

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2021

Company Registration number: 08156955 (England and Wales)

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# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

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# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Members</b>	Mr P O'Brien Mrs E Paynter Mrs A Nicholson (resigned 15 October 2020) Mrs M Young (representative of Truro Diocese through Askel Veur) EDEN representative Mr A Terry (appointed 11 May 2021) Mr C Marshall (appointed 11 May 2021) Mr G Barribal
<b>Trustees (Directors)</b>	Mr G Barribal Miss C Green Mr P Hague Mr W T Hermon Mrs C Paul Mrs T Rudge Mr J Sharpe Mr S Tavener Mr T Woodward
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Mrs T Martin
<b>Senior Management Team</b>	Mr W T Hermon, Chief Executive Officer Mrs E Gilbert, Chief Finance Officer Mrs J P Callow, Deputy CEO
<b>Principal and Registered Office</b>	Unit 4 Tamar Business Park Pennygillam Way Pennygillam Industrial Estate Launceston England PL15 7ED
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	08156955
<b>Independent Auditors</b>	PKF Francis Clark Statutory Auditor North Quay House Sutton Harbour Plymouth PL4 0RA

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2021. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Academy Trust operates 8 academies (plus associated pre-school provision) and 1 separate pre-school organisation for pupils aged 2 to 11 in Launceston and its surrounding area. Its academies have a combined pupil capacity of 1007 and had a roll of 900 in the school census in October 2020.

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of pupils on roll in Oct 20 Census</b>
Coads Green Primary	59
Low Trenchard C of E Primary	77
North Petherwin Primary	59
Princetown Primary	30
St Catherines C of E Primary	206
St Stephens Community Academy	206
Werrington Primary	62
Windmill Hill Academy	201

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### ***Constitution***

The Academy Trust was incorporated on 1st January 2014 and 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. The Charitable Company operates as An Daras Trust.

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

#### ***Members' Liability***

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

#### ***Governors' Indemnities***

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy 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.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### ***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 (through Askel Veur) is empowered as Foundation Member under article 50AA to appoint Trustees. The Diocese of Exeter (through 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 or on-line training offered by the Local Authority, Diocese of Exeter and Truro and other bodies.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### ***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.
- 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 is 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 (AIP) and budget.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an Annual Improvement Plan (AIP) 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 (TOO). 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.

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

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 CEO 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.

## An Daras Multi Academy Trust

### Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

#### Trade union facility time

##### Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
1	1

##### Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time

Number of employees

1%-50%

1

##### Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

2021

Provide the total cost of facility time

340

Provide the total pay bill

4,303,046

The % of the total pay bill spent on facility time is less than 1%.

##### Paid trade union activities

2021

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as: ( total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period ÷ total paid facility time hours ) x 100

1

Trustees should refer to Statutory Instrument 2017 No. 328, The Trade Union Facility Time Publication Requirements Regulations 2017 for calculation details.

#### **Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations**

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 sound 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 Trust's remit.



# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **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 2021 are summarised below:

- to continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of all pupils by igniting pupil's curiosity
- to ensure pupils, parents and staff can operate and learn together in a safe and mutually constructive environment
- 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 particularly in light of the pandemic impact on pupil learning and mental well being.
- 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.
- To promote and value the Church of England Vision for Education 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 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.

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### ***Objectives, Strategies and Activities***

Key priorities for the year 2020-21 were contained in our Trust Local Learning Recovery Improvement Programme which were available from individual Trust schools. These Learning Recovery programmes at a local level were identified through internal and external data analysis demonstrating the impact the pandemic had had on pupils' learning and well-being, internal Trust Risk Register review, effective self-evaluation using the RSC Trust Capacity Framework tool, DFE School Benchmarking Tool, quality assurance monitoring on standards and curriculum provision within Trust schools and from financial and governance review.

Key Improvement focuses identified for this year included:

- Improving the quality of teaching and learning across all Trust schools to deliver effective learning recovery catch-up with a particular focus on the disadvantaged and learners with special educational needs.
- Improve curriculum coherence to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum offer for all pupils with sequential skills and knowledge fully embedded.
- Improving IT infra-structure at all schools to support enhanced access for remote learning and to allow administrative and communication functions to operate more effectively .
- Embed the Trust vision for education into effective operational delivery at school level.
- Maintain overall attendance rates in the face of continued pandemic related issues particularly for disadvantaged pupils through ensuring pupils/families at risk are given effective provision.
- Improve the Trust Subject Leaders through an internal training programme so they fully support establishment of a fully effective curriculum across all Trust schools.
- Improve centralisation and standardisation in Trust premises and estate management operations.
- Extend the Trust premises portfolio to provide enhanced curriculum opportunities for all pupils across the Trust.
- Formally integrate an independent pre-school organisation into the structure of the Trust.
- Develop effective succession planning at local governance level.
- Develop further risk identification, mitigation and process controls between local and Trust wider risks.
- Secure minor financial control improvements identified through external monitoring.

#### ***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 Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **Strategic Report**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The Trust is in its seventh year of operation and has a secure forecast number of pupils on roll for the majority of its schools.

Note: Due to the CV19 pandemic and subsequent school lockdowns all nationwide statutory DfE primary assessments at Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 were cancelled for 2021 so no external nationally benchmarked test data is available for the period covered by these accounts. Throughout the lockdown periods schools within the Trust continued to provide a full Key Worker learning provision and the Trust also acted as a local hub to ensure Key Worker provision for non-trust school pupils could be accommodated. The Trust also ensured lunch meals or food parcels for disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils were provided throughout the lockdown period (including official school holiday periods).

Trust schools were providing a range of effective remote learning for all pupils for the period January to March 2021 receiving much positive feedback from parents. The ongoing impact of having to provide remote learning led to the Trust ensuring IT capabilities and training for staff and pupils increased between August and December 20 to ensure remote learning services were improved when schools entered partial or full lockdown closures.

