

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08637890 (England and Wales)

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2020
for
ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

MEMBERS:

Mr K D Sherrington-Lodge (resigned 1/9/2020)
Mrs Y E Bruton
Mrs A F Flower
Mr R Poyner

TRUSTEES

Mr S Bettridge (resigned 31/8/2020)
Mrs Y E Bruton
Mrs A F Flower
Mr N J Grant
Mrs A M Gregory
Mrs C L Hall
Mr K D Sherrington-Lodge (resigned 1/9/2020)
Mrs M Stack
Mrs D A Yarnold (Headteacher)

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

Trustees report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the Charitable Company for the period from 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 in Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire. It has a pupil capacity of 420 and had a roll of 405 in the school census on September 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Academy Trust (*was incorporated on 5th August 2013 and opened as an Academy on 1st October 2013*) 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 Astwood Bank Primary School are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Astwood Bank Primary School.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the period from 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administration Details on page 1.

Members' liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust. The limit of this indemnity is £3,000,000.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

On 1st October 2013 three Trustees were appointed that served the predecessor school to be Trustees of the newly formed Academy. These Trustees were appointed for a new term of office to start on 1st October 2013.

Trustees are appointed for a four-year period. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The Academy has a Trustee Recruitment, Induction and Training policy available from the Clerk 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 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. Induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the Local Authority and other bodies.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets once each term. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies 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 3 committees as follows:

- Finance and personnel Committee - this meets at least four times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, receiving reports from the Responsible Officer/Internal audit and drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels. It also incorporates the role of an audit committee.
- Curriculum Committee - this meets once a term to monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting and assessment, examinations and all pastoral issues.
- Buildings and Health and Safety Committee – this meets three times a year.

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 Head Teacher and Clerk to the Trustees, to approve the Annual Development Plan and budget.

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

The Trustees and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Academy to the Head teacher and Senior Management Team (SMT). The SMT comprises the Head teacher, Deputy Head teacher, 3 Senior leaders. The SMT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Scheme of Delegation. The Head teacher is responsible for the appointment of staff, though appointment panels for teaching posts always include a Governor.

The Head Teacher is the Accounting Officer.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

The Academy has strong collaborative links with other schools which form part of the Redditch pyramid of schools.

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of Astwood Bank Primary School.

There are no sponsors.

There is a Parent Teacher Association associated with the Academy.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

Objectives and aims

Astwood Bank Primary School aims:

- To provide a happy secure environment and foster attitudes which will instil self-confidence and create a sense of personal worth.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum that stimulates and challenges pupils to enable them to acquire knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to life in the 21st Century.
- To provide a learning environment with a range of sensory opportunities in which pupils can access and organise resources/aspects of their work and become independent learners.
- To provide a curriculum that takes account of individual learning styles as well as promoting physical, social, emotional, creative and spiritual development.
- To promote an atmosphere fostering a sense of caring, tolerance and support alongside an appreciation of different viewpoints which enables each to achieve their own potential.
- To communicate effectively with parents and community and to develop shared goals and values that will support and challenge the pupils.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Key priorities for the year are contained in our School Development Plan which is available from the Office.

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.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The academy was inspected in March 2010 and was judged to be outstanding. A quote from the OFSTED report. 'Perhaps the most outstanding feature in a long list is the richness and variety of the curriculum. The school has tapped into an exceptionally wide range of opportunities, many involving outside agencies such as Young Enterprise personnel and modern dance teachers, to ensure that learning is relevant, interesting and exciting. The enthusiasm generated spills over into all aspects of school life and pupils show excitement and keenness in lessons and around school.

Standards are above National Standards at the end of the Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and when pupils leave us in Year 6.

These standards are continually assessed through a programme of lesson observations and work trawls, effective CPD opportunities that link to the School Development Plan and internal pupil tracking.

Some of the priorities achieved from last year's school development plan were:

- Mindfulness and Philosophy for children to promote confidence and independence
- Improve standards achieved at greater depth through training in the mastery curriculum particularly in Maths.
- Support a love of reading through exploring topics, reading material etc which promotes interest in reading.

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Key performance indicators

The following Key Financial Performance Indicators' were set at the start of the year

	Target	Actual
Pupil to teacher ratio	1:30	1:30
Teaching to non-teaching staff ratio	1:30	1:30

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Financial review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the EFA 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 31st August 2020 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

During the year ended 31st August 2020, total expenditure of £1,649,080 was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE, together with other incoming resources of £1,634,269. The excess of expenditure over income for the year (excluding restricted fixed asset funds) was £14,811.

