

AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	Mr P O'Brien Mrs E Paynter Mrs A Nicholson Mrs M Young (representative of Truro Diocese) EDEN representative
Trustees	Mr W T Hermon, Chief Executive Officer ^{1,2,3} Mr G Barriball, Chair ^{1,2} Mr B Jennings (resigned 8 June 2019) ^{1,2,3,4} Mrs N Murphy (resigned 28 June 2019) ^{3,4} Mr T Woodward (representative of EDEN) ^{2,3} Mrs R Couch ^{1,4} Mr P Hague (appointed 3 December 2018) ^{2,3} Mrs S Cooksey ^{1,2} Mrs C Paul ^{3,4} Mrs T Rudge (appointed 18 July 2019)
	¹ Resources, Staffing and Safeguarding Committee ² Finance and Strategic Development Committee ³ Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee ⁴ Audit Committee
Company registered number	08156955
Company name	An Daras Multi Academy Trust
Principal and registered office	Unit 4 Tamar Business Park Pennygillam Way, Pennygillam Industrial Estate Launceston Cornwall PL15 7ED
Company secretary	Mrs T Martin
Accounting officer	Mr W T Hermon
Senior management team	Mr W T Hermon, Chief Executive Officer Mrs E Gilbert, Chief Finance Officer Mrs M Basford, Trust Business Manager
Independent auditors	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors Salt Quay House 4 North East Quay Sutton Harbour Plymouth PL4 0BN

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2019. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 2 to 11 in Launceston and its surrounding area. It has a pupil capacity of 1,050 and had a roll of 982 in the school census on 1 January 2019.

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 An Daras Multi Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

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

Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the 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 they ceased to be a member.

Trade union facility time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the year	2
Full-time equivalent employee number	2

Percentage of time spent on facility time

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

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

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Total cost of facility time	2,865
Total pay bill	3,630,289
Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time	0.1 %

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours	4.0 %
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Trustees' Indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim.

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TRUSTEES

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Academy Trust shall have the following Trustees as set out in its Articles of Association and funding agreement:

- up to 4 Trustees who are appointed by members.
- up to 6 Community Trustees who are appointed by the Trustee board.
- the Chief Executive Officer who is treated for all purposes as being a voting Director.

Trustees are appointed for a four-year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Chief Executive Officer. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

The Diocese of Truro (Askel Veur) is empowered as Foundation Member under article 50AA to appoint Trustees. The Diocese of Exeter (EDEN) as Foundation Member is empowered under article 50AA to appoint Trustees. Provided that the company is maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing at least one Church Academy in the relevant diocese.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy's development. In the year covered by these accounts the Board has recruited new Directors with experience and skills in finance and educational provision.

Directors appointed must be fully supportive of the Trust's Christian ethos and values and in full agreement with the Church of England Vision for Education.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The Academy has a Trustee Recruitment, Induction and Training policy available from the Governance Officer to the Trustees.

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but would always include a tour of the Academy Trust schools and a chance to meet staff and pupils. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. As there are normally only two or three new Trustees a year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the Local Authority, Diocese of Exeter and Truro and other bodies.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets once each term. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy Trust and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

There are 4 committees (plus a Local Governing Body for each individual school) as follows;

- **Resources, Staffing and Safeguarding Committee** - this meets at least three times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, premises management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting. It also incorporates the role of safeguarding oversight.
- **Finance and Strategic Development Committee** - this meets at least once a term to monitor, evaluate and review policy, practice and performance in relation to financial, planning, budget setting and monitoring. It also manages Trust expansion and long-term growth planning and implementation.

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- **Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee** – this meets at least three times a year and is responsible for strategic monitoring of curriculum, standards and school and Trust improvement in relation to learning outcomes plus a focus on maintaining Christian distinctiveness and SIAMS inspection preparation.
- **Audit Committee** – this meets at least once a term and receives reports from the Responsible Officer/internal audit. It also responsible for looking at best value and scrutiny of external financial and other related audit reports.
- **Local Governing Body (individual schools)** – this meets twice a term to monitor, evaluate and review the policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, target setting and assessment, examinations and parent and pupil welfare.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees: to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to appoint the CEO and Governance Officer to the Trustees, to approve the Annual Improvement Plan and budget.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an Annual Improvement Plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Trust by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the direction of the Trust, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Trustees and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Trust to the CEO, Deputy Executive Officer (DEO) and Senior Academy Trust Leadership Team (SALT). The SALT comprises the CEO, Deputy EO, Executive Headteachers, Trust School Improvement Officers and the Trust Finance (CFO) and Operations Officer (COO). The SALT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance. The aim of the leadership structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The CEO, DEO, Trust Finance Officers, Executive Headteachers and Operations Officer, are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets; a summary of this is in the Scheme of Delegation. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Scheme of Delegation. The Executive Headteacher is responsible for the appointment of school level staff, though appointment panels for teaching posts always include a Local Governor, and a panel member who has been safer recruitment trained.

The Chief Executive Officer is the Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the Senior Trust Leadership Team comprise the key management personnel of the Trust in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of key management personnel is reviewed annually and linked to a robust performance management cycle and is paid in accordance with national pay rates where applicable.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of An Daras Trust. There are no sponsors associated with the Trust.

There is a formal Parent teacher Association associated with each individual school within the Trust.

The Trust maintains good and effective links with both the Diocese of Exeter and the Diocese of Truro. This brings benefit in the form of participation, guidance, advice and training to the Trust and the Trust appreciate the opportunities diocesan collaboration brings to all aspects of the Trusts remit.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the Trust is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing our schools, so they are offering a broad range of curriculum learning for pupils of different abilities, with a strong emphasis on delivering capability mature learners.

The aims of the Trust during the year ended 31 August 2019 are summarised below:

- to continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of all pupils by igniting pupil's curiosity.
- to provide a broad and balanced capabilities led curriculum offer, including extra-curricular activities.
- to develop students as more effective, emotionally secure and capability mature learners.
- to develop particular schools so that it enables pupils to achieve their full potential.
- to ensure that every child enjoys the same high-quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care.
- to improve the effectiveness of the Trust by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review.
- to provide value for money for the funds expended
- and to advance for the public benefit the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship.
- to develop greater coherence, clarity and effectiveness in school systems.
- to comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements.
- to develop the Trust's capacity to manage change.
- to conduct the Trust's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

Key priorities for the year are contained in our Academy Improvement Plan 19 which is available from the Academy Central Office. These were identified through internal and external data analysis, effective self-evaluation using the RSC Trust Capacity Framework tool, quality assurance monitoring on standards and curriculum provision within Trust schools and from financial and governance review. Improvement focuses identified for this year include:

- Improving the quality of teaching and learning in writing and spelling across all Trust schools with a focus on boys and other identified vulnerable groups.
- Improving IT access for learning and in embedding IT throughout a unified curriculum provision.
- Continue to use "Visible Learning" strategy and tools to empower greater learner independence and confidence.
- Redefine the Trust vision for education in light of recent growth and to reflect latest research into educational pedagogy.
- Support long term effectiveness and personal development of our middle leaders to drive changes to curriculum provision across all Trust schools.
- Improve centralisation and standardisation in Trust operations.
- Improve efficiency of purchasing systems.
- Secure long term effective and sustainable staffing structures across the Central Trust plus all schools.
- Complete small step growth through the integration of Princetown Primary formally into the Trust.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy Trust's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and Performance

The Trust is in its fifth year of operation and has a secure forecast number of pupils on roll for the majority of its schools although issues around pupil numbers at some rural schools remains an ongoing concern.

