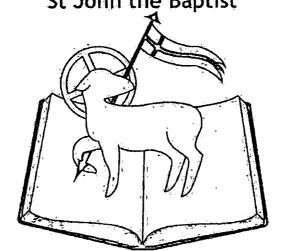
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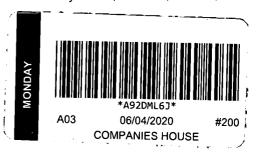
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

St John the Baptist



Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Company Registration No: 07913261 Registered Office: Notre Dame High School, Surrey Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 3PB



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Reference and Administrative Details

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Professor Edward Acton

Mr Fred Corbett Ms Mary Mustoe-Arthur Mrs Julie O'Connor Monsignor Tony Rogers (resigned 31 August 2019)

(appointed 1 September 2019)

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Professor Edward Acton Mr Glen Batchelor Mr Brian Conway Mrs Patricia Cox Mrs Priscilla Crane

Mr Peter Godfrey Mrs Ruth Hollis Mr Daniel McKeown

Canon David Paul Mr John Prestage Mr Flavio Vettese (Chair) (from 1 September 2019) (Chairman) (resigned 31 August 2019)

(resigned 31 October 2018) (resigned 13 February 2019)

(appointed 1 September 2019) (resigned 31 August 2019) (appointed 1 September 2019)

Company Secretary:

Mr Peter Pažitka

Key Management:

Mr Brian Conway

Mr Peter Pažitka Mr Neil Cully

Mr Tom Pinnington

Miss Rachel Swindell Mrs Kim Payne (CEO)

(Director of Finance and Operations) (Head of School of Notre Dame High School) (resigned 31 August 2019) (Head of School of Notre Dame High School) (from 1 September 2019) (Head of School of St Augustine's) (Executive Head of St Francis of Assisi

and St Augustine's) (Primary

Improvement Lead)(to 31 August 2019) (Director of MAT Improvement and Deputy CEO) (from 1 September 2019) (Headteacher of St Mary's) (resigned

31 December 2018)

Mrs Victoria Long (Headteacher of St Mary and St Peter)

(resigned 31 December 2018) (Headteacher, Catholic Primary schools of the Waveney Valley)

Mrs Felicity Hope

Mrs Samantha Barlow

Mr Alex Savage

(appointed 1 September 2018) (Head of School St Francis of Assisi) (appointed 1 September 2018)

Mrs Priscilla Crane

(Executive Headteacher, St Mary and St Peter and St Mary's) (appointed 15

February 2019)

Mr Alan Williams

(Acting Headteacher St Mary and St Peter's) (appointed 1 January 2019,

resigned 22 February 2019)
(Acting Headteacher St Mary's)
(appointed 1 January 2019, resigned

24 February 2019) (Head of School St Mary's) (appointed 25 February 2019)

Mrs Imelda Cooper

Reference and Administrative Details (continued)

Key Management (cont):

Mrs Jade Block

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2019)

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St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

As at 31 August 2019, St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust operated six primary academies and one secondary academy in Norfolk and north Suffolk. Its academies had a combined pupil capacity of 2,702 and a combined roll of 2,782 (excl. nursery) in the school census in October 2018.

St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust was formed on 1 April 2016 and comprised Notre Dame High School Norwich, St Augustine's Catholic Primary School (Costessey), St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School (Norwich) and St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School (Gorleston). On 1 May 2016 St Benet's Catholic Primary School (Beccles), St Edmund's Catholic Primary School (Bungay) and St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Lowestoft) joined the Multi Academy Trust.

On 1 September 2019 the following three new schools joined the Trust: St Martha's Catholic Primary School (King's Lynn), Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Primary School (Peterborough) and St Thomas More Roman Catholic Primary School (Peterborough).

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The trustees of St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust Limited are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

Details of the Directors / Trustees who served during the year and to the date these accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 2.

Members' liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, every Trustee or other officer or auditor of the Trust shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Trust against any liability incurred by them in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in favour or in which they are acquitted or in any connection with any application in which relief is granted to them by the court from liability for negligence, default breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to affairs of the Trust. As explained in Note 11 to the Financial Statements the limit of this indemnity was £2,000,000 prior to entering the Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) during the year.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The members of the Trust are appointed by the Diocesan Bishop. The members appoint the Trustees (Directors), taking into account the skills and expertise necessary for effective operation of the Board. The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Articles of Association.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

Training and induction provided for new Trustees is assessed based on their existing experience. Induction may include training on educational, legal and financial matters where necessary. All new trustees are encouraged to visit the various schools, to meet with the Headteacher / Head of School, staff and pupils, and are provided with key documents such as the Articles of Association, the Scheme of Delegation, the Governance Handbook, policies, procedures, budgets, accounts, plans and any other documents necessary to undertake their role as Trustees. Appropriate on-going training is available and organised as necessary and reported on at Directors' meetings.

Organisational Structure

The Trust has arranged its business in such a way that responsibilities and lines of accountability are clearly identified. The Trustees are responsible for determining overall strategy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Trust's financial and operational performance, reviewing the educational progress of all academies and making major decisions about the direction of the Trust, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) at each school or federation of schools are committees of the Trust Board. They have delegated responsibility for key aspects of each school, including ensuring clarity of vision and ethos, holding the Headteacher / Head of School to account and ensuring that funding is well spent. The Board of Trustees retains formal accountability for the operation of each school, and for the strategic management and operation of the Trust as a whole. Risk management and governance is scrutinised by the Trust's Audit committee. The Trust Board, its committees and LGBs meet at least once every term, except for the Audit Committee which met twice during the reporting period.

The day to day management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer, who is also the Trust's Accounting Officer. Responsibility for the day to day running of each school is delegated by each LGB to its Headteacher / Head of School. An Executive Headteacher role at St Francis of Assisi and St Augustine's also acts as Primary Improvement Lead across the Trust.

In the year to 31 August 2019 the Trust's Board met four times.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The pay and remuneration of key managerial personnel within the Trust is overseen by the Board of Trustees. Staff within the remit of School Teachers Pay and Conditions are paid in close alignment with this document. Performance management of these staff is carried out in line with policy requirements and any increase in salary is subject to the approval of the Pay committees at Local Governing Body level reporting to the Trust's Resources Committee.

Staff subject to the National Joint Council pay scales for non-teaching staff in schools are paid in accordance with the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust approved scales although a small number of staff have retained their Suffolk County Council pay grades or are paid on spot salary scales. A benchmarking exercise based on Norfolk County Council's single status reward package is carried out by the MAT's HR and Payroll provider, Education Personnel Management (EPM Ltd.), should a grading review be required. Any change in salary grade would be with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Trade union facility time

The Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017 require relevant public sector employers to publish specified information related to facility time taken by trade union officials. The relevant information related to St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 is published below:

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number		
7	5.5		

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees		
0%	2		
1-50%	5		
51-99%	0		
100%	0		

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Provide the total cost of facility time	£9,305
Provide the total pay bill	£10,859,562
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as: (total cost of facility time / total pay bill) x 100	0.09%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade	union	activities	25	a	
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percentage of total paid facility	time				31.41%

TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust operates in accordance with the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia (a registered charity with Charity Commission Number 278742).

