals) delivers high quality education, learning, training and leadership across the South Northamptonshire area. This Partnership has made a huge difference to the lives of children and young people by ensuring that through effective collaboration, schools and colleges provide opportunities for them to excel in whatever field students choose to pursue. The SWAN Partnership has an excellent track record in securing funding, commissioning projects and running a growing organisation successfully.
- Guilsborough Academy is a partner in the local Initial Teacher Training Consortium (which provides teacher training programmes) SWAN SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) GUTP (Grand Union Training Partnership). At its last inspection by OFSTED this programme was judged to be good with some outstanding features.
- Guilsborough Academy is part of the SWAN Teaching School which provides extensive training for NQT's, curriculum and subject working groups.
- Guilsborough Academy is partner in the Jubilee Consortium of good and outstanding schools sharing best practice.
- Guilsborough Academy is a PIXL (Partners in Excellence) school, keeping up to date with the latest curriculum developments.
- Naseby Church of England Primary Academy is part of local primary partnership working together jointly on improvement.

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Objectives and Activities

Guildsbrough Academy

At Guildsbrough Academy we believe that learning should be enjoyable and challenging. This belief, combined with the excellent teaching skills and commitment of our staff and the enthusiasm and hard work of our students, lies at the heart of our success.

We are passionately committed to the achievement of every individual student and to providing high standards of learning and teaching. Our reputation with the local and wider community rests on consistently providing quality education for students of all abilities.

Our students' excellent academic achievements can be seen in the national league tables. We are proud of the examination results we achieve.

Our school's results consistently exceed national benchmarks and many of our students go on to study in our successful Sixth Form and go on to top universities across the country or start apprenticeships.

Whilst we are justifiably pleased with our examination record it is important to mention that we are not an 'examination factory'. As a school we place a great deal of emphasis on students participating in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and enjoying both their studies and all the other opportunities on offer at Guildsbrough Academy. We want students to enjoy, participate and achieve at school, and to develop high self-esteem.

We have articulated our mission - 'Learning without Limits' - and our moral ethos with our 'GOALS' values, created and led by our students. These emphasise our commitment to the education of the whole child and link our spiritual, moral, pastoral and social education. Students' personal development and happiness are very important to us and our extensive programme of extra-curricular activities supports this process. We expect high standards of behaviour and seek to build strong relationships between staff and students. Considerate and responsible attitudes and behaviour are fostered through a strong personal and social education programme and all students take part in peer mentoring programmes and community projects.

In 2016-2017 all stakeholders reviewed our common aim. These fell into four categories:

- Aspiration;
- Respect;
- Learning;
- Global Citizenship.

Guildsbrough Academy works effectively across a wide range of external partnerships to challenge itself and to seek and provide peer to peer support. We are committed to successful outcomes for all young people across the local area.

Guildsbrough Academy's achievements have been recognised through a number of national awards.

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To achieve our mission of 'Learning without Limits' the Academy will develop and sustain:

- Highly effective governance as a converter academy;
- A safe, inclusive community for all students;
- Excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour;
- Excellent attainment and progress;
- Excellent teaching and learning;
- An inspiring, inclusive, innovative curriculum;
- Enrichment opportunities for all students;
- An effective relationship with parents and our community.

Naseby Church of England Primary Academy

At Naseby Church of England Primary School we ensure that all members of the school community feel safe, valued and cared for.

The school strives for excellence, providing a challenging learning environment where children can grow as independent learners equipped for life.

We are inclusive and welcome others regardless of differences, appreciating and nurturing the uniqueness of each individual.

Our results were above national expectations, with 77% of children achieving a good level of development at the end of EYFS. At the end of Key Stage 1, the results in reading, writing and mathematics were also above national expectations. At the end of Year 6 86% of the cohort achieved the expected standard in reading, 86% in writing and 72% in mathematics.

Our special Christian identity is evident in the values we share and in the relationships that all members of the school community have with one another. We respect everyone, showing them the tolerance, understanding and forgiveness that we desire for ourselves.

OBJECTS AND AIMS

Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The key focus of the Multi Academy Trust's activities is to ensure the educational success of students enrolled within the Multi Academy Trust and to contribute strongly to the educational and social benefit of the Multi Academy Trust's varied communities and partnerships.

OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

To move current teaching and learning provision from good to outstanding across the Multi Academy Trust:

- through implementation of our full personalised and flexible curriculum that is intended to enable the Multi Academy Trust to move forward effectively at a time of national curriculum change;
- through the further development and embedding of quality first teaching and learning with the aim of achieving the highest outcomes for all students with a specific on those considered to be in vulnerable progress groups e.g. prior lower attaining students, those deemed to be disadvantaged and those with SEND.

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- through a strategic continued professional development and learning programme led by the Strategic Teaching and Learning Team that is personalised to staff development needs, as appropriate;
- further strong development of our student, staff and parent voice and community programmes.

