

E-ACT Free Schools Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements 2014-15

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E-ACT Free Schools Trust

Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 August 2015

Company number	07610574
Registered office	10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE
Operational address	Unit 9.2.1 The Leathermarket Weston Street London SE1 3ER
Principal staff	Chief Executive Officer David Moran (appointed 4 October 2013) Director of Finance & Resources James Nicholson (appointed 7 July 2014) Director of Governance and Values Samantha Roberts (appointed 8 November 2013) Director of Education Mike Westerdale (appointed 1 November 2014) Director of Quality Assurance & Inspection David Hatchett (appointed 1 November 2014)
Trustees	Michael Wemms (Chair, appointed 25th February 2015) Clive Lewis (Vice Chair of the Board) David Moran (Chief Executive office and Accounting Officer)
Members	Michael Wemms (Chair, appointed 25 th February 2015) Clive Lewis (Vice Chair of the Board) David Moran (Chief Executive office and Accounting Officer)
Company Secretary	BWB Secretarial Limited 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE
Bankers	HSBC 60 Queen Victoria Street London EC4N 4TR
Solicitors	Bates Well and Braithwaite 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE

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Free Schools Trust Trustees Report

As of the 31st August 2014, all Academies within Free Schools Trust transferred to new sponsors. Whilst E-ACT continues to operate 23 Academies, Free Schools Trust has had minimal financial activity during the year which comprised of residual transactions going through the accounts. The transactions relate to minor timing differences in provisions made at the previous year end. The debtor balances held in the balance sheet at year end are an amount due from E-ACT and a small cash balance, and the creditor balance is an amount due to the EFA in relation to a clawback of funding.

For this reason the following accounts represent the core primary statements only. No specific trustees report or governance report has therefore been written for Free Schools Trust. A full set of accounts including the annual report has been produced for E-ACT.

At the time of writing FST is in the final stages of being closed as an entity, and is therefore not a going concern.



Michael Wemms
Chair of E-ACT



David Moran
Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer

Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As accounting officer of E-ACT I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook.

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



David Moran

Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer

17th December 2015.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Trustees for charitable activities of E-ACT are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Requirements issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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



- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust 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 Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 17 December 2015 and signed on their behalf by


Michael Wemms
Chair of E-ACT
David Moran
Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of E-ACT Free Schools Trust

We have audited the financial statements of E-Act Free Schools Trust for the year ended 31 August 2015 set out on pages 10 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 (SORP 2005) and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the Trustees (who act as Directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion, on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those auditing standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Multi-Academy Trust's affairs at 31 August 2015, 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 UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006;
- have been prepared in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 (SORP 2005) issued by the EFA.

Emphasis of matter - non-going concern basis of preparation

In forming our opinion on the E-Act Free Schools Trust financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosure made in the Trustees' Annual Report, which explains that the financial statements are not prepared on the going concern basis for the reason set out.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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



Michael Rowley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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Date: 18 December 2015


Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total 31 st August 2015	Total 31 st August 2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Incoming Resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
.Voluntary Income					
.Activities for generating funds		-	1	1	51
.Investment Income					
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					2,477
Total Incoming resources		-	1	1	2,528
Resources expended					
<i>Cost of generating funds:</i>					
Transfers of Academies moving out of the Trust		(6)	1	(5)	3,348
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations		6	-	6	2,227
Governance costs		-	-	-	13
Total resources expended		-	1	1	5,588
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers		-	-	-	(3,060)
Gross transfers between funds*		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		-	-	-	(3,060)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial (losses) gains on defined benefit pension schemes.		-	-	-	(42)
Net movement in funds		-	-	-	(3,102)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 September 2014		-	-	-	3,102
Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2015		-	-	-	-

Balance Sheet 31 August 2015


	E-ACT 31 st August 2015 £'000	E-ACT 31 st August 2014 £'000
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets	-	-
Current Assets		
Stock	-	-
Debtors	277	444
Cash at bank and in hand	4	1,473
	<u>281</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Current liabilities		
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	(281)	(1,917)
Net current assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	-	-
Pension scheme liability	-	-
Net assets including pension scheme liability	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Funds of the academy trust:		
Restricted funds		
Fixed asset fund	-	-
General fund	-	-
Pension Reserve	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements on page 10 to 11 were approved by the trustees on 17 December 2015 and signed on their behalf by:



Michael Wemms

Chair of E-ACT



David Moran

Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer