

**Registration number: 07575016 (England & Wales)**

# **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Annual report**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**



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## **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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### **Reference and administrative details**

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<b>Members</b>	Alison Malcolm Dan Tobin Ian Wylie (resigned 31 July 2023) Patsie Beaton (appointed 23 March 2023)
<b>Governors</b>	Grahame Anderson Mark Atkinson Patsie Beaton, Chair of Governors (end of term of office 25 March 2023) Christopher Dale, Chair of Governors (from 26 March 2023) Emma Hetherington (resigned 14 March 2023) Sarah Lister Jean Ross Margaret Shahin (resigned 14 February 2023) Kirstin Mulholland Shipley Deborah Westhorpe-Wylie, Principal and ex-officio until 31 Dec 2022 (resigned 21 March 2023) Lucy Whitehead, Principal and ex-officio (appointed 1 September 2023) Joanne Loughlin-Ridley (appointed 11 September 2023)
<b>Company registered number</b>	07575016
<b>Company name</b>	Cramlington Village Primary Limited
<b>Principal and registered office</b>	Bowmont Drive Cramlington Northumberland NE23 2SN
<b>Principal</b>	Lucy Whitehead
<b>Key management personnel</b>	Lucy Whitehead, Principal (appointed 1 September 2023) Janet Robinson, Interim Principal (appointed 1 January 2023, contract term ended 31 August 2023) Melissa Costello, Vice Principal Sarah Koratzitis, Vice Principal (resigned 31 August 2023) Gemma Ormston, Office Manager (appointed 12 September 2022) Deborah Westerhope-Wylie, Principal (resigned 31 December 2022)
<b>Independent auditor</b>	UNW LLP Chartered Accountants Citygate St James' Boulevard Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4JE

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<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank PLC Cramlington Northumberland NE23 6QP
<b>Solicitors</b>	Ward Hadaway 102 Quayside Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3DX

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## **Governors' report Year ended 31 August 2023**

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The Governors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a governors' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The academy operates an academy for pupils aged 3 – 11 serving the Cramlington area. It has a pupil capacity of 210 plus 26 nursery and had 180 children on roll as at October 2023.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### **Constitution**

Cramlington Village Primary Limited is a free school which is an academy, a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The company was incorporated on 23 March 2011.

The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the academy.

The Governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of Cramlington Village Primary Limited and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company trades as Cramlington Village Primary School. The Governors determine the general policy of the school. The day to day management of the school is delegated to the Principal under a scheme of delegation.

Details of the Governors who served during the year are included in the Reference and administrative details on page 1.

#### **Members' liability**

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

#### **Governors' indemnities**

The academy maintains third party indemnity insurance for its Governors which was in force during the year and at the time of approval of this report. Details of which are given in note 12.

#### **Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Governors**

Governors are appointed under the Articles of Association. There shall be no less than three Governors but the academy is not subject to any maximum number (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution). In summary the academy shall have the following Governors:

The Members may appoint up to 10 Governors.

The Members may appoint Staff Governors through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of Governors (including the Principal) who are employees of the academy does not exceed one third of the total number of Governors.

The Principal shall be treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Governor.

A minimum of two parent Governors shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the academy. A parent Governor must be a parent of a pupil at the academy at the time when he/she is elected.

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Any additional Governors are appointed by the Secretary of State in circumstances where he believes that the performance of pupils is unacceptably low, there has been a serious breakdown in standards of management or governance, the safety of pupils or staff is threatened or there has been a Special Measures Termination Event. No Governors have been appointed under these circumstances.

The academy may also have up to 3 co-opted Governors. These are Governors appointed by Governors who are not themselves co-opted Governors. Governors cannot co-opt an employee if this means that the number of Governors who are also employees would exceed the one third rule.

The term of office for any Governor shall be 4 years, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Principal for consistency. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Governor, any Governor may be re-appointed or re-elected.

#### **Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Governors**

All Governors receive full induction training at the time of appointment, and continue to have access to relevant and meaningful training material from relevant professional bodies during their tenure.

All Governors are volunteers and give their time freely with no remuneration being paid to them for their role as Governors.

#### **Organisational structure**

The Governors delegate the general day to day running of the school to the Principal and the senior management team. The Governors are responsible for setting policy, strategic direction, approving the annual budget, monitoring the use of funding, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. The organisational structure delegates certain decisions to school staff representatives depending on the level of expenditure. This scheme of delegation clarifies what decisions come to Governors for approval. The scheme of delegation has been reviewed and revised during the year. The Principal acts as the Accounting Officer.

#### **Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel**

Salaries are set for senior staff by the Board of Governors in accordance with the Pay Policy approved by Governors and are subject to successful annual performance management procedures. The Principal's salary is agreed by a panel of governors and is dependent upon their performance against annual performance management objectives.

#### **Related parties and other connected charities and organisations**

During the course of this year, Little Angels Fun Club and Nursery Limited was a related party as it is a company in which Deborah Westhorpe-Wylie (who served as Principal and Governor during this academic year) and Ian Wylie (Member) have a majority interest. From 3 September 2012 Little Angels have leased an area of the school premises to operate as a nursery and after school club. They are paying a market rent for the area occupied which has been assessed by an external valuation by a qualified surveyor. In addition, the organisation pays their share of the running costs of any facilities and services which they use.