At 31st August 2020 the net book value of fixed assets was £3,475,542 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 Academy.

The land, buildings and other assets were transferred to the Academy upon conversion. Land and buildings were professionally valued on 31st March 2014 at £2,300,000. Other assets have been included in the financial statements at a best estimate, taking into account purchase price and remaining useful lives.

The Academy 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 18 to the financial statements.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Finance Policy which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, Head Teacher, managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending. Other policies reviewed and updated included Charges and Lettings, Asset Management and Insurance.

Reserves policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy 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 Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

Investment policy

Due to the nature and timing of receipt of funding, the Academy may at times hold cash balances surplus to its short term requirements. The Trustees have authorised the opening of additional short term bank investment accounts to take advantage of higher interest rates. No other form of investment is authorised.

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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 Head Teacher and Finance Director within strict guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major 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 principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are as follows:

Financial - the Academy has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the EFA. In the last year 98% of the Academy'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 Academy's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Academy is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

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 Academy 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 Academy has appointed a Responsible Officer/internal audit 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 Academy has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the year by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Plans for future periods

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

Full details of our plans for the future are given in our Academy Development Plan, which is available on our website or from the Clerk to the Trustees.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

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

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

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.

The auditors, M. T. Manley & Co Limited, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 15th December 2020 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Mrs Y.E. Bruton - Trustee

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Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

Scope of Responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Astwood Bank Primary School 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 of loss.

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

The board of the trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, 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 Astwood Bank Primary School and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Report of the Trustees and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 6 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Ms Allison Fiona Flower	5	6
Mr Neil James Grant	5	6
Ms Alison Mary Gregory	6	6
Mr Rob Poyner	6	6
Ms Michelle Stack	4	6
Ms Deborah Ann Yarnold, Headteacher	5	6
Ms Charlotte Louise Hall	5	6
Mr Kevin David Sherrington-Lodge	3	6
Mr Samuel Bettridge	5	6
Ms Susan Warman	6	6
Mr Martin Harrison	3	6
Mrs Yvonne Elizabeth Burton	6	6

Review of Value for Money

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 charitable company 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 Astwood Bank Primary School for the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the charitable company is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating, and managing the charitable

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company's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

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

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

The Board of Trustees considered the need for a specific internal audit function and decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Directors/Trustees have appointed M.T.Manley & Co Limited, the external auditor, to perform additional checks

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

- Testing of payroll systems,
- Testing of purchase systems,
- Testing of control account/bank account reconciliations,
- Review of the trust risk register,
- Testing of the trust's websites regarding legal compliance.

On a termly basis, the reviewer reports to the Board of Trustees through the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

The Internal Auditors have both undertaken their roles diligently and reported as expected to the appropriate bodies.

Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher 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 Auditors;
the financial management and governance self assessment process;
the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

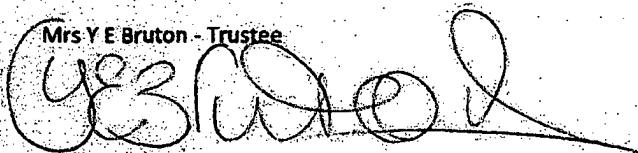
The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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**Governance Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 15th December 2020 and signed on its behalf:

Mrs Y E Bruton - Trustee

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Ms Deborah Ann Yarnold - Accounting Officer

A smaller, more fluid handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Ms Deborah Ann Yarnold.

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**Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

As accounting officer of Astwood Bank Primary School I have considered my responsibility to notify the charitable company board of trustees 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 charitable company, under the funding agreement in place between the charitable company 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 2019.