Strategies to support development include:

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- A full curriculum review to ensure that government requirements are met, whilst maintaining personalised pathways and successful outcomes;
- A continued focus on a rigorous monitoring and evaluation process within the Academy, following each data trawl where data is analysed at both MLT and SLT level and students who are underperforming are identified for either department or whole school support and challenge. In addition, a 'waved' approach to departments so that support and challenge is personalised based on the needs of the department with a specific focus on student outcomes;
- A quality first teaching and learning programme disseminated through cross-curricular lesson research groups and informed by the quality assurance from the previous year as well as data patterns and trend;
- Through the development of the website and our in-house Virtual Learning Environment which will support and enable the personalised curriculum delivery, homework programme, parent links and shared information on tracking and assessment;
- Extensive work on student voice within the curriculum including those in vulnerable progress groups to inform further the provision of quality first teaching and learning. In addition, parent voice and a continued focus on both the national and local context so that our curriculum continues to be fit for purpose with the aim of supporting and challenging all students to achieve the highest outcomes.

NASEBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

- Working alongside the Diocese of Peterborough to ensure that our distinctive Christian character and values underpin the development and achievement of the whole child;
- Continued development of the curriculum to ensure that it meets the government requirements and the individual needs of our children;
- Ensuring that all children are appropriately challenged, and given opportunities to work at greater depth;
- Identifying and planning cross curricular opportunities for Mathematics and English.

The Multi Academy Trust produces a comprehensive Academy Development Plan annually, following full consultation with staff and Trustees which provides detailed information on all priorities.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Multi Academy Trust Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission. The Multi Academy Trust promotes education for the benefit of the local community and offers recreational facilities to a variety of local community groups outside of academy hours for the benefit of the general public. Community based projects are also undertaken throughout the year by staff and students which further enhances the public benefit.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Governing Body has reviewed the Multi Academy Trust's performance against key performance indicators:

- **Staff Turnover** - Guilsborough Academy's turnover of teaching staff was 18.2%: 1 retired, 1 for promotion, 12 moved to different schools, 1 moved to become a cover supervisor and 3 left teaching. The support staff was 10.8%: 3 retired, 1 returned to University, 1 moved to a different school, 3 for a change in role and 1 for a career-break. Naseby Church of England Primary Academy had 1 change in teaching staff: a job share changed to a full time position. Support Staff had 1 change: a lunch time supervisor left for a change in role.
- **Income streams** - GAG (General Annual Grant) and Local Authority grants, alongside any other dedicated sources of income are monitored termly by the Finance and Staffing Committee. The Multi Academy Trust prepares 3 year budgets.
- **Number of students** – The Principal leads the Academy's marketing strategy, with annual reviews of the printed and electronic communications from the Multi Academy Trust, a review of the success of Open Evenings and other presentations and a close analysis of student numbers, forecast across three years. The Academy Trust remains oversubscribed in Year 7. Guilsborough Academy aims to retain its numbers at approximately 1350 students over the next 5 years.
- **Achievement and Attainment** – The Principal leads the Multi Academy Trust's rigorous monitoring and evaluation programme to ensure that standards remain exceptional. Results and progress are reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team on a termly basis. Rigorous targets are set for students to meet or exceed progress in the top 20% nationally, based on government data. The Multi Academy Trust has a good reputation both locally and nationally. Maintaining high outcomes is essential for the Multi Academy Trust's success in attracting students and external relationships.
- **Premises** – the Principal maintains an Asset Management Plan, which is reviewed by the Environment and Health and Safety Committee on a termly basis. During 16/17 the DfE electrical project work was finalised, Girls and Boys toilets and changing rooms were upgraded along with some minor window and door replacements.
- **Premises works** to Naseby Church of England Primary Academy included playground marking and installation of an intercom system to the gate to front of school. Fundraising was also carried out during the year for a new Library bus facility to be available 2017/18. Planning started in 2016/2017 for a new classroom to be completed in 2017-2018.

GOING CONCERN

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

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Financial review

The Multi Academy Trust is in a good financial position, keeping on-going costs within its revenue budget in 2016-2017 and holding a contingency to support its activities over the next three years. Detailed three year budget planning is in place, with income proposed within the current published position on Government funding streams.

- All expenditure is clearly related to the key objectives of the Multi Academy Trust.
- The Multi Academy Trust holds cash reserves in investment accounts, in order to maximise income.
- The Multi Academy Trust currently has no further investments.

The Multi Academy Trust has a low exposure to financial risks.

- There are limited trade debtors and effective systems for control are in place.

During the year to 31 August 2017, total revenue expenditure of £6,611,849 (2016 - £6,947,267) (excluding depreciation) was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with incoming resources and funds brought forward. The excess of income over expenditure for the year (excluding restricted fixed asset funds and amounts on conversion) was £324,182 (2016 - £27,136).

RESERVES POLICY

Keeping an appropriate level of financial reserves is essential to protect against:

- Income reduction due to government funding changes;
- Possible reductions in sixth form numbers;
- Maintaining the school premises at an acceptable level against asset management plans and taking account of the age of the buildings;
- Unplanned staffing costs e.g. historically high level of maternity leave;
- New local free schools being opened in September 2017 (Rugby) and September 2019 (Daventry).

The trustees will monitor reserves to ensure they remain at an appropriate level, and consider 5% of the budget an appropriate level of contingency.

The level of unrestricted reserves for the group at year end is £224,849.

The reserves policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY has a good level of reserves in place and continues to support for structural maintenance and premises improvement. For example an upgrade of the student toilets and changing facilities, school decorating and arrangements to change the old caretaker's house into a Teacher Training Centre.