Further details on the transactions between Cramlington Village Primary School and Little Angels can be found in note 24 to the accounts.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Objects and aims**

The aim of the school is to provide a broad and balanced education to nursery and primary school aged children, as encompassed in a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education.

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#### **Objectives, strategies and activities**

We support children up to the age of 11, by allowing them the freedom and time to direct their own learning, develop essential life skills such as collaboration, socialisation, independence and choice making and to discover the joy of learning.

During our initial consultation prior to the school opening, many parents stated that their children did not enjoy the formal teaching structure from Y1 and agreed that they would benefit from a play based approach for longer. Recent research suggests that guiding children into formal learning structures at such a young age can create a sense of failure and disaffection that will continue with them throughout their school life. It is believed that many children of younger ages are unable to cope with the skills involved in this type of teaching and if forced to do so many fail, building up a negative attitude to school life that can be difficult to break down later.

We facilitate a sensitive transition to KS2, retaining the emphasis on developing life skills and working closely in line with the new National Curriculum for provision of literacy, numeracy and science. We ensure that our pupils move on to secondary school with at least the academic skills and attainment of their peers attending other local schools, but with an enhanced breadth of experiences and understanding of their own learning.

Every child has different strengths and interests. We allow opportunities for all children to achieve strong attainment and progress through a highly personalised curriculum. Children demonstrate the best levels of engagement when they are motivated and interested in the subjects being studied. Therefore we follow themed approaches to learning, allowing interest to develop and ensuring children are engaged, their learning is rich and the outcomes for them are optimised. Throughout KS1 and EYFS we promote an innovative play based curriculum, nurturing autonomous learners, promoting life skills such as problem solving, social skills and practical skills, supported by the innovative use of ICT.

We offer a holistic curriculum that encourages extensive use of the outdoors throughout school. We prioritise communal family style mealtimes and healthy food, emphasising pastoral care, engagement with the local community, teaching important physical skills such as swimming and optimising attendance and continuity of learning through longer school days and better balanced term times.

We deliver all this by working in partnership with parents, family support agencies, extended services, local authorities and teacher training organisations.

CVPS uses the 'view my financial insights' documents which allow us to benchmark against other schools with a similar profile to our own. No two schools are the same so we are aware that this is a benchmark rather than an absolute comparison tool. This data is analysed to inform both strategy and areas for focus, in order to make sure we are being financially responsible.

We do need to be able to assess and overview the leadership impact of any extra spending which is measured as part of the school's performance management target setting process, undertaken as part of our appraisal policy. This policy is reviewed annually and target reviews take place individually with all staff at least twice a year. The targets given to individual staff are at a role-appropriate level, but cascade from the intentions of the school development plan, linking to the school's self evaluation.

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#### **Public benefit**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

#### **Strategic report**

##### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Children's development and progress**

The school has stabilised its roll across the year at around 195 children with a new reception intake and is now in its sixth year of welcoming children of nursery age. To August 2023 there has been a wide range of significant successes which further embeds the school in the community and academic results which are benchmarked against national comparatives. This has been against the backdrop of instability within school leadership, with our long-standing principal stepping down at the end of 2022, and an interim-principal being recruited whilst recruitment for a permanent replacement took place.

Significant investment in training and development for staff and Governors has once again taken place throughout the year. Staff have enjoyed training from literacy and numeracy consultants and have also organised visits to school from authors, forest school specialists, sports specialists and professional storytellers, to ensure that children receive a breadth of experiences, contributing to the development of reading and writing skills and using numbers in real life contexts. School leaders continued to forge ahead, prioritising oracy as a key skill to develop alongside a comprehensive programme of recovery including intervention programmes particularly for English and Mathematics. There has been a renewed emphasis on referrals to external services to support pupils with additional needs, now that they are accepting face to face assessments that facilitate diagnosis.

Our intake for September 2023 saw the school welcoming an additional 25 pupils into reception, had 5 additional pupils transferred from other schools and lost 33 pupils from Year 6 into secondary provision. There was mobility within the school year which places us in the bottom 20% of similar schools as mobility at CVPS is very high. With in-year admissions, our pupil numbers of 174 are at their highest since the school opened (numbers correct in December 23 excluding nursery aged children).

Whilst there has been greater stability within the overall school governance, there continues to be challenges with recruitment, which has impacted on expanding capacity. In addition, the Chair of Governors stepped down from their role during the year, and whilst they were succeeded by a Governor who has previously been Chair at the school, there has been a loss in experience as a result.

School leadership benefited from two vice principals who had reduced classroom responsibilities in order to support new class teachers, and to model and strengthen the teaching input across school.

Examples of developments include the continued focus on reading in school, and a hugely well coordinated 'recovery' programme linking to the needs of our most disadvantaged pupils who tended to engage less effectively with the remote learning programme during the year. The reinstatement of the full residential learning programmes has been well received by the school, and significant work has taken place developing and further strengthening the curriculum.

There has been considerable change in the business administration personnel of the school with the small team of three leaving, for which replacements were secured. The school employed the support of agency staff and support from other local MATs to ensure statutory requirements continued to be met, however the school identified issues in quality with this approach. As a result, the school pivoted away from this support in the Summer term, replacing it with an offering from an accountancy firm.

Throughout the past year the school continued to drive to support accelerated progress and to effect a 'catch up' to positions of attainment that pupils were achieving prior to Covid.