The Catholic Primary Schools of the Waveney Valley (St Benet's, Beccles and St Edmund's, Bungay) are formally sponsored and supported by the Trust in accordance with its objectives and responsibilities.

The detail of all Related Party Transactions is provided in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The object of the Trust is to establish, maintain and develop Catholic schools (and other schools, subject to the approval of the Bishop) within the Diocese.

Mission Statement

The mission statement of the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust is:

Our family of schools is united in the belief that God's love, peace, truth and joy is for all. We are dedicated to the achievement of excellence in all we do. We cherish the uniqueness of each of our school communities and celebrate together as one Trust family. By following Jesus' example we bear witness to the greatness of God.

'To think, to feel, to do.' Pope Francis

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The principal objective and activity of the Trust in the period under review was to continue to improve the educational outcomes (and thereby life chances) for all of its pupils, by making its schools even better.

The Catholic life of the schools has been enhanced by shared activities and worship.

Specific priorities for the year ahead include:

- Continuing to drive improved educational standards at all of the Trust's schools
- Supporting newly appointed Heads of School, particularly at the Primary level, through the work of the Primary Improvement Lead
- Succession and structural planning for senior school roles across the Trust's schools
- Implementing the Diocesan strategy and vision regarding Catholic education within the Diocese of East Anglia

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission (on their website at <u>Charities and Public Benefit</u>) in exercising their powers or duties.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

Between July 2018 and March 2019 Ofsted inspected all the Primary Schools in the Trust. St Edmunds achieved a 'Good' outcome in all areas. However, the Trust was disappointed that St Benet's assessment included a mixture of good and requires improvement areas, with an overall outcome of 'Requires Improvement'.

At St. Mary and St Peter Primary School the OFSTED report was entirely as expected and resulted in a Requires Improvement outcome. This reflects the self-evaluation of the MAT and the Local Governing Body and the report was actually hugely positive with regard to the changes that are being made to improve outcomes, progress, teaching and learning at the school.

The Ofsted at St. Augustine's was enormously encouraging with a Good outcome and identified the school was well supported by the MAT and is on an improving journey and potentially could have some aspects of 'outstanding' in time.

The inspector at St Mary's in Lowestoft rightly identified that while the school continues to be overall a Good school the leadership changes had not embedded. Standards within the school are good, teaching and learning is good but aspects of leadership including monitoring of safeguarding and teaching and learning were not of the standard that we expect.

The Ofsted at St Francis was very strong indeed and reflects a school on a journey to 'outstanding'. The next Ofsted should be pitched to lead to a full 2 day inspection, and this now forms the main improvement journey for the school.

Overall standards of outcomes across the Trust in the Primary Schools average out as positively above the national average.

NDHS achieved a strong set of results in 2019 – GCSE Progress 8 +0.51 on provisional measures and A Level VA in the top 10% of the country, and should be confident of retaining an Outstanding judgement if OFSTED were to visit.

Primary KS2 results are in general very good, with 72% of KS2 pupils across the MAT achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, compared to a national average of 65%.

Notre Dame High School continued to achieve excellent results at both GCSE and A level as detailed above.

Local Governing Bodies and Trust Leadership staff are working to address the feedback received from Ofsted inspections and sharing examples of good practice across the MAT.

Key Performance Indicators

Achievements include:

- All schools, bar St Benet's and St Mary and St Peter, have Good or Outstanding Ofsted gradings
- All schools have good or outstanding Section 48 Diocesan Inspection outcomes for Catholic Ethos
- Notre Dame High School is the second highest performing state school in Norfolk for Progress 8 and the Highest for Attainment 8, a consistent record of excellence across a range of public examination measures for both progress and attainment
- Notre Dame High School's Research Schools and Teaching Schools are making a significant contribution to improving Teaching and Learning within the Trust, the Norwich Opportunity Area and Regionally
- 3 schools Sacred Heart and St Thomas More in Peterborough and St Martha's in Kings Lynn joined the Trust on 1 September 2019

TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Strategic Report (continued)

Going concern

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

Financial review

The vast majority of the income of the Trust comes from the Education and Skills Funding Agency in the form of recurrent grants and these together with associated expenditure are shown in restricted funds on the Statement of Financial Activity.

During the period ended 31 August 2019 the MAT generated an in-year surplus of £402k. This corresponds to the change in balance of restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) plus unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trust Resources Committee has reviewed reserve levels and believes that they provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants to allow for unexpected situations such as urgent maintenance work.

As at 31 August 2019 the balances of the reserves / funds held by the MAT were as follows:

Restricted fixed assets funds:

£2,292,000

Restricted general fund:

£257,000

Restricted pension reserve fund:

(£5,605,000)

Unrestricted general fund:

£1,823,000

Unrestricted designated fund:

£45,000

Increase in the pension reserve fund from £3,484,000 (31 August 2018) to £5,605,000 (31 August 2019) is mainly attributable to the in-year loss on the actuarial re-measurement of £1,659,000.

The target for minimum general reserves held (calculated as sum of restricted general reserves, unrestricted general reserves and designated funds) in 2018/19 remained at 8% of the total income, or approximately £1.2m. The actual reserves held reached £2.1m, which is about 14% of the annual income recognised in 2018/19 (excl. restricted fixed assets funds).

Investment Policy

In accordance with the Academies Financial Handbook the Board of Directors / Trustees may invest to further the Trust's charitable aims, whilst ensuring that the investment risk is properly managed. As at 31 August 2019 the cash held by the Trust is mainly kept in the MAT's current bank accounts.

A sum of £1m has been invested into a fixed term 12 month interest earning account with the Trust's bank.

During the year an additional £0.5m was invested in a 32-day notice account.

The investment product is tightly controlled and the security of funds takes precedence over revenue maximisation.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Strategic Report (continued)

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees have responsibility to assess the strategic risks to which the Academy Trust and its constituent academies are exposed and have a risk management register which is updated at least annually or when the risk environment changes.

Chief risks identified include:

- Deficit in the Local Government Pension Schemes.
- Pupil numbers in an increasingly competitive education landscape particularly in the smaller schools of the MAT.
- Continuing pressures on school budgets especially with the lifting of the salary cap for public sector staff and increases in pension contributions.
- Expertise, capability and availability of Directors and Senior management in the challenging and competitive environment.

The increase in the liability of the defined benefit pension scheme is concerning. However, Trustees are confident that it can be managed from cash balances.