Restricted reserves funds are held for the following:

- Continued investment in the GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY premises development programme, as is demonstrable in 2016/17;
- Additional reserves are held against the national cut in sixth form funding to maintain a broad and balanced curriculum for sixth form in this rural school enabling an appropriate range of subject choices to be maintained as numbers increase again;
- Contingencies for staff absence, e.g. maternity leave.

The Local Government Pension Scheme is a known deficit and this is recognised in the Multi Academy Trust's accounts. Annual contributions are adjusted to mitigate the risk and reduce the deficit.

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Under Section 106 from a small housing development in Naseby, funds have been made available to Naseby Church of England Primary Academy for development of an additional classroom to be open in 2017-2018.

At 31 August 2017 the total funds comprised:

Unrestricted		224,849
Restricted:	Fixed asset funds	11,724,381
	Pension reserve	(831,000)
	Other	<u>1,888,232</u>
		<u>13,006,462</u>

INVESTMENTS POLICY

The Multi Academy Trust uses low risk accounts and there is no intention to withdraw any funding for further investment. Financial advice is regularly received from a dedicated bank relationship manager and discussed at the finance and staffing committee meetings as appropriate.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Multi Academy Trust has further developed its systems of internal control this year, including financial, operation and risk management which is designed to protect the Multi Academy Trust's assets and reputation.

Based on the Academy Improvement Plans, Trustees undertook a comprehensive review of the risks to which the Multi Academy Trust is exposed. Systems and procedures were identified which should mitigate any potential impact on the Multi Academy Trust. The subsequent year's appraisal has reviewed their effectiveness and progress against risk mitigation activities. In the annual review, the trustees will also consider any risks which may arise as a result of new activities.

Key areas include:

- **Government Funding:** The Multi Academy Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the education sector funding bodies. There can be no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain consistent and that funding will continue at these levels. Funding is linked most consistently to student numbers.

The risk is mitigated by:

- Ensuring the Multi Academy Trust is rigorous in delivering high quality Attainment and Achievement
- Guilsborough Academy's outcomes are rated good, Naseby Church of England Primary Academy are rated outstanding, by OFSTED and strong monitoring and evaluation systems are in place to maintain these standards. These outcomes mitigate the risk of reduction of student numbers.
- Maintaining strong recruitment strategies and a quality curriculum offer to attract and maintain student numbers, with the aim of remaining oversubscribed in both schools.
- Regular review of the Academy's reserves and strong contingency planning.
- **Reputational Risk** - strong systems for Safeguarding, and Acceptable Use of Information Technology are in place to allay these risks.
- **Health and Safety** - strong policies and procedures including risk assessment processes and appropriate training are in place to allay these risks.
- **Premises** - appropriate insurances are in place to support the Multi Academy Trust against damage or theft to property.

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- Maintaining adequate funding of pension liabilities: The financial statements report the share of the pension scheme deficit on the Multi Academy Trust's balance sheet in line with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 102. The reserves policy takes cognisance of this risk.

Plans for future periods

The Multi Academy Trust will seek to maintain a balanced budget, with secure financial planning over a 3 year rolling programme, linked securely to its educational aims only using reserves where necessary.

The Multi Academy Trust will seek to maintain outstanding attainment and achievement for both schools. Guilsborough outcomes will be supported by a continued outstanding curriculum offer, ensuring students follow personalised pathways which will enable future success. Linked to the Multi Academy Trust's wider reputation for excellent pastoral care and extra-curricular programmes, these outcomes will ensure a sound basis for successful marketing and strong recruitment of future student numbers, which in turn will secure a sound financial footing for the academy trust's future.

For Naseby Church of England Primary Academy these outcomes will be supported by excellent teaching in all classes, ensuring pupil numbers are upheld.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

Members of the Finance and Staffing Committee are also trustees for Guilsborough School Trust Fund, registered as a separate charity number 1056880. The charitable objects are, in Guilsborough Academy, to advance the education of students by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for the education of students in the Multi Academy Trust. As the fund is under the control of the Multi Academy Trust, its results and financial position are consolidated into these financial statements.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustees have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 5 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr N Wilson
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 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 A Carter	4	4
Mr T Heydon	4	4
Mr R Nicholson (resigned 6 March 2017)	0	1
Mr N Wilson (Chair)	4	4
Mrs E Youngman (appointed 6 October 2016)	4	4
Mrs J Swales (Principal and Accounting officer) (Appointed 1 September 2016)	4	4

The Directors undertook a self-appraisal skills audit in June 2017 objectively reviewing director capability in over 100 areas of competency. Following this a number of training needs were identified which will be addressed through the Directors training plan. In addition, two new director specifications were developed in order to recruit onto the board of directors those skills currently deemed to be missing. Director recruitment is being actively pursued.