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The academy's catchment area for admissions is within a ten mile radius of the school if oversubscribed. Pupils are admitted throughout the year to all year groups which have availability, notwithstanding the legal infant class cap of 30 pupils. Our funding agreement with the Department for Education stipulates that we should always take in children when we have places available. A very high proportion of pupils (41%) attend CVPS who hail from families living in areas deemed to be in the second lowest income bracket, using the government's Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI). This places a significant strain on the school during the time lag from when children first arrive into school and up to eighteen months later when we are funded for them (when the October 6th headcount deadline is missed).

### Key performance indicators

Ofsted reported from inspecting our school in September 2018 that we are a good school, according to the current framework with some tangible examples of excellent and inspirational practice across the school. Following the impact of Covid, the School was able to resume Key Stage 2 statutory assessments in 2022-23. Whilst there were areas of positivity within the results, overall they fell below those achieved in previous years and against national averages across all areas of assessment. 55% pupils met ARE in Reading, 49% in Writing and 61% in Maths. Though there was a high degree of SEND and mobility within this cohort, instability within staffing and leadership also played a factor in this. And whilst similar outcomes were identified within KS1 and Reception level assessments, phonics screener outcomes, in both Year 1 and Year 2, were above national averages. There has been a significant focus on lifting the quality of teaching in the 2023-24 academic year.

Financial key performance indicators relevant to the academy are:

	2023	2022	2021
Salary costs as a % of total income (excl. capital)	75.4%	85.9%	85.6%

The reduction as total percentage is as a result of a reduction in total staff numbers and the resignation of some senior resources during the year.

### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Governors has a reasonable expectation that the academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

### Promoting the success of the company

The Governors have promoted the success of the company, as required under the relevant parts of section 172(1) of the Companies Act 2006, in the ways described throughout the Governors' report.

### Financial review

The year ended 31 August 2023 is the end of the tenth year of operation as a free school. The school opened on 3 September 2012 with two classes, reception and year 1, and a total of 25 children and by 31 August 2023 we had seven classes including nursery and 203 children in attendance.

The principal source of funding for the school is the Education and Skills Funding Agency for both capital and revenue expenditure with additional funding being generated from the letting of part of the school building to a nursery, catering income, and parental donations to trips and activities. All expenditure has been used to support the key objectives and aims of the school. Funding from the Education and Skills Funding Agency for both capital and revenue expenditure is shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

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The statement of financial activities shows that total income for the year was £1,313k (2022: £1,242k). £1,215k (2022: £1,143k) was funded from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the local authority, and £95k (2022: £99k) was generated by the school from catering, lettings and sundry sales such as uniforms and staff time. A total revenue deficit for the year, excluding the restricted fixed assets fund and pension adjustments, has been generated of £29k (2022: surplus of £25k). This includes transfers to the fixed asset fund of £26k (2022: £33k) where the purchase of assets has been funded from revenue.

Total funds held by the school at 31 August 2023 were £2,106k (2022: £2,187k), comprising £1,875k (2022: £1,890k) of restricted fixed asset funds, £nil (2022: £18k) of restricted general funds, £231k (2022: £242k) of unrestricted funds, and a pension reserve of £nil (2022: £37k (asset)). The balance on the restricted fixed asset fund represents the net book value of the fixed assets held by the Academy.

#### **Reserves policy**

Governors have decided the current minimum level of cash held at any one time should equate to the monthly outgoings to which it is committed re. fixed expenditure, i.e. salary costs. At 31 August 2023 bank and cash balances were in excess of this. At 31 August 2023, expendable reserves totalled £231k (2022: £259k), which exceeds the monthly payroll costs.

The Governors will continue to review the level of reserves and establish a long term policy for building and maintaining reserves for the future.

#### **Investment policy**

The school continues to operate an interest bearing account so that it can maximise interest receivable on any cash balances which it holds as a result of grant payments received from the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The school has a comprehensive Risk Management Plan which outlines key risks associated with the school. There is a need to closely monitor finances as a small school. Systems and procedures to control costs and expenditure are robust, monitored by the Board of Governors and reflect the key budget allocations throughout the year. The Governors review the plan and the controls in place at least on an annual basis.

The key risks to any business or school are financial and compliance with legislation. The school has bought in professional support and advice to ensure this risk is minimised to a comfortable level.

#### **Fundraising**

The academy trust does not carry out significant fundraising activities.

#### **Plans for future periods**

Governors will continue to pursue the aims and objectives of the school according to the prevailing circumstances. This is underpinned by the School Development Plan. Governors will continue to focus on:

- continuing to improve educational outcomes for the children using an innovative, stimulating approach;
- continuing to develop the educational facilities at the school within the constraints of the current and predicted funding levels - particularly the outdoor car park and front of school area; and
- establishing the school in the local community and developing links not only with the local community but by supporting the wider education community in the area.

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#### **Disclosure of information to auditors**

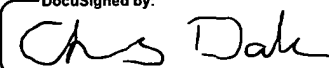
Each of the persons who are Governors at the time when this Governors' report is approved has confirmed that:

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

#### **Auditor**

Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and UNW LLP will therefore continue in office.