At Key Stage 1, pupils at Trust schools achieved reasonable attainment outcomes – with some schools improving slightly and some schools seeing a slight decline when measured against national benchmarks. Overall however KS1 provision remains relatively secure area across Trust schools.

At Key Stage 2 was a particularly challenging cohort for Trust schools with higher than average levels of boys and pupils with significant additional needs. This was particularly noticeable at the three larger Launceston town schools. Despite this attainment was reasonably in line with some national benchmarks for age related expectation at many schools. The significant improvement in Key Stage 2 attainment and progress at Coads Green Primary successfully realised a key priority for the Trust this year.

The Trust recognises that further improvements in delivering better Key Stage 2 progress outcomes - when measured against national benchmarks - is still required at some schools in some core subjects.

Difficulties in providing fully effective educational provision for SEND pupils at many schools (particularly St Stephens) due to the high numbers of pupils with additional needs and due to the inadequate levels of SEND funding received has negatively impacted on attainment results in 2018/19.

The Trust has created a sustainable business framework following a restructuring and provision review in the previous year but is aware that this now needs further revision to ensure we can provide better support so that all pupils can reach their maximum potential.

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% of Pupils achieving Age Related Expectation (ARE) and Greater Depth Standard (GDS) at each Trust School						
2019 Attainment	Read	Maths	EGPS	Write	Combined	Cohort size
St Catherines C of E Primary			OFSTED - Good			
ARE	69%	69%	86%	69%	48%	29
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-1%	-1%	+16%	+1%	-5%	
SC GDS	14%	10%	31%	17%	7%	
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-6%	-3%	+4%	+10%		
Low Trenchard C of E Primary			OFSTED - Good			
ARE	64%	79%	71%	79%	64%	14
(+/- over 2018 sch)	- 15%	-13%	-22%	-7%	-15%	
LT GDS	21%	7%	36%	7%	7%	
(+/- over 2018 sch)	+7%	-7%	+7%	-7%		
Windmill Hill Academy			OFSTED - Good			
ARE	64%	61%	71%	64%	43%	28
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-13%	-26%	-6%	-11%	-15%	
GDS	14%	4%	14%	7%		
(+/- over 2018)	-6%	-16%	-19%	-13%		
Coads Green Primary			OFSTED – Requires Improvement			
ARE	64%	64%	91%	91%	64%	11
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-6%	+14%	+41%	+61%	+44%	
GDS	0%	9%	18%	27%	0%	
(+/- over 2018 sch)	+0%	+9%	+18%	+27%	+0%	
Werrington Primary			OFSTED - Good			
ARE	75%	50%	75%	89%	50%	4
(+/- over 2018 sch)	+0%	-50%	+0%	+0%	-25%	
GDS	25%	25%	50%	33%	25%	
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-25%	+0%	+38%	+8%		
North Petherwin Primary			OFSTED - Good			
ARE	67%	67%	78%	88%	56%	9
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-13%	-13%	+8%	+2%	-23%	
GDS	33%	0%	22%	11%		
(+/- over 2018 sch)	+13%	-30%	-8%	-19%		
St Stephens Academy			OFSTED - Outstanding			
ARE	55%	76%	62%	66%	55%	29
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-11%	+3%	-11%	-7%	-8%	
GDS	17%	17%	28%	28%	7%	
(+/- over 2018 sch)	-7%	-3%	-2%	+8%		

The Trust experienced two Ofsted inspections during the period of these accounts. One was for St Catherines which is a full member of the Trust and one for Princetown Primary a school supported by the Trust under a Management Partnership arrangement. Both judgements saw the schools improve to secure "Good" judgements from their previous historical pre-trust grade of "Requires Improvement". This is strong evidence of the impact of the Trust on improving the quality of learning provision for pupils. The contribution of the Trust was recognised by the inspecting officers;

"Effective partnership with An Daras Trust has strengthened leadership at all levels within school. Leaders [provided by An Daras] know their school well and have high expectations and ambitions for pupils. They have brought about improvements in attendance and have overseen improvements in behaviour across the school..... The Management Partnership with the trust has been instrumental in helping the school move forward. It provides regular challenge to senior leaders and governors."

Princetown Primary Ofsted Report – June 2019

"The school has benefited from support provided by the Trust to which it belongs.....The Trust has provided

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strong support to the school since it became an academy in 2016. Academy improvement officers have provided advice and guidance to firm up leadership. They have also contributed to leaders' accurate self-evaluation. School staff share practice with other colleagues in the Trust and benefit from joint training events. Finance and human resources matters are also more effectively dealt with as a result of the school being part of the Trust"
St Catherines C of E Primary Ofsted Report – April 2019

The Trust was pleased to see the work undertaken by St Catherines school in respect to delivering its Church of England values, the quality of Christian ethos and vision for education was fully recognised by the inspectors;

"The school is a happy place. Pupils want to come to school because they enjoy their learning and feel safe and valued. They want to be part of the vibrant school community. The school's Christian ethos is important to staff and governors. They endeavour to 'live' the school's values, and they foster these values successfully in pupils."
St Catherines C of E Primary School Ofsted Report – April 2019

To ensure that standards are continually assessed, the Trust operates a programme of learning related observations and monitoring, which are undertaken by the school Heads, Academy Improvement Officers and the Trust CEO. External quality assurance reviews are facilitated and many of the schools received Key Stage moderation visits from the Local Authority moderation providers– all of which were positive and agreed the schools judgements on standards were accurate.

The Trust has redefined its vision and mission statement in consultation with stakeholders and has ensured there is a clear theological underpinning to its stated vision. The vision statement reflects the values and ethos of key members of the Trust community but also demonstrates the curriculum opportunity ambitions and personal growth we aim to provide for all of our pupils.

During the year the Trust completed or planned for a number of significant capital projects. The building of a new classroom and office suite at Windmill Hill Academy and planned for the installation of a micro plant sewage and drainage system at North Petherwin Primary.

Continuing professional development for staff has been very successful with teaching staff undertaking further Visible Learning training, subject leadership training and some senior staff starting or completing nationally recognised and accredited leadership programmes.

