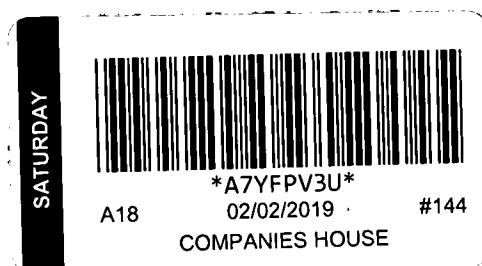


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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2018



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Reference and Administrative Details
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Members	Alan Beattie Timothy Butcher Glyn Griffiths
Trustees	Angela Barry, Chairman (appointed 22 October 2017) ¹ Simon Guý, Chairman (resigned 29 October 2017) ¹ Pam Jones OBE (appointed 26 September 2017) ¹ Alan Norley (appointed 26 September 2017) ¹ Gary Pocock (appointed 26 September 2017) ¹ Kathy Griffiths (appointed 26 September 2017, resigned 7 November 2017) Victoria Inanli (resigned 29 October 2017) ¹ Michael Smith (resigned 31 October 2017) ¹ Helen Cunningham (appointed 13 January 2017, resigned 31 July 2017) Kathy Griffiths (appointed 26 September 2017) Pamela Jones (appointed 25 September 2017) Alan Norley (appointed 26 September 2017) Gary Pocock (appointed 26 September 2017) ¹ Member of the Finance Committee including Audit & Salaries
Company registered number	09646939
Company name	Argent Trust
Principal and registered office	Danecourt School Hotel Road Watling Street Gillingham Kent ME8 6AA
Company secretary	Mrs Julie Watt (resigned 31 March 2018)
Accounting officer	Kevin Ruddell (appointed 10 July 2018) Deanne Daburn (appointed 1 November 2017, resigned 9 July 2018)
Senior Management Team	Mr Michael Smith, Interim Chief Executive Officer & Accounting Officer (resigned 31 October 2017) Mrs Leanda Arnold, Chief Financial Officer (appointed 1 April 2018) Mrs Michaelle Stagg, Acting Chief Financial Officer (resigned 31 March 2018) Ms Deanne Daburn, Head Teacher of Danecourt School Mr Kevin Ruddell, Deputy Head Teacher of Danecourt School Ms Fiona Ewing, Assistant Head Teacher of Danecourt School N.B. Danecourt School was transferred from Argent Trust to Barnsole Primary Trust effective 1st April 2018
Independent auditors	Williams Giles Limited Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor 12 Conqueror Court Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5BH

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Academy, its Trustees and Advisers
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Advisers (continued)

Bankers	Natwest PLC 117 High Street Gillingham Kent ME7 1AG
Solicitors	Michelmores LLP Woodwater House Pynes Hill Exeter EX2 5WR
Surveyors	Property & Capital Projects Team Medway Council Level 2, Gun Wharf Dock Road Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR

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Trustees' Report
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The academy trust operates one special academy in Medway.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The academy is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity.

The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing document of the academy trust.

The Trustees of Argent Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law.

The charitable company is known as Argent Trust.

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

b. Members' liability

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

c. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

On 1st April 2018 the only academy under Argent Trust, Danecourt School, transferred to Barnsole Primary Trust. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that Argent Trust be wound down and dissolved by the end of 2018. Therefore no further active recruitment of Trustees will take place.

Prior to 1st April 2018

Argent Trust actively pursued the recruitment of new Trustees through various means; this included but was not limited to encouraging parents/carers to become a Parent Trustee, contacting local businesses, working with specialist Trustee recruitment agencies, working with Medway Governance Services and networking.

Appointment or Election of Trustees took place as set out in the Trusts Articles of Association:-

50. The Members may appoint by ordinary resolution up to 8 Trustees.

50AA. The Members may appoint Staff Trustees through such process as they may determine.

50B. The total number of Trustees including the Chief Executive Officer if they so choose to act as Trustee under Article 57 who are employees of the Academy Trust shall not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees.

54 Parent Trustees and Parent Local Governors shall be elected or, if the number of parents, or individuals exercising parental responsibility, standing for election is less than the number of vacancies, appointed (in accordance with the terms of reference determined by the Trustees from time to time).

56 In appointing a Parent Trustee or Parent Local Governor the Trustees shall appoint a person who is the parent, or an individual exercising parental responsibility, of a registered pupil at an Academy as described in Articles 54 and 54AA; or where the Trustees are exercising their power to appoint a Parent Trustee or Parent Local Governor and it is not reasonably practical to appoint a parent, or an individual exercising parental responsibility, as described in Articles 54 and 54AA, then the Trustees may appoint a person who is the parent, or an individual exercising parental responsibility, of a child within the age range of at least one of the Academies or, in the case of an appointment to a Local Governing Body, the age range of at least one of the

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Academies overseen by that Local Governing Body.

58-The Trustees may appoint Co-opted Trustees. A 'Co-opted Trustee' means a person who is appointed to be a Trustee by being Co-opted by Trustees who have not themselves been so appointed. The Trustees may not co-opt an employee of the Academy Trust as a Co-opted Trustee if thereby the number of Trustees who are employees of the Academy Trust would exceed one third of the total number of Trustees including the Chief Executive Officer to the extent he or she is a Trustee.

d. Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

On 1st April 2018 the only academy under Argent Trust, Danecourt School, transferred to Barnsole Primary Trust. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that Argent Trust be wound down and dissolved by the end of 2018. Therefore it is intended that no further active recruitment of Trustees will take place. If it is deemed necessary to appoint new Trustees to facilitate the dissolution of the Trust (i.e. due to the resignation of a current Trustee) any appointment will be made in line with the Trusts Articles of Association. Any Trustee appointed will have the skills and knowledge necessary to make decisions required for and to carry out the dissolution of the Trust.

Prior to 1st April 2018

New Trustees received a Welcome Pack, signed the Trustees Code of Practice, and were asked to complete new Trustee training within 3 months of their appointment. The Trust was committed to continuously expand the knowledge of the Board of Trustees and expected that each Trustee would complete a minimum of two relevant professional development opportunities each academy year. Trustees were able to access training through various means including through Governors Gateway, GEL Online, Modern Governor, outside sources and in house training sessions.