The Governors' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Governors, as the company directors, on 29 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Christopher Dale**  
(Chair of Governors)

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### Governance statement

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#### Scope of responsibility

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

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

The Board of Governors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the 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 Cramlington Village Primary Limited and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Governors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' report and in the statement of Governors' responsibilities. The board of Governors has formally met 9 times during the year.

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

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Grahame Anderson	2	9
Mark Atkinson	9	9
Patsie Beaton (Chair of Governors until 25 March 2023)	7	7
Christopher Dale, Chair of Governors (from 26 March 2023)	9	9
Emma Hetherington	3	6
Sarah Lister	9	9
Jean Ross	6	9
Margaret Shahin	0	6
Kirstin Mulholland Shipley	6	9
Deborah Westhorpe-Wylie, Ex - Principal	5	5
Janet Robinson, Interim Principal	6	6

There have been a few changes in the composition of the governing body in the year, with new governors appointed in line with the trust's policies.

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### **Governance Statement (continued)**

#### **Governance (continued)**

The Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of governors. Its purpose is to monitor the financial position of the trust and to deal with any issues arising in the staffing of the operations.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Grahame Anderson	4	9
Mark Atkinson	8	9
Patsie Beaton	2	5
Christopher Dale (Chair of Governors)	9	9
Janet Robinson (Interim Principal)	6	6
Sarah Lister (Committee Chair)	9	9
Deborah Westhorpe-Wylie, Ex - Principal	4	4

The Education Committee is also a sub-committee of the main board of governors. Its purpose is to oversee the educational remit of the trust.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mark Atkinson (Committee Chair)	4	4
Emma Hetherington	2	2
Janet Robinson (Interim Principal)	3	3
Jean Ross	3	4
Margaret Shahin	1	2
Kirstin Mulholland Shipley	3	4
Deborah Westhorpe-Wylie, Ex - Principal	1	2

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### **Governance Statement (continued)**

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#### **Review of value for money**

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

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

- making comparisons with other/similar schools using data provided by the Government, e.g. Raise-online, quality of teaching and learning, levels of expenditure, benchmarking comparators as sent through by the ESFA;
- challenging proposals, examining them for effectiveness, efficiency, and cost e.g. setting of annual pupil achievement targets, extended services provision;
- requiring suppliers to compete on grounds of cost, and quality/suitability of services/products/backup; and
- consulting individuals and organisations on quality/suitability of services we provide to parents and pupils, and services we receive from providers, e.g. energy management.

#### **The purpose of the system of internal control**

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Cramlington Village Primary Limited for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

#### **Capacity to handle risk**

The Board of Governors has reviewed the key risks to which the academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Governors is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Governors.

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### Governance Statement (continued)

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#### The risk and control framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of governors;
- regular reviews by the Principal 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; and
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Governors has decided to employ Armstrong Watson as internal auditor.

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

- review of committee meeting minutes;
- review of the monthly management accounts;
- review of the financial procedures manual;
- review of the risk register; and
- sample testing of purchase transactions, ensuring compliance with financial delegations.

On a semi-annual basis, the internal auditor reports to the board of governors on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the governors' financial responsibilities. Internal audit reports were received for May 2023 and July 2023.

#### 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 internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self assessment process; and
- the work of the executive managers within the academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the 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 Governors on 29 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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**Christopher Dale**  
Chair of Governors

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**Lucy Whitehead**  
Accounting Officer

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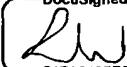
### **Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance**

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As Accounting Officer of Cramlington Village Primary Limited I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy board of Governors and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement in place between the academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2022, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the academy board of Governors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2022.

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

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**Lucy Whitehead**  
Accounting Officer  
Date: 29 December 2023



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### **Statement of governors' responsibilities** **Year ended 31 August 2023**

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

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

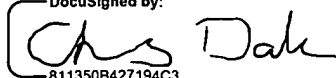
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Governors on 29 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Christopher Dale**  
(Chair of Governors)



## **Independent auditor's report on the financial statements to the Members of Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Cramlington Village Primary Limited (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

### **Basis for opinion**

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

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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



## **Independent auditor's report on the financial statements to the Members of Cramlington Village Primary Limited (continued)**

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### **Other information**

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

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

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

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

### **Responsibilities of governors**

As explained more fully in the statement of governors' responsibilities, the governors (who are also the directors of the academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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



## **Independent auditor's report on the financial statements to the Members of Cramlington Village Primary Limited (continued)**

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### **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.

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

We identified areas of law and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general and sector experience and through discussions with the governors and other management (as required by Auditing Standards) and from inspection of the academy's legal correspondence and we discussed with the governors and other management the policies and procedures in place regarding compliance with the laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

Firstly, the academy is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the academy is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect; health and safety, employment law, data protection, environmental law, safeguarding and child protection and certain aspects of company legislation, recognising the nature of the academy's activities. Auditing Standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance material to the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.



