

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

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ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	M Cummings (Principal and accounting officer) S H Kristjansson H Parker K Pizuti H Rasheed A Cartledge S Jones (Chair of trustees) (Appointed 18 September 2019)
Members	H Rasheed S H Kristjansson A Cartledge
Senior management team	
- Principal	M Cummings
- Assistant Principal	E Beswick
- Assistant Principal	S Jones
- Assistant Principal	K Pizuti
- Business Manager	W Lenhan
Company registration number	09388819 (England and Wales)
Registered office	William Street Ashton under Lyne Tameside OL7 0BJ
Independent auditor	Haines Watts Bridge House Ashley Road Hale Altrincham WA14 2UT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 16 Market Place Oldham OL1 1JG
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ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

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

The trust operates an academy for pupils aged 3 to 11 serving a catchment area in Ashton Under Lyne Tameside. It has a pupil capacity of 472 and had a roll of 385 in the school census in October 2018.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

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

Governance

Details of the trustees who served throughout the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details section on page 1

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the academy is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum. This activity is achieved by the running of Ashton West End Primary Academy. This is a 3-11 age range primary academy covering the catchment area of Ashton Under Lyne Tameside with a roll of 432 pupils.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

Members of the trust are responsible for the appointment of trustees except four parent trustees and two staff trustees who are appointed through an election process directed by the governing body.

Trustees are appointed for a period of four years except that this does not apply to the principal. Subject to the remaining eligible to be a particular type of trustee, any trustee can be re-appointed.

Approach taken to appoint trustees:

Staff (one teaching member of staff and one-teaching member of staff)

On re-election or appointment the vacancy is advertised by the academy and all staff at the academy can apply. If more than one nomination is received a secret ballot takes place. The term of office is 4 years.

Parent

On re-election or appointment the vacancy is advertised by the academy and all parents of pupils at the academy can apply. If more than one nomination is received an election by secret ballot is held so that all of the academy parents can choose who will represent them on the board of trustees. The term of office is 4 years.

Co-opted

On re-election or appointment the vacancy advertised by the academy to appoint members who have the experience and skills to contribute to the role of the governing body.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The academy has a Trustee Induction Policy from the Governors' Service to the trustees. New trustees are provided with an induction pack and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as trustees. Induction tends to be done informally specifically to the individual. Trustees are given the opportunity to attend governors' training organised by the Governors Service as well as GEL online training. Trustees also attend academy staff training where subjects are relevant.

Trustees are provided with copies of policies and procedures, minutes, accounts, budget plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as trustees. Trustees are also provided with a linked trustee in school.

The clerk to the governing body keeps a log of courses attended and training is a standing agenda item. Trustees' feedbacks provide feedback at governing body meetings on attendance on training. New trustees and members join committees which contain experienced members who can provide guidance and support.

Organisational structure

The governance of the academy is defined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association together with the funding agreement with the Department for Education.

The academy holds its Annual General Meeting every year in addition to any other meetings in the year. The trustees hold at least 3 meetings in every school year, normally once each term. The trustees establish an overall framework for the governance of the academy and determine membership, terms of reference and procedures of committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the committees through the minutes of their meetings. The trustees may from time to time establish working groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale. The membership of any committees of the trustees may include persons who are not trustees, provided that a majority of members of any such committees shall be trustees (Article 10)

These are the committees:

Finance Premises and Pay Committee.

The committee meets at least four times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting receiving reports from the responsible officer and drafting the annual budget including setting staff levels.

The Pay Committee is made up of members of the Finance Committee. The committee meet twice yearly to review staff pay.

Curriculum and Standards Committee

The committee meets once a term to monitor, evaluate and review academy policies, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting and assessment, examinations and pastoral issues. It also advises the governing body on its statutory obligations under the National Curriculum. With the assistance of staff, to provide information to the governing body about how the curriculum is taught, evaluated and resourced.

The following committees meet when required: Staff Discipline and Dismissal; Staff Grievance; Pupils Discipline; Curriculum and General Complaints and Staff Dismissal Appeal.