Internal school achievement data demonstrated that Learning Recovery initiatives (i.e. new IT resources, Accelerated Reader reading programme, extensive teacher-led tutoring and more sporting and outdoor opportunities), plus additional funding had made good progress at catching up learning for Key Stage 2 pupils across a majority of Trust schools. Final Key Stage 2 attainment for the year was reasonable particularly when compared to previous national average attainment benchmarks from pre-pandemic. Where there was deviation from previous national average benchmarks this was often due to the very small nature of the particular cohort in the school.

Effective Trust self-evaluation has highlighted that EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils will need to have additional support into 2021-22 academic year as the younger pupils' learning has been negatively impacted to a greater extent from the pandemic.

Attendance levels by pupils at all Trust schools remained high throughout the year despite the continuing pandemic impact of lockdowns and restrictions dictated by public health guidance. Final pupil attendance data for most Trust schools was well in-line with national average pre-pandemic attendance levels.

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 when relevant. These continued throughout the year in some form despite the restrictions resulting from the national pandemic situation.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **Strategic Report**

The Trust has embedded 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.

In the Spring of 2021 the Trust successfully registered as a separate pre-school provider in its own right with OFSTED - which then allowed for the Trust to take over the ownership/operational management of an existing independent pre-school in Launceston. This benefitted the pre-school itself in terms of support and increased leadership capacity but also two Trust schools who are main feeders from the pre-school.

During the year the Trust successfully completed or planned for a number of significant capital premises improvement projects including significant exterior safeguarding fencing at five Trust schools, the replacement of the entire heating system at St Stephens Community Academy and the pre-acquisition planning of an additional facility suitable for the delivery of an enhanced outdoor education offer.

The Trust has also been working in partnership with an existing charitable organisation to ensure a premises donation to permanent Trust ownership can secure the long-term educational provision for the Trust organisation which occupies the premises.

This year also saw the Trust secure two significant funding streams from the ESFA via the national Condition Improvement Funding (CIF) programme. The success of these bids drastically reduces premises condition related financial risks identified by the Trust in previous years. Therefore project planning has started in preparation for 2021-22 work on the damp and roof work required at Werrington Primary and the fire precaution work required at St Stephens Community Academy.

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

### **Key Non-Financial Performance Indicators**

Curriculum, Trust vision, teaching and learning and pupil well-being objectives and general Trust improvement Key Performance Indicators were set in September 2020 through the mechanism of Learning Recovery Programmes Plan at the local support supported by strategic support from the Trust Central team.

The key focus for 2020-21 was to have a positive impact on pupil achievement standards to address the short-term educational impact of the pandemic on pupils learning. There was a focus on supporting Key Stage 2 pupils initially across the Trust.

The end of academic year 2020-21 position of positive progress towards these academic achievement objectives using a RAG rating system is detailed below. As no national testing was in operation for Summer 21 there was no external reporting of achievement outcomes therefore the table does not publish specific attainment figure values but benchmarks within a broad RAG rating.

(red = well below last available national average benchmark, amber = close to last available national average benchmark, green = in-line or better than the last available national average benchmark).

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### Strategic Report

<b>Attainment Outcomes – RAG Rated 'Heat Map' against published 2019 National Average Benchmarks</b> <b>SCW = Small Cohort Warning (small numbers of pupils means benchmarking against national averages difficult)</b>					
School	EYFS GLD+	Y1 Phonics	KS1 EXP+	Y4 Multi.	KS2 EXP+
<i>Werrington - SCW</i>					
<i>North Petherwin - SCW</i>					
<i>Windmill Hill</i>					
<i>St Stephens (EHCP removed)</i>					
<i>St Catherines C of E</i>					
<i>Lew Trenchard C of E</i>					
<i>Coads Green - SCW</i>					
<i>Princetown - SCW</i>	<i>Cohort too small</i>				

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### **Strategic Report**

**Note:** Due to extensive interruption due to the CV19 pandemic and lockdown period during the Autumn and Spring terms 2020-1 there were no external national achievement tests during Summer term 2021. The Trust completed a rigorous internal assessment and testing programme, including extensive moderation of standards in the Summer term 2021 to ensure accuracy of achievement outcomes.

#### **Key Financial Performance Indicators**

The following indicators which were a Trust focus for the year are listed below:

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>
GAG carry forward (£)	149,000	290,570
Total unrestricted funds balance (£)	380,000 - 500,000	270,618
Pupil attendance (%)	95 - 96	Achieved
Ratio of staff costs to income (%)	70 - 75	75

#### **Going Concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Governing Body has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Covid pandemic related response at Trust level had a limited impact on the in-year financial position. Additional costs incurred to meet national statutory requirements, respond to risk assessments, to set up remote learning and cover additional staffing costs were relatively minimal and met through existing available funds in-year. The expected impact of the pandemic into the next financial year is most likely an increase in some staffing costs at school level to cover teaching staff who are short term absent due to positive testing. 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.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **Strategic Report**

#### **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 2021 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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 2021, the Trust received total income of £7,366k and incurred total expenditure of £6,372k. The excess of income over expenditure for the year was £994k.

At 31 August 2021 the net book value of fixed assets was £5,777k and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 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 25 to the financial statements.

One school Trust school, LewTrenchard had an in-year deficit partially due to extremely high costs of extended inclusion learning support and provision. The school has higher than national average percentages of pupils in SEND categories, each requiring particular individualised and expensive provision. The Trust will be reviewing its approach to catering for these needs as part of a wider internal SEND review in 21-22.

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.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **Strategic Report**

#### ***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 between approximately 4 and 6 weeks of operating costs or between £425,000 to £675,000. 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, unexpected costs due to external factors (as evidenced by CV19 pandemic costs) or any alternative reasons which 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 (excluding the pension reserve) amount to £8,062k, although £7,471k of this is invested in fixed assets or represents non-GAG restricted funds. The remaining £591k (representing £271k unrestricted funds and £321k 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.



# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **Strategic Report**

#### ***Principal Risks and Uncertainties***

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks (through the termly review of its extensive Risk Register) to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

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

**Financial** - the Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In the last year 97% 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 embedded 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/Internal Assurance auditor 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. An extensive Risk Register is maintained, reviewed and updated on a regular basis both through external and internal assurance.