Key Performance Indicators

Curriculum, Trust vision, teaching and learning and pupil well-being objectives and general Academy improvement Key Performance Indicators were set in January 2019 through the mechanism of the annual Academy Trust Improvement Plan process. The current position of progress towards these objectives is RAG rated below following ongoing review of available evidence by the Trust Board of Directors (Red = Not achieved, Amber = Partially Achieved, Green = Fully Achieved).

Where the annual objectives within the Academy Improvement Plan have not yet been fully met they will continue into the next Academy Trust Improvement Plan cycle.

Priority	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) – Academy Improvement Targets relating to teaching and learning, pupil well being and curriculum growth.	Target Achieved
1.	a)KS2 overall/boys writing attainment improved in the vast majority of Trust schools	Green
	b)KS2 overall/boys writing progress securely within national average parameters in the vast majority of Trust schools	Amber
	c)KS2 overall/boys spelling attainment has improved over 2018 school averages	Amber
	d)KS1 overall/boys writing attainment improved in the vast majority of Trust schools	Green

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	e)KS1 overall/boys writing progress securely within national average parameters in the vast majority of Trust schools	Green
	f)EYFS overall/boys writing strand to demonstrate improvements over 2018 school outcomes	Amber
2i.	a)IT 3-Year Development Plan for each Trust school – with clear cost indicators	Green
	b)Hardware/software – Trust standardisation completed and being used to achieve effective IT learning and “best value” purchasing	Green
	c)IT Schemes of Learning reviewed and updated for each setting	Green
	d)Full trial of new Trust standardised IT approach in place at one school	Green
	e)Evidence of Trust leaders regularly and effectively reviewing the IT curriculum offer	Green
2ii.	a)VL used to improve learning strategies, pupil learning vocabulary in all schools	Green
	b)New schools effectively supported by Trust in the introduction of VL	Green
3i.	a)Trust Vision fully reviewed and in place with full buy in from all stakeholders	Green
	b)New vision and what it represents established amongst wider community	Green
3ii.	a)Trust standardised family engagement programme in place at all schools	Amber
4.	a)Trauma Informed School (TIS) used for pupil well-being/reduce short term exclusions	Green
	b)Trust SOP in place, reflected in policy and practice and understood by all schools	Amber
5.	a)Long term CPD map for individuals in place and supporting leadership capacity	Green
	b)Evidence of curriculum leadership impacting on standards and provision for pupils	Green
	c)Future senior leaders fully prepared for a step up the career pathway	Amber
	d)Trust systems for peer video review plus a clear framework for subject lead CPD	Amber

	Target	Actual
Free reserves carry forward	£300,000-£580,000	£531,992
Ratio of staff costs to income	70% larger schools 75% small schools	73%
Pupil attendance	95.0%	97.0%

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

Financial Review

Most of the Trust's income is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2019 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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The Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE which are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the Fixed Asset Fund. The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned, as defined in the Trust's accounting policies.

During the year ended 31 August 2019, the Trust received total income of £5,122,507 and incurred total expenditure of £5,125,815. The excess of expenditure over income for the year was £3,308.

At 31 August 2019 the net book value of fixed assets was £5,508,377 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 16 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Trust.

The Academy Trust has taken on the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of its non-teaching staff transferred on conversion. The deficit is incorporated within the Statement of Financial Activity with details in Note 26 to the financial statements.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include a range of separate policies which lay out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, CEO, Executive Head Teacher, financial managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Trust annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Trust, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be approximately 4 and 8 weeks of operating costs or between £300,000 to £580,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. Alternative reasons might be relevant e.g. fall in pupil numbers resulting in losing a class but not wanting to lose a teacher, a rise in pupil numbers meaning not enough funding to teach the pupils etc. Total reserves of the Academy Trust amount to £4,467,137, although £3,935,145 of this is invested in fixed assets or represents non-GAG restricted funds. The remaining £531,922 (representing £178,466 unrestricted funds and £353,526 unspent GAG) is the balance that the Trustees monitor in accordance with the Board's reserves policy.

The defined benefit pension scheme reserve has a negative balance. The effect of the deficit position of the pension scheme is that the Trust is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Trust's budgeted annual income. Whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund, nor any direct impact on the free reserves of the Trust.

Investment Policy

Trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are managed in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk. Any cash not required for operating expenses is placed on deposit at the most favourable rate available from providers covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Day to day management of the surplus funds is delegated to the CEO, Finance Officer and Finance Director within strict guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees.

The investment policy authorises longer term investment of funds in blocks of £50,000 following due diligence and appropriate Board authorisation. This facility has not been used since the inception of the Trust.

Principal Risks And Uncertainties

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

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The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Trust have been identified through the regular in-year Trust Risk register reviews are as follows:

Financial - the Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In the last year 87% of the Trust's incoming resources were ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

Failures in governance and/or management - the risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Trust's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review regularly and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks. The appointment of an appropriately Chief Finance Officer has provided long term mitigation.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Trust is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees, ensure that pupil success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed. Trustees have also refined the Trust vision going forward and continue to work productively with other stakeholders to ensure the secure reputation of the Trust is upheld.

Safeguarding and child protection - the Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Staffing - the success of the Trust is reliant upon the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds - the Trust has appointed a Responsible Officer to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Trust has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the year by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The Trustees have regularly assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. Where significant financial risk still remains, they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Trustees examine the financial health formally every term. They review performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all Board and Finance and Strategic Development Committee meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the year end, the Trust had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors that would have a significant effect on liquidity.

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit pension scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in Note 26 to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However, as the Trustees consider that the Trust is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

FUNDRAISING

The Trust carries out a limited amount of fundraising, mindful of the communities within which it operates. In the circumstances when fundraising is undertaken, systems and controls are in place to separate and protect funds. The Trust is mindful of its responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 and

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legal rules, and ensures all activities are agreed and monitored at Senior leadership level in compliance with relevant legal rules. Recognised standards are applied to ensure that fundraising is open, honest and respectful, protecting the public and vulnerable sections of society from undue pressure to donate. All complaints relating to any fundraising activities will be investigated using the Trusts published Complaints Policy.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Trust will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The Trust will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff in order to deliver its objectives.

The Trust will focus on embedding its new vision through all of its activities and will ensure the strong theological underpinnings and alignment with the Church of England Vision for Education are positively delivered across the Trust and through its wider working. The Trust is expecting a SIAMS inspection at St Catherines C of E Primary in 2020 and we will continue to work effectively with the school to ensure the outcome is good or better.

The Trust will continue to allocate improvement resources to our schools based on accurate identification of need. A key school is Coads Green Primary which the Trust is aiming to secure a good judgement for at its next inspection. This will successfully build on the improvement completed in the year to 31st August 2019 which as stated already saw two schools the Trust has supported move from an Ofsted "Requires Improvement" judgement to a "good" judgement.

The Trust will continue to work towards the achievement of objectives as set out in the latest 3 to 5-year growth plan with the key focus remaining to improve the educational opportunities for pupils in the wider community.