I confirm that I and the charitable company board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the charitable company, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the charitable company's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

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



Ms Deborah Ann Yarnold - Accounting Officer

15th December 2020

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

The trustees (who act as governors of Astwood Bank Primary School and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction issued 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those 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 2019 to 2020;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

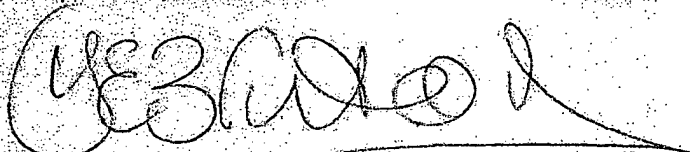
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15th December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Y E Bruton - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Astwood Bank Primary School

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Astwood Bank Primary School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Astwood Bank Primary School

Opinions 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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Astwood Bank Primary School**

Use of our report

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



Graham Collins (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of M.T.Manley & Co Limited (Statutory Auditor)
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~~15th December 2020~~

28 January 2021

**Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to
Astwood Bank Primary School and the Education and Skills Funding Agency**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Astwood Bank Primary School during the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 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 Astwood Bank Primary School and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Astwood Bank Primary School 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 Astwood Bank Primary School and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Astwood Bank Primary School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Astwood Bank Primary School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1st September 2019, 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 2019 to 2020. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the 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 charitable company's income and expenditure.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

M T Manley & Co Ltd

M.T.Manley & Co Limited, 696 Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham, West Midlands, B13 0HY

15th December 2020

28 January 2021

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

				2020	2019
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and capital grants	2	33,361	-	33,361	49,477
Charitable activities					
Funding for the academy's educational operations	3	-	8,331	1,578,490	1,267,376
Other trading activities	4	14,024	-	14,024	36,075
Investment income	5	63	-	63	54
Total		47,448	8,331	1,578,490	1,352,982
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Academy's educational operations	7	-	102,057	1,547,023	1,516,937
Total	6	-	102,057	1,547,023	1,516,937
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		47,448	(93,726)	31,467	(163,955)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit schemes		-	-	(27,000)	(223,000)
Net movement in funds		47,448	(93,726)	4,467	(386,955)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,129	3,548,225	(804,565)	3,169,744
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		86,577	3,454,499	(800,098)	2,782,789

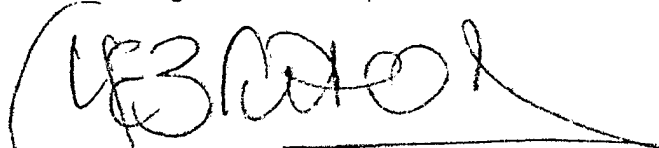
ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Balance Sheet
31st August 2020**

				2020	2019
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	-	3,475,542	3,475,542	3,548,226
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	-	-	37,315	27,225
Cash at bank and in hand		86,575	-	162,597	1,027,814
		86,575	-	199,912	1,055,039
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	-	-	(135,476)	(1,106,476)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		86,575	-	64,436	(51,437)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		86,575	3,475,542	3,539,978	3,496,789
PENSION LIABILITY	19	-	-	(799,000)	(714,000)
NET ASSETS		86,575	3,475,542	2,740,978	2,782,789
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				86,575	39,129
Restricted funds				2,654,403	2,743,660
TOTAL FUNDS				2,740,978	2,782,789

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15th December 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mrs Y E Bruton - Trustee

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	122,628	20,085
Tax (received)/paid		<u>(10,072)</u>	<u>1,128</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>112,556</u>	<u>21,213</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(16,362)
Interest received		<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>63</u>	<u>(16,308)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>112,619</u>	<u>4,905</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	<u>49,978</u>	<u>45,073</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	<u>162,597</u>	<u>49,978</u>

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

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

	2020 £	2019 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(14,811)	(163,955)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	72,685	74,726
Interest received	(63)	(54)
Defined benefit pension scheme past cost	-	20,000
Defined benefit pension scheme cost	46,000	23,000
Defined benefit pension scheme interest	12,000	13,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(18)	2,756
Increase in creditors	6,835	50,612
Net cash provided by operations	<u>122,628</u>	<u>20,085</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	500	500
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	162,097	49,478
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>162,597</u>	<u>49,978</u>

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/9/19 £	Cash flow £	At 31/8/20 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	49,978	112,619	162,597
Total	<u>49,978</u>	<u>112,619</u>	<u>162,597</u>

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Astwood Bank Primary School 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 might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, 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 31st March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31st August 2020. 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 obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance leases requires the Academy 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.

Income

All the income is recognised once the Academy has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purpose but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income.