The Trustees continue to implement a number of systems to assess risks that the Trust faces, especially in the strategic risk areas and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures and internal financial controls, in order to minimise risk. These are reported on to Trustees by Executive staff.

Competition for students to fill school places continues to grow. This is particularly noticeable in areas where there are a number of primary providers. The Trust will continue to use the allocated marketing budget to raise the profile of both the Trust and the schools within it to ensure that parents can make an informed choice.

Financial pressures on school budgets continue. The announcement of increases to teacher's remuneration and pension contributions represent a challenge which is carefully managed by prudent budgeting and tight budget controls.

The effect of the proposed changes to the national funding formula and the financial implications on the schools are being evaluated by the Trust.

Rigorous process for appointment of Directors and Senior managers is in place together with appropriate training and development programmes and opportunities.

Despite all these risks the Trust continues to manage its finance well and invests its resources effectively and efficiently for the benefit of the current pupils and staff.

Fundraising

Fundraising from the public represents a very small part of the MAT's approach to raising money.

Rather than increasing the Trust's funds, the primary objective of many fundraising events held by the Trust or its constituent academies is generally to raise money for third party charities. The notion that we are connected to our neighbours as well as the principles of solidarity, subsidiarity and generosity are the main motivation behind any fundraising organised.

The Directors are aware of the importance of good fundraising practices and compliance with the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016.

This covers:

- The Trust's approach to fundraising described above;
- Details of any work with, and oversight of, any commercial participators/professional fundraisers no commercial participators or professional fundraiser are involved;
- Confirmation that fundraising is conforming to recognised standards;

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Strategic Report (continued)

Fundraising (continued)

- Details of the monitoring of fundraising carried out on its behalf The only fundraising carried out on behalf of the Trust or its academies is usually organised by Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) of the individual schools. Representatives of the school are involved in any such activity to ensure a proper monitoring of any fundraising event;
- Any complaints any complaints shall be directed to the Company Secretary of the Trust;
- Protection of the public, including vulnerable people, from unreasonably intrusive or persistent fundraising approaches, and undue pressure to donate – participation in any fundraising event is organised on a voluntary basis with a due regard on the protection of the public.

Plans for future periods

Our vision is the provision and development of a world class community of schools, providing the highest possible care, support opportunities and outcomes for every child. Pupils are cherished for who they are, as much as for what they achieve, and all achievements are celebrated.

The Trust Directors will work closely with schools, their governors, staff, parents and the local community to develop together the successful young men and women of our future. We aspire for all our pupils to become valued citizens equipped with a vocation to serve their local community and global society.

Our aim is for every school in the MAT to be outstanding in its outcomes, results and ethos. We see this being shown in our young people as they move from each educational establishment as successful, rounded, ambitious, caring, moral and successful individuals to the next stage of their education and beyond.

The strategic aims of the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust are:

- To further develop the distinctive Catholic nature of the Schools and the MAT
- To build a culture of success and achievement across all schools in the MAT
- To develop every child and young person so that they achieve and are successful, are confident, independent and resilient learners for life.
- To develop and embed sustainable, high quality and robust Catholic leadership across the MAT and its schools
- To develop inspirational teaching that fosters aspirational learning
- To strengthen engagement between our schools and our communities
- To prioritise excellence in facilities, staffing, ITT and resourcing

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others

The Trust does not hold any funds as a custodian Trustee on behalf of others.

Cluster funds distributed to the Catholic Schools cluster are managed through Notre Dame High School. In both cases accounts are administered through a Norfolk County Council (NCC) imprest account using the NCC STAR accounts accounting package.

The academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. The details are provided in the Note 26 to the accounts.

Employees

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities under equality legislation, specifically the Equality Act 2010. All those taking part in the recruitment and selection process have responsibility or applying the Trust's policy on equal opportunities to avoid unlawful discrimination. The Trustees recognise that all public sector organisations are under a single equality duty to demonstrate that they are achieving equality in their workforce across all protected characteristics.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (incorporating Strategic Report) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Strategic Report (continued)

Employee Involvement

The Trust meets on a regular basis with both Norfolk and Suffolk area trade union representatives when any changes to policies are fully consulted on before implementation. In addition the head teachers of all the academies meet on a regular basis to ensure an exchange of views. Joint training happens on inset days throughout the year as well as link meetings of departments across the Trust. Frequent e-mail communication (e.g. weekly all staff bulletin at the NDHS) is used to share the up-to-date information and increase staff involvement.

Employment of disabled persons

The Trust gives full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by all minority groups, including disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. As with all employees, disabled employees receive appropriate training to promote their career development. Employees who become disabled are retained in their existing posts where possible or retrained for suitable alternative posts. The Trust provides support through occupational health and access to work as appropriate.

Auditor

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

In 2018/19, Lovewell Blake LLP were reappointed as auditors for the Trust.

Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 9.12.1.9... and signed on the board's behalf by:

Ms Mary Mustoe-Arthur Chair of Trustees

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT for the year ended 31 August 2019

Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer 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 St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Directors / Trustees has formally met 4 times during the year to 31 August 2019. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Director / Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Professor Edward Acton (Chair)	4	4
Mr Glen Batchelor	2	4
Mr Brian Conway (Accounting Officer)	4	4
Mrs Pat Cox	0	1
Mrs Priscilla Crane	1	2
Mr Peter Godfrey	2	4
Mrs Ruth Hollis	4	4
Mrs Mary Mustoe-Arthur	4	4
Rev David Paul	2	4
Mr Flavio Vettese	3	4

One Director was unable to attend the scheduled meetings due to health reasons.

Two Directors resigned during the year and two more resigned on 31 August 2019, including the Chair. Two new Directors started their appointments on 1 September 2019.

The Directors continued to oversee the management and administration of the Trust and the Academies run by the Trust and delegate authority and responsibility to others. The Trust Board continued to have the necessary strategic and legal oversight of the Trust and monitored all activities; determining the strategic direction of the Trust, assessing the performance of the Academies and establishing and reviewing the policies and practices governing the life of the Academies.

The Board worked actively throughout the year on plans to expand the Trust by three new primary schools in September 2019.

The Board has been supported at all its meeting by good quality papers prepared by the management (incl. CEO, CFO, Primary Improvement Lead) and/or external professionals (e.g. auditors and solicitors).

Governance Reviews

The Board undertook a self-appraisal and skills stock-take in June 2017, which identified financial expertise and primary education as key areas to strengthen. A Directors' working party was convened in Spring 2019 and a skills audit is being currently developed.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT for the year ended 31 August 2019

Governance Reviews

The identified areas were partly addressed by the appointment of a Director of Finance and Operations, by the appointment of a Primary Improvement Lead and by co-opting suitable experienced educationalists to the board and the Teaching, Learning & Standards Committee. These appointments are already leading considerable developments within the MAT.