The Trust plans to develop its new Capabilities Curriculum further to ensure pupils receive a high quality broad and balanced curriculum provision including the full integration of the new RE agreed syllabus - which will then lead to academic outcomes being further improved. A full focus on improving Key Stage 2 progress outcomes for all pupils irrespective of need or ability will remain.

Financial resources will be allocated to ensure our sites and building can complete high value and essential remedial repairs to key infrastructure issues identified through asset management review e.g. drainage systems, roof treatment and heating boilers and controls.

Due to success in working with other schools, the Trust is considering the application for sponsorship status.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

The Academy Trust and its Trustees do not act as the Custodian Trustees of any other Charity.

TRUSTEES INDEMNITIES

There were no Trustee indemnities during the period.

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DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

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

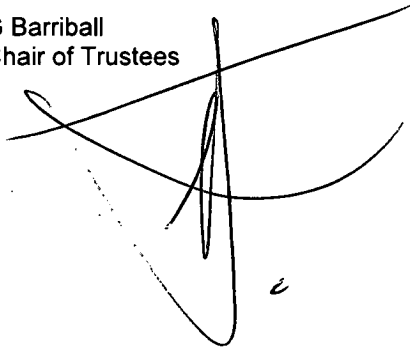
- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors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

AUDITORS

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 12.12.19 and signed on their behalf by:

G Barriball
Chair of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' followed by a vertical line and a horizontal stroke, with a small flourish at the bottom right.

**AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that An Daras 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 An Daras 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 STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 3 times during the year.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
W T Hermon, Chief Executive Officer	3	3
G Barriball, Chair	2	3
B Jennings	2	2
N Murphy	1	2
T Woodward	3	3
R Couch	2	3
P Hague	3	3
S Cooksey	1	3
C Paul	3	3
T Rudge	0	0

The full Board maintains full oversight and good governance by fully utilising advantages built into the committee meeting structure, the Trust cyclical plan and the comprehensive scheme of delegation to ensure all essential aspects of governance are fully covered on a regular basis by groups of delegated directors and local governors. Although the full Board met only 3 times there is regular oversight of all aspects of the Board's responsibilities as evidenced by Trust meeting minutes. The Trust Members meet twice in the year to ensure adequate oversight of the director's working.

Key changes in the composition of the Board of Trustees and particular challenges that have arisen for the Board are:

- Chair of Board (B. Jennings) resigned on 8 June 2019, Vice Chair (G. Barriball) assumed acting Chair of Board position in June 2019.
- One director (N. Murphy) resigned on 28 June 2019.
- One director (P. Hague) was recruited on 25 January 2019 due to prior financial services background.
- One director (T. Rudge) was recruited on 18 July 2019 due to wider educational background as well as previous experience in risk management & insurance.
- The Boards work for the year focused on ensuring the Trust and its schools were able to achieve long term financial security in the light of real term funding decreases in school budget share.
- The Board were also focused on ensuring Coads Green Primary had the correct improvement support package as it entered the Trust as a double "Requires Improvement" school and therefore need immediate action to achieve positive growth in pupil outcomes.
- The Board were also focused on delivering a long-term cost saving plan for Coads Green as the school was forecast to be overspent in its first year as a full-time member of the Trust – this included instigating a staffing reduction business case ready for consultation in Autumn Term 19.
- The Board were also focused on advancing the size and geographical scope of the Trust through the integration of Princetown Primary, a Devon school formally into the Trust. This provides a bigger Trust footprint across Devon.
- The Board have also ensured the Trust has moved two schools with historical pre-conversion Ofsted "Requires Improvement" judgements to securely "Good" judgements in 2019.
- The Board have based its decision making over the course of the year from internal and external reporting, Trust quality assurance monitoring of school improvement and standards, DfE data dashboards (ASP, ISDR) and through in year financial benchmarking and management reporting. The data has been consistently presented and its quality scrutinised prior to decision making to ensure the Trusts work is accurately targeted to meet its Funding Agreements and its Articles.

Governance Review

- The Trust has reviewed the make up-and effectiveness of its Board of Directors and committees during the spring and summer term 2019. This in-depth internal review was completed by the Trust Governance

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

- Officer and the results presented to the Board.
- The review included an assessment of Trust governance using 21 Questions for Multi-Academy Trusts (produced by All Party Parliamentary Group on Educational Governance and Leadership) as a framework for this assessment. It also reviewed Director responsibilities against all legislation and DfE direction, and evidence and reasoning for changes to the current governance arrangements were presented with the recommendations. Finally, in accordance with AFH Section 1, an up to date skills audit at MAT Board level was conducted to produce a skills matrix and highlight any gaps for recruitment or training.
- The main outcomes from the internal Governance review were to ensure all the necessary requirements of various legislation, DfE direction and other guidance are being met and that those requirements are allocated appropriately to the full Board or various committees, including the LGBs (as illustrated in the new version of the cyclical plans) to ensure everything is covered. This included removing any unnecessary requirements or duplications. The review also made recommendations for changes to the committees to avoid repetition and make the use of the Directors' time more efficient. This included reviewing the frequency and timing of each committee meeting, and whether some responsibilities can be covered by a lead Director who reports back to the Board. The requirements laid out in the cyclical plans are also referenced to show where the requirement has originated and can be easily amended in future. Finally, the skills deficit was used to seek new Directors including placing an advert with Academy Ambassadors.
- The Trust intends to conduct its next self-evaluation or external review of governance in 2020 focusing on effectiveness at local governance level.
- The Trust has Directors and Members appointed by Askel Veur for the Diocese of Truro and EDEN for the Diocese of Exeter. The collaboration and support of both dioceses contribute to the good governance of the Trust.

The Finance and Strategic Development Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to take responsibility for financial affairs to maximise outcomes for pupils, link growth with effective financial forecasting, ensure budget planning process is accurate and maintain oversight of capital projects. It has focused on achieving financial security.

During the year P Hague joined the committee.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
B Jennings	2	2
G Barriball	3	3
P Hague	2	2
T Woodward	2	3
W T Hermon	3	3
S Cooksey	3	3

The Audit Committee is also a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to manage risks, ensure independent checking of financial controls, implement reasonable internal scrutiny and risk management measures, ensure effective control of resources and implement external audit recommendations.

During the year, P Hague joined the committee to ensure it was quorate as N Murphy was unable to attend.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
B Jennings	2	2
C Paul	3	3
P Hague	1	1
B Couch	3	3

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GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

W T Hermon	3	3
N Murphy	0	3

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.

Coads Green Primary operated in a financial deficit in the year 17/18 due to a static pupil roll. They joined the Trust in the summer term 2018. The need to complete high priority premises improvements within 18/19 led to an increase in building operation cost. A planned two-year adjustment to staffing levels has been instigated which will bring the school back into a non-deficit position.