All Trustees received guidance on and had access to the documents, policies and procedures of the Trust and wider legislative and reference documentation.

e. Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head Teacher and staff Trustees have only received remuneration in respect of services they provided undertaking the roles of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head Teacher and staff and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not and do not receive any payment, other than expenses, from the academy trust in respect of their roles as Trustees.

The setting of the pay and remuneration of the trusts senior management personnel, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Head Teacher of Danecourt School, was set by the Board of Trustees under advice from the trusts HR provider and using current market comparisons. These were reviewed on an annual basis.

f. Organisational structure

Following the transfer of Danecourt School to Barnsole Primary Trust on 1st April 2018 the Board of Trustees will meet according to the requirements of the Trusts Articles of Association and as necessary to facilitate the dissolution of the Trust.

Prior to 1st April 2018 the Board of Trustees monitored the performance of the Trust through full Board of Trustees meetings four times a year. Reports were provided to the Board of Trustees by each of the Trust's committees which allowed them to review the work of and the decisions made by the committees and to consider any recommendations made. Each entity under the Trust provided a written report which was presented to the Board of Trustees at each full meeting allowing them to monitor and review each entities management.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Terms of Reference and delegation for each of its committees on an annual basis.

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The Chief Executive Officer was responsible for the overall management of the Trust and was also the Accounting Officer.

The Buildings and Health and Safety Committee met at least once a year.

The Curriculum Committee met at least three times a year.

The Finance Committee including Audit & Salaries met at least three times a year.

All other committees, as per the Argent Trust Terms of Reference, met as when required.

Strategic report

Objectives and Activities

a. Objects and aims

On 1st April 2018 the only academy under Argent Trust, Danecourt School, transferred to Barnsole Primary Trust. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that Argent Trust be wound down and dissolved by the end of 2018.

The Academy objects are set out in its Articles of Association and referred to specifically in Sections 4 and 5 of the document.

Argent Trust aims to develop high quality education, training and services for children and adults with or without special needs/disabilities.

- Develop – The trust will strive to develop and grow where it has capacity and there is a need
- High Quality – Services will be delivered to a high standard, and any provision that is not in the interests of the users will be decommissioned.
- Education, training and services – the Argent Trust will develop a wide range of activities as there is a clear commitment to lifelong learning
- With or without special needs/disabilities – the Argent Trust has a fundamental commitment to inclusive services where practical.

These objects and the Trust's Ethics and Values as shown below have always been a major consideration when any decisions regarding the Trust or the entities within the Trust have been made.

Confidentiality

We are committed to maintaining the highest degree of integrity in all our dealings with potential, current and past clients*, both in terms of normal commercial confidentiality, and the protection of all personal information received in the course of providing the business services concerned. We extend the same standards to all our funders**, suppliers and associates.

Ethics

We always conduct our own services honestly and honourably, and expect our clients* and suppliers to do the same. Our activities and provisions will undertake ethical considerations, together with the protection and enhancement of the moral position of our clients* and funders**.

Duty of care

Our actions and advice will always conform to relevant law, and we believe that all businesses and organizations, including us, should avoid causing any adverse effect on the human rights of people in the organisations we deal with, the local and wider environments, and the well-being of society at large.

Conflict of interest

Due to the person centred nature of our particular services, we will support the clients' rights above the request of the funding provider if we feel it is not in the clients' interests.

Contracts

Our contract will usually be in the form of a general proposal, including aims, activities, costs, timescale's and

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deliverables. The quality of our service and the value of our support provide the only true basis for continuity. We always try to meet our funders** contractual requirements, and particularly for situations where an external funding provider requires more official parameters and controls.

Fees

Our fees will always be competitive for what we provide, which is high quality, tailored, specialised services. As such we do not generally offer arbitrary discounts; generally a reduction in price is only enabled by reducing the level or extent of services to be delivered. Wherever possible we agree our fees and basis of charges clearly in advance, so that we and our clients*/funding providers can plan reliably for what lies ahead, and how it is to be achieved and financially justified.

Payment

We aim to be as flexible as possible in the way that our services are charged. Some clients* prefer fixed project fees; others are happier with retainers, and we try to fit in with what will be best for the client*. We make no attempt to charge interest on late payments, so we expect payments to be made when agreed. Our terms are generally net monthly in arrears.

Intellectual property and moral rights

We retain the moral rights in, and ownership of, all intellectual property that we create unless agreed otherwise in advance with our clients*. In return we respect the moral and intellectual copyright vested in our clients' intellectual property.

Quality assurance

We maintain the quality of what we do through constant ongoing review with our clients*, of all aims, activities, outcomes and the cost-effectiveness of every activity. We encourage regular review meetings and provide regular progress reports. We aim to continue previous accreditations under a number of quality assurance schemes. Further details are available on request.

Professional conduct

We conduct all of our activities professionally and with integrity. We take great care to be completely objective in our judgment and any recommendations that we give, so that issues are never influenced by anything other than the best and proper interests of our clients*.

Equality and discrimination

We always strive to be fair and objective in our advice and actions, and we are never influenced in our decisions, actions or recommendations by issues of gender, race, creed, colour, age or personal disability.

*Client = the child or adult for whom we are providing an education, training or service

**Funder = the commissioning or funding agency

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

In the Trustees report of 2016/17 the vision of Argent Trust was to continue to develop as a consistently outstanding SEN education provider of exceptional educational and life opportunities.

Development Priorities were outlined as:

Stabilise Danecourt School after a period of major extension and change in leadership in preparation for Ofsted.

Ensure that the quality of teaching is consistently good or better, ensuring all students make measurable progress.

Implement and review the new assessment format to ensure the effective monitoring of progress, setting of learning targets, future planning and relevant reporting to all stakeholders.

Develop Rainbow Court as an independent training centre allowing it to change and expand to support the aims of Argent Trust.

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We support these aims, values and development priorities by means of rigorous self-evaluation and our evolving Academy Improvement Plan.