The Trustees have regularly assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, cyber-security, premises 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.

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### **Strategic Report**

The Trustees examine the financial health formally every term with monthly management accounts and financial benchmarks/Key Performance Indicators available to Trustees through a SharePoint portal. 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 25 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 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.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **Strategic Report**

#### ***Plans for Future Periods***

The Trust will continue to strive to provide excellent education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. This will initially again focus on successfully recovering learning standards following the CV19 pandemic – particularly for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 pupils as these are the year groups internal self-evaluation clearly indicates have been most negatively impacted by the pandemic. Similarly finding ways to provide greater curriculum enrichment through wider funded opportunities such as residentials, regular out of school curriculum related visits and additional in-school visitors are being prioritised for 2021-22 academic year.

Each Trust school has created a new Improvement Plan Short for the academic year to support delivery of its learning recovery priorities. Central Trust support will provide additional funding streams allocated by the Board of Trustees plus the government CV19 catch-up/tutoring grant to provide additional learning staff and resources.

The Trust will continue to invest in improved IT platforms/hardware, complete an extensive external audit of its cyber security arrangements and complete an on-line safety audit alongside each Trust school in 21-22 academic year.

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 further 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 delayed SIAMS inspection at St Catherines C of E Primary in 2021-22 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. Four Trust schools are potentially due a school inspection under the latest OFSTED framework within 21-22 academic year - the Trust is aiming to secure at least good judgements for all four schools.

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 re-focus schools and staff on delivery of its standardised Capabilities Curriculum further to ensure pupils receive a high-quality broad and balanced curriculum provision. The stated Trust aim of exceeding the ambitions of the National Curriculum through our own internal curriculum strategy remains a key part of the Trusts long term goal.

Financial resources will be allocated to ensure our sites and building can complete any high value and essential remedial repairs to key infra-structure issues identified through appropriate asset management review. Condition Improvement Funding (CIF) will support major and significant safety/condition related re-building works at Werrington Primary and St Stephens Community Academy.

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### **Strategic Report**

The Trust will also be focussing on its long-term development of its recently acquired Woodland Skills Centre site - to be used as an excellent resource by all Trust schools in the future as a dedicated base for the regular delivery of an extensive outdoor education curriculum. The Trust is also expecting to complete the acquisition of a donated premises to support long term provision of pre-school learning within Launceston.

The Trust will be reviewing its internal processes and structures to find areas where best value can be achieved as well as improving its internal efficiency and capacity. Aspects of operations to be reviewed over the year will include the Central Office function, pay roll services centralisation and Trust wide cleaning/caretaking organisation.

#### **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.

#### **Auditor**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

#### **Reappointment of auditor**

The auditors, Francis Clark, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by order of the Governing Body, as the company directors, on 15/12/2021. and signed on the board's behalf by:



.....  
Mr G Barriball  
Trustee

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## 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 Governing Body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to Mr W T Hermon, 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 Governing Body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Governing Body has formally met 5 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Governing Body was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr G Barriball	3	5
Mrs C Paul	5	5
Mr P Hague	4	5
Mr T Woodward	5	5
Mr W T Hermon	5	5
Mrs T Rudge	5	5
Miss C Green	4	5
Mr S Tavener	5	5
Mr J Sharpe	5	5

•No directors have started, resigned or ended their term during this period. Graeme Barriball has remained as Chair. A succession plan is in place for the next Chair.

•The board's work for the year has been focussed on recovery from Covid lockdowns; the welfare of school leaders, staff and pupils; managing risks; planning to ensure a sound future for the trust; property development to support our educational goals and ensuring sound financial management.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. 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 focussed on achieving financial security. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

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

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
Mr G Barriball	1	3
Mr P Hague	3	3
Mr T Woodward	2	3
Mr J Sharpe	3	3
Mrs C Paul	3	3
Mr W T Hermon	3	3

The Audit Committee is also a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. 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. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
Mr P Hague	3	3
Mr W T Hermon	3	3
Mr S Tavener	3	3
Mrs T Rudge	3	3

The Resources, Staffing and Safeguarding Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to ensure all schools have effective staff, that correct performance management processes and HR policies are followed, that child protection & safeguarding is effective across the Trust, that responsibilities under the equalities act are met, that assets and the estate is appropriately managed including insurance arrangements, and that health & safety measures are appropriate and in place.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
Mr G Barriball	2	3
Mrs C Green	3	3
Mr J Sharpe	2	3
Mr S Tavener	3	3
Mr W T Hermon	3	3

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Governance Statement (continued)**

The Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to oversee academic performance across the Trust and schools, ensure cohesive Trust improvement strategy, maintain church ethos, ensure ethos and values promote fundamental British values, ensure communication across the MAT with stakeholders such as parents, oversee development and implementation of new curriculum, and ensure high standards of teaching and learning is balanced with an enriched curriculum and staff well-being.

C. Green joined this committee. Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
Mrs C Paul	3	3
Mr T Woodward	1	3
Mrs T Rudge	3	3
Mr W T Hermon	3	3
Mrs C Green	3	3

### **Effective oversight of funds**

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. The full board met 5 times and there is regular oversight of all aspects of the Boards responsibilities as evidenced by Trust meeting minutes. In addition the finance committee met a further 3 times to ensure effective oversight of funds was maintained. The Trust Members meet twice in the year to ensure adequate oversight of the Trust Board.

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## **Governance Statement (continued)**

### **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.

Lew Trenchard Primary has operated in a financial deficit in the year 20-21 due to higher than expected in-year SEND related costs relating to increasing numbers of SEND pupils on roll. This however clearly demonstrates the inclusive nature of Trust schools in ensuring all pupils with significant specific needs receive the full support they require to successfully access school.

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 or by using a framework 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 of the Trust Board to plan to improve the trust premises portfolio through acquisition, significant maintenance investment or donation.
- Ensuring additional financial, staffing and provision resources were used by schools to deliver enhanced learning recovery and mental well being support plans for pupils and families in response to the continuing impact of the covid pandemic.
- 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 ended 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

### **Capacity to Handle Risk**

The Governing Body 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 Governing Body is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Governing Body.



# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **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 Governing Body;
- 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;
- identification and management of risks.

The Governing Body has decided:

- to employ Thomas Westcott as internal auditor

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

- Review of management accounts to underlying records
- Review of risk register
- Review of the controls over bank accounts

On a regular basis, the auditor reports to the Governing Body, through the audit and risk committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities and annually prepares an annual summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

During the 2021 financial year the Trust decided to appoint a new internal auditor and therefore only one report was received.

Control issue: Review of financial reporting to the board

Remedial action taken: Revise monthly management reporting to improve accuracy and thereby lower financial risk levels

Control issue: Review of risk management policies and processes

Remedial action taken: Adaptation to Risk Register template to detail assurances obtained over the effectiveness of internal controls

Control issue: Review of risk management and internal financial controls at local level

Remedial action taken: Additional cash processing controls established at local level

### **Review of Effectiveness**

As accounting officer, Mr W T Hermon has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;

## An Daras Multi Academy Trust

### Governance Statement (continued)

- the financial management and governance self-assessment process or the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- 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 Finance and General Purposes Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

15/12/2021

Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mr G Barriball  
Trustee



.....  
Mr W T Hermon  
Trustee

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

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

As Accounting Officer of An Daras Multi Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Governing Body and the Education and 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 2020.

I confirm that I and the academy trust Governing Body 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 2020.

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 Governing Body and ESFA.



.....  
Mr W T Hermon  
Accounting officer

15/12/2021  
Date:.....

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards [FRS 102] have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

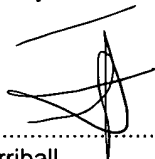
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements 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 the 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.

15/12/2021

Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mr G Barriball  
Trustee

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Independent Auditor's 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') for the year ended 31 August 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2021 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, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Other information (covers the Reference and Administrative Details, the Trustees' Report and Strategic Report and the Governance Statement)**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the 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.

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of An Daras Multi Academy Trust (continued)**

#### **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 Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' 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 company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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.

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 26], the Trustees 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'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 or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of An Daras Multi Academy Trust (continued)**

As part of our audit planning we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that is applicable to the entity and the education sector in which it operates to identify the key laws and regulations affecting the entity. The key laws and regulations we identified were compliance with the funding agreement and Academies Financial Handbook 2020 and requirements with regard to safeguarding.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, primarily the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21, Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

We discussed with management how the compliance with these laws and regulations is monitored and discussed the policies and procedures in place. We also identified the individuals who have responsibility for ensuring that the entity complies with laws and regulations and deals with reporting any issues if they arise.

As part of our planning procedures, we assessed the risk of any non-compliance with laws and regulations on the entity's ability to continue operating and the risk of material misstatement to the accounts.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved the following:

- Conducting detailed regularity testing in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts as issued by the ESFA, as reported on separately in our Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report;
- Reviewed Board and Finance Committee minutes for indications of non compliance;
- Reviewed legal and professional costs to identify legal costs in respect of non compliance;
- Discussed the procedures in place for ensuring the safeguarding of pupils, including DBS checks and identified those staff and governors with responsibility for overseeing these areas;
- Reviewed the accounts disclosures against those in the Academies Model Accounts 2020 to 2021, published by the ESFA.

As part of our enquiries we discussed with management whether there have been any known instances, allegations or suspicions of fraud of which there were none.

We also evaluated the risk of fraud through management override including that arising from management's incentives. We determined that these risks are low as the academy operates on a charitable, not for profit basis and so there would be no motivation for management to influence performance for individual gain. However, there was considered a risk of the inappropriate allocation of expenditure against restricted funds.

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of An Daras Multi Academy Trust (continued)**

In response to the identified risk, as part of our audit work we:

- Reviewed the material restricted grant income sources, identified the related conditions and reviewed the nature of expenditure set against it for appropriateness, together with sample testing on expenditure;
- Used data analytics to test journal entries throughout the period, for appropriateness;
- Reviewed accounting estimates and judgements made in the accounts for any indication of bias and challenged assumptions used by management in making the estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements. This risk increases the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements as we are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

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



.....  
Duncan Leslie (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
PKF Francis Clark, Statutory Auditor

North Quay House  
Sutton Harbour  
Plymouth  
PL4 0RA

Date: 17/12/2021.....



## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 February 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, 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 period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the 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 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2020, 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 2020 to 2021. 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 from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

#### **Approach**

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Inspection and review of documentation providing evidence of governance procedures;
- Evaluation of the system of internal controls for authorisation and approval;
- Performing substantive tests on relevant transactions.

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (continued)**

#### **Conclusion**

In the course of our work nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



.....  
Duncan Leslie  
PKF Francis Clark, Chartered Accountants

North Quay House  
Sutton Harbour  
Plymouth  
PL4 0RA

Date: 17/12/2021  
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## An Daras Multi Academy Trust

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2020/21 Total £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and capital grants	2	17,505	50,408	1,486,586	1,554,499
Investments	5	88	-	-	88
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations	3	181,732	5,629,228	-	5,810,960
Total		199,325	5,679,636	1,486,586	7,365,547
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	7	113,567	6,113,604	144,361	6,371,532
Net income/(expenditure)		85,758	(433,968)	1,342,225	994,015
Transfers between funds		(14,705)	44,705	(30,000)	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Actuarial loss on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	(808,000)	-	(808,000)
Net movement in funds/(deficit)		71,053	(1,197,263)	1,312,225	186,015
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2020		199,565	(2,277,928)	6,045,528	3,967,165
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2021		270,618	(3,475,191)	7,357,753	4,153,180

## An Daras Multi Academy Trust

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2020 (including Income and Expenditure Account)