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

- Robust financial governance and budget management. As evidenced by the vast majority of our schools operating with an in-year surplus for this financial period.
- Value for money purchasing. As evidenced by the decision to improve the Trust IT capability and capacity across all of the schools and the Central by delivering economies of scale on new IT hardware.
- Making comparisons with similar academies using data provided by the ESFA and the Government to ensure our key benchmarks are within normality bands or have a clear explanation of operational context if not within the norm.
- Internal reviewing of the quality of Trust wide curriculum provision and quality of teaching. As evidenced by the long term-development of a new in-house Capabilities Curriculum strategy with associated resources which benefit all of our schools. This has been completed using internal resources to support schools with the correct school improvement approach in a cost-efficient manner.

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 An Daras Multi Academy Trust for the year 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 ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year 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 (CONTINUED)

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

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

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed Bishop Fleming LLP, the external auditors, to perform additional checks.

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

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchase systems
- Testing of control account/bank account reconciliations
- Testing compliance.

On a regular basis, the external auditors report to the Board of Trustees through the Audit Committee/ Finance Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Trustees' financial responsibilities.

The findings of these reports following the completion of the agreed schedule of work are actioned by the Executive and Finance Officers with progress towards controlling risk and delivering and remedial works is regularly reported to the Trustees. Key areas identified and actioned through this process for the period from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 are:

- Material control issue: Review of Register of Interests
Remedial action taken: Document is live and kept up to date following each board meeting
- Material control issue: Opening balances b/fwd not processed
Remedial action taken: Adjustments posted
- Material control issue: Management reports prepared and presented to Trustees
Remedial action taken: Reports are presented to Trustees on a monthly basis in a new clear format

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

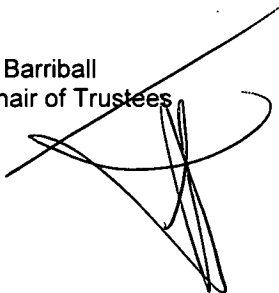
As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

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

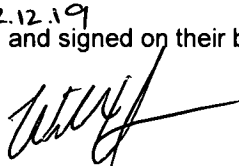
The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Audit committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on ^{12.12.19} and signed on their behalf by:

G Barriball
Chair of Trustees



W T Hermon
Accounting Officer



**AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of An Daras 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 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 all 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 of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.



W T Hermon
Accounting Officer
Date: 12.12.19

**AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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 & 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 of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019;
- make judgements 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.

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

12.12.19



Mr G Barriball
Chair of Trustees

**AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF AN
DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of An Daras 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 the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's 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 & Skills Funding Agency.

BASIS FOR OPINION

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

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

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

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF AN
DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)**

OTHER INFORMATION

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Other information includes the Reference and administrative details, the Trustees' report including the Strategic report, and the Governance 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 MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

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

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

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report.

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

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

**AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF AN
DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, 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.

AUDITORS' 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 Auditors' 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 Auditors' report.

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

Bishop Fleming LLP

Nathan Coughlin FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bishop Fleming LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

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Plymouth

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Date: *18 December 2019.*

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

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 18 September 2018 and further to the requirements of the Education & 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 An Daras Multi Academy Trust during the year 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 An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to An Daras 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 An Daras Multi Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of An Daras Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 19 December 2013 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 year 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 a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO AN DARAS
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 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.

Bishop Fleming LLP

Nathan Coughlin FCA

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Date: *18 December 2019.*

AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and capital grants:	3					
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion		-	-	-	-	(65,706)
Other donations and capital grants		23,020	49,636	107,827	180,483	113,254
Charitable activities:	4					
Other charitable activities		399,019	4,535,952	-	4,934,971	4,507,769
Other trading activities	6	6,516	-	-	6,516	53,296
Investments	7	537	-	-	537	527
TOTAL INCOME		429,092	4,585,588	107,827	5,122,507	4,609,140
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		6,120	-	-	6,120	8,995
Charitable activities		396,237	4,591,774	131,684	5,119,695	5,005,218
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	402,357	4,591,774	131,684	5,125,815	5,014,213
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		26,735	(6,186)	(23,857)	(3,308)	(405,073)
Transfers between funds	21	(81,181)	48,708	32,473	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)		(54,446)	42,522	8,616	(3,308)	(405,073)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	26	-	(473,000)	-	(473,000)	409,000
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(54,446)	(430,478)	8,616	(476,308)	3,927

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward	232,912	(904,199)	5,614,732	4,943,445	4,939,518
Net movement in funds	(54,446)	(430,478)	8,616	(476,308)	3,927
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	178,466	(1,334,677)	5,623,348	4,467,137	4,943,445

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 32 to 60 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	15	-	11,166
Tangible assets	16	5,508,377	5,135,276
		<u>5,508,377</u>	<u>5,146,442</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	17	4,733	22,906
Debtors	18	276,169	228,589
Cash at bank and in hand	25	801,625	961,379
		<u>1,082,527</u>	<u>1,212,874</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(385,767)	(338,871)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>696,760</u>	<u>874,003</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,205,137</u>	<u>6,020,445</u>
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION LIABILITY		<u>6,205,137</u>	<u>6,020,445</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	26	(1,738,000)	(1,077,000)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>4,467,137</u></u>	<u><u>4,943,445</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY TRUST			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	21	5,623,348	5,614,732
Restricted income funds	21	403,323	172,801
		<u>6,026,671</u>	<u>5,787,533</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension liability	21	6,026,671	5,787,533
Pension reserve	21	(1,738,000)	(1,077,000)
Total restricted funds	21	<u>4,288,671</u>	<u>4,710,533</u>
Unrestricted income funds	21	<u>178,466</u>	<u>232,912</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>4,467,137</u></u>	<u><u>4,943,445</u></u>

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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019**

The financial statements on pages 27 to 60 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf, by: 12.12.19



Mr G. Barriball
(Chair of Trustees)

The notes on pages 32 to 60 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	23	245,026	(80,508)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	24	(404,780)	286,719
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		(159,754)	206,211
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		961,379	755,168
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	25	801,625	961,379

The notes on pages 32 to 60 form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

An Daras Multi Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 GOING CONCERN

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

1.3 INCOME

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

• **Grants**

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 and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of financial activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the year 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.

• **Other income**

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the year it is receivable and to the extent the Academy Trust has provided the goods or services.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

- **Expenditure on raising funds**

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

- **Charitable activities**

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.

1.5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Academy Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.6 TAXATION

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

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

1.7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

Computer software	-	% 3 years straight line
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1.8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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.

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

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

Freehold property	-	2% straight line, land not depreciated
Long-term leasehold property	-	2% straight line, land 125 years
Furniture and equipment	-	20% straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% straight line

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

Where the Academy Trust has been granted use of the school buildings from the Diocese under Supplemental Agreements, the Academies Accounts Direction prescribes that under this agreement the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the Diocese. A donation from the Diocese has been recognised equal to the deemed rental expense, based on the rateable value of the buildings.

1.9 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost is based on the cost of purchases on a first in first out basis.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.10 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

1.11 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

1.12 LIABILITIES

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

1.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 18. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 19. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.14 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.15 PENSIONS

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy 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.