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 grant are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed assets fund. Capital grants are recognised when there is an entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it is measurable.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

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

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 use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy's educational operations, including support costs and those relating to the governance of the Academy appointed to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	- 50 years and 125 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and carried at cost, net of depreciation and any for impairment

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

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

Assets in the course of construction are included at 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 a fixed asset and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The Academy is a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders where the assets acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Department for Education Group.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of the pensions over employee's lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit control method. As stated in note 18, 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 recognized in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The LP'S is a funded scheme and the assets are held from those of the Academy 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 current service costs and costs of the scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the defined benefit liability/assets 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 gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Donations	<u>33,361</u>	<u>49,477</u>

3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
General Annual Grant	-	1,205,901	1,205,901	1,105,111
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	374,598	374,598	134,317
High Needs	-	6,322	6,322	7,540
Capital Grants	-	-	-	20,408
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,586,821</u>	<u>1,586,821</u>	<u>1,267,376</u>

An analysis of grants received is given below:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
DfE/ESFA revenue grant	-	1,205,901	1,205,901	1,105,111
General Annual Grant (GAG)	<u>-</u>	<u>1,205,901</u>	<u>1,205,901</u>	<u>1,105,111</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other	2,567	16,341
Lettings	<u>11,457</u>	<u>19,734</u>
	<u>14,024</u>	<u>36,075</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>

6. EXPENDITURE

	Non-pay expenditure			2020	2019
	Staff costs	Premises	Other costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities					
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	1,120,689	105,748	39,888	1,266,325	1,149,838
Allocated support costs	<u>205,354</u>	<u>61,604</u>	<u>115,797</u>	<u>382,755</u>	<u>367,099</u>
	<u>1,326,043</u>	<u>167,352</u>	<u>155,685</u>	<u>1,649,080</u>	<u>1,516,937</u>

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	72,684	74,726
Auditors remuneration- audit	6,100	6,050
Auditors remuneration- other services	2,000	1,950
Operating lease rentals	<u>9,158</u>	<u>9,158</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Direct costs	-	1,266,325	1,266,325	1,149,838
Support costs	-	382,755	382,755	367,099
	-	<u>1,649,080</u>	<u>1,649,080</u>	<u>1,516,937</u>

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	205,354	191,524
Premises costs	61,604	54,749
Other support costs	<u>115,797</u>	<u>120,826</u>
Total support costs	<u>382,755</u>	<u>367,099</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2020 nor for the year ended 31st August 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2020 nor for the year ended 31st August 2019.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	991,997	931,464
Social security costs	69,778	65,550
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	<u>255,947</u>	<u>187,324</u>
	1,317,722	1,184,338
Supply teacher costs	<u>8,321</u>	<u>6,364</u>
	<u>1,326,043</u>	<u>1,190,702</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

9. STAFF COSTS - continued

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charitable company during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Management	4	4
Teachers	16	15
Support	<u>37</u>	<u>42</u>
	<u>57</u>	<u>61</u>

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

	2020	2019
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for their role as Trustees) and the Senior Management Team. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy was £232,617 (2019: £234,409).

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Headteacher and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments from the Academy in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration, including pension contributions in the year, was as follows;

D Yarnold - Remuneration £65,000 - £70,000 (2019: £60,000 - £65,000), Employer's Pension Contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2019: £10,000 - £15,000).

M Stack - Remuneration £30,000 - £35,000 (2019: £30,000 - £35,000), Employer's Pension Contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2019: £5,000 - £10,000).

C Hall - Remuneration £10,000 - £15,000 (2019: £10,000 - £15,000), Employer's Pension Contributions £0 - £5,000 (2019: £0 - £5,000).

During the year ended 31st August 2020, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2019: £NIL).

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020****11. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE**

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 £3,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31st August 2020 was £1,654 (2019: £1,654).

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and capital grants	49,477	-	-	49,477
Charitable activities				
Funding for the academy's educational operations	-	20,408	1,246,968	1,267,376
Other trading activities	31,196	-	4,879	36,075
Investment income	54	-	-	54
Total	80,727	20,408	1,251,847	1,352,982
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Academy's educational operations	29,812	88,713	1,398,412	1,516,937
Total	29,812	88,713	1,398,412	1,516,937
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	50,915	(68,305)	(146,565)	(163,955)
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit schemes	-	-	(223,000)	(223,000)
Net movement in funds	50,915	(68,305)	(369,565)	(386,955)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	(11,786)	3,616,530	(435,000)	3,169,744
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	39,129	3,548,225	(804,565)	2,782,789