## **Independent auditor's report on the financial statements to the Members of Cramlington Village Primary Limited (continued)**

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### **Use of our report**

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

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Anne Hallowell

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**Anne Hallowell BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor**  
Chartered Accountants  
Newcastle upon Tyne

29 December 2023

## **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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### **Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Cramlington Village Primary Limited and the Education & Skills Funding Agency**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 18 July 2023 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Cramlington Village Primary Limited during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Cramlington Village Primary Limited and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Cramlington Village Primary Limited and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Cramlington Village Primary Limited and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Cramlington Village Primary Limited's accounting officer and the reporting accountant**

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Cramlington Village Primary Limited's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 17 January 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. 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 2022 to 31 August 2023 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

#### **Approach**

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

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

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

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

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### **Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Cramlington Village Primary Limited and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (continued)**

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The work undertaken to support our conclusion includes:

- testing a sample of expenditure to verify that the trust's procurement procedures have been followed for the items selected;
- testing a sample of payments to ensure that they are correctly authorised in accordance with the trust's policies;
- testing a sample of expenditure to verify that the nature of the spend is in line with funding agreements: and
- testing a sample of income and expenditure to ensure systems and controls are being implemented in line with the trust's policies.

#### **Conclusion**

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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**Anne Hallowell BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor**  
Chartered Accountants  
Newcastle upon Tyne

Date: 29 December 2023

# Cramlington Village Primary Limited

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## Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) Year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	3	25,920	-	19,982	45,902	29,961
Other trading activities	5	43,283	25,140	-	68,423	75,889
Investments	6	827	3,000	-	3,827	27
Charitable activities	4	-	1,195,054	-	1,195,054	1,136,425
<b>Total income</b>		<b>70,030</b>	<b>1,223,194</b>	<b>19,982</b>	<b>1,313,206</b>	<b>1,242,302</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	7	43,513	1,270,702	61,157	1,375,372	1,363,422
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>43,513</b>	<b>1,270,702</b>	<b>61,157</b>	<b>1,375,372</b>	<b>1,363,422</b>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure)</b>		<b>26,517</b>	<b>(47,508)</b>	<b>(41,175)</b>	<b>(62,166)</b>	<b>(121,120)</b>
Transfers between funds	16	(37,810)	11,913	25,897	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		<b>(11,293)</b>	<b>(35,595)</b>	<b>(15,278)</b>	<b>(62,166)</b>	<b>(121,120)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	31,000	-	31,000	506,000
Derecognition of defined benefit pension scheme surplus	22	-	(50,000)	-	(50,000)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(11,293)</b>	<b>(54,595)</b>	<b>(15,278)</b>	<b>(81,166)</b>	<b>384,880</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		241,851	54,595	1,890,415	2,186,861	1,801,981
Net movement in funds		(11,293)	(54,595)	(15,278)	(81,166)	384,880
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>230,558</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,875,137</b>	<b>2,105,695</b>	<b>2,186,861</b>



## **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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### **Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) (continued)**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

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The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

**Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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**Balance sheet  
At 31 August 2023**

		2023	2022
	Note		
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	1,875,137	1,890,415
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	14	89,007	97,538
Cash at bank and in hand		274,638	309,031
		<u>363,645</u>	<u>406,569</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(133,087)	(147,123)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>230,558</u>	<u>259,446</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,105,695</u>	<u>2,149,861</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / (liability)	22	-	37,000
<b>Total net assets including defined benefit pension scheme asset / (liability)</b>		<u>2,105,695</u>	<u>2,186,861</u>
<b>Funds of the academy</b>			
<b>Restricted funds:</b>			
Fixed asset funds	16	1,875,137	1,890,415
Restricted income funds	16	-	17,595
Restricted funds excluding defined benefit pension scheme asset / liability	16	<u>1,875,137</u>	<u>1,908,010</u>
Pension reserve	16	-	37,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	16	<u>1,875,137</u>	<u>1,945,010</u>
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	16	<u>230,558</u>	<u>241,851</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>2,105,695</u>	<u>2,186,861</u>

## **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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### **Balance sheet (continued)**

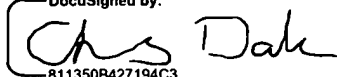
**At 31 August 2023**

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

The financial statements on pages 22 to 51 were approved by the Governors, and authorised for issue on 29 December 2023 and are signed on their behalf, by:

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**Christopher Dale**  
(Chair of Governors)

Registered company number: 07575016

The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of cash flows**  
**Year ended 31 August 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Cash flows from operating activities	18	(9,322)	82,530
Cash flows from investing activities	19	(25,071)	(33,384)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(34,393)	49,146
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		309,031	259,885
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20, 21	<u>274,638</u>	<u>309,031</u>

The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

# **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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## **Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 August 2023**

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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 academy is a private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

The financial statements of the academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

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

The governors' conclusion is supported by the following:

At 31 August 2023, the academy had cash reserves of £274,638 and free reserves (i.e. excluding funds tied up in fixed assets and the pension reserve) of £256,455.

The governors have prepared cash flow forecasts for a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements, based on their current best estimates and in line with the funding agreement in place with the Department for Education (DfE). The cash flow forecasts show that the academy can maintain sufficient financial headroom for the foreseeable future.

As such, the governors consider that there are no material uncertainties identified and the going concern basis of preparation remains appropriate.

# **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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## **Notes to the financial statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

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### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **1.3 Income**

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

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

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

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

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

# **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

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## **Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 August 2023**

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### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **1.5 Tangible fixed assets**

All assets which are expected to last for 2 years or more and cost more than £250 are capitalised.