Long term strategy for MAT development continues to be considered in parallel with education plans and vision from the Diocese.

While the Board met during the year less than six times its work has been supported by the sub-committees. The key information, incl. financial reports have been shared with the Chair of Trustees monthly and other Trustees six times a year.

Resources Committee

The Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. The Committee has responsibility for three key areas: finance, premises (incl. health & safety) and staffing.

Its main purposes are:

- the initial review and authorisation of the annual budget for each Academy;
- the regular monitoring and scrutiny of the Academy management accounts;
- reviewing any Trust Procurement Policy and the Scheme of Financial Delegation;
- reviewing and checking details of any contracts and purchases by the Academy;
- authorising the award of contracts and purchases;
- liaising as necessary with the Trust's Audit Committee (or the Trust Board if appropriate) to ensure
 accountability and propriety and to manage the level of financial risk within the Trust as well as review
 the effectiveness of the financial procedures and controls.

Attendance at Resources Committee meetings in the year was as follows:

Director / Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs Ruth Hollis (Chair)	2	3
Professor Edward Acton	3	3
Mr Glen Batchelor	1	3
Mr Brian Conway (Accounting Officer)	2	3
Mrs Mary Mustoe-Arthur	1	2
Mr Flavio Vettese	3	3

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is also a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its main purposes are to:

- review systems of internal control and arrangements for risk management, control and governance processes, and securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness (value for money);
- review the Statement on Internal Control;
- advise the Directors on the appointment, reappointment, dismissal and remuneration of auditors and monitor their effectiveness;
- consider the reports of auditors and, when appropriate, advise the Directors of material controls issues;
- monitor implementation of agreed audit recommendations.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT for the year ended 31 August 2019

Audit Committee

Attendance at Audit Committee meetings in the year was as follows:

Director / Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr Glen Batchelor	1	2
Mr Brian Conway (Accounting Officer)	2	. 2
Mrs Priscilla Crane	1	1
Mr Peter Godfrey (Chair)	1	2
Mrs Mary Mustoe-Arthur	2	2

Review of Value for Money

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

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

- Rigorously challenging performance in the schools in the MAT to demonstrate continued educational improvement;
- Working towards an in-house solution for the IT Services across the Trust by creating and gradually rolling out the IT support across the Trust;
- Undertaking staffing reviews and adjustments to ensure the ongoing financial stability of the Trust schools:
- Changes to insurance contracts, including moving to the RPA scheme for all the schools;
- Change to the finance system to offer better value and service for all the schools in the MAT.

Arrangements are also in place to ensure consistency of good practice and good educational outcomes across the primary sector of the Trust with the previous appointment of a Primary Lead Professional. She also oversees bought-in professional services to ensure the Trust is getting value for money from that provision.

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 trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT for the year ended 31 August 2019

The Risk and Control Framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees:
- ongoing review of compliance with the Academies Financial Handbook
- regular reviews by the Resources Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- · identification and management of risks.

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

to appoint Larking Gowen LLP as internal auditor.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. The checks carried out in the current period focused on Key Financial Controls and included:

- testing of payroll systems and general internal controls,
- testing of purchase systems and income and expenditure controls,
- testing of control account/ bank reconciliations,
- financial planning, monitoring and management and governance.

The work of the internal auditor has been undertaken as planned, the engagement in March 2019 offered a number of recommendations, two of which required immediate attention. Both recommendations were centred around internal controls related to recording of Additional Hours' claims. The recommendations have been promptly actioned.

On a regular basis, the auditor reports to the Board of Trustees, through the Audit Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer the Chief Executive Officer 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 work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT for the year ended 31 August 2019

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 91.2.119.......... and signed on its behalf by

Ms Mary Mustoe-Arthur Chair of Trustees

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Mr Brian Conway
Accounting Office

Statement on regularity, propriety and compliance

As accounting officer of St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the multi academy trust, 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 2018.

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 2018.

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

Mr Brian Conway Accounting Officer

Date: 9-12 - 2019

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the 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 Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019
- 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 Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

Ms Mary Mustoe-Arthur

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Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust (the 'Academy Trust') for the year ended 31 August 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 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 Trust affairs as at 31 August 2019, 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Emphasis of matter - land and buildings

In forming our opinion on the financial statements we have considered the adequacy of the disclosure in note 1(f) and the Trustees decision in connection with non-recognition of the land and buildings owned by The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia and occupied under licence by the academy trust. Due to the short term nature of the licence the Trustees consider it would be inappropriate to recognise the value of the assets within the financial statements. The land and buildings of Notre Dame High School were valued by DTZ on behalf of the ESFA on the 1 March 2012 at £17,208,191. Therefore, at the 31 August 2019 the net book value of the land and buildings, after annual depreciation of £322,808, would be increased by £14,787,132. The valuation reports for the primary schools have been received, however, in some instances these only reflect the valuations of the playing fields which are leased from the Local Authority, the valuations of which are included within Fixed Assets, but with no valuations of the land and buildings owned by the Diocese. In other instances, valuations have been received for the Diocese, which have consistently not been recognised in fixed assets, these amounted to £3,662,000 and after depreciation would have increased the net assets of the Academy by £3,454,016.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (continued)

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 trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Other information includes the Trustees' Report (incorporating the Strategic Report and Directors Report), the governance statement and the Accounting Officer's statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the Directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the Directors' 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 Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 19, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the academy trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (continued)

Use of our report

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

MARK PROCTOR FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of LOVEWELL BLAKE LLP, Statutory Auditor

Bankside 300 Peachman Way Broadland Business Park Norwich NR7 0LB

11/12/19

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 7 August 2019 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them

This report is made solely to St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust 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 St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 March 2012, varied on 31 March 2016, and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2018, 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 2018 to 2019. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA. We performed 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, or evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the academy trust's income and expenditure.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

Delegated authorities: Carrying out the suggested procedures detailed in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018/19 Annex B section 4.4 – 4.10 in order to obtain evidence that the academy trust has followed its own internal processes and complied with the Academies Financial Handbook 2018 regarding write-offs, property transactions, leases, novel and contentious payments, special payments to staff, borrowings, and if the terms of a FNtI have been complied with;

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

Approach (continued)

Transactions with connected parties: Carrying out the suggested procedures in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018/19 Annex B section 4.12 in order to obtain evidence that the academy trust has followed its own internal processes and complied with the Academies Financial Handbook 2018 regarding declarations of interest and contracts with connected parties, including governors, and employees providing external consultancy;

Governance: Carrying out the suggested procedures in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018/19 Annex B Section 4.14 in considering whether the academy trust has followed its own internal processes and complied with the Academies Financial Handbook 2018 regarding its governance arrangements;

Internal controls: Identifying the policies, reviewing their effectiveness and testing the operation of controls, through carrying out the suggested procedures in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018/19 Annex B Section 4.16 in order to consider whether the academy trust has followed its own internal processes and complied with the Academies Financial Handbook 2018 regarding its internal controls;

Procurement: Identifying the policies, reviewing their effectiveness and testing their operation, through carrying out the suggested procedures in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018/19 Annex B Section 4.18 in order to obtain evidence that the academy trust has followed its own internal processes and complied with the Academies Financial Handbook 2018 regarding its procurement procedures; and

Income: Considering the conditions associated with specialist grant income and whether it has been spent as the purposes intended.