Following a change of Trustees in October 2017 and after careful consideration of how Danecourt School and Rainbow Court could continue to develop and flourish in a time of rapid change in terms of assessment, curriculum and finances the new Board made the decision that Danecourt School and Rainbow Court would transfer to Barnsole Primary Trust effective 1st April 2018.

It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that Argent Trust be wound down and dissolved by the end of 2018.

c. Public benefit

The principal public benefit arising from the trust's charitable activities was the educational outcomes to the students educated under the trust.

The Trustees of Argent Trust have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and performance

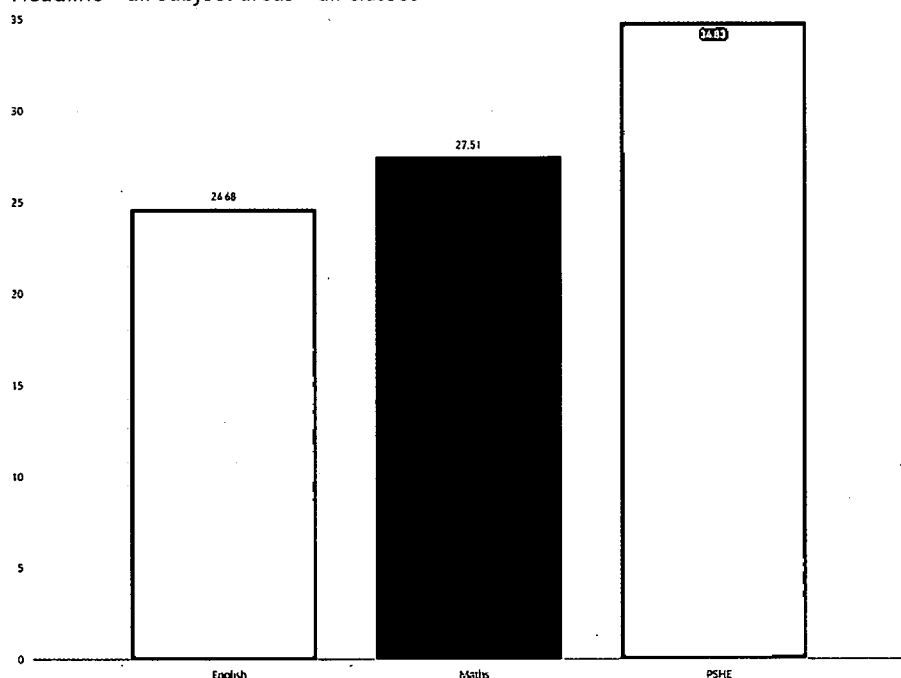
The assessment system has continued to be developed with the parent engagement being the focus at the current time. We are developing the use of the Evisense system where the teaching staff can use the app to capture and upload evidence of learning. Comments are then added and the evidence is linked to the assessment points. Evidence portfolios are effectively created which can be shared with parents and they can then view their child's learning through the app on their mobile devices. We have implemented a trial with a cohort of parents and will analyse the feedback from questionnaires regarding how the parental engagement process has worked and then roll this out to all parents. The banks of evidence for the assessment points and other area of the curriculum can then be used to moderate work by comparing work samples and confirm their academic judgments. The classes have found the allocated pupil progress meetings invaluable and with the capability to use Evisense to moderate work alongside the assessment data they will be able to effectively initiate interventions, extend progress and provide a subject coverage that meets the individuals within their classes.

In lessons teachers and TAs use a wide range of teaching styles and formative assessment methods, including effective questioning, to assess understanding and promote individualised learning, encouraging independence where possible. Pupils work towards achieving individually set Interim Personal Targets (IPTs) and Assessment Points (APs), based on the long term 'Outcomes' detailed in their SEN or EHCP.

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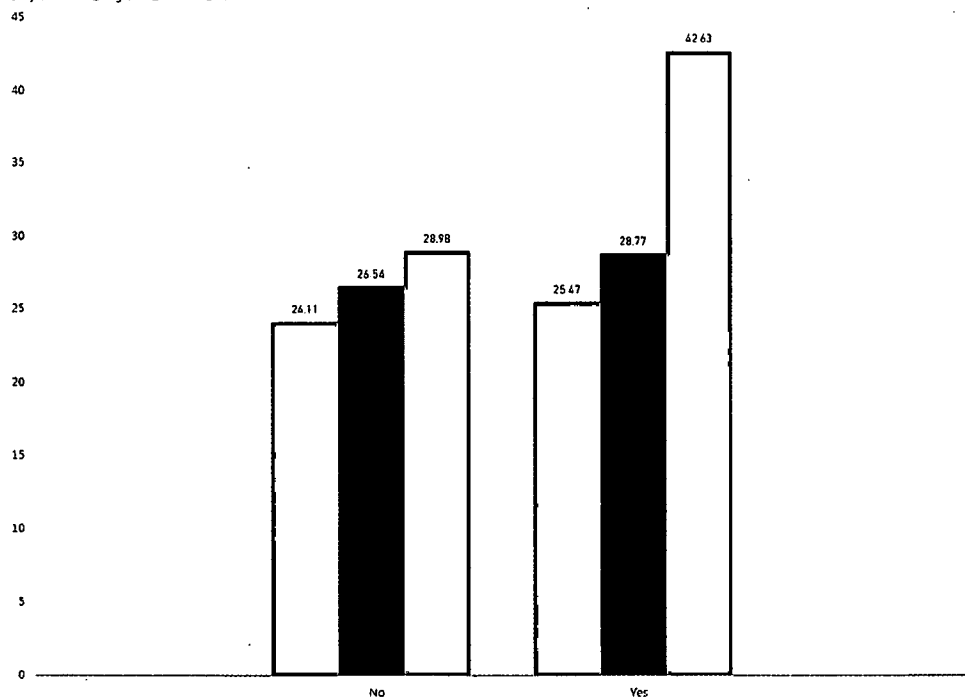
Headline - all subject areas - all classes



Progress in English overall remains on trend to last year with a 0.03% increase. Reading and writing across the school remains on trend with less than 1% increase. Speaking and Listening has increased this year (L – 1.57% % S- 3.97%). Progress in Maths overall remains on trend to last year with a 2.49% increase. Number, Measure and Statistic have all seen an increase this year compared to last year, (N- 5%, St-2.3%). Measure has made nearly 8% increase this year. Progress in PSHE has increased this year compared to last by 6.36%.