All Governors are allocated a specific department or area of focus within the MAT and training is arranged to support them with their duties. Governors know the school well because they visit often, talk to students and teachers and look at performance data carefully. They interpret information accurately and this helps them to keep abreast of the quality of teaching and how well the school is doing. They make sure that safeguarding and safe recruitment policies keep students safe. Individual Governors receive regular training and, between them, have a wide range of skills and expertise. This ensures that they ask challenging questions and hold the school to account. They review the Principal's performance and check that the management of performance of all staff is helping them to improve. Where it is not, swift action is taken. Governors are fully involved in decisions to reward teachers who have performed particularly well and helped their students to make rapid progress. The Directors and Governors manage financial resources efficiently, and are aware of how additional funding such as the pupil premium is being used to boost the achievement of eligible students.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Finance and Staffing Governors Committees undertake the role of the Audit Committee.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

GUILSBOROUGH	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs A Carter	5	5
Mrs L Wood (Finance and Business Director)	5	5
Mr D Doran	1	5
Mrs J Swales, Principal	5	5

NASEBY	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr T Heydon	2	3
Mrs S Burrows (Assistant Business Manager)	3	3
Mrs B Thornton	3	3

GUILSBOROUGH LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs A Carter (Chair)	5	5
Mr D Doran	4	2
Mr R Loakes	4	5
Mrs J McNulty	2	5
Mr D Grimsey (appointed 1 December 2016)	4	5
Mr R Nicholson (resigned 6.March 2017)	0	2
Mr N Smith	3	5
Mrs J Swales (Principal) (appointed 1 September 2016)	5	5
Mr N Wilson	4	5
Mrs A Miller	5	5
Mr P Moyes (appointed 20 June 2017)	1	1

NASEBY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr P Burditt	6	6
Mrs J Clement	2	6
Mr T Heydon (Chair)	5	6
Mrs L Jenkinson	6	6
Mrs D Lloyd-Sherlock	5	6
Mrs S Lubieszko	5	6
Mrs S MacDonnell	5	6
Mrs B Thornton, Head of school	6	6

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

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

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

Improving Educational Results

Rigorous monitoring and evaluation processes of all aspects of achievement and attainment.

Constant innovation and development of enhanced curriculum to maintain breadth and balance and meet individual students' needs, whilst ensuring the MAT meets DfE requirements.

Staffing structures are regularly reviewed in line with curriculum demands with high priority given to appointing best available, subject specialist, quality teachers. All vacancies are advertised externally and the MAT is committed to complying with all aspects of the Equality Act and associated policies.

GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY is dedicated to improving the life chances of students entitled to Pupil Premium and other disadvantaged groups and has implemented a significant and varied support programme to support their needs. For example, tailored alternative curriculum provision and small group intervention in key subjects provided by qualified teachers.

GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY also maintains an excellent and supportive extra-curricular programme with particular success in music, drama and sports. GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY holds the International Schools Award for numerous successful activities including community cohesion projects.

Many students at GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY are involved in peer mentoring, tutoring and support programmes, led by an able and dedicated pastoral support team.

GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY has had extensive work on the premises to create an updated pleasant learning environment for students with major improvements in catering and ICT provision. The Academy has ensured that the fabric of the building has been brought up to acceptable standards with complete re-roofing projects, boilers security projects, drainage and electrical projects.

GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY works as part of a local educational partnership with secondary and primary partners and college links. This allows supportive professional development work at all levels. The partnership runs a SCITT scheme and is part of the SWAN Teaching School alliance.

GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY has several SLEs or aspiring SLEs who work with other local schools to bring about improvements.

Naseby Church of England Primary Academy has achieved good academic results and all students are supported by a strong leadership and teaching team.

Naseby Church of England Primary Academy supports a number of charities including Children in Need, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Samaritan's Purse and the NSPCC. The Academy is well supported by the Naseby School Association.

Naseby Church of England Primary Academy also works as part of an improvement partnership with other local primary schools.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

The class structures of (EYFS, Yr 1), (Y2 and Yr3) and (Yr4,5,6) with the children working in four classes during the mornings has helped the school to provide the best possible provision for all pupils, as well as enabling the school to promote plans for all those who request a school place for their child in September 2017.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust for the year 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 board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 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 board of trustees.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

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

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed MHA MacIntyre Hudson, the external auditor, to perform additional checks.

MHA Macintyre Hudson's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial systems. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

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

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

On an annual basis, the MHA Macintyre Hudson reports to the board of trustees through the Finance and Staffing committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

The schedule of work was completed as planned. No material control issues were noted as a result of the work undertaken.

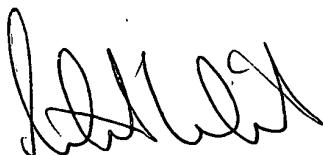
REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

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

- the work of the 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.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 5 December 2017 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr N Wilson
Chair of Trustees



Mrs J Swales
Principal & Accounting Officer

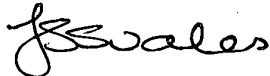
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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the academy trust board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

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



Mrs J Swales
Principal & Accounting Officer

Date: 5 December 2017

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

The Trustees (who act as governors of Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

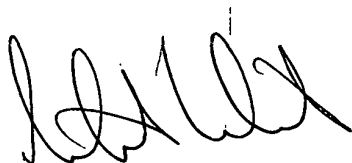
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting 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 charitable 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 charitable 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 board of trustees on 5 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr N Wilson
Chair of Trustees

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
GUILSBOROUGH MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust (the 'parent academy') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the group Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account, the group Consolidated Balance Sheet, the group Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including 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 trust's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the academy trust's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the academy trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent academy trust'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 trust 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
GUILSBOROUGH MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

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

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Group Strategic Report.

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

- the parent academy trust 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 trust 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 Trustees' responsibilities statement, set out on page 21, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the academy trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
GUILSBOROUGH MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

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

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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.