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

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

1.16 FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

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2. 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 or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 26, 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.

Critical areas of judgement:

The Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

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3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
DONATIONS					
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion	-	-	-	-	(65,706)
	-	-	-	-	(65,706)
Donations	23,020	49,636	19,525	92,181	67,998
Capital Grants	-	-	88,302	88,302	45,256
SUBTOTAL	23,020	49,636	107,827	180,483	113,254
	23,020	49,636	107,827	180,483	47,548
TOTAL 2018	11,478	(25,364)	61,434	47,548	

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Education	149,642	4,535,952	4,685,594	4,261,475
Nursery	249,377	-	249,377	246,294
TOTAL 2019	399,019	4,535,952	4,934,971	4,507,769
TOTAL 2018	393,646	4,114,123	4,507,769	

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5. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATION

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant	-	3,735,852	3,735,852	3,338,320
Start up Grants	-	-	-	25,000
Other DfE/EFSA grants	-	626,458	626,458	508,092
	-	4,362,310	4,362,310	3,871,412
Other Government grants				
High Needs	-	58,219	58,219	211,535
Other government grants: non capital	-	18,439	18,439	8,434
	-	76,658	76,658	219,969
Other funding				
Internal catering income	54,455	-	54,455	55,010
Sales to students	58,127	57,429	115,556	40,663
Other	37,060	39,555	76,615	74,421
	149,642	96,984	246,626	170,094
	149,642	4,535,952	4,685,594	4,261,475
TOTAL 2018	147,352	4,114,123	4,261,475	

6. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Lettings	(420)	(420)	420
Fees received	6,936	6,936	24,050
Other income	-	-	28,826
TOTAL 2019	6,516	6,516	53,296
TOTAL 2018	53,296	53,296	

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6. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Income from fundraising events (CONTINUED)

All prior year amounts relate to unrestricted funds.

7. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Investment income	537	537	527

All prior year amounts relate to unrestricted funds.

8. EXPENDITURE

	Staff Costs 2019 £	Premises 2019 £	Other 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities:					
Direct costs	-	-	6,120	6,120	8,995
Education:					
Direct costs	2,963,443	91,181	420,815	3,475,439	3,423,847
Support costs	589,561	408,582	432,279	1,430,422	1,370,782
Nursery:					
Direct costs	190,039	4,097	930	195,066	197,427
Support costs	-	-	18,768	18,768	13,162
TOTAL 2019	3,743,043	503,860	878,912	5,125,815	5,014,213
TOTAL 2018	3,824,617	451,076	738,520	5,014,213	

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9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2019 £	Support costs 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Education	3,475,439	1,430,422	4,905,861	4,875,780
Nursery	195,066	18,768	213,834	129,438
	<u>3,670,505</u>	<u>1,449,190</u>	<u>5,119,695</u>	<u>5,005,218</u>
TOTAL 2018	<u><u>3,621,274</u></u>	<u><u>1,383,944</u></u>	<u><u>5,005,218</u></u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Education 2019 £	Nursery 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Pension finance expense	23,000	-	23,000	17,011
Staff costs	2,963,443	190,039	3,153,482	3,137,237
Depreciation	91,181	-	91,181	82,785
Educational supplies	124,691	5,027	129,718	137,832
Staff development	27,862	-	27,862	39,615
Other costs	180,902	-	180,902	178,941
Supply teachers	64,360	-	64,360	27,853
	<u>3,475,439</u>	<u>195,066</u>	<u>3,670,505</u>	<u>3,621,274</u>
TOTAL 2018	<u><u>3,423,847</u></u>	<u><u>197,427</u></u>	<u><u>3,621,274</u></u>	

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9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of support costs

	Education 2019 £	Nursery 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Pension finance expense	8,000	-	8,000	14,989
Staff costs	589,561	-	589,561	595,893
Depreciation	40,503	-	40,503	41,442
Recruitment and support	3,190	-	3,190	4,323
Maintenance of premises and equipment	94,781	1,496	96,277	98,848
Cleaning	33,444	-	33,444	29,552
Rent and rates	123,908	2,600	126,508	110,797
Energy costs	62,523	-	62,523	53,279
Insurance	84,926	651	85,577	52,989
Security and transport	8,532	-	8,532	15,861
Catering	180,194	622	180,816	164,282
Technology costs	96,427	-	96,427	91,519
Office overheads	20,229	13,399	33,628	27,979
Legal and professional	55,252	-	55,252	49,051
Bank interest and charges	217	-	217	222
Governance costs	28,735	-	28,735	32,918
	1,430,422	18,768	1,449,190	1,383,944
TOTAL 2018	1,383,944	-	1,383,944	

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2019 £	2018 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the academy	120,518	113,060
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	11,166	11,167
Operating lease rentals	36,057	27,012
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	10,500	10,350
- other services	4,500	4,520

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11. STAFF COSTS

a. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	2,751,953	2,799,330
Social security costs	222,873	213,550
Pension schemes	703,857	698,104
	<u>3,678,683</u>	<u>3,710,984</u>
Agency supply teacher costs	64,360	27,853
Staff restructuring costs	-	85,780
	<u><u>3,743,043</u></u>	<u><u>3,824,617</u></u>

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

	2019 £	2018 £
Redundancy payments	-	85,780
	<u>-</u>	<u>85,780</u>

b. STAFF NUMBERS

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

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Teachers	42	55
Educational Support	88	88
Administration and Clerical	18	18
Management	6	2
	<u>154</u>	<u>163</u>

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11. STAFF COSTS (CONTINUED)

b. STAFF NUMBERS (CONTINUED)

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Teachers	49	46
Educational Support	38	49
Administration and Clerical	7	9
Management	4	2
	<u>98</u>	<u>106</u>

c. HIGHER PAID STAFF

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer's National Insurance contributions and employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2019 No.	2018 No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

d. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for their role as Trustees) and the Senior Management Team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer's National Insurance contributions and employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £154,759 (2018: £143,572).

As staff Trustees are not remunerated in respect of their role as a Trustee, where staff Trustees do not form part of the key management personnel other than in their role as Trustee, their remuneration as set out in note 13 has not been included in the total benefits received by key management above.

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12. CENTRAL SERVICES

The Academy Trust has continued to broaden the central services provided to its academies. During the year, it has provided:

- Finance and administration
- Insurance brokering
- Governance and clerking support
- Premises management and compliance
- Human Resources management
- School improvement services
- Centralised leadership

The Academy Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

The costs of provision of central services is recharged to the academies based upon pupil numbers.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
St Stephens Community Academy	102,617	67,950
Windmill Hill Academy	75,054	50,905
Werrington Primary School	13,637	14,183
North Petherwin Primary School	11,753	13,045
St Catherine's C of E School	85,056	51,835
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	17,406	19,886
Coads Green Primary School	12,671	-
TOTAL	318,194	217,804

13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Headteacher and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments, from the Academy Trust in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows: W Hermon: Remuneration £70,000 - £75,000 (2018: £65,000 - £70,000), Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2018: £10,000 - £15,000), C Paul: Remuneration £10,000 - £15,000 (2018: £10,000 - £15,000), Employer's pension contributions £0 - £5,000 (2018: £0 - £5,000), T Woodward: Remuneration £5,000 - £10,000 (2018: £5,000 - £10,000), Employer's pension contributions £0 - £5,000 (2018: £0 - £5,000), J Callow: Remuneration Remuneration £55,000 - £60,000, Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000.