Headline - all subject areas non-Pupil Premium (no) vs Pupil Premium (yes)

Subject Area ● English ● Maths ● PSHE



Pupil Premium children have made nearly the same progress compared to the Non-Pupil Premium children

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(Pupil Premium progress has increased by 1.36%). In reading pupil premium children have stayed nearly the same compared to last year (<1%), however non-PP progress has increased by nearly 2% from year. In writing pupil premium children made slightly more progress than Non-pupil premium children with an increase of 1.73%. In speaking, pupil premium children made more progress than non-pp with a 4.74% increase. In listening, pupil premium children have, again made more progress this year compared with Non-Pupil premium. This has increased by 3.73%. In Mathematics Pupil Premium children have made slightly more progress compared to Non-Pupil Premium children (28.77% v 26.54%). This is an increase from last year where the non-pupil premium children made more progress. Pupil Premium children made more progress compared to last year's cohort (5% progress). Intervention plans for Pupil Premium children had been put in place and have made an impact and contributed to this improved progress amongst this cohort. In number pupil premium children have made more progress this year (which is the same as last year) with a 4.39% difference between non-pupil premium children (Last year it was 2.13% difference). This year's cohort has continued to make more progress than last year (6.39% compared to last year). This is, again, more progress than Non-pupil premium children (4.13% progress). In measure pupil premium children have made 0.33% more progress than non-pupil premium. In geometry pupil premium children have made more progress this year compared to non-pupil premium by 2.18%. In PSHE pupil premium children have, again, made more progress this year than the non-PP children. There was a 13.65% increase between pupil premium and non-pupil premium.

Financial review

a. Going concern

As explained previously, on 1st April 2018 the only academy under Argent Trust, Danecourt School, transferred to Barnsole Primary Trust. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that Argent Trust be wound down and dissolved by the end of 2018. As a result, the trust as a separate legal entity ceased operations and the trustees have concluded that it is not appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements.

b. Financial Review

The majority of the Trust's income is derived from the DFE via the ESFA in the form of the General Annual Grant (GAG), the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The GAG received in the period ending 31st August 2018 and the associated expenditure is shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA). We also receive High Needs Funding from Local Authorities (known as Top Up Funding), this is received monthly.

On the 1st April 2018 the trust's operations transferred to Barnsole Primary Trust for £nil consideration. All assets and liabilities were derecognised from the balance sheet with a corresponding net amount of £5,152,057 recognised as a donation in kind in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Trust has completed its third year in operation and the key focus has been to manage the budget in an environment of reduced funding and increasing costs. Key performance KPIs for the Trust are:-

- Pupil numbers (GAG and High Needs Funding)
- General financial stability, with the aim of matching income and expenditure in the year
- Percentage of income received spent on staff costs
- Income per pupil
- Staff costs as a percentage of total income
- Staff costs as a percentage of total costs
- Movements in reserves
- Ofsted inspection results

Commentary on the Financial Results

Income from GAG has been 52% of total revenue. This income stream has now finished with the transfer out of operations in the year as discussed above.

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During the period ended 31 August 2018, total expenditure of £2,217,852 (disregarding the donation of Danecourt School assets and liabilities to the Barnsole Trust) represented 127% of income.

As at 31 August 2018 the net book value of fixed assets was £nil as all had been transferred out of the Trust. During the year, the assets were used solely for the provision of educational services to pupils and their associated support activities.

Liquidity – the Trust manages its cash resources to ensure sufficient working capital so that all of its needs are met without the need for short term borrowing.

Credit risk arises from the possibility that amounts owed to the Trust will not be repaid. However, the Trust does not undertake significant credit activities and the prompt collection of amounts due has minimised any risk.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

As discussed above, following a change of Trustees in October 2017 and after careful consideration of how Danecourt School and Rainbow Court could continue to develop and flourish in a time of rapid change in terms of assessment, curriculum and finances the new Board made the decision that Danecourt School and Rainbow Court would transfer to Barnsole Primary Trust effective 1st April 2018. This was a way to protect against the risk identified and has left the Trust itself dormant and therefore not subject to such risks.

d. Reserves policy

Due to the transfer out of all operations, assets and liabilities to the Barnsole Primary Trust, the academy Trust neither holds nor requires reserves.

e. Investments policy

Cash is held solely for the operation of the Trust and the Trust has not made any financial investments this academic year. The Board of Trustees have adopted a low risk strategy in this regard.

Plans for future periods

a. Plans for future periods

Following a change of Trustees in October 2017 after careful consideration of how Danecourt School and Rainbow Court could continue to develop and flourish in a time of rapid change in terms of assessment, curriculum and finances the new Board made the decision that Danecourt School and Rainbow Court would transfer to Barnsole Primary Trust effective 1st April 2018.

It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that Argent Trust be wound down and dissolved by the end of 2018.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Argent Trust do not act as custodian Trustee for any others.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Insofar 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 auditor is aware of that information.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 13/11/18 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized capital letter 'A' with a horizontal crossbar and a loop at the bottom.

Angela Barry
Chair of Trustees

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Governance Statement

Scope of Responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive until 31 October 2017 and thereafter the Head Teacher of Danecourt School, 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 Argent Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 7 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
Angela Barry	7	7
Simon Guy	1	1
Pam Jones OBE	3	7
Alan Norley	7	7
Gary Pocock	7	7
Kathy Griffiths	0	0
Victoria Inanli	1	1
Michael Smith	1	1

Key changes to the composition of the Board have been the resignation of four Trustees and the appointment of four new Trustees. The changes at Board level meant that the rebrokerage of Danecourt could take place at a swift pace to ensure that the school could move to work, on a formal basis, within a multi-academy trust.

The Finance Committee including Audit and Salaries is a sub-committee of the main board of Trustees.

Terms of Reference are:

The Committee will adhere to the financial framework as set out in the latest Academies Financial Handbook.