	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total 2019/20 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and capital grants	2	27,398	49,636	546,356	623,390
Transfer from local authority on conversion		8,237	(130,000)	-	(121,763)
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations	3	398,920	4,987,247	-	5,386,167
Other trading activities	4	4,139	-	-	4,139
Investments	5	424	-	-	424
<b>Total</b>		<b>439,118</b>	<b>4,906,883</b>	<b>546,356</b>	<b>5,892,357</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	2,476	-	-	2,476
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	7	415,543	5,266,134	124,176	5,805,853
<b>Total</b>		<b>418,019</b>	<b>5,266,134</b>	<b>124,176</b>	<b>5,808,329</b>
Net income/(expenditure)		21,099	(359,251)	422,180	84,028
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Actuarial loss on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	(584,000)	-	(584,000)
Net movement in funds/(deficit)		21,099	(943,251)	422,180	(499,972)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2019		178,466	(1,334,677)	5,623,348	4,467,137
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2020		199,565	(2,277,928)	6,045,528	3,967,165

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

(Registration number: 08156955)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	5,777,478	5,513,228
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	14	5,828	8,524
Debtors	15	2,239,833	946,339
Cash at bank and in hand		555,985	738,712
		<u>2,801,646</u>	<u>1,693,575</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(516,944)</u>	<u>(482,638)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,284,702</u>	<u>1,210,937</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>8,062,180</u>	<u>6,724,165</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		8,062,180	6,724,165
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25	<u>(3,909,000)</u>	<u>(2,757,000)</u>
Total assets		<u><u>4,153,180</u></u>	<u><u>3,967,165</u></u>
<b>Funds of the Academy:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted general fund		433,809	479,072
Restricted fixed asset fund		7,357,753	6,045,528
Restricted pension fund		<u>(3,909,000)</u>	<u>(2,757,000)</u>
		3,882,562	3,767,600
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted general fund		<u>270,618</u>	<u>199,565</u>
Total funds		<u><u>4,153,180</u></u>	<u><u>3,967,165</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 33 to 64 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/12/2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Mr G Barriball  
 Trustee

## An Daras Multi Academy Trust

### Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	20	(1,260,790)	(480,666)
Cash flows from investing activities	21	<u>1,078,063</u>	<u>417,753</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(182,727)	(62,913)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		<u>738,712</u>	<u>801,625</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	22	<u><u>555,985</u></u>	<u><u>738,712</u></u>

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

### **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.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 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.

#### **Going concern**

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. The Trustees 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.

#### **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 period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

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

#### ***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 period it is receivable and to the extent the academy trust has provided the goods or services.

#### ***Transfer on conversion***

Where assets are received by the trust on conversion to an academy, the transferred assets are measured at fair value and recognised in the balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the trust. An equal amount of income is recognised as Transfer on conversion within Donations and capital grant income.

#### ***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.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### ***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.

#### ***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.

#### ***Intangible fixed 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. Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:



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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Software	3 years straight line

#### Tangible fixed assets

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful lives, per the table below.

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
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

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

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

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 expenses, based on the rateable value of the buildings.

#### 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.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

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

#### **Provisions**

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

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

#### **Leased assets**

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **Financial Instruments**

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. 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. 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.

#### **Stock**

Unsold uniforms and catering stocks are valued at the lower of cost or 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.

#### **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.

#### **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 Chapter 3 Part 11 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.

# **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

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

#### **Pension benefits**

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in the notes to the financial statements, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

#### **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 Education Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

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

#### **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.

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Critical accounting estimates and assumptions*

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 25, 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 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2021. 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.

### 2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
<b>Other voluntary income</b>					
Capital grants	-	-	1,486,586	1,486,586	546,356
Other donations	17,505	50,408	-	67,913	77,034
	<u>17,505</u>	<u>50,408</u>	<u>1,486,586</u>	<u>1,554,499</u>	<u>623,390</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £1,554,499 (2020: £623,390) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £17,505 unrestricted funds (2020: £27,398), £50,408 restricted funds (2020: £49,636), £1,486,586 restricted fixed asset funds (2020: £546,356) and £Nil endowment funds (2020: £Nil).

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020/21 £	Total 2019/20 £
<b>DfE/ESFA revenue grants</b>				
General Annual Grant	-	4,194,782	4,194,782	3,991,346
Other Dfe grants	-	505,640	505,640	399,339
Start up grant	-	-	-	25,000
Pupil premium	-	320,008	320,008	330,417
UIFSM	-	98,704	98,704	111,546
	-	5,119,134	5,119,134	4,857,648
<b>Other government grants</b>				
High Needs	-	181,748	181,748	74,556
Other local authority	16,796	203,223	220,019	261,631
	16,796	384,971	401,767	336,187
<b>Covid-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)</b>				
Other DfE/ESFA Covid-19 Funding	-	24,523	24,523	-
Catch-up premium	-	67,360	67,360	-
	-	91,883	91,883	-
<b>Other income from the academy trust's educational operations</b>				
Internal catering income	48,402	-	48,402	36,561
Sales to Students	53,263	-	53,263	81,980
Other	21,048	33,240	54,288	50,605
Nursery income	42,223	-	42,223	23,186
	164,936	33,240	198,176	192,332
<b>Total grants</b>	<b>181,732</b>	<b>5,629,228</b>	<b>5,810,960</b>	<b>5,386,167</b>

The funding for educational operations was £5,810,960 (2020: £5,386,167) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £181,732 unrestricted funds (2020: £398,920), £5,629,228 restricted funds (2020: £4,987,247), £Nil restricted fixed asset funds (2020: £Nil) and £Nil endowment funds (2020: £Nil).

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations (continued)

Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department for Education and ESFA, the Academy Trust's funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals and Pupil Premium is no longer reported under the Other DfE Group grants heading, but as separate lines under the Other DfE/ESFA Grants heading. The prior year numbers have been reclassified.

The academy received £67,360 of funding for catch-up premium and costs incurred in respect of this funding totalled £67,360.

### 4 Other trading activities

	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Other income	-	4,139

The income from other trading activities was £Nil (2020: £4,139) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £Nil unrestricted funds (2020: £4,139), £Nil restricted funds (2020: £Nil), £Nil restricted fixed asset funds (2020: £Nil) and £Nil endowment funds (2020: £Nil).

### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Investment Income	88	88	424

The income from investment income was £88 (2020: £424) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £88 unrestricted funds (2020: £424), £Nil restricted funds (2020: £Nil), £Nil restricted fixed asset funds (2020: £Nil) and £Nil endowment funds (2020: £Nil).

### 6 Expenditure

	Non Pay Expenditure			2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £		
<b>Expenditure on raising funds</b>					
Direct costs	-	-	-	-	2,476
<b>Academy's educational operations</b>					
Direct costs	3,845,773	144,361	385,049	4,375,183	4,097,602
Allocated support costs	858,985	495,956	641,408	1,996,349	1,708,251

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 6 Expenditure (continued)

	Non Pay Expenditure		2020/21	2019/20
	Staff costs	Premises	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
	<u>4,704,758</u>	<u>640,317</u>	<u>6,371,532</u>	<u>5,808,329</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	80,102	48,423
Depreciation	144,361	124,176
Fees payable to auditor - audit	10,000	11,750
- other audit services	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,900</u>

### 7 Charitable activities

	Total	Total
	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Direct costs - educational operations	4,375,183	4,097,602
Support costs - educational operations	<u>1,996,349</u>	<u>1,708,251</u>
	<u>6,371,532</u>	<u>5,805,853</u>

	Educational operations	Total	Total
	£	2020/21	2019/20
		£	£
Analysis of support costs			
Support staff costs	858,985	858,985	740,431
Technology costs	150,817	150,817	144,351
Premises costs	495,956	495,956	504,163
Other support costs	469,367	469,367	301,556
Governance costs	<u>21,224</u>	<u>21,224</u>	<u>17,750</u>
Total support costs	<u>1,996,349</u>	<u>1,996,349</u>	<u>1,708,251</u>

# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 8 Staff

#### Staff costs

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	3,305,014	3,022,438
Social security costs	264,610	245,426
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	1,030,422	946,550
	<u>4,600,046</u>	<u>4,214,414</u>
Supply staff costs	102,757	42,955
Staff restructuring costs	1,955	-
	<u>4,704,758</u>	<u>4,257,369</u>
	2020/21 £	2019/20 £

#### Staff restructuring costs comprise:

Redundancy payments	<u>1,955</u>	<u>-</u>
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#### Staff numbers

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the Academy Trust during the year expressed as headcount was as follows:

	2020/21 No	2019/20 No
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Teachers	58	58
Educational support	102	100
Management	3	3
Administration and support	16	15
	<u>179</u>	<u>176</u>

#### Higher paid staff

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



# An Daras Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 8 Staff (continued)

	2020/21 No	2019/20 No
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
<b>Key management personnel</b>		

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £216,714 (2020: £168,197).

### 9 Central services

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

- 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 % of income and allocation of school specific work.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2021/20 £	2020/19 £
St Stephens Community Academy	142,337	125,091
Windmill Hill Academy	97,664	76,555
Werrington Primary School	24,471	13,909
North Petherwin Primary School	27,368	11,988
St Catherine's C of E School	102,881	125,091
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	30,358	20,444
Coads Green Primary School	20,360	13,008
Princetown Community Primary School	21,756	13,988
	<b>467,195</b>	<b>400,074</b>

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### **10 Related party transactions - Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

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

Mr W T Hermon (Accounting Officer):

Remuneration: £80,000 - £85,000 (2020 - £75,000 - £80,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £15,000 - £20,000 (2020 - £15,000 - £20,000)

Mrs C Paul (Trustee):

Remuneration: £10,000 - £15,000 (2020 - £10,000 - £15,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £0 - £5,000 (2020 - £0 - £5,000)

Mr T Woodward (Trustee):

Remuneration: £Nil (2020 - £5,000 - £10,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £Nil (2020 - £0 - £5,000)

During the year ended 31 August 2021, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £Nil (2020 - £Nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to 0 Trustees (2020 - 0).

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out in note 26.

#### **11 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 Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

## An Daras Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

#### 12 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 September 2020	33,500	33,500
Disposals	<u>(33,500)</u>	<u>(33,500)</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 September 2020	33,500	33,500
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(33,500)</u>	<u>(33,500)</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 August 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2020	4,260,140	1,709,447	105,007	213,556	6,288,150
Additions	197,763	168,570	9,571	32,707	408,611
Transfers	(12,188)	(10,070)	19,859	2,399	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>4,445,715</u>	<u>1,867,947</u>	<u>134,437</u>	<u>248,662</u>	<u>6,696,761</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 September 2020	176,691	328,154	84,398	185,679	774,922
Charge for the year	62,885	32,468	23,768	25,240	144,361
Transfers	188,905	(188,905)	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>428,481</u>	<u>171,717</u>	<u>108,166</u>	<u>210,919</u>	<u>919,283</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 August 2021	<u>4,017,234</u>	<u>1,696,230</u>	<u>26,271</u>	<u>37,743</u>	<u>5,777,478</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>4,083,449</u>	<u>1,381,293</u>	<u>20,609</u>	<u>27,877</u>	<u>5,513,228</u>

#### 14 Stock

	2021 £	2020 £
Stocks	<u>5,828</u>	<u>8,524</u>

#### 15 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	826	5,926
Prepayments	163,572	149,094
Accrued grant and other income	1,997,777	577,715
VAT recoverable	30,203	157,115
Other debtors	47,455	56,489
	<u>2,239,833</u>	<u>946,339</u>

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

### **16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	119,423	224,487
Other taxation and social security	65,951	57,113
Other creditors	589	955
Pension scheme creditor	82,775	75,410
Accruals	119,426	51,684
Deferred income	<u>128,780</u>	<u>72,989</u>
	<u>516,944</u>	<u>482,638</u>

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Deferred income</b>		
Deferred income at 1 September 2020	72,989	68,366
Resources deferred in the period	126,865	72,989
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(71,074)</u>	<u>(68,366)</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2021	<u>128,780</u>	<u>72,989</u>