Elaine Olson-Williams FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

MHA MacIntyre Hudson

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

Peterbridge House
The Lakes
Northampton
NN4 7HB

Date:

20 December 2017

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO
GUILSBOROUGH MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 4 October 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 Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust 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 Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust 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 Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GUILSBOROUGH MULTI ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING
OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 26 March 2014, 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 trust's income and expenditure.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO
GUILSBOROUGH MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**
(continued)

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Reviewing the minutes of meetings of the Multi Academy Trust 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 a sample of payroll payments to staff.
- Testing of a sample of payments to suppliers and other third parties.
- Testing a sample of grants received and other income streams.
- Evaluating the internal control procedures and reporting lines, and testing as appropriate.
- Making appropriate enquiries 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.



MHA MacIntyre Hudson

Chartered Accountants

Peterbridge House
The Lakes
Northampton
NN4 7HB

Date:

20 December 2017

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

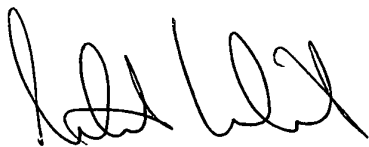
	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted general funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and capital grants	2	16,363	146,740	124,100	287,203	160,283
Charitable activities:						
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	-	6,688,308	-	6,688,308	6,754,658
Other trading activities	4	77,350	-	-	77,350	85,911
Investments	5	7,270	-	-	7,270	8,224
TOTAL INCOME		100,983	6,835,048	124,100	7,060,131	7,009,076
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		65,400	153,799	-	219,199	176,733
Charitable activities:						
Academy trust educational operations		-	6,392,650	509,648	6,902,298	7,305,886
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6	65,400	6,546,449	509,648	7,121,497	7,482,619
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		35,583	288,599	(385,548)	(61,366)	(473,543)
Transfers between Funds	17	-	(54,298)	54,298	-	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		35,583	234,301	(331,250)	(61,366)	(473,543)
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	17,20	-	961,000	-	961,000	(741,000)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		35,583	1,195,301	(331,250)	899,634	(1,214,543)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought forward		189,266	(138,069)	12,055,631	12,106,828	13,321,371
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		224,849	1,057,232	11,724,381	13,006,462	12,106,828

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13		11,579,049		11,983,174
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	14	10,883		7,993	
Debtors	15	269,096		160,917	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,325,209		1,945,834	
		<u>2,605,188</u>		<u>2,114,744</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(346,775)		(370,090)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>2,258,413</u>		<u>1,744,654</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>13,837,462</u>		<u>13,727,828</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	20		(831,000)		(1,621,000)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			<u>13,006,462</u>		<u>12,106,828</u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds	17	1,888,232		1,482,931	
Restricted fixed asset funds	17	11,724,381		12,055,631	
Restricted income funds excluding pension liability		13,612,613		13,538,562	
Pension reserve		(831,000)		(1,621,000)	
Total restricted funds			<u>12,781,613</u>		<u>11,917,562</u>
Unrestricted income funds	17		224,849		189,266
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>13,006,462</u>		<u>12,106,828</u>

The financial statements on pages 27 to 54 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 5 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf, by:



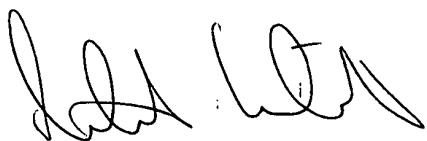
Mr N Wilson
Chair of Trustees

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ACADEMY TRUST BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13		11,579,049		11,983,174
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	14	10,883		7,993	
Debtors	15	250,509		144,265	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,188,470		1,791,810	
		<u>2,449,862</u>		<u>1,944,068</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(294,314)		(309,339)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>2,155,548</u>		<u>1,634,729</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>13,734,597</u>		<u>13,617,903</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	20	(831,000)			(1,621,000)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			<u>12,903,597</u>		<u>11,996,903</u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income fund	17	1,785,367		1,373,006	
Restricted fixed asset fund	17	11,724,381		12,055,631	
Restricted funds excluding pension asset		<u>13,509,748</u>		<u>13,428,637</u>	
Pension reserve		<u>(831,000)</u>		<u>(1,621,000)</u>	
Total restricted funds			<u>12,678,748</u>		<u>11,807,637</u>
Unrestricted funds	17		<u>224,849</u>		<u>189,266</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>12,903,597</u>		<u>11,996,903</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 5 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf, by:



Mr N Wilson
Chair of Trustees

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	22	<u>440,019</u>	<u>(105,949)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		7,270	8,224
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(105,523)	(143,187)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		37,609	42,472
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(60,644)</u>	<u>(92,491)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		379,375	(198,440)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>1,945,834</u>	<u>2,144,274</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	23	<u><u>2,325,209</u></u>	<u><u>1,945,834</u></u>

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy 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.

GUILSBOROUGH Multi Academy Trust 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 Trust 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 Trust alone as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Academy Trust 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

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

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

Capital grants are recognised 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.

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

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

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it is measurable.

Donations

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

Other income

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.

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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

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

Charitable Activities

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All 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 and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leasehold Property	-	2% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-	10-20% straight line
Computer equipment	-	25% straight line

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

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

1.6 Leased assets

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

1.7 Liabilities

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

1.8 Provisions

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

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

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.10 Taxation

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

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

1.11 Debtors

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

1.12 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 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the academy trust'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 costs as detailed in note 16. 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 instruments. Amounts due to the academy trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.14 Pension benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Governments 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 trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 20, 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.