Finance

1. Review Argent Trusts Finance Policy and monitor its implementation within each entity under the Trust.
2. Make decisions relating to finance on behalf of the Board of Trustees making reference to each entities priorities.
3. Review each entities annual accounts.
4. Review the accounts of Argent Trust prior to the filing of the Trusts Annual Report and Annual Return.
5. Agree transfer of funds within the constraints of the Trusts Finance Policy from Argent Trust to any of the trusts entities.
6. That the Chair of the Board of Trustees (or in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair) be authorised to consider and resolve urgent financial matters should these arise between meetings of the Committee. The Chair (or Vice-Chair) shall ensure that other members of the Finance Committee are advised of the situation and the action taken as soon as possible.

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Audit

In regards to the Academies Financial Handbook 2.4.3 as the Trust operates a combined finance and audit committee, staff may be members but should not participate as members when audit matters are discussed; they may remain in attendance to provide information and participate in discussions.

1. On behalf of the Trust the Committee will provide assurance over the suitability of, and compliance with, its financial systems and operational controls. Taking into account the differing risks and complexity of their operations.
2. The Committees work will focus on providing assurances to the Board of Trustees that risks are being adequately identified and managed by:
 - Reviewing the risks to internal financial control at the trust
 - Agreeing a programme of work to address, and provide assurance on those risks.
3. The outcome of the Committees work will inform the governance statement that accompanies the Trust's annual accounts and, so far as is possible, provide assurance to external auditors.

Salaries

1. On behalf of the Trust the Committee will request annual reports from each entity under the Trust and undertake a review of staff salaries.
2. Make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on the salary levels of all staff employed by Argent Trust within the budgetary framework.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Angela Barry	2	2
Kathy Griffiths	0	0
Simon Guy	0	0
Victyoria Inanli	0	0
Pamela Jones	0	2
Alan Norley	2	2
Gary Pocock	2	2
Michael Smith	0	0

Review of Value for Money

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive until 31 October 2017 and thereafter the Head Teacher of Danecourt School has responsibility for ensuring that the academy delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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

The Trust has delivered improved value for money by adopting the following principles:-

- Regularly review the functions of the school, challenging how and why services are provided and setting targets and performance indicators for improvement.
- Monitor outcomes and compare performance with similar schools and within the school.
- Consult appropriate stakeholders before major decisions are made; and promote fair competition through quotations and tenders to ensure that goods and services are secured in the most economic, efficient and effective way.

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Governance Statement (continued)

- To continue with the planning, delivery and monitoring of the curriculum by ongoing class observations and subject monitoring.
- Care of pupils, including tracking progress of all pupils by implementing assessment methods to ensure that pupils are sufficiently challenged.
- Staffing - further training for existing and newly appointed staff.

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 ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy 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 Argent Trust for the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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'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 Committee including Audit and Salaries of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Williams Giles Limited as internal auditor.

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

- Fixed Assets/Inventory
- Banking and Cash Handling
- Income and Expenditure
- Governance and Procedures
- Payroll and Recruitment
- Financial Monitoring and Reporting
- Contracts and Procurement
- VAT

On a quarterly basis, the auditor reports to the Board of Trustees through the Acting CFO/Business Manager on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

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Governance Statement (continued)

The Acting CFO reports to the Finance Committee of the Trustees on a termly basis, the current budgetary position with all associated income and expenditure, which is in turn escalated to the Board of Trustees.

The Acting CFO/Business Manager can confirm that the schedule of planned works has been delivered by Williams Giles. There were no material control issues arising. Any recommendations made have been adopted.

Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive until 31 October 2017 and thereafter the Head Teacher of Danecourt School has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy 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 Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 13/11/18 and signed on their behalf, by:



Angela Barry
Chair of Trustees



Kevin Ruddell
Accounting Officer

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Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As Accounting Officer of Argent Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

I confirm that I and the academy trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

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.



Kevin Ruddell
Accounting Officer
13/11/18

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For the year ended 31 August 2018

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 13/11/2018 and signed on its behalf by:



Angela Barry, Chairman
Chair of Trustees

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Independent Auditors' Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Argent Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Argent Trust (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2018 which comprise the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2018 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Going concern

We draw attention to note 1.2 in the financial statements, which indicates that the Trust as a separate legal entity ceased operations after the transfer out of the Danecourt School on the 1st April 2018 and it is therefore not appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements. After the transfer, there are no assets or liabilities remaining; there is therefore no effect from preparing the financial statements on a basis other than going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. 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.

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Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the academy'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.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the academy'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 Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest

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extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alastair Crawford FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Williams Giles Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

12 Conqueror Court
Sittingbourne
Kent

ME10 5BH

Date: 13 December 2018

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Independent Reporting Accountants' Assurance Report on Regularity to Argent Trust and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 19 March 2015 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Argent Trust during the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 Argent Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Argent 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 Argent Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Argent Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Argent Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 25 August 2015, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2017, 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 2017 to 2018. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 2017 to 2018 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 academy's income and expenditure.

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& 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 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Alastair Crawford FCA

Williams Giles Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

12 Conqueror Court
Sittingbourne
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ME10 5BH

Date: 13 December 2018

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Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 August 2018

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	2	480	-	-	480	74,807
Charitable activities	3	-	1,732,213	-	1,732,213	3,165,955
Other trading activities	4	2,007	13,731	-	15,738	79,414
Total income		2,487	1,745,944	-	1,748,431	3,320,176
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		26,050	1,948,634	236,741	2,211,425	3,787,060
Other expenditure:						
Transfer of net assets to another academy trust		73,600	(1,644,000)	6,722,457	5,152,057	-
Other expenditure		6,427	-	-	6,427	22,033
Total expenditure	7	106,077	304,634	6,959,198	7,369,909	3,809,093
Net before transfers		(103,590)	1,441,310	(6,959,198)	(5,621,478)	(488,917)
Transfers between Funds	18	(220,616)	202,690	17,926	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		(324,206)	1,644,000	(6,941,272)	(5,621,478)	(488,917)
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	-	-	-	1,507,000
Net movement in funds		(324,206)	1,644,000	(6,941,272)	(5,621,478)	1,018,083
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		324,206	(1,644,000)	6,941,272	5,621,478	4,603,395
Total funds carried forward		-	-	-	-	5,621,478