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant	407,713	4,148,982	(4,174,246)	(61,879)	320,570
UIFSM	-	98,704	(108,643)	9,939	-
Pupil Premium	-	320,677	(347,864)	27,187	-
Catch-up Premium	-	71,480	(72,377)	897	-
High Needs	-	103,316	(181,669)	78,353	-
Other DfE/ESFA Covid-19	-	24,523	-	(24,523)	-
Sports and PE Grant	71,359	135,798	(123,575)	-	83,582
Other	-	776,156	(761,230)	14,731	29,657
	<u>479,072</u>	<u>5,679,636</u>	<u>(5,769,604)</u>	<u>44,705</u>	<u>433,809</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Transfer on Conversion	4,532,801	-	(80,486)	-	4,452,315
GAG/Other fixed assets	28,957	-	(12,883)	21,406	37,480
DfE/ ESFA Capital Grants	251,683	42,576	(28,973)	(95,765)	169,521
Condition Improvement Fund	1,197,086	1,444,010	(16,877)	(30,000)	2,594,219
Other	22,228	-	(4,885)	75,769	93,112
Donations	12,773	-	(257)	(1,410)	11,106
	<u>6,045,528</u>	<u>1,486,586</u>	<u>(144,361)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>7,357,753</u>
<b>Restricted pension funds</b>					
Pension Reserve	<u>(2,757,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(344,000)</u>	<u>(808,000)</u>	<u>(3,909,000)</u>
Total restricted funds	3,767,600	7,166,222	(6,257,965)	(793,295)	3,882,562
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted designated funds	<u>199,565</u>	<u>199,325</u>	<u>(113,567)</u>	<u>(14,705)</u>	<u>270,618</u>
Total funds	<u>3,967,165</u>	<u>7,365,547</u>	<u>(6,371,532)</u>	<u>(808,000)</u>	<u>4,153,180</u>

The trust has recognised the following transfers during the year:

- (1) Transfer of funding from Conditional Improvement Fund to GAG to offset project management costs allocated against GAG in previous financial statements.
- (2) Transfer of funding from Other DfE/EFSA Covid-19 to GAG due to funding received for exceptional costs allocated against GAG in previous financial statements.
- (3) Transfer of funding from GAG to other restricted funds to offset in year overspends on individual restricted grants (such as Pupil Premium and High Needs).

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### **17 Funds (continued)**

The academy trust is not subject to GAG carried forward limits.

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 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.

Catch-up Premium - Additional funding from the DfE to catch-up pupils impacted by Covid-19.

Other DfE/ESFA Covid-19 - Grant received from DfE to cover exceptional costs incurred by the trust as a result of Covid-19.

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.

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

Pension reserve - This represents the Academy Trust's share of assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy.

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 17 Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant	353,526	3,991,345	(3,928,780)	(8,378)	407,713
Start Up Grant	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
UIFSM	2,835	111,546	(114,381)	-	-
Pupil Premium	8,595	330,417	(347,390)	8,378	-
High Needs	77	74,556	(74,633)	-	-
Sports and PE Grant	38,290	140,800	(107,731)	-	71,359
Other	-	363,219	(363,219)	-	-
	<u>403,323</u>	<u>5,036,883</u>	<u>(4,961,134)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>479,072</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Transfer on Conversion	4,613,288	-	(80,487)	-	4,532,801
GAG/Other fixed assets	37,251	-	(8,294)	-	28,957
DfE/ ESFA Capital Grants	198,883	66,240	(13,440)	-	251,683
Condition Improvement Fund	732,158	480,116	(15,188)	-	1,197,086
Other	25,104	-	(2,876)	-	22,228
Donations	16,664	-	(3,891)	-	12,773
	<u>5,623,348</u>	<u>546,356</u>	<u>(124,176)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,045,528</u>
<b>Restricted pension funds</b>					
Pension Reserve	<u>(1,738,000)</u>	<u>(130,000)</u>	<u>(305,000)</u>	<u>(584,000)</u>	<u>(2,757,000)</u>
Total restricted funds	4,288,671	5,453,239	(5,390,310)	(584,000)	3,767,600
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted designated funds	<u>178,466</u>	<u>439,118</u>	<u>(418,019)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199,565</u>
Total funds	<u>4,467,137</u>	<u>5,892,357</u>	<u>(5,808,329)</u>	<u>(584,000)</u>	<u>3,967,165</u>



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

#### 17 Funds (continued)

##### Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 were allocated as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
St Stephens Community Academy	211,109	233,601
Windmill Hill Academy	80,439	46,407
Werrington Primary School	134,300	95,547
North Petherwin Primary School	21,055	17,163
St Catherine's C of E School	94,032	111,386
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	116,984	183,315
Coads Green Primary School	(59,418)	(54,877)
Princetown Community Primary School	64,275	20,992
Central services	41,651	25,103
Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	704,427	678,637
Fixed Asset	7,357,753	6,045,528
Pension Reserve	(3,909,000)	(2,757,000)
Total	4,153,180	3,967,165

Coads Green Primary School is carrying a net deficit of £59,418 on these funds because:

Coads Green is a small primary school and the Trust inherited a deficit on transfer into the Trust.

The Trust is taking the following action to return the school to surplus - 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 to have sufficient resources and staffing to deliver improvements in outcomes.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

#### 17 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 2021 £
St Stephens Community Academy	863,779	90,708	69,697	192,945	1,217,129
Windmill Hill Academy	719,389	62,317	48,389	157,218	987,313
Werrington Primary School	284,902	28,849	30,018	77,297	421,066
North Petherwin Primary School	238,824	33,999	32,316	77,216	382,355
St Catherine's C of E School	732,238	52,173	90,003	201,442	1,075,856
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	389,781	35,787	63,929	128,338	617,835
Coads Green Primary School	269,504	34,252	26,571	71,500	401,827 <sup>†</sup>
Princetown Community Primary School	193,422	34,669	22,561	78,191	328,843
Central services	153,929	486,229	1,570	153,218	794,947
Academy Trust	<u>3,845,768</u>	<u>858,983</u>	<u>385,054</u>	<u>1,137,365</u>	<u>6,227,171</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 17 Funds (continued)