1.15 Fund accounting

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Department for Education 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.

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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 20, 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.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted general funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Donations	16,363	-	-	16,363	919
Capital grants	-	-	124,100	124,100	42,472
School fund	-	146,740	-	146,740	116,892
	16,363	146,740	124,100	287,203	160,283
<i>Total 2016</i>	919	116,892	42,472	160,283	

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3. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted general funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	6,342,376	6,342,376	6,382,521
Other DfE/EFSA grants	-	226,090	226,090	195,394
	-	6,568,466	6,568,466	6,577,915
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	39,073	39,073	44,208
Other grants	-	-	-	6,067
	-	39,073	39,073	50,275
Other funding				
GUTP income and teacher recharges	-	74,172	74,172	96,540
Other income	-	6,597	6,597	29,928
	-	80,769	80,769	126,468
	-	6,688,308	6,688,308	6,754,658
<i>Total 2016</i>	-	6,754,658	6,754,658	

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted general funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Hire of facilities	9,858	-	9,858	11,948
Music, exam, books, misc	43,356	-	43,356	67,870
Other income	24,136	-	24,136	6,093
	77,350	-	77,350	85,911
<i>Total 2016</i>	85,911	-	85,911	

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted general funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Investment income	7,270	-	7,270	8,224
	<u>7,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,270</u>	<u>8,224</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>8,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,224</u>	

6. EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs 2017 £	Premises 2017 £	Other costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Expenditure on raising voluntary income	1,963	-	151,836	153,799	110,315
Expenditure on fundraising trading	223	-	65,177	65,400	66,418
Academy educational operations:					
Direct costs	4,509,403	-	404,117	4,913,520	5,383,904
Allocated support costs	762,920	994,729	231,129	1,988,778	1,921,982
	<u>5,274,509</u>	<u>994,729</u>	<u>852,259</u>	<u>7,121,497</u>	<u>7,482,619</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>5,558,693</u>	<u>483,224</u>	<u>1,440,702</u>	<u>7,482,619</u>	

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs 2017 £	Support costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Educational operations	4,913,520	1,988,778	6,902,298	7,305,886
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>5,383,904</u>	<u>1,921,982</u>	<u>7,305,886</u>	

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Analysis of support costs

	2017 £	2016 £
Support staff costs	764,883	720,125
Depreciation	509,648	535,352
Technology costs	54,912	57,006
Premises costs	485,081	483,224
Other support costs	163,910	116,275
Governance costs	10,344	10,000
Total support costs	1,988,778	1,921,982

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2017 £	2016 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charitable group	509,648	535,352
Fees payable to auditor for - audit	10,500	10,000
Fees payable to auditor for - other services	18,375	19,828
Operating lease rentals	15,511	3,974

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9. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	3,925,459	4,281,063
Social security costs	382,116	356,727
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	806,222	759,678
	<u>5,113,797</u>	<u>5,397,468</u>
Supply staff costs	159,079	161,225
Apprenticeships levy	1,633	-
	<u>5,274,509</u>	<u>5,558,693</u>

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

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teachers	81	88
Administration and support	48	69
Management	8	10
	<u>137</u>	<u>167</u>

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

	2017 No.	2016 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	3	3
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	0	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	0
In the band £110,000 - £120,000	0	1

The above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2017 employer's pension contributions for these staff amounted to £47,343 (2016 - £55,246).

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £695,862 (2016 - £719,638).

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10. CENTRAL SERVICES

The academy trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- Human resources
- ICT
- Financial and site services

The academy trust charges for these services on a time apportioned basis.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Naseby C of E Primary Academy	11,412	5,594

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 Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal 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 £
Mrs J Swales (Principal and Trustee)	Remuneration	85,000-90,000	N/A
	Pension contributions paid	10,000-15,000	N/A
Mrs C Staley (Executive Headteacher and Trustee)	Remuneration	N/A	110,000-115,000
	Pension contributions paid	N/A	10,000-15,000

During the year ended 31 August 2017, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2016 - £NIL).

Other transactions with trustees are disclosed in note 26.

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 trust	Leasehold property £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2016	13,081,465	803,475	672,750	14,557,690
Additions in year	62,933	14,204	28,386	105,523
At 31 August 2017	13,144,398	817,679	701,136	14,663,213
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2016	1,585,075	458,022	531,419	2,574,516
Charge for the year	309,140	108,579	91,929	509,648
At 31 August 2017	1,894,215	566,601	623,348	3,084,164
Net book value				
At 31 August 2017	11,250,183	251,078	77,788	11,579,049
At 31 August 2016	11,496,390	345,453	141,331	11,983,174

Licence to occupy

The directors of The Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance, in agreement with the Board of Education of the Diocese of Peterborough, own the freehold interest in the buildings and some open land both of which are occupied by Naseby Church of England Primary Academy on a rent free licence to occupy. This continuing permission of their trustees is pursuant to, and subject to, the Trustees' charitable objects, and is part of the Church of England's contribution to provide State funded education in partnership with the State and detailed in a supplemental agreement with the academy. The licence delegates aspects of the management of the land (and buildings) to the Academy Trust company for the time being, but does not vest any rights over the land in the Academy Trust company, the terms of which have been agreed between the Secretary of State and the directors of The Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance, and within which is contained a termination clause on the directors of The Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance giving two years notice. The Trustees have concluded that the land and buildings should not be recognised as an asset of the academy as the Academy Trust does not control the asset.