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020	<u>3,883,156</u>	<u>7,440</u>	<u>39,933</u>	<u>3,930,529</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st September 2019	<u>341,665</u>	<u>4,480</u>	<u>36,158</u>	<u>382,303</u>
Charge for year	<u>69,181</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>2,559</u>	<u>72,684</u>
At 31st August 2020	<u>410,846</u>	<u>5,424</u>	<u>38,717</u>	<u>454,987</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st August 2020	<u>3,472,310</u>	<u>2,016</u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>3,475,542</u>
At 31st August 2019	<u>3,541,491</u>	<u>2,960</u>	<u>3,775</u>	<u>3,548,226</u>

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	78	60
Vat	26,392	16,320
Prepayments	<u>10,845</u>	<u>10,845</u>
	<u>37,315</u>	<u>27,225</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	25,743	22,120
Social security and other taxes	17,951	35,658
Other creditors	22,320	-
Accrued expenses	<u>69,462</u>	<u>70,862</u>
	<u>135,476</u>	<u>128,640</u>

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020****16. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	9,158	9,158
Between one and five years	<u>12,646</u>	<u>17,009</u>
	<u>21,804</u>	<u>26,167</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/9/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/8/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,129	23,066	62,195
Donations	-	24,380	24,380
	<u>39,129</u>	<u>47,446</u>	<u>86,575</u>
Restricted funds			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	(90,565)	89,469	(1,096)
Pension reserve	(714,000)	(85,000)	(799,000)
Capital Grants	977,835	-	977,835
Fixed assets transferred on conversion	<u>2,570,390</u>	<u>(93,726)</u>	<u>2,476,664</u>
	<u>2,743,660</u>	<u>(89,257)</u>	<u>2,654,403</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,782,789</u>	<u>(41,811)</u>	<u>2,740,978</u>

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	23,066	-	-	23,066
Donations	24,380	-	-	24,380
	<u>47,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,446</u>
Restricted funds				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,205,903	(1,116,434)	-	89,469
Higher Needs Funding	6,322	(6,322)	-	-
Pupil Premium (PP)	57,634	(57,634)	-	-
Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)	152,893	(152,893)	-	-
Other Government Grants	155,740	(155,740)	-	-
Pension reserve	-	(58,000)	(27,000)	(85,000)
Fixed assets transferred on conversion	(1)	(93,725)	-	(93,726)
Devolved Formula Non Capital	8,332	(8,332)	-	-
	<u>1,586,823</u>	<u>(1,649,080)</u>	<u>(27,000)</u>	<u>(89,257)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,634,269</u>	<u>(1,649,080)</u>	<u>(27,000)</u>	<u>(41,811)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/9/18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/8/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(11,786)	50,915	39,129
Restricted funds			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	(90,565)	(90,565)
Pension reserve	(435,000)	(279,000)	(714,000)
Capital Grants	1,013,810	(35,975)	977,835
Fixed assets transferred on conversion	2,584,377	(13,987)	2,570,390
Devolved Formula Non Capital	18,343	(18,343)	-
	<u>3,181,530</u>	<u>(437,870)</u>	<u>2,743,660</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,169,744</u>	<u>(386,955)</u>	<u>2,782,789</u>

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Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	50,915	-	-	50,915
Donations	29,812	(29,812)	-	-
	80,727	(29,812)	-	50,915
Restricted funds				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,082,443	(1,173,008)	-	(90,565)
Higher Needs Funding	7,540	(7,540)	-	-
Pupil Premium (PP)	36,265	(36,265)	-	-
Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)	77,147	(77,147)	-	-
Educational Trips	22,668	(22,668)	-	-
Other Government Grants	20,905	(20,905)	-	-
Staff Insurance Income	4,879	(4,879)	-	-
Pension reserve	-	(56,000)	(223,000)	(279,000)
Capital Grants	20,408	(56,383)	-	(35,975)
Fixed assets transferred on conversion	-	(13,987)	-	(13,987)
Devolved Formula Non Capital	-	(18,343)	-	(18,343)
	1,272,255	(1,487,125)	(223,000)	(437,870)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,352,982	(1,516,937)	(223,000)	(386,955)

18. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS**Teachers' pension scheme****Introduction**

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). 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 the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Valuation of the teachers' pension scheme

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

18. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

- employer contributions rates set at 23.60% of pensionable pay from 1st September 2019.
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218.1 billion, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196.1 billion giving a notional deficit of £22 billion
- an employer cost cap of 15.1% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 4.45%.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £255,947 (2019: £192,281)

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (www.teacherspension.co.uk/news/employers/04/2019).