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.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold land and buildings	- straight-line over 125 years
Leasehold improvements	- straight-line over 50 years
Furniture and equipment	- straight-line over 5 - 25 years
Computer equipment	- straight-line over 5 - 15 years

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

#### **1.6 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.

#### **1.7 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.

#### **1.8 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.

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### **Notes to the financial statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

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#### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **1.9 Financial instruments**

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

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

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

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

##### **1.10 Taxation**

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

Accordingly, the academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by 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.



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## **Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 August 2023**

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### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **1.11 Pensions**

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

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

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to 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.

#### **1.12 Fund accounting**

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the 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 the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

Transfers relate to educational funds spent on equipment capitalised during the year, in line with the trust's capitalisation policies.

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#### **2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment**

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit asset/(liability) depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 27, will impact the carrying amount of the pension asset/(liability). Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions asset/(liability) at 31 August 2023. 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 asset/(liability). See note 22 and 24 for further details.

*Critical areas of judgment:*

The only significant area of judgment is the useful economic lives of fixed assets, details of which are given above.

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	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023</b>	<b>Restricted fixed asset funds 2023</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
Donations	25,920	-	25,920
Capital grants	-	19,982	19,982
	<u>25,920</u>	<u>19,982</u>	<u>45,902</u>
	<b>Unrestricted funds 2022</b>	<b>Restricted fixed asset funds 2022</b>	<b>Total funds 2022</b>
Donations	23,812	-	23,812
Capital grants	-	6,149	6,149
	<u>23,812</u>	<u>6,149</u>	<u>29,961</u>

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### 4. Funding for the academy's educational operations

	Restricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>		
General annual grant (GAG)	887,160	887,160
Other DfE/ESFA grants		
Pupil premium	99,922	99,922
Universal Infant Free School Meals	23,124	23,124
Other DfE/ESFA income	76,446	76,446
PE and Sports grant	17,540	17,540
<b>Other Government grants</b>		
Local authority grants	74,727	74,727
<b>COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)</b>		
School Led Tutoring Programme	6,710	6,710
Recovery Premium	9,425	9,425
	<u>1,195,054</u>	<u>1,195,054</u>

	Restricted funds 2022	Total funds 2022
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>		
General annual grant (GAG)	870,455	870,455
Other DfE/ESFA grants		
Pupil Premium	89,326	89,326
Universal Infant Free School Meals	27,460	27,460
Other DfE/ESFA income	32,071	32,071
PE and sports grant	17,490	17,490
<b>Other Government grants</b>		
Local authority grants	81,868	81,868
<b>Additional funding (DfE/ESFA)</b>		
Catch-up Premium	8,910	8,910
Other DfE/ESFA covid funding	8,845	8,845
	<u>1,136,425</u>	<u>1,136,425</u>

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### 5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023
Catering income	13,044	25,140	38,184
Hire of facilities	21,734	-	21,734
Other income	8,505	-	8,505
	<u>43,283</u>	<u>25,140</u>	<u>68,423</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total funds 2022
Catering income	11,422	26,485	37,907
Hire of facilities	19,595	-	19,595
Other income	18,387	-	18,387
	<u>49,404</u>	<u>26,485</u>	<u>75,889</u>

### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023
Bank interest	827	-	827
Pension income	-	3,000	3,000
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	827	3,000	3,827
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### 7. Expenditure

	Staff costs 2023	Premises 2023	Other 2023	Total 2023
Academy's educational operations:				
Direct costs	779,880	-	118,362	898,242
Support costs	215,952	112,937	148,241	477,130
	<u>995,832</u>	<u>112,937</u>	<u>266,603</u>	<u>1,375,372</u>
	Staff costs 2022	Premises 2022	Other 2022	Total 2022
Academy's educational operations:				
Direct costs	786,159	-	123,386	909,545
Support costs	275,559	84,435	93,883	453,877
	<u>1,061,718</u>	<u>84,435</u>	<u>217,269</u>	<u>1,363,422</u>

### 8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023	Support costs 2023	Total funds 2023
Academy's educational operations	<u>898,242</u>	<u>477,130</u>	<u>1,375,372</u>
	Activities undertaken directly 2022	Support costs 2022	Total funds 2022
Academy's educational operations	<u>909,545</u>	<u>453,877</u>	<u>1,363,422</u>

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### 8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

#### Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2023	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
Pension interest cost	-	-	5,000
Staff costs	206,895	206,895	273,567
Depreciation	31,378	31,378	28,868
Recruitment and support	20,689	20,689	14,636
Maintenance of premises and equipment	24,455	24,455	14,629
Cleaning	5,396	5,396	2,339
Rent and rates	4,281	4,281	11,060
Energy	47,427	47,427	27,539
Catering	41,801	41,801	31,671
Other support costs	69,664	69,664	23,977
Governance costs	25,144	25,144	20,591
	<u>477,130</u>	<u>477,130</u>	<u>453,877</u>

### 9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2023	2022
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,158	72,256
Fees paid to auditor for:		
- audit	10,100	7,175
- other services	1,275	1,075
	<u>11,375</u>	<u>8,250</u>

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### 10. Staff

#### a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	760,648	735,000
Social security costs	69,342	60,742
Pension costs	155,285	260,893
	<u>985,275</u>	<u>1,056,635</u>
Agency staff costs	10,557	5,083
	<u>995,832</u>	<u>1,061,718</u>

#### b. Staff numbers

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Teachers	12	12
Management	1	1
Administration and support	18	20
	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Teachers	9	12
Management	1	1
Administration and support	16	16
	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>



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### 10. Staff (continued)

#### c. Higher paid staff

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
In the band £70,000 - £80,000	-	1

#### d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy comprise those individuals as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy was £263,482 (2022: £287,863).