Conclusion

In the course of our work nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

MARK PROCTOR FCA DChA (Reporting Accountant)
LOVEWELL BLAKE LLP

11/2/19

Bankside 300 Peachman Way Broadland Business Park Norwich NR7 0LB

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 August 2019
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

				Restricted		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Fixed Asset Funds £'000	Total 2019 £'000	Total 2018 £'000
Income and endowments from:		2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
Donations and capital grants	2	25	-	503	528	313
Charitable activities:				-		
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	-	14,098	-	14,098	13,099
Teaching schools	3 / 27	-	49	-	49	54
Other trading activities	4	718	22	-	740	852
Investments	5 	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	3	9
Total		746	14,169	503	15,418	14,327
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	59	_	-	59	76
Charitable activities:						
Academy trust educational	7	86	14,454	256	14,796	14,211
operations						
Teaching schools	27	-	49	-	49	54
Other		240	33	-	273	409
Total	6_	385	14,536	256	15,177	14,750
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		361	(367)	247	241	(423)
Transfers between funds	16	(91)	37	54	-	-
		270	(330)	301	241	(423)
Other recognised (losses) /						
gains Actuarial (losses) / gains on		_	(1,659)	_	(1,659)	964
defined benefit pension schemes	23					
Net movement in funds		270	(1,989)	301	(1,418)	541
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	16	1,598	(3,359)	1,991	230	(311)
Total funds carried forward	16	1,868	(5,348)	2,292	(1,188)	230
			<u> </u>			

The notes on pages 29 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

Company No: 07913261

BALANCE SHEET at 31 August 2019

	Note	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Fixed Assets Tangible Assets	12	1,876	1,848
Current Assets Debtors Investments Cash at bank and in hand	13	301 1,500 1,814	682 1,000 1,586
		3,615	3,268
Liabilities Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,074)	(1,402)
Net current assets		2,541	1,866
Total assets less current liabilities		4,417	3,714
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			<u>-</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		4,417	3,714
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	23	(5,605)	(3,484)
Total net assets		(1,188)	230
Funds of the academy trust			
Restricted income funds Fixed asset fund General fund Pension reserve	16 16 16	2,292 257 (5,605)	1,991 125 (3,484)
Total restricted funds	16	(3,056)	(1,368)
Unrestricted income funds General fund Designated fund	16 16	1,823 45	1,553 45
Total Funds	•	(1,188)	230

The financial statements on pages 26 to 53 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on ...9.1.12.1.19... and are signed on their behalf by:

Ms Mary Mustoe-Arthur Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 29 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities Net cash provided by operating activities	19	500	190
Cash flows from investing activities	20	228	(85)
Cash flows from financing activities		-	. (3)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		728	102
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2018	21	2,586	2,484
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2019	21	3,314	2,586

The notes on pages 29 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Statement of accounting policies and general information

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The academy trust is registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Notre Dame High School Norwich, Surrey Street, Norwich, NR1 3PB.

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

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

b) Going concern

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

c) 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

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 meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

c) Income (continued)

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

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.

· Investments

Interest receivable is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Other trading activities

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

d) 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.

· Raising funds

This includes all expenditure incurred by the academy trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes cost of all fundraising activities and non-charitable trading.

· Charitable activities

These 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.

e) Agency Arrangements

The academy trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the academy trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The academy trust can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the statement of financial activities. The funds received and paid and any balance held are disclosed in note 26.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

f) Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. 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.

The academy trust company occupies land (including buildings) which are owned by The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia. The Diocese are the providers of the academy on the same basis as when the academy was a maintained school. The academy trust company occupies the land (and buildings) under a licence. This continuing permission of the Diocese is pursuant to, and subject to, the Diocese' charitable objects, and is part of the Catholic Church's contribution since 1847 to provide State funded education in partnership with the State. The licence delegates aspects of the management of the land (and buildings) to the academy trust company for the time being, but does not vest any rights over the land in the academy trust company. The Diocese have given an undertaking to the Secretary of State that they will not give the academy trust company less than two years notice to terminate the occupation of the land (including buildings). Having considered the factual matrix under which the academy trust company is occupying the land (and buildings) the Trustees have concluded that the value of the land and buildings occupied by the academy trust company will not be recognised on the balance sheet of the Academy.

The land and buildings of Notre Dame High School, Norwich were valued by DTZ on behalf of the ESFA on the 1 March 2012 at £17,208k. The valuation reports for the primary schools have been received, however, in some instances these only reflect the valuations of the playing fields which are leased from the Local Authority, the valuations of which are included within Fixed Assets, but with no valuations of the land and buildings owned by the Diocese. In other instances, valuations have been received for the Diocese, which have consistently not been recognised in fixed assets, these amounted to £3,662k.

g) Depreciation

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

Long leasehold land125 yearsImprovements to leasehold land and buildings2% straight lineFurniture and equipment10% straight lineComputer equipment25% straight lineMotor Vehicles25% reducing balance

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

h) 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

i) Leased assets

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

j) Financial instruments

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

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed note 14. 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.

k) Taxation

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

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

I) Pensions benefits

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.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

I) Pensions benefits continued

Local Government Pension Scheme

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 the other recognised gains and losses.

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

m) Fund accounting

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders 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/donor and include grants from the Department for Education Group.

n) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 23, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2019. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

o) Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those payable to a third party which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes. All loans are measured at cost, less impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS Unrestricted Restricted Total Total 2019 funds funds 2018 25 25 30 **Donations** Capital grants 503 503 283

The income from donations and capital grants was £528k (2018: £313k) of which £25k was unrestricted (2018: £30k), £nil restricted (2018: £nil) and £503k restricted fixed assets (2018: £283k).

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Government grants of £503k (2018: £283k) were received from the ESFA.

3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	12,001	12,001	11,652
School Direct Funding	-	149	149	144
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	1,631	1,631	918
 Teaching School Grants (note 27) 	-	49	49 	54
		13,830	13,830	12,768
Other Government grants • Other grants	_	317	317	385
Total educational operations		14,147	14,147	13,153

Funding for the academy trust's educational operations was £14,147k (2018: £13,153k) of which £nil was unrestricted (2018: £nil), £14,147k restricted (2018: £13,143k) and £nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £nil).