The notes on pages 26 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2018

	Note	£	2018 £	£	2017 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		-		6,941,272
Current assets					
Debtors	16	-		28,085	
Cash at bank and in hand		-		314,012	
				<u>342,097</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	-		<u>(17,891)</u>	
Net current assets			-		324,206
Total assets less current liabilities			-		7,265,478
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	22	-		<u>(1,644,000)</u>	
Net assets including pension scheme liabilities			-	<u><u>5,621,478</u></u>	
Funds of the academy					
Restricted income funds:					
Restricted income funds excluding pension liability		-		6,941,272	
Pension reserve		-		<u>(1,644,000)</u>	
Total restricted income funds			-		5,297,272
Unrestricted income funds	18		-		324,206
Total funds			-	<u><u>5,621,478</u></u>	

The financial statements on pages 23 to 48 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 13/11/18 and are signed on their behalf, by:


Angela Barry
Chair of Trustees

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 August 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	20	(296,086)	(90)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(17,926)	(71,332)
Capital grants from DfE Group		-	9,029
Net cash used in investing activities		(17,926)	(62,303)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(314,012)	(62,393)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		314,012	376,405
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	21	-	314,012

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting Policies

The Argent Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Danecourt School, Hotel Road, Watling Street Gillingham, Kent, ME8 6AA. The principal activity of the academy trust is to provide education for pupils that satisfies the requirements of the education Act 2002.

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the 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 2017 to 2018 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Argent Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

On 1 April 2018 all the trust's operations, assets and liabilities were transferred to Barnsole Primary Trust for £nil consideration. As a result, the trust as a separate legal entity ceased operations and the trustees have concluded that it is not appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements. After the transfer, no assets or liabilities remain in the trust, so there are no effects from preparing the financial statements on a basis other than that of a going concern.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.3 Income

All 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.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account 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 entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as *deferred income*. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is *accrued*.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account 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 when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Sponsorship income provided to the academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account 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.

1.4 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised 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 incorporating income and expenditure account 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 incorporating income and expenditure account. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

The valuation for leasehold property is taken from the Kier desktop valuation completed for the EFA as at 31 March 2016. The basis of the value is Fair Value, as defined by the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). No value for land had been included.

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

Leasehold property	-	2% straight line
Furniture and fixtures	-	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line
Assets under construction	-	10% straight line

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

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the academy; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.7 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.9 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.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities and provisions 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 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. 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.

1.11 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. 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 costs as detailed in note 17. 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 instruments.

1.12 Taxation

The academy 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 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.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.13 Pensions

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy 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 note 22, 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 incorporating income and expenditure account and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

1.14 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.15 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments 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 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2018. 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 judgment:

Certain employees participate in a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme with other Academy Trusts in the region. In the judgment of the governors, the Academy Trust does not have sufficient information on the plan assets and liabilities to be able to reliably account for its share of the defined benefit obligation and plan assets. Therefore the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme, see note 21 for further details.

2. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	<i>Total funds 2017 £</i>
Donations	480	-	-	480	65,778
Capital Grants	-	-	-	-	9,029
	480	-	-	480	74,807
<i>Total 2017</i>	<i>65,778</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>9,029</i>	<i>74,807</i>	

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3. Funding for Academy's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	900,562	900,562	1,559,415
Pupil premium	-	44,650	44,650	84,625
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	-	-	19,615
SEN funding	-	772,826	772,826	1,490,068
Other government grants	-	14,175	14,175	9,720
Other grants	-	-	-	2,512
	-	1,732,213	1,732,213	3,165,955
<i>Total 2017</i>	-	3,165,955	3,165,955	

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
Other income	677	1,311	1,988	51,132
Supply insurance recovery	-	12,420	12,420	6,340
Lettings income	1,330	-	1,330	21,942
	2,007	13,731	15,738	79,414
<i>Total 2017</i>	22,654	56,760	79,414	

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5. Direct costs

	Educational operations £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Educational supplies	121,386	121,386	198,960
Staff development	23,087	23,087	42,391
Educational consultancy	10,046	10,046	32,612
Agency supply	33,830	33,830	107,844
Wages and salaries	1,018,846	1,018,846	1,805,473
National insurance	74,688	74,688	136,302
Pension cost	349,595	349,595	289,254
	<u>1,631,478</u>	<u>1,631,478</u>	<u>2,612,836</u>
<i>Total 2017</i>	<u>2,612,836</u>	<u>2,612,836</u>	

6. Support costs

	Educational operations £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
LGPS cost	-	-	62,000
Staff development	1,307	1,307	7,914
Maintenance of premises and equipment	39,014	39,014	66,566
Cleaning	6,241	6,241	9,488
Rent and rates	508	508	7,534
Energy costs	16,609	16,609	26,409
Insurance	10,124	10,124	30,552
Catering costs	18,235	18,235	48,815
Other support costs	59,116	59,116	112,178
Governance costs	26,050	26,050	16,783
Wages and salaries	141,072	141,072	304,773
National insurance	8,619	8,619	20,526
Pension cost	16,311	16,311	230,938
Depreciation	236,741	236,741	229,748
	<u>579,947</u>	<u>579,947</u>	<u>1,174,224</u>
<i>Total 2017</i>	<u>1,174,224</u>	<u>1,174,224</u>	

During the year ended 31 August 2018, the academy incurred the following Governance costs:
£26,050 (2017 - £16,783) included within the table above in respect of educational operations.

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7. Expenditure

	Staff costs 2018 £	Premises 2018 £	Other costs 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Educational operations:					
Direct costs	1,443,129	-	188,349	1,631,478	2,612,836
Support costs	166,001	80,607	333,339	579,947	1,174,224
	1,609,130	80,607	521,688	2,211,425	3,787,060
<i>Total 2017</i>	<i>2,898,110</i>	<i>171,752</i>	<i>792,079</i>	<i>3,861,941</i>	

The transfer of net assets to another Academy Trust shown above totaling £5,152,057 (2017 - £nil) included (£1,644,000) relating to restricted funds, £73,600 related to unrestricted funds and £6,722,457 related to restricted fixed asset funds.