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31st August 2020 was £194,000 (2019: £174,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £159,000 (2019: £136,000) and employees' contributions totalled £35,000 (2019: £38,000). The agreed contribution rates for the future years are 13.8% for employers and 5.7% for employees.

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

Local government pension scheme

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Current service cost	113,000	92,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	12,000	25,000
Past service cost	-	20,000
	<u>125,000</u>	<u>137,000</u>
Actual return on plan assets	<u>9,000</u>	<u>21,000</u>

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Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation	1,258,000	875,000
Current service cost	113,000	92,000
Past service cost	-	20,000
Contributions by scheme participants	16,000	16,000
Interest cost	22,000	25,000
Benefits/transfers paid	(12,000)	-
Actuarial losses/(gains)	51,000	230,000
	<u>1,448,000</u>	<u>1,258,000</u>

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	544,000	440,000
Interest	10,000	13,000
Contributions by employer	68,000	69,000
Contributions by scheme participants	16,000	16,000
Administration costs	(1,000)	(1,000)
Benefits/transfers paid	(12,000)	-
Actuarial gains/(losses)	24,000	7,000
	<u>649,000</u>	<u>544,000</u>

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Actuarial (losses)	(27,000)	(223,000)
	<u>(27,000)</u>	<u>(223,000)</u>

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The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2020	2019
Equities	65.90%	70.90%
Government bonds	6.70%	7.50%
Other bonds	5.30%	5.00%
Property	5.40%	6.00%
Cash/Liquidity	4.20%	2.90%
Other	12.50%	7.70%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2020	2019
Discount rate	1.80%	1.80%
Future salary increases	3.90%	3.60%
Future pension increases	2.50%	2.20%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.40%	2.10%

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

Retiring today: Males 22.6 years (2019 22.8) and females 25 years (2019 25.8)

Retiring in 20 years: Males 24.2 years (2019 25.1) and females 27 years (2019 28.2).

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Owing to the nature of the academy trust and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local and public sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which Trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the AFH and with the trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

No related transactions took place in the year ended 31st August 2020 (2019: Nil), other than certain trustees remuneration already disclosed in note 10.

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20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Carrying amount of financial assets

Debt instruments measured at amortised cost 2020 £162,675 (2019 £49,538)

Carrying amount of financial liabilities

Measured at amortised cost 2020 £95,205 (2019 £92,982)

21. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

22. GENERAL INFORMATION

Astwood Bank First School is a private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in the UK and registered in England and Wales. The registered office is Church Road, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire, B96 6EH.

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and capital grants		
Donations	33,361	49,477
Other trading activities		
Other	2,567	16,341
Lettings	11,457	19,734
	14,024	36,075
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	63	54
Charitable activities		
General Annual Grant	1,205,901	1,105,111
Other DfE/EFSA Grants	374,598	134,317
High Needs	6,322	7,540
Capital Grants	-	20,408
	1,586,821	1,267,376
Total incoming resources	1,634,269	1,352,982
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	835,843	780,591
Social security	61,664	58,090
Pensions	214,861	154,133
Supply teacher costs	8,321	6,364
Educational supplies	19,249	26,951
Staff Development	2,044	1,599
Other costs	15,274	11,579
Pension finance costs	8,400	9,100
Educational Trips	19,010	22,668
Insurance	12,478	9,582
Depreciation	69,181	69,181
	1,266,325	1,149,838
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	156,154	150,873
Carried forward	156,154	150,873

ASTWOOD BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	2020	2019
	£	£
Management		
Brought forward	156,154	150,873
Social security	8,114	7,460
Pensions	41,086	33,191
Maintenance of premises and equipment	22,086	11,823
Rent and rates	8,092	8,118
Energy costs	13,977	16,948
Office overheads	13,945	12,315
Catering	55,989	62,986
Cleaning	6,607	10,497
Insurance	6,984	6,700
Technology Costs	31,498	19,483
Governance	11,062	16,798
Pension Finance Costs	3,600	3,900
Charitable Donations	-	368
Bank Charges	57	94
Depreciation	3,504	5,545
	<u>382,755</u>	<u>367,099</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,649,080</u>	<u>1,516,937</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(14,811)</u>	<u>(163,955)</u>