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

	Teaching and Educational Support Staff Costs £	Other Support Staff Costs £	Educational Supplies £	Other Costs (excluding Depreciation) £	Total 2020 £
St Stephens Community Academy	774,318	109,449	71,215	198,034	1,153,016
Windmill Hill Academy	678,292	72,140	68,988	107,352	926,772
Werrington Primary School	250,888	34,667	44,097	62,586	392,238
North Petherwin Primary School	196,832	37,240	46,496	72,521	353,089
St Catherine's C of E School	616,517	64,950	57,675	172,143	911,285
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	337,534	43,311	45,990	90,588	517,423
Coads Green Primary School	268,412	39,246	34,202	55,176	397,036
Princetown Community Primary School	172,246	32,437	27,047	93,842	325,572
Central services	134,214	175,062	1,919	91,527	402,722
Academy Trust	<u>3,429,253</u>	<u>608,502</u>	<u>397,629</u>	<u>943,769</u>	<u>5,379,153</u>

### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,777,478	5,777,478
Current assets	270,618	950,753	1,580,275	2,801,646
Current liabilities	-	(516,944)	-	(516,944)
Pension scheme liability	-	(3,909,000)	-	(3,909,000)
Total net assets	<u>270,618</u>	<u>(3,475,191)</u>	<u>7,357,753</u>	<u>4,153,180</u>

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,513,228	5,513,228
Current assets	682,203	479,072	532,300	1,693,575
Current liabilities	(482,638)	-	-	(482,638)
Pension scheme liability	-	(2,757,000)	-	(2,757,000)
Total net assets	<u>199,565</u>	<u>(2,277,928)</u>	<u>6,045,528</u>	<u>3,967,165</u>

### 19 Capital and other commitments

	2021 £	2020 £
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	<u>143,328</u>	<u>-</u>

#### **Operating leases**

At 31 August 2021 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts due within one year	60,296	52,128
Amounts due between one and five years	118,484	142,620
Amounts due after five years	<u>387,117</u>	<u>417,667</u>
	<u>565,897</u>	<u>612,415</u>

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### 20 Reconciliation of net income to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Net income	994,015	84,028
Depreciation	144,361	124,176
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(1,486,586)	(546,356)
Interest receivable	(88)	(424)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	297,000	398,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	47,000	37,000
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	2,696	(3,791)
Increase in debtors	(1,293,494)	(670,170)
Increase in creditors	34,306	96,871
Net cash used in Operating Activities	<u>(1,260,790)</u>	<u>(480,666)</u>

### 21 Cash flows from investing activities

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	88	424
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(408,611)	(129,027)
Capital grants from DfE Group	1,486,586	546,356
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>1,078,063</u>	<u>417,753</u>

### 22 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand and at bank	555,985	738,712
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>555,985</u>	<u>738,712</u>

### 23 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2021 £
Cash	738,712	(182,727)	555,985
	-	-	-
Total	<u>738,712</u>	<u>(182,727)</u>	<u>555,985</u>

## **An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### **24 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 they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

#### **25 Pension and similar obligations**

The academy trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by 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 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £(82,775) (2020 - £(75,410)) were payable to the schemes at 31 August and are included within creditors.

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

##### **Introduction**

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

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

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

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 25 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £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
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. 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 including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £466,763 (2020: £417,171).

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 2021 was £325,000 (2020 - £294,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £259,000 (2020 - £234,000) and employees' contributions totalled £66,000 (2020 - £60,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.3% 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 an academy trust closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

Principle actuarial assumptions	2021	2020
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	2.90 - 3.85	2.20 - 3.25
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.85 - 2.90	2.20 - 2.25
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65 - 1.65	1.65 - 1.70

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 25 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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

	2021	2020
<b>Retiring today</b>		
Males retiring today	21.5 - 22.7	21.4 - 22.9
Females retiring today	24.0 - 24.1	23.6 - 24.1
<b>Retiring in 20 years</b>		
Males retiring in 20 years	22.8 - 24.0	22.3 - 24.3
Females retiring in 20 years	25.4 - 25.8	25.1 - 25.5

### Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 August 2021 £
Discount rate +0.1%	7,327,000
Discount rate -0.1%	7,700,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	7,812,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	7,216,000
CPI rate +0.1%	7,684,000
CPI rate -0.1%	<u>7,342,000</u>

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Equities	2,107,000	1,623,000
Gilts	1,190,000	965,000
Property	223,000	178,000
Cash and other liquid assets	34,000	55,000
Other	<u>50,000</u>	<u>59,000</u>
Total market value of assets	<u>3,604,000</u>	<u>2,880,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £439,000 (2020 - (£221,000)).



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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)

### 25 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

#### Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Current service cost	(556,000)	(502,000)
Interest income	52,000	56,000
Interest cost	(99,000)	(93,000)
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	<u>(603,000)</u>	<u>(539,000)</u>

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

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
At start of period	5,637,000	4,501,000
Transferred in on existing academies joining the trust	-	212,000
Current service cost	556,000	502,000
Interest cost	99,000	93,000
Employee contributions	66,000	60,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	1,195,000	307,000
Benefits paid	(40,000)	(38,000)
At 31 August	<u>7,513,000</u>	<u>5,637,000</u>

#### Changes in the fair value of Academy Trust's share of scheme assets

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
At start of period	2,880,000	2,763,000
Conversion of academy trusts	-	82,000
Interest income	52,000	56,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	387,000	(277,000)
Employer contributions	259,000	234,000
Employee contributions	66,000	60,000
Benefits paid	(40,000)	(38,000)
At 31 August	<u>3,604,000</u>	<u>2,880,000</u>

### 26 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust and the composition of the board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (continued)**

#### **26 Related party transactions (continued)**

##### **Expenditure Related Party Transactions**

T Martin, spouse of C Marshall, a member, is employed by the academy trust as a governance officer. T Martin's appointment was made in open competition prior to C Marshall becoming a member. T Martin is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a member.

There were no other related party transactions in the year other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.