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2018 £	Support costs 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Educational operations	1,631,478	579,947	2,211,425	3,787,060
<i>Total 2017</i>	<i>2,612,836</i>	<i>1,174,224</i>	<i>3,787,060</i>	

9. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2018 £	2017 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	236,741	229,748
Auditors' remuneration	13,875	13,875

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10. Auditors' remuneration

	2018	<i>2017</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Fees payable to the academy's auditor and its associates for the audit of the academy's annual accounts	5,750	<i>5,750</i>
Fees payable to the academy's auditor and its associates in respect of:		
Internal audit services	2,050	<i>2,050</i>
All other non-audit services not included above	6,075	<i>6,075</i>
	<u>6,075</u>	<u><i>6,075</i></u>

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11. Staff costs

a. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Wages and salaries	1,159,918	2,110,246
Social security costs	83,306	156,828
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	365,906	520,192
	<u>1,609,130</u>	<u>2,787,266</u>
Agency staff costs	-	107,844
Staff restructuring costs	-	3,000
	<u>1,609,130</u>	<u>2,898,110</u>

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

Severance payments	-	3,000
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b. Non-statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs is one non-statutory/non-contractual severance payment totaling £Nil (2017 - £3,000).

c. Staff numbers

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

	2018 No.	2017 No.
Teachers	16	23
Administration and support	54	84
Management	3	7
	<u>73</u>	<u>114</u>

d. Higher paid staff

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

	2018 No.	2017 No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1

The member of higher paid staff is participating in a staff pension scheme with yearly contributions amounting to £12,476.

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11. Staff costs (continued)

e. Key management personnel

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 employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust for the period to 1st April 2018 was £169,178 (2017 - £321,354).

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12. 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 other staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2018	2017
		£	£
Elizabeth Lee	Remuneration	15,000-20,000	<i>25,000-30,000</i>
	Pension contributions paid	0-5,000	<i>0-5,000</i>
Julie Anderson	Remuneration		<i>5,000-10,000</i>
Michael Smith	Remuneration		<i>20,000-25,000</i>
	Pension contributions paid		<i>0-5,000</i>

During the year ended 31 August 2018, expenses totalling £447 (2017 - £249) were reimbursed to 3 Trustees (2017 - 3).

13. 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 £5,000,000 on any one claim.

14. Other finance income

	2018	2017
	£	£
Interest income on pension scheme assets	-	<i>44,000</i>
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	-	<i>(106,000)</i>
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	-	<i>(62,000)</i>
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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Furniture and fixtures £	Plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2017	7,048,274	112,983	225,554	7,386,811
Additions	-	654	17,272	17,926
Disposals	(7,048,274)	(113,637)	(242,826)	(7,404,737)
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At 31 August 2018	-	-	-	-
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2017	280,800	53,799	110,940	445,539
Charge for the year	141,530	28,409	66,802	236,741
On disposals	(422,330)	(82,208)	(177,742)	(682,280)
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At 31 August 2018	-	-	-	-
Net book value				
At 31 August 2018	-	-	-	-
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At 31 August 2017	6,767,474	59,184	114,614	6,941,272
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16. Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
VAT recoverable	-	5,107
Prepayments and accrued income	-	22,978
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	-	28,085
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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Trade creditors	-	2,018
Accruals and deferred income	-	15,873
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	-	17,891
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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

	2018 £	2017 £
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September 2017	6,373	6,756
Resources deferred during the year	-	6,373
Amounts released from previous years	(6,373)	(6,756)
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,373</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>6,373</u>

At the prior year balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for universal infant free school meals. There are no deferred funds during the current period due to the Academy being a discontinued operation and transferring all of its assets and liabilities to another academy trust.

18. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	324,206	2,487	(106,077)	(220,616)	-
Restricted funds					
General annual grant	-	880,833	(1,083,523)	202,690	-
Pupil premium	-	44,650	(44,650)	-	-
Other DfE/EFA grants	-	19,729	(19,729)	-	-
SEN funding	-	772,826	(772,826)	-	-
Other government grants	-	14,175	(14,175)	-	-
Other grants	-	12,420	(12,420)	-	-
Other generating funds	-	1,311	(1,311)	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,644,000)	-	1,644,000	-	-
	<u>(1,644,000)</u>	<u>1,745,944</u>	<u>(304,634)</u>	<u>202,690</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Assets held for depreciation	6,941,272	-	(6,959,198)	17,926	-
Total restricted funds	<u>5,297,272</u>	<u>1,745,944</u>	<u>(7,263,832)</u>	<u>220,616</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of funds	<u>5,621,478</u>	<u>1,748,431</u>	<u>(7,369,909)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

Unrestricted funds are applied to the general work of the Academy to support activities inside and outside the curriculum.

Restricted funds are applied specifically in accordance with the rules of each grant and support the

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

education provision delivered by the Academy.

Restricted fixed asset funds are applied to the maintenance and improvement of all of the Academy's fixed assets.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2018.

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Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
General Funds - all funds	332,960	88,432	(22,033)	(75,153)	-	324,206
Restricted funds						
General annual grant	-	1,559,415	(1,632,012)	72,597	-	-
Pupil premium	-	84,625	(84,625)	-	-	-
Other DfE/EFA grants	-	19,615	(19,615)	-	-	-
SEN funding	-	1,490,068	(1,490,068)	-	-	-
Other government grants	-	9,720	(9,720)	-	-	-
Other grants	-	2,512	(2,512)	-	-	-
Other generating funds	-	56,760	(56,760)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,889,000)	-	(262,000)	-	1,507,000	(1,644,000)
	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>3,222,715</u>	<u>(3,557,312)</u>	<u>72,597</u>	<u>1,507,000</u>	<u>(1,644,000)</u>

Restricted fixed asset funds

Assets held for depreciation	7,099,688	-	(229,748)	71,332	-	6,941,272
Capital income	59,747	9,029	-	(68,776)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>4,270,435</u>	<u>3,231,744</u>	<u>(3,787,060)</u>	<u>75,153</u>	<u>1,507,000</u>	<u>5,297,272</u>
Total of funds	<u>4,603,395</u>	<u>3,320,176</u>	<u>(3,809,093)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,507,000</u>	<u>5,621,478</u>