During the year ended 31 August 2019, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2018 - £NIL).

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14. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Software £
COST	
At 1 September 2018	33,500
At 31 August 2019	33,500
AMORTISATION	
At 1 September 2018	22,334
Charge for the year	11,166
At 31 August 2019	33,500
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2019	-
At 31 August 2018	11,166

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16. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST					
At 1 September 2018	3,814,116	1,599,546	54,033	197,809	5,665,504
Additions	411,746	30,322	41,484	10,067	493,619
At 31 August 2019	<u>4,225,862</u>	<u>1,629,868</u>	<u>95,517</u>	<u>207,876</u>	<u>6,159,123</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2018	53,362	266,906	45,625	164,335	530,228
Charge for the year	61,353	29,828	15,278	14,059	120,518
At 31 August 2019	<u>114,715</u>	<u>296,734</u>	<u>60,903</u>	<u>178,394</u>	<u>650,746</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2019	<u>4,111,147</u>	<u>1,333,134</u>	<u>34,614</u>	<u>29,482</u>	<u>5,508,377</u>
At 31 August 2018	<u>3,760,754</u>	<u>1,332,640</u>	<u>8,408</u>	<u>33,474</u>	<u>5,135,276</u>

17. STOCKS

	2019 £	2018 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>4,733</u>	<u>22,906</u>

18. DEBTORS

	2019 £	2018 £
Trade debtors	14,229	-
VAT recoverable	50,647	45,339
Other debtors	24,804	80,327
Prepayments and accrued income	186,489	102,923
	<u>276,169</u>	<u>228,589</u>

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19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019 £	2018 £
Trade creditors	158,851	52,483
Other taxation and social security	53,188	54,477
Other creditors	62,810	82,794
Accruals and deferred income	110,918	149,117
Deferred income at 31 August 2019	385,767	338,871

	2019 £	2018 £
DEFERRED INCOME		
Deferred income at 1 September 2018	72,726	59,270
Resources deferred during the year	68,366	72,726
Amounts released from previous periods	(72,726)	(59,270)
Deferred income at 31 August 2019	68,366	72,726

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance for Universal Infant Free School Meals funding.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2019 £	2018 £
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	170,189	156,987
	2019 £	2018 £
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	264,213	211,668

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost comprise trade debtors, other debtors and accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors and accruals.

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General funds	232,912	429,092	(402,357)	(81,181)	-	178,466
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant	85,431	3,655,852	(3,342,622)	(45,135)	-	353,526
High Needs	-	58,219	(91,926)	33,784	-	77
Pupil Premium	66,395	299,078	(432,328)	75,450	-	8,595
Sports and PE Grant	17,187	155,480	(137,143)	2,766	-	38,290
UIFSM	-	109,184	(100,497)	(5,852)	-	2,835
Other	3,788	307,775	(299,258)	(12,305)	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,077,000)	-	(188,000)	-	(473,000)	(1,738,000)
	<u>(904,199)</u>	<u>4,585,588</u>	<u>(4,591,774)</u>	<u>48,708</u>	<u>(473,000)</u>	<u>(1,334,677)</u>
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
Transfers on conversion	4,687,638	-	(74,350)	-	-	4,613,288
GAG/ Other fixed assets	38,197	-	(7,545)	6,599	-	37,251
DfE/ESFA Capital grants	104,592	88,302	(19,885)	25,874	-	198,883
Condition Improvement Fund	747,346	-	(15,188)	-	-	732,158
Other	36,959	-	(11,855)	-	-	25,104
Donations	-	19,525	(2,861)	-	-	16,664
	<u>5,614,732</u>	<u>107,827</u>	<u>(131,684)</u>	<u>32,473</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,623,348</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>4,710,533</u>	<u>4,693,415</u>	<u>(4,723,458)</u>	<u>81,181</u>	<u>(473,000)</u>	<u>4,288,671</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,943,445</u>	<u>5,122,507</u>	<u>(5,125,815)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(473,000)</u>	<u>4,467,137</u>

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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

General Annual Grant - Income from the ESFA which is to be used for the normal running costs of the Academy Trust, including education and support costs.

Start up Grant - This represents one off funding received from the ESFA to contribute to the cost of converting from a school to an Academy Trust.

High Needs - Funding received by the Local Authority to fund further support for students with additional needs.

Pupil Premium - Pupil Premium represents funding received from the ESFA for children that qualify for free school meals to enable the Academy Trust to address the current underlying inequalities between those children and their wealthier peers.

Sports & PE Grant – This represents funding received from the ESFA and must be used to fund improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, so that they develop healthy lifestyles.

UIFSM - This represents funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Pension reserve - This represents the Academy Trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension scheme.

Fixed assets transferred on conversion - This represents the buildings and equipment donated to the school from the Local Authority on conversion to an Academy.

GAG/Other, DfE/ESFA Capital grants, Condition Improvement Fund - This represents funding from the DfE/ESFA and other restricted sources to cover the maintenance and purchase of the Academy Trust's assets. The balance equals the net book value of assets plus any unspent amounts.

Central office facilities - The Trustees reviewed the future plans of the Academy Trust and set aside funds for the contribution towards Academy Trust central office facilities.

Donations - This represents donations from outside of the Academy Trust for specific assets acquisitions.

OTHER INFORMATION

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2019.

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Total funds analysis by Academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2019 were allocated as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
St Stephens Community Academy	208,906	212,207
Windmill Hill Academy	85,852	75,768
Werrington Primary School	62,527	37,385
North Petherwin Primary School	4,261	1,576
St Catherine's C of E School	60,046	(30,541)
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	161,207	84,707
Coads Green Primary School	(26,114)	(11,520)
Central	25,104	36,131
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Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	581,789	405,713
Restricted fixed asset fund	5,623,348	5,614,732
Pension reserve	(1,738,000)	(1,077,000)
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TOTAL	4,467,137	4,943,445
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The following Academy is carrying a net deficit on its portion of the funds as follows:

	Deficit £
Coads Green	(26,114)
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Coads Green is a small primary school and the Trust inherited a deficit on transfer into the Trust. The Trust addressed staffing structure changes in the year, and will continue to work towards a balanced budget, whilst ensuring there are sufficient resources and support from the Trust to enable this 'Requires Improvement' school has sufficient resources and staffing to deliver improvements in outcomes.