### 11. Governors' remuneration and expenses

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

	2023	2022
Deborah Westhorpe-Wylie, Principal (resigned 21 March 2023)	25,000 - 30,000	70,000 - 75,000
Pension contributions paid	5,000 - 10,000	15,000 - 20,000
Angela Hall (resigned 24 June 2022)	Remuneration	15,000 - 20,000
Pension contributions paid		0 - 5,000

During the year, retirement benefits were accruing to 1 (2022: 2) governors in respect of defined benefit pension schemes.

During the year ended 31 August 2023, £159 of Governor expenses have been incurred (2022: £nil).

### 12. Governors' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy has purchased insurance to protect Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2023 was covered under the Risk Protection Arrangements for the academy. This was also true in 2022.

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### 13. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property	Assets under construction	Furniture and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At 1 September 2022	1,971,024	13,030	336,165	219,552	2,539,771
Additions	35,594	1,000	2,043	7,243	45,880
At 31 August 2023	<u>2,006,618</u>	<u>14,030</u>	<u>338,208</u>	<u>226,795</u>	<u>2,585,651</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 September 2022	248,024	-	187,012	214,320	649,356
Charge for the year	31,378	-	25,756	4,024	61,158
At 31 August 2023	<u>279,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212,768</u>	<u>218,344</u>	<u>710,514</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,727,216</u>	<u>14,030</u>	<u>125,440</u>	<u>8,451</u>	<u>1,875,137</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>1,723,000</u>	<u>13,030</u>	<u>149,153</u>	<u>5,232</u>	<u>1,890,415</u>

Included in long-term leasehold property is leasehold land at a valuation of £122,000 (2022: £122,000) which is not depreciated.

### 14. Debtors

	2023	2022
Trade debtors	29,208	23,012
Other debtors	10,046	25,705
Prepayments and accrued income	49,753	48,821
	<u>89,007</u>	<u>97,538</u>

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Trade creditors	<b>51,650</b>	49,802
Other taxation and social security	<b>14,255</b>	30,614
Other creditors	<b>12,770</b>	33,861
Accruals and deferred income	<b>54,412</b>	32,846
	<b>133,087</b>	147,123

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Deferred income brought forward	<b>17,469</b>	14,524
Resources deferred during the year	<b>14,161</b>	17,469
Amounts released from previous periods	<b>(2,945)</b>	(14,524)
<b>Deferred income carried forward</b>	<b>28,685</b>	17,469

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### 16. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance at 31 August 2023
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General funds	241,851	70,030	(43,513)	(37,810)	-	230,558
<b>Restricted general funds</b>						
Restricted income funds	17,595	1,223,194	(1,252,702)	11,913	-	-
Pension reserve	37,000	-	(18,000)	-	(19,000)	-
	54,595	1,223,194	(1,270,702)	11,913	(19,000)	-
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>						
Restricted fixed asset funds	1,890,415	19,982	(61,157)	25,897	-	1,875,137
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	1,945,010	1,243,176	(1,331,859)	37,810	(19,000)	1,875,137
<b>Total funds</b>	2,186,861	1,313,206	(1,375,372)	-	(19,000)	2,105,695

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

#### Restricted general funds

General Annual Grant (GAG) must be used for the running costs of the academy. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2023. Other DfE/ESFA Grants includes the Pupil Premium and the Special Educational Needs funding received from the local authority.

#### Restricted fixed asset funds

The restricted fixed asset fund includes grants received for restricted capital expenditure. Transfers have been made to reflect spend on capital equipment not funded through capital grant. The closing balance on the restricted fixed asset fund represents the closing net book value of assets held by the academy at 31 August 2023 plus funding which was unspent at the year end.

#### Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds include income from all other non DfE/ESFA sources and may be applied to any charitable object of the academy trust at the discretion of the Governors.

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

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### 16. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance at 31 August 2022
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General funds	201,762	73,243	(33,154)	-	-	241,851
<b>Restricted general funds</b>						
Restricted income funds	33,108	1,162,910	(1,145,012)	(33,411)	-	17,595
Pension reserve	(356,000)	-	(113,000)	-	506,000	37,000
	(322,892)	1,162,910	(1,258,012)	(33,411)	506,000	54,595
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>						
Restricted fixed asset funds	1,923,111	6,149	(72,256)	33,411	-	1,890,415
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	1,600,219	1,169,059	(1,330,268)	-	506,000	1,945,010
<b>Total funds</b>	1,801,981	1,242,302	(1,363,422)	-	506,000	2,186,861

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### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023	Total funds 2023
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	1,875,137	1,875,137
Current assets	230,558	133,087	-	363,645
Creditors due within one year	-	(133,087)	-	(133,087)
<b>Total</b>	<b>230,558</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,875,137</b>	<b>2,105,695</b>

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022	Total funds 2022
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	1,890,415	1,890,415
Current assets	241,851	164,718	-	406,569
Creditors due within one year	-	(147,123)	-	(147,123)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	37,000	-	37,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>241,851</b>	<b>54,595</b>	<b>1,890,415</b>	<b>2,186,861</b>