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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	332,960	88,432	(22,033)	(75,153)	-	324,206
	-	2,487	(106,077)	(220,616)	-	(324,206)
Restricted funds						
General annual grant	-	2,440,248	(2,715,535)	275,287	-	-
Pupil premium	-	129,275	(129,275)	-	-	-
Other DfE/EFA grants	-	39,344	(39,344)	-	-	-
SEN funding	-	2,262,894	(2,262,894)	-	-	-
Other government grants	-	23,895	(23,895)	-	-	-
Other grants	-	14,932	(14,932)	-	-	-
Other generating funds	-	58,071	(58,071)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,889,000)	-	1,382,000	-	1,507,000	-
	(2,889,000)	4,968,659	(3,861,946)	275,287	1,507,000	-
Assets held for depreciation	7,099,688	-	(7,188,946)	89,258	-	-
Capital income	59,747	9,029	-	(68,776)	-	-
Total of funds	4,603,395	5,068,607	(11,179,002)	-	1,507,000	-

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £
-	-	-	-

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted fixed asset funds</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
	2017	2017	2017	2017
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	6,941,272	6,941,272
Current assets	342,097	-	-	342,097
Creditors due within one year	(17,891)	-	-	(17,891)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,644,000)	-	(1,644,000)
	<u>324,206</u>	<u>(1,644,000)</u>	<u>6,941,272</u>	<u>5,621,478</u>

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2018	2017
	£	£
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(5,621,478)	(488,917)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	236,741	229,748
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	6,722,457	-
Decrease in debtors	28,085	36,729
Decrease in creditors	(17,891)	(30,621)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	-	(9,029)
Defined benefit pension scheme obligation transferred out	(1,827,000)	-
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	183,000	262,000
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(296,086)</u>	<u>(90)</u>

21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2018	2017
	£	£
Cash in hand	-	314,012
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>314,012</u>

22. Pension commitments

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

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

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay, including a 0.08% employer administration charge.
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £73,713 (2017: £133,678) (2017 - £ [enter amount]).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx).

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is a multi-employer pension 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 31 August 2018 was £N/A (2017 - £240,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £N/A (2017 - £187,000) and employees' contributions totalled £N/A (2017

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

- £53,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 20% for employers and variable% 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.

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	2018	2017
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.60 %	2.60 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.20 %	4.20 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.70 %	2.70 %
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.70 %	2.70 %
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50.00 %	50.00 %
RPI increases	3.60 %	3.60 %

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

	2018	2017
Retiring today		
Males	23.0	23.0
Females	25.1	25.1
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	25.2	25.2
Females	27.4	27.4

As of the 01 April 2018 the Danecourt School along with all the relating pension liabilities were transferred out of the trust to the Barnsole Primary Trust. A full actuarial report was not provided as at this date and therefore assumptions and other disclosures have been brought forward from the previous year. The actuary has confirmed that using FRS102 assumptions the deficit at the 1st April 2018 would have been £1,827,000 therefore an adjustment of £183,000 has been put through from last year and the deficit of £1,827,000 has been transferred to the Barnsole Primary Trust.

	At 31 August 2018 £	At 31 August 2017 £
Sensitivity analysis		
Discount rate +0.1%	3,542,000	3,542,000
Discount rate -0.1%	3,710,000	3,710,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	3,742,000	3,742,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	3,512,000	3,512,000
CPI rate +0.1%	3,693,000	3,693,000

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

The academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	Fair value at 31 August 2018 £	<i>Fair value at 31 August 2017 £</i>
Equities	-	1,394,000
Gilts	-	14,000
Other bonds	-	191,000
Property	-	243,000
Cash and other liquid assets	-	63,000
Absolute return fund	-	76,000
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Total market value of assets	-	1,981,000
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The actual return on scheme assets was £N/A (2017 - £329,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account are as follows:

	2018 £	<i>2017 £</i>
Current service cost	-	(386,000)
Interest income	-	44,000
Interest cost	-	(106,000)
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Total	-	(448,000)
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Actual return on scheme assets	-	329,000
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Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2018 £	<i>2017 £</i>
Opening defined benefit obligation	3,625,000	4,777,000
Current service cost	-	386,000
Interest cost	-	106,000
Employee contributions	-	53,000
Actuarial gains	-	(1,683,000)
Benefits paid	-	(14,000)
Movement in pension fund prior to transfer out	292,000	-
School transferred out	(3,917,000)	-
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Closing defined benefit obligation	-	3,625,000
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22. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2018 £	2017 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	1,981,000	1,888,000
Interest income	-	44,000
Actuarial gains	-	(176,000)
Employer contributions	-	186,000
Employee contributions	-	53,000
Benefits paid	-	(14,000)
Effect of assumptions up to date of transfer out	109,000	-
School transferred out	(2,090,000)	-
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Closing fair value of scheme assets	-	1,981,000
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23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2018 the total of the Academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2018 £	2017 £
Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	-	498
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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 he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

25. 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 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 party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses.

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26. Transfer out on academies leaving the academy

On 1 April 2018 all the operations, assets and liabilities of Danecourt School were transferred to the Barnsole Primary Trust.

The transfer has been accounted for as an expense that is in substance a gift. All assets and liabilities transferred were derecognised from the balance sheet with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net loss in the Statement of Financial Activities as Transfer of net assets to another academy trust.

The following table sets out the book value of the assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the SOFA.

Danecourt School

	Transfer out on academy leaving the trust £
Tangible fixed assets	
Long-term leasehold property	6,625,944
Property improvements	28,868
Motor vehicles	15,479
Furniture and fixtures	31,429
Computer equipment	20,737
Debtors due within one year	6,182
Cash in bank and in hand	260,993
Liabilities	
Creditors due within one year	(10,575)
Pensions	
Pensions - pension scheme assets	2,090,000
Pensions - pension scheme liabilities	(3,917,000)
Net assets	5,152,057