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
Teaching School (note 27)	3	-	3	1
Hire of facilities	21	-	21	34
Sales of goods and services	196	-	196	244
School trips and other income	498	22	520	573_
	718	22	740	852

Income from other trading activities was £740k (2018: £851k) of which £718k was unrestricted (2018: £475k), £22k restricted (2018: £376k) and £nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £nil).

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5. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

THOOME I NOW INVESTIGATION	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
Bank interest	3	•	3	9_
	3	<u> </u>	3_	9

Income from investments was £3k (2018: £9k) of which £3k was unrestricted (2018: £9k), £nil restricted (2018: £nil) and £nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £nil).

6. EXPENDITURE

	04-44	Non Pay Expenditure		T-4-1	T-4-1
	Staff costs	Premises	Other	Total 2019	Total 2018
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Direct costs	-	-	59	59	76
Academy's educational					
operations:					
Direct costs	9,442	-	1,282	10,724	10,137
 Allocated support costs 	1,778	686	1,146	3,610	3,508
 FRS102 pension costs 	462	-	-	462	566
Teaching School (note 27)	42	-	7	49	54
Other costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	273	273	409
_	11,724	686	2,767	15,177	14,750

Expenditure was £15,177k (2018: £14,750k) of which £385k was unrestricted (2018: £76k), £14,536k restricted (2018: £14,455k) and £256k restricted fixed assets (2018: £219k).

Net expenditure for the year includes:

		2019	2018
Operating lease rentals	- plant and machinery	14	15
Fees payable to auditor	- audit (see note 7)	18	18
, ,	 other services (see note 7) 	9	2
Depreciation	·	250	217

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

CHARTIABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2019	2018
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Direct costs – educational operations	-	10,724	10,724	10,137
Support costs – educational operations	86	3,524	3,610	3,508
FRS102 pension costs	-	462	462	566
	86	14,710	14,796	14,211

Expenditure on direct costs was £10,724k (2018: £10,137k) of which £nil was unrestricted (2018: £nil), £10,468 restricted (2018: £9,918k) and £256k restricted fixed assets (2018: £219k).

Analysis of support costs	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2019 £'000	Total 2018 £'000
Support staff costs	83	1,578	1,661	1,470
Maintenance of premises and equipment	-	183	183	215
Cleaning and refuse	-	100	100	97
Rent and rates	-	65	65	73
Energy costs	-	219	219	196
Insurance	-	109	109	140
Security	-	10	10	4
Transport	-	20	20	29
Catering	-	346	346	358
Technology costs	-	196	196	211
Recruitment and support	-	129	129	126
Bank interest and charges	-	6	6	5
Other support costs	3	236	239	234
Governance costs (see below)		327	327	350
Total support costs	86	3,524	3,610	3,508

Support costs totalled £3,610k (2018: £3,508k) of which £86k was unrestricted (2018: £nil), £3,524k restricted (2018: £3,508k) and £nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £nil).

Analysis of governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Staff cost Legal and professional fees Auditor's remuneration	-	117 183	117 183	127 203
Audit of financial statements Non audit costs		18 9	18 9	18 2
		327	327	350

Governance costs totalled £327k (2018: £350k) of which £nil was unrestricted (2018: £nil), £327k restricted (2018: £350k) and £nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £nil).

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8. STAFF COSTS

	2019	2018
Staff costs during the period were:	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	8,769	8,383
Social security costs	776	744
Pension costs	984	928
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	999	1,073
	11,528	11,128
Supply staff costs	196	164
	11,724	11,292

b. Staff numbers

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

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Charitable Activities	NO.	140.
Teachers	. 157	168
Administration and support	214	205
Management	19_	20
	390	393_

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2019 No.	2018 No:
£60,001 - £70,000	2	3
£70,001 - £80,000	-	, 2
£80,001 - £90,000	2	-
£100,001 - £110,000	1	1
	5	6

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on pages 2 and 3. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £780k (2018: £653k).

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9. CENTRAL SERVICES

Central services charges totalled £661k (2018: £642k).

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Notre Dame High School, Norwich	373	358
St Augustine's, Norwich	58	56
St Benet's, Beccles	21	21
St Edmund's, Bungay	20	21
St Francis of Assisi, Norwich	94	93
St Mary's, Lowestoft	45	45
St Mary and St Peter, Gorleston	50	48
Total charge	661	642

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

Chief executive officer Operations management HR support and payroll Insurance – buildings, contents, liability etc. Staff absence insurance – primary schools only External audit Internal audit management	Legal services Educational psychologist Admission appeals Musculo skeletal referral and support Wellbeing support through counselling service Primary intervention support Media community relations and reputation
Financial systems – PS Financials Budgeting software Health and safety Trade Union facility Critical incident support Governance and leadership services including Governor Hub and training	Energy monitoring Evolve – Educational visits on line planning tool The Key including The Key for Governors Attendance service Family support worker - YMCA Online payments system – Wisepay Asset management system

Central services are charged at 5.5% of the GAG funding received by the constituent Academies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS – TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The CEO only receives remuneration in respect of services provided undertaking the role of CEO under a contract of employment.

The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

Mr Brian Conway (CEO and Trustee)
Remuneration £105,000 - £110,000 (2018: £100,000 - £105,000)
Employer's pension contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2018: £15,000 - £20,000)

During the period ended 31 August 2019 travel and subsistence expenses totalling £114 (2018: £nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to two Trustees (2018: none).

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out in note 24.

11. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In the previous year, in accordance with normal commercial practice the academy trust purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £2,000k on any one claim and the cost for the period ended 31 August 2018 was £2k. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

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

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Long Leasehold Land £'000	Improvements to leasehold land and buildings £'000	Furniture and equipment £'000	Computer Equipment £'000	Motor Vehicles £'000	Total 2019 £'000
	Cost or valuation At 1 September						
	2018	189	827	1,390	727	21	3,154
	Additions		228	10	40_		278
	At 31 August 2019	189	1,055	1,400	767	21	3,432
	Depreciation At 1 September						
	2018	6	24	692	567	17	1,306
	Charged in period At 31 August 2019	<u>2</u> 8	18 42	139 831	90 657	<u>1</u> 18	250 1,556
	At 31 August 2019		42_	031	007	10	1,556
	Net book values						
	At 31 August 2019	181	1,013	569	110	3	1,876
	At 1 September 2018	183	803	698	160	4	1,848
	All assets are used for	or educational	purposes.				
13.	DEBTORS					2019 £'000	2018 £'000
	Trade debtors Prepayments and acc Other debtors	rued income				24 236 2	36 342 7
	VAT recoverable					39	297
					=	301	682
	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING	DUE WITHIN	ONE YEAR		,	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
	Trade creditors					215	728
	Other creditors					71	47
	Loans Accruals and deferred	income				2 786	2 625
						1,074	1,402

Loans within one year is a Salix loan of £2k (2018: £2k) for energy efficient improvements which is provided on the following terms: repayable interest-free over 3 years with payment being made direct by the trust.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

15. DEFERRED INCOME

	ຸ 2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
Deferred income at 1 September 2018	466	230
Resources deferred in the year	377	466
Amounts released from previous years	(466)	(230)
Deferred income at 31 August 2019	377	466

Deferred income represents government funding and student trip income received in the year ended 31 August 2019 which relates to the year ended 31 August 2020.

16. FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2019 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG) Other DfE / ESFA /	58	12,001	(11,945)	30	144
Government grants	65	2,168	(2,129)	2	106
Salix loan	(2)	-	-	-	. (2)
School fund	(5)	-	-	5	-
Sorensen fund	9	-	-	-	9
Pension reserve	(3,484)	-	(462)	(1,659)	(5,605)
	(3,359)	14,169	(14,536)	(1,622)	(5,348)
Restricted fixed asset funds				,	
DfE/ESFA capital grants	977	503	(25)	-	1,455
GAG contribution	590	_	(1 . 51)	54	493
Donated assets	424	-	(80)	-	344
	1,991	503	(256)	54	2,292
Total restricted funds	(1,368)	14,672	(14,792)	(1,568)	(3,056)
Unrestricted funds General fund	1,553	746	(385)	(91)	1,823
Designated fund	45	•	•	-	45
Total unrestricted funds	1,598	746	(385)	(91)	1,868
Total funds	230	15,418	(15,177)	(1,659)	(1,188)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

16. FUNDS (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2018 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	221	11,652	(11,970)	155	58
Other DfE / ESFA /	71	1,501	(1,510)	3	65
Government grants					
Salix loan	(5)	-	-	3	(2)
School fund	17	376	(409)	11	(5)
Sorensen fund	9	-	-	-	9
Pension reserve	(3,882)		(566)	964	(3,484)
	(3,569)	13,529	(14,455)	1,136	(3,359)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE/ESFA capital grants	762	283	(68)	-	977
GAG contribution	587	-	(58)	61	590
Donated assets	517	-	(93)	-	424
	1,866	283	(219)	61	1,991
Total restricted funds	(1,703)	13,812	(14,674)	1,197	(1,368)
Unrestricted funds General fund Designated fund	1,347 45	515 -	(76)	(233)	1,553 45
Total unrestricted funds	1,392	515	(76)	(233)	1,598
Total funds	(311)	14,327	(14,750)	964	230

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

GAG & other DfE/ESFA grants: the restricted income fund is for the purpose of specific expenditure within the school's declared objectives. DfE grants relate to government funding for the provision of education by the school. Funding is repayable if the school does not meet all funding requirements.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2019. The Governors intend to spend the carried forward GAG and other DfE/ESFA grants in the forthcoming years on the recruitment of additional members of the teaching staff and strengthening the Leadership Team of the school.

School fund: represents funds received towards specific activities undertaken by pupils within the school.

Sorenson fund: represents a past donation to the school to be used for funding a prize for female language students.

Pension reserve: represents the school's liability relating to the local Government Pension Scheme. Any increase in pension contributions suggested by the Scheme Actuary should be able to be met from the Academy's budgeted annual income.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

16. FUNDS (continued)

DfE/ESFA capital grants: provided by the government for specific capital projects less related depreciation.

GAG contribution: value of GAG funding used for capital projects less related depreciation.

Donated assets: value of donated assets recognised in the financial statements at their estimated value to the Academy in the period in which they are receivable and where the benefit is both quantifiable and measurable, less related depreciation.

Designated fund: represents funds set aside for the future replacement of the MUGA at Notre Dame High School. It is expected funds will be expended within five to ten years.

Funds transfers: Transfers between funds are to eliminate deficits in connection with other restricted funds such as Universal Infant Free School Meals, school trip fund and fixed asset contributions from GAG funding.

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2019 were allocated as follows

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Notre Dame High School, Norwich	1,114	1,009
St Augustine's, Norwich	182	-109
St Benet's, Beccles	27	2
St Edmund's, Bungay	-	(19)
St Francis of Assisi, Norwich	219	132
St Mary's, Lowestoft	131	105
St Mary and St Peter, Gorleston	141	82
St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust	311	303
Total before fixed asset fund and pension reserve	2,125	1,723
Restricted fixed asset fund	2,292	1,991
Pension reserve	(5,605)	(3,484)
Total funds	(1,188)	230

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

16. FUNDS (continued)

Total cost analysis by academy

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows

	Teaching and educational support staff costs	Other support staff costs	Educational supplies and services £'000	Other costs (excluding depreciation) £'000	Total 2019 £'000	Total 2018 £'000
Notre Dame High	5,137	1,244	175	1,393	7,949	7,425
School, Norwich						
St Augustine's, Norwich	912	135	32	185	1,264	1,308
St Benet's,	304	61	13	80	458	457
Beccles St Edmund's, Bungay	305	54	11	103	473	469
St Francis of Assisi, Norwich	1,319	299	65	291	1,974	2,102
St Mary's, Lowestoft	598	116	12	187	913	948
St Mary and St Peter, Gorleston	713	158	13	233	1,117	1,203
St John the Baptist Trust	184	173	8	414	779	621
Total expenditure	9,472	2,240	329	2,886	14,927	14,533

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16. FUNDS (continued)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 August 2019 are represented by:

	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Pension Liability £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	Total 2019 £'000
Tangible fixed assets Net current assets Pension scheme liability	1,868 	- 257 -	- - (5,605)	1,876 416 -	1,876 2,541 (5,605)
Total net assets	1,868	257	(5,605)	2,292	(1,188)
Fund balances at 31 August 20	18 are represented but the service of the service o	oy: Restricted funds	Pension Liability	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total 2018

Fund balances at 31 August 2018 are represented	b,	y:
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	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Pension Liability £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	Total 2018 £'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	1,848	1,848
Net current assets	1,598	125	-	143	1,866
Pension scheme liability	<u> </u>		(3,484)	<u> </u>	(3,484)
Total net assets	1,598	125	(3,484)	1,991	230

17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	20	24

18. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

Operating leases

At 31 August 2019 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Assets other than land and buildings		•
Operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	11	13
Within two to five years	11	10
	22	23

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES 19.

Net income/(expenditure)		2019 £'000 241	2018 £'000 (423)
Depreciation		250	217
Capital grants from DfE and other capi	tal income	(503)	(283)
Interest receivable	nai meeme	(3)	(9)
Pension scheme liability on conversion	1	(o) -	53
Defined benefit pension scheme cost I		313	393
Defined benefit pension scheme finance		149	120
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		381	(185)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		(328)	307
Net cash provided by operating acti	vities	500	190
20. CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACT	IVITIES	·	
		2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		503	283
Interest received		3	9
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(278)	(377)
Net cash provided by / (used in) inve	esting activities	228	(85)
21. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUN	DS		

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	At 1 September 2018 £'000	Cash flows £'000	At 31 August 2019 £'000
Cash in hand and at bank Investments	1,586 1,000	228 500	1,814 1,500
	2,586	728	3,314

22. **MEMBERS' LIABILITY**

Each member of the academy trust 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.

23. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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 Norfolk County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

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

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23. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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 and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on the assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge);
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million;
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations.
- the assumed real rate of return is 3% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 September 2019.

The employers pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £984k (2018: £932k).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

Under the definitions set out in FRS102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

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23. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2019 was £676k (2018: £639k), of which employer's contributions totalled £537k (2018: £507k) and employees' contributions totalled £139k (2018: £132k). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 5.5% to 12.5% for employees and between 21.1% to 27.6% for employers together with additional contributions of £16k.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy trust 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

Norfolk County Council

Norrolk County Council		
	At 31	At 31
	August	August
	2019	2018
	%	%
Date of increase in colories		
Rate of increase in salaries	2.6	2.7
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.3	2.4
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.8	2.8
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.3	2.3
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50% & 75%	50% & 75%
Suffolk County Council		
·	At 31	At 31 ·
	August	August
	2019	2018
	%	%
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Rate of increase in salaries	2.6	2.6
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.3	2.3
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.9	2.8
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.3	2.3
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	25% & 63%	25% & 63%

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

Norfolk County Council

·	At 31 August 2019	At 31 August 2018
Retiring today Males Females	21.1 23.5	22.1 24.4
Retiring in 20 years Males Females	22.4 25.0	24.1 26.4

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23. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Suffolk County Council		
•	At 31	At 31
	August 2019	August 2018
	2010	2010
Retiring today	04.0	24.0
Males Females	21.3 23.5	21.9 24.4
Tomales	20.0	21.1
Retiring in 20 years	20.2	22.0
Males Females	22.3 24.9	23.9 26.4
	•	
Sensitivity analysis	At 31 August	At 31 August
	2019	
	£'000	£'000
Real discount rate -0.5%	1,578	1,391
Salary increase rate +0.5%	249	•
Pension increase rate +0.5%	1,296	950
The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:		
	Fair value at	Fair value at
	31 August 2019	31 August 2018
Equity instruments	£'000 3,399	£'000 3,139
Debt instruments	2,421	2,001
Property	909	709
Cash _	192	168_
Total market value of assets	6,921	6,017
The actual return on scheme assets was £336k (2018: £327k).		
Amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	s 2019	2018
•	£'000	£'000
Current service cost	850	900
Past service cost	46	17
Interest income	(177)	(134)
Interest cost	280	237
Total amount recognised on SOFA	999	1,020

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23. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

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

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
At 1 September	9,501	8,960
On conversion	-	126
Current service cost	850	900
Past service cost	46	17
Interest cost	280	237
Employee contributions	139	132
Actuarial (gain)	1,818	(771)
Benefits paid	(108)	(100)
At 31 August	12,526	9,501

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

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
At 1 September	6,017	5,078
On conversion	-	73
Interest income	177	134
Actuarial gain	159	193
Employer contributions	537	507
Employee contributions	139	132
Estimated benefits paid	(108)	(100)
At 31 August	6,921	6,017

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

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

Expenditure Related Party Transaction

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia – the landlord of MAT land and buildings and Flavio Vettesse is deputy director.

 Total expenditure in the period was £5,014 (2018: £17,995). There were no amounts outstanding at 31 August 2019 (2018: £251).

The Yare Education Trust - Fred Corbett is a local governor at Thorpe St Andrew School.

• Total expenditure in the period was £17,522 (2018: £274). There were no amounts outstanding at 31 August 2019 (2018: £nil).

Norfolk and Norwich Festival Trust – a company in which Fred Corbett is a director.

Total expenditure in the period was £92 (2018: £nil). There were no amounts outstanding at 31
August 2019 (2018: £nil).

Callander Associates Ltd – a company in which Mary Mustoe-Arthur is a director.

• The company provided invigilator services to the academy trust. Total expenditure in the period was £1,741 (2018: 1,205). There were no amounts outstanding at 31 August 2019 (2018: £nil).

C Savage, spouse of A Savage (Headteacher of St Mary's to 31 December 2018) is employed by the academy trust. C Savage's appointment was made in open competition and A Savage was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. C Savage is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship with key management.

A Long, spouse of V Long (Headteacher of St Mary and St Peter to 31 December 2018) is employed by the academy trust. A Long's appointment was made in open competition and V Long was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. A Long is paid within the normal pay scale for his role and receives no special treatment as a result of his relationship with key management.

T O'Connor, spouse of J O'Connor (member of the academy trust) is employed by the academy trust as a senior invigilator. T O'Connor's appointment was made in open competition and J O'Connor was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. T O'Connor is paid within the normal pay scale for his role and receives no special treatment as a result of his relationship with key management.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2019

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Income Related Party Transaction

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia – the landlord of MAT land and buildings and Flavio Vettesse is deputy director

Total income in the period was £61 (2018: £61).

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust - Flavio Vettese is a director.

Total income in the period was £185 (2018: £nil).

25. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts of the academy's financial instruments are as follows:

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Tillancial assets	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost: Trade debtors (note 13) Accrued income (note 13) Other debtors (note 13)	24 113 2	36 78 7
Other debtors (note 13)		121
Financial liabilities	139	121_
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Measured at fair value through net expenditure: Concessionary loans payable (note 14)	2 .	2
Measured at amortised cost: Trade creditors (note 14)	215	241
Other creditors (note 14) Accruals (note 14)	39 409	38 159
	665	440

26. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2019 the academy trust received £35k and disbursed £18k from the fund. An amount of £27k is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds that are repayable to ESFA.

Comparatives for the accounting period ending 31 August 2018 are £28k received, £18k disbursed and £10k included in other creditors.

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27. TEACHING SCHOOL TRADING ACCOUNT

	£'000	2019 £'000	£'000	2018 £'000
Income	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
Direct Income				
Other income	49		54	
Other Income				
Fundraising and other			•	• * •
trading activities	3		1	
		52		<u>55</u>
Expenditure				
Direct costs				
Direct staff costs	<u>34</u>		<u>32</u>	
Total direct costs		34		32
Other costs				
Support staff costs	8		17	
Recruitment and support	-		4	
Other support costs			1	
Total other costs	•	<u>15</u>		<u>22</u>
Total expenditure		(<u>49)</u>		(<u>54)</u>
Surplus from all sources Teaching school balances at 1 September 2018		3 .		1
		1		-
T		4		, ,
Teaching school balances at 31 Augus	st 2019	<u>4</u>		1