The remainder of the open land, being the playing fields, occupied by Naseby Church of England Primary Academy is held under a 125 year lease from Northamptonshire County Council.

Naseby Church of England Primary Academy Trust is responsible for the maintenance and insurance of the land and buildings. Any further capital works, funded by the academy, require the prior approval of the directors of The Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance.

The financial statements do not reflect any notional rental expense for the donated use of the land and buildings as the trustees have concluded that no reliable figure can be measured for this donation as there are no rental premises for academy operations which are considered to be comparable and reliably measured.

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14. STOCKS

	Group		Academy trust	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	10,883	7,993	10,883	7,993

15. DEBTORS

	Group		Academy trust	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	4,278	3,664	4,278	3,664
VAT recoverable	20,148	13,647	20,148	13,647
Prepayments and accrued income	244,670	143,606	226,083	126,954
	269,096	160,917	250,509	144,265

16. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Academy trust	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Other taxation and social security	98,318	104,744	98,318	104,744
Other creditors	85,881	85,495	85,881	85,495
Accruals and deferred income	162,576	179,851	110,115	119,100
	346,775	370,090	294,314	309,339

Deferred income

	Group		Academy trust	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income at 1 September	109,435	61,670	51,094	50,582
Resources deferred during the year	95,638	109,435	43,177	51,094
Amounts released from previous years	(109,435)	(61,670)	(51,094)	(50,582)
Deferred income at 31 August	95,638	109,435	43,177	51,094

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
Group						
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	189,266	100,983	(65,400)	-	-	224,849
Restricted funds						
General annual grant (GAG)	785,954	6,342,376	(5,949,600)	(40,619)	-	1,138,111
Local Authority grants	8,000	28,072	(28,072)	-	-	8,000
Other DfE / ESFA grants	13,454	97,876	(76,685)	-	-	34,645
GUTP/teacher recharges	-	74,172	(60,493)	(13,679)	-	-
Miscellaneous restricted	109,925	153,337	(160,396)	-	-	102,866
Pupil premium	1,340	139,215	(100,203)	-	-	40,352
Transfer from Local Authority	564,258	-	-	-	-	564,258
Pension reserve	(1,621,000)	-	(171,000)	-	961,000	(831,000)
	<u>(138,069)</u>	<u>6,835,048</u>	<u>(6,546,449)</u>	<u>(54,298)</u>	<u>961,000</u>	<u>1,057,232</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
DfE / ESFA / LA capital grants - unspent	72,458	118,205	-	(45,331)	-	145,332
DfE / ESFA capital grants - spent	869,537	-	(31,432)	39,904	-	878,009
Capital expenditure from GAG	1,290,587	-	(184,124)	59,725	-	1,166,188
Capital income transferred from LA	9,709,492	-	(282,497)	-	-	9,426,995
Donated catering and other assets	74,042	5,895	(11,595)	-	-	68,342
Other capital grants - spent	39,515	-	-	-	-	39,515
	<u>12,055,631</u>	<u>124,100</u>	<u>(509,648)</u>	<u>54,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,724,381</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>11,917,562</u>	<u>6,959,148</u>	<u>(7,056,097)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>961,000</u>	<u>12,781,613</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>12,106,828</u></u>	<u><u>7,060,131</u></u>	<u><u>(7,121,497)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>961,000</u></u>	<u><u>13,006,462</u></u>

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 September 2015 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2016 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	161,205	95,054	(66,993)	-	-	189,266
	<u>161,205</u>	<u>95,054</u>	<u>(66,993)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,266</u>
Restricted funds						
General annual grant (GAG)	782,787	6,382,522	(6,314,988)	(64,366)	-	785,955
Local Authority grants	-	44,208	(39,208)	3,000	-	8,000
Other DfE / ESFA grants	23,403	67,212	(74,161)	(3,000)	-	13,454
GUTP/teacher recharges	-	96,540	(96,540)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous restricted	102,774	146,820	(139,669)	-	-	109,925
Pupil premium	-	134,248	(132,909)	-	-	1,339
Transfer from Local Authority	564,258	-	-	-	-	564,258
Pension reserve	(805,000)	-	(75,000)	-	(741,000)	(1,621,000)
	<u>668,222</u>	<u>6,871,550</u>	<u>(6,872,475)</u>	<u>(64,366)</u>	<u>(741,000)</u>	<u>(138,069)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
DfE / ESFA / LA capital grants - unspent	116,361	31,488	(7,560)	(67,831)	-	72,458
DfE / ESFA capital grants - spent	861,074	-	(26,544)	35,007	-	869,537
Capital expenditure from GAG	1,450,005	-	(216,631)	57,213	-	1,290,587
Capital income transferred from LA	9,991,526	-	(282,034)	-	-	9,709,492
Donated catering and other assets	72,978	10,984	(10,382)	462	-	74,042
Other capital grants - spent	-	-	-	39,515	-	39,515
	<u>12,491,944</u>	<u>42,472</u>	<u>(543,151)</u>	<u>64,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,055,631</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>13,160,166</u>	<u>6,914,022</u>	<u>(7,415,626)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(741,000)</u>	<u>11,917,562</u>
Total of funds	<u>13,321,371</u>	<u>7,009,076</u>	<u>(7,482,619)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(741,000)</u>	<u>12,106,828</u>

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

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

The transfer between the restricted General Annual Grant fund and restricted fixed asset funds represents amounts capitalised during the period.