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

	2023	2022
Net expenditure for the year (as per statement of financial activities)	(62,166)	(121,120)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	61,158	72,256
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(19,982)	(6,149)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(827)	(27)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	18,000	113,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	8,531	(29,972)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(14,036)	54,542
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities</b>	<b>(9,322)</b>	<b>82,530</b>

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### 19. Cash flows from investing activities

	2023	2022
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	827	27
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(45,880)	(39,560)
Capital grants from DfE Group	19,982	6,149
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(25,071)</b>	<b>(33,384)</b>

### 20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
Cash in hand and at bank	274,638	309,031
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>274,638</b>	<b>309,031</b>

### 21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2022	Cash flows	At 31 August 2023
Cash at bank and in hand	309,031	(34,393)	274,638
	<b>309,031</b>	<b>(34,393)</b>	<b>274,638</b>

### 22. Pension commitments

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

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

Contributions amounting to £12,002 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2023 (2022: £32,961) and are included within creditors.

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#### **22. Pension commitments (continued)**

##### **Teachers' Pension Scheme**

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

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

##### **Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 30 October 2023. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,000 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million
- the SCAPE discount rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 1.7% above the rate of CPI, and is based on the Office for Budget Responsibility's forecast for long-term GDP growth.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2027.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £80,856 (2022: £100,504).

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

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



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### 22. Pension commitments (continued)

#### Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2023 was £72,000 (2022: £69,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £54,000 (2022: £53,000) and employees' contributions totalled £18,000 (2022: £16,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18.7 per cent for employers and 5.5 - 6.5 per cent for employees.

As described in note 1.11 the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the academy who are eligible to, and did, join the Scheme.

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

#### Principal actuarial assumptions

	2023	2022
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.1	4.2
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.6	2.7
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.9	4.0
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.6	2.7

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

	2023	2022
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
Males	21	21.8
Females	24.1	25.0
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22.2	23.5
Females	25.5	26.7

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Discount rate +0.1%	(15)	(16)
Discount rate -0.1%	16	17
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	(13)	(13)
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	13	13
CPI rate +0.1%	15	-
CPI rate -0.1%	(15)	-

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### 22. Pension commitments (continued)

#### Share of scheme assets

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

	At 31 August 2023	At 31 August 2022
Equities	297,000	262,000
Property	60,000	54,000
Government bonds	8,000	8,000
Corporate bonds	109,000	90,000
Cash	10,000	9,000
Other	95,000	63,000
<b>Total market value of assets</b>	<b>579,000</b>	<b>486,000</b>

The actual return on scheme assets was £24,000 (2022: £-10,000).

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

	2023	2022
Current service cost	(75,000)	(161,000)
Interest income	21,000	8,000
Interest cost	(18,000)	(13,000)
<b>Total amount recognised in the statement of financial activities</b>	<b>(72,000)</b>	<b>(166,000)</b>

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

	2023	2022
<b>Opening defined benefit obligation</b>	<b>449,000</b>	<b>784,000</b>
Current service cost	75,000	161,000
Interest cost	18,000	13,000
Employee contributions	18,000	16,000
Actuarial gains	(28,000)	(524,000)
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(1,000)
<b>Closing defined benefit obligation</b>	<b>529,000</b>	<b>449,000</b>

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#### 22. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2023	2022
<b>Opening fair value of scheme assets</b>	<b>486,000</b>	<b>428,000</b>
Interest income	21,000	8,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	3,000	(18,000)
Employer contributions	54,000	53,000
Employee contributions	18,000	16,000
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(1,000)
<b>Closing fair value of scheme assets</b>	<b>579,000</b>	<b>486,000</b>

Calculation of the net pension scheme asset:

	2023	2022
Fair value of scheme assets	579,000	486,000
Present value of scheme obligations	(529,000)	(449,000)
Derecognition of scheme surplus	(50,000)	-
	-	37,000

#### 23. 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.

#### 24. Contingent asset

As set out in note 22, the academy participates in a Local Government pension scheme, and the academy's share of the scheme's assets and liabilities are calculated in accordance with FRS 102. At 31 August 2023, the position is a net surplus of £50,000. Due to significant uncertainties around the academy's ability to recover this surplus through future reduced contributions, the asset values calculated have been capped within these financial statements and the asset has not been recognised on the balance sheet.

## **Cramlington Village Primary Limited**

**(A company limited by guarantee)**

### **Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 August 2023**

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#### **25. Related party transactions**

Owing to the nature of the academy and the composition of the Board of Governors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the governors have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

The following related party transactions took place in the financial period:

Little Angels Fun Club and Nursery Limited is a related party as it is a company in which Deborah Westhorpe-Wylie (Ex - Principal and governor) and Ian Wylie (Ex - member) have a majority interest.

Cramlington Village Primary Limited charged Little Angels Fun Club and Nursery Limited for rent, meals provided, utilities costs and staff time totalling £33,305 (2022: £31,285). Cramlington Village Primary Limited also paid Little Angels Fun Club and Nursery Limited £31 for cleaning (2022: £31 for the provision of the summer camp and staff cover).

Included in trade debtors at the year end is £14,933 (2022: £6,047) due from and £nil (2022: £nil) due to Little Angels Fun Club and Nursery Limited.

Governors' remuneration and expenses are disclosed in note 11.