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21. STATEMENT OF 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 £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
St Stephens Community Academy	743,233	103,495	85,503	171,585	1,103,816	1,158,217
Windmill Hill Academy	654,257	75,937	66,176	107,442	903,812	937,059
Werrington Primary School	259,063	34,451	26,175	60,203	379,892	349,622
North Petherwin Primary School	208,035	37,046	30,304	69,548	344,933	383,814
St Catherine's C of E School	563,418	65,325	56,045	162,937	847,725	1,003,634
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	310,116	41,638	46,834	86,998	485,586	485,358
Coads Green Primary School	260,015	40,906	30,582	77,286	408,789	81,732
Central	124,611	132,048	2,984	71,938	331,581	251,465
ACADEMY TRUST	3,122,748	530,846	344,603	807,937	4,806,134	4,650,901

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
DESIGNATED FUNDS						
Central office facilities	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-	-
GENERAL FUNDS						
General funds	327,000	458,947	(342,915)	(210,120)	-	232,912
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	347,000	458,947	(362,915)	(210,120)	-	232,912
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant	24,300	3,358,595	(3,501,894)	204,431	-	85,432
Start up Grant	-	25,000	(21,212)	-	-	3,788
High Needs	-	211,535	(211,535)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	49,553	298,449	(281,608)	-	-	66,394
Sports and PE Grant	18,829	101,930	(103,572)	-	-	17,187
UIFSM	-	87,438	(87,438)	-	-	-
Other	-	80,812	(80,812)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,172,000)	(75,000)	(239,000)	-	409,000	(1,077,000)
	(1,079,318)	4,088,759	(4,527,071)	204,431	409,000	(904,199)
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
Transfers on conversion	4,767,695	16,178	(79,988)	-	-	4,703,885
GAG/ Other fixed assets	90,401	11,682	(24,670)	5,689	-	83,102
DfE/ESFA Capital grants	234,795	33,574	(12,023)	-	-	256,346

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Condition Improvement Fund	578,945	-	(7,546)	-	-	571,399
	<u>5,671,836</u>	<u>61,434</u>	<u>(124,227)</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,614,732</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>4,592,518</u>	<u>4,150,193</u>	<u>(4,651,298)</u>	<u>210,120</u>	<u>409,000</u>	<u>4,710,533</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,939,518</u>	<u>4,609,140</u>	<u>(5,014,213)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>409,000</u>	<u>4,943,445</u>

22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,508,377	5,508,377
Current assets	178,467	789,090	114,971	1,082,527
Creditors due within one year	-	(385,767)	-	(385,767)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,738,000)	-	(1,738,000)
TOTAL	<u>178,467</u>	<u>(1,334,677)</u>	<u>5,623,348</u>	<u>4,467,138</u>

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22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,135,276	5,135,276
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	11,166	11,166
Current assets	232,912	511,672	468,290	1,212,874
Creditors due within one year	-	(338,871)	-	(338,871)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,077,000)	-	(1,077,000)
TOTAL	232,912	(904,199)	5,614,732	4,943,445

23. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2019 £	2018 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of financial activities)	(3,308)	(405,073)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Depreciation charges	131,684	124,227
Interest received	(537)	(527)
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	18,173	(22,906)
Decrease/ (increase) in debtors	(47,580)	429,624
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors	46,896	(151,366)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(88,302)	(359,193)
Defined benefit pension scheme obligation inherited	-	75,000
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	157,000	207,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	31,000	32,000
Assets and liabilities from local authority on conversion	-	(9,294)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	245,026	(80,508)

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24. CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

	2019 £	2018 £
Interest from investments	537	527
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(493,619)	(73,001)
Capital grants from DfE Group	88,302	359,193
NET CASH (USED IN)/PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(404,780)	286,719

25. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2019 £	2018 £
Cash at bank and in hand	801,625	961,379

26. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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

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

Contributions amounting to £61,500 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2019 (2018 - £57,059) and are included within creditors.

TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies 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.

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26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 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 2016 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 5 March 2019. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% 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 £218,100 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 4.45%.

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The latest valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme has now taken place, in line with directions issued by HM Treasury and using membership data as at 31 March 2016. As a result of this valuation TPS employers will pay an increased contribution rate of 23.68% from 1 September 2019 (this includes the administration levy of 0.8%).

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £282,171 (2018 - £268,605).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the [Teachers' Pensions website](#).

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, 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.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate Trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2019 was £272,000 (2018 - £330,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £217,000 (2018 - £271,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 55,000 (2018 - £59,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 15.4 per cent for employers and 5.5-12.5 per cent for employees.

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

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26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2019	2018
	%	%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.90	2.79
Rate of increase in salaries	2.46	2.46
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.29	2.30

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

	2019	2018
	Years	Years
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	21.1 - 22.5	22.1 - 23.5
Females	23.6 - 24.4	24.5 - 25.6
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	22.3 - 24.2	24.0 - 25.8
Females	25.0 - 26.2	26.4 - 28.0

The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 August 2019	At 31 August 2018
	£	£
Equities	1,475,000	1,095,140
Gilts	1,033,000	910,870
Property	196,000	156,630
Cash and other liquid assets	28,000	23,090
Other	31,000	23,000
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS	2,763,000	2,208,730

The actual return on scheme assets was £290,000 (2018 - £103,000).

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26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2019 £	2018 £
Current service cost	(366,000)	(442,000)
Past Service Cost	(8,000)	(36,000)
Interest Income	65,000	46,000
Interest Cost	(96,000)	(78,000)
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	(405,000)	(510,000)

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

	2019 £	2018 £
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	3,286,000	2,857,000
Transferred in on existing Academies joining the Trust	-	172,000
Current service cost	366,000	442,000
Interest cost	96,000	78,000
Employee contributions	55,000	59,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	698,000	(352,000)
Benefits paid	(8,000)	(6,000)
Past service costs	8,000	36,000
AT 31 AUGUST	4,501,000	3,286,000

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

	2019 £	2018 £
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	2,209,000	1,685,000
Transferred in on existing Academies joining the Trust	-	97,000
Interest income	65,000	46,000
Actuarial gains	225,000	57,000
Employer contributions	217,000	271,000
Employee contributions	55,000	59,000
Benefits paid	(8,000)	(6,000)
AT 31 AUGUST	2,763,000	2,209,000

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27. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2019 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts payable		
Within 1 year	31,633	33,785
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	91,854	100,394
Later than 5 years	244,833	257,833
	<u>368,320</u>	<u>392,012</u>

28. GENERAL INFORMATION

An Daras Multi Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is An Daras Central Office, Roydon Road, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8HL.

29. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions took place in the period of accounts, other than the Trustees' remuneration and expenses as disclosed in note 13.

31. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 1st October 2019 Princetown Community Primary School joined the Trust.

32. CONTROLLING PARTY

The Trust is under the control of its members. There is no ultimate controlling party.