Restricted general funds will be used for educational purposes in line with the Academy's objectives and its funding agreements with the Education Funding Agency.

Restricted fixed asset funds amounting to £11,579,049 will be reserved against future depreciation charges. The remainder of £145,332 relates to unspent capital grants which will be utilised to enhance the Academy's facilities.

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

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY FUND BALANCE

Fund balances at 31 August 2017 were allocated as follows:

	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Guiltsborough Academy	1,953,214	1,543,821
Naseby C of E Primary Academy	159,867	128,376
Total before fixed asset fund and pension reserve	2,113,081	1,672,197
Restricted fixed asset fund	11,724,381	12,055,631
Pension reserve	(831,000)	(1,621,000)
Total	13,006,462	12,106,828

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY COST

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciat- ion £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Guiltsborough Academy	4,199,791	688,610	455,793	596,889	5,941,083	6,603,363
Naseby C of E Primary Academy	250,288	8,899	36,837	57,863	353,887	343,904
	4,450,079	697,509	492,630	654,752	6,294,970	6,947,267

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18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted general funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	11,579,049	11,579,049
Current assets	224,849	2,235,007	145,332	2,605,188
Creditors due within one year	-	(346,775)	-	(346,775)
Pension scheme liability	-	(831,000)	-	(831,000)
	<u>224,849</u>	<u>1,057,232</u>	<u>11,724,381</u>	<u>13,006,462</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted general funds 2016 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	11,983,174	11,983,174
Current assets	189,266	1,853,021	72,457	2,114,744
Creditors due within one year	-	(370,090)	-	(370,090)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,621,000)	-	(1,621,000)
	<u>189,266</u>	<u>(138,069)</u>	<u>12,055,631</u>	<u>12,106,828</u>

19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2017 the group and academy trust had capital commitments as follows:

	Group		Academy trust	
	2017 £	2016 £	2017 £	2016 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	<u>81,478</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>81,478</u>	<u>25,000</u>

20. 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 Northamptonshire 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.

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20. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Contributions amounting to £85,879 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017 (2016 - £85,495) and are included within creditors.

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 Account

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.

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 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 administrative levy for the TPS were implemented in September 2015.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £491,785 (2016 - £532,460).

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20. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

A full copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website at the following location www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.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.

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 £222,000 (2016 - £234,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £172,000 (2016 - £183,000) and employees' contributions totalled £50,000 (2016 - £51,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22.0% 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.

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20. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	2017	2016
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.50 %	2.00 %
Rate of increase in salaries	2.70 %	4.10 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.40 %	2.10 %

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	22.1	22.3
Females	24.2	24.3
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	23.9	24.0
Females	26.1	26.6

	At 31 August 2017 £	At 31 August 2016 £
Sensitivity analysis		
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate	547,000	557,000
0.5% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	58,000	191,000
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	484,000	347,000

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

	Fair value at 31 August 2017 £	Fair value at 31 August 2016 £
Equities	2,468,000	1,878,000
Debt instruments	534,000	502,000
Property	233,000	212,000
Cash and other liquid assets	100,000	53,000
Total market value of assets	3,335,000	2,645,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £283,000 (2016 - £53,000).

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20. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Interest income	56,000	81,000
Interest cost	(90,000)	(111,000)
Current service cost	(309,000)	(228,000)
Total	<u>(343,000)</u>	<u>(258,000)</u>

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	4,328,000	2,876,000
Interest cost	90,000	111,000
Employee contributions	50,000	51,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	(586,000)	1,098,000
Benefits paid	(25,000)	(36,000)
Current service cost	309,000	228,000
Closing defined benefit obligation	<u>4,166,000</u>	<u>4,328,000</u>

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	2,707,000	2,071,000
Interest income	56,000	81,000
Actuarial gains	375,000	357,000
Employer contributions	172,000	183,000
Employee contributions	50,000	51,000
Benefits paid	(25,000)	(36,000)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	<u>3,335,000</u>	<u>2,707,000</u>

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21. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	15,361	9,873
Between 1 and 5 years	12,840	17,233
Total	28,201	27,106

At 31 August 2017 the academy trust had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	15,361	9,873
Between 1 and 5 years	12,840	17,233
Total	28,201	27,106

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(61,366)	(473,543)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	509,648	535,352
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(7,270)	(8,224)
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	-	242
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(2,890)	4,922
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(108,179)	44,262
Decrease in creditors	(23,315)	(241,488)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(37,609)	(42,472)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	137,000	45,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	34,000	30,000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	440,019	(105,949)

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23. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Group	
	2017	2016
	£	£
Cash in hand	2,325,209	1,945,834
Total	2,325,209	1,945,834

24. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Included in the restricted fixed assets funds are assets in relation to a gift in kind in 2013 from the school's catering provider to upgrade the kitchen facilities. Under the terms of the catering contract, should the contract be terminated before 31 July 2018, the Academy Trust will repay the amount invested, less depreciation to date over the life of the contract. The net book value of the relevant assets at 31 August 2017 are £54,989 (2016 - £64,153).

25. 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.

26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

There were no related party transactions during the current or prior year.