The following decisions are reserved to the trustees:

- To consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitutions of the academy and its committee structure
- To appoint or remove the chair and or vice chair
- To appoint the principal and clerk to the trustees
- The trustees are responsible for setting general policy
- Adopting an annual budget plan and budget
- Approving the statutory accounts
- Monitoring the academy by the use of budgets and other data
- Making major decisions about the direction of the academy
- Capital expenditure and staff appointments

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The principal is the designated accounting officer of the academy and has overall responsibility for the day to day financial management of the academy. The principal has delegated responsibility for low budget expenditure to specific budget holders who are each responsible for managing their own areas of responsibility with the constraints of their allocated budgets. A system of financial control is in place to manage this process.

The principal manages the academy on a daily basis supported by the senior leadership team. The senior leadership team meets weekly to discuss curriculum and administrative matters as well as to help to develop strategies for the improvement of the academy. Each member of the leadership team has specific responsibilities to assist the principal to manage certain aspects of the academy.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The governing body sets and reviews Pay Policy on an annual basis. Decisions regarding pay progression is delegated to the Pay Committee and is based on performance evidenced from a range of sources, including an annual appraisal.

The Pay Committee also monitors the effectiveness of the appraisal process and ensures that the allocation of pay is consistent with the standard each individual's performance.

Trade union facility time

The academy had fewer than 49 full time equivalent employees during the period and therefore there is no requirement for union facility time analysis.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

Transactions may take place with organisations in which a trustee has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at in accordance with the academy financial regulations and procurement procedures.

Objectives and activities

Object and aims

The academy trust's object is specifically restricted to the following:

To advance the public education in the United Kingdom, particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing the academy designated as such which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of the trust.

Objectives, strategies and activities

During the year the school has focused on improving the quality of teaching and learning in the academy:

- By increasing the percentage of good and outstanding teachers across the academy
- To improve pupils' attainment in reading, writing and mathematics
- To improve the quality of teaching in phonics in order to improve on the 2019 screening test results.
- To sustain the improvements made in the previous academic year.
- To improve the learning environment both externally and internally
- To improve the outdoor provision in the Foundation Stage.

Public benefit

The trustees believe that by working towards the objectives and aims of the academy they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The total number of pupils in the school in the year ending 31 August 2019 was 432. The academy became a two form entry school in September 2014 and had an intake of 60 pupils in Reception.

The academy has managed to maintain class sizes to 30 pupils however there is currently a shortage of places in the local authority and there is currently pressure on the academy to increase class sizes to more than 30 pupils. This is particularly the case for Reception Y2 and 4.

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TEST RESULTS Y2 2019

	% OF PUPILS WHO ACHIEVED EXPECTED	% OF PUPILS WHO ACHIEVED GREATER DEPTH	% OF PUPILS WORKING BELOW PR-KS1
READING	63%	5%	30%
WRITING	56%	14%	30%
MATHEMATICS	71%	10%	19%

These tables show the results for pupils in Y2 at the end of Key Stage 1

2019 KS2 Y6 SATS RESULTS TEST RESULTS

	% OF PUPILS WHO ACHIEVED EXPECTED	% OF PUPILS WHO ACHIEVED GREATER DEPTH	% OF PUPILS WORKING BELOW
READING	57%	17%	26%
WRITING	74%	11%	15%
MATHEMATICS	72%	15%	13%
READING, WRITING and MATHS COMBINED	51%	4%	45%
ENGLISH GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION and SPELLING	72%	21%	7%

These tables show the results for Y6 pupils at the end of KS2.

Key performance indicators

The key financial performance indicator for the academy trust is the adherence to the financial budget set at the beginning of the year. Excluding any generated funds all income for the academy is government or local authority funded and therefore the income of the academy is largely given.

An expenditure budget is set at the beginning of the year, taking into consideration the level of government funding. The trustees have reviewed details capital and revenue expenditure reports compared to expenditure budgets, which confirm that the processes and procedures in place for controlling expenditure are acceptable.

Going concern

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

Financial review

The academy's source of funding is the General Annual Grant (GAG) and other grants that it receives from the ESFA. For the year ending the 31 August 2019, the total expenditure before actuarial gains and losses of £1,761,000 was covered by the recurrent grant funding from the ESFA, together with other incoming resources. The excess of income over expenditure before actuarial gains or losses totalled £552,000 for the period. Total funds carried forward amount to £4,456,000.

The building and other assets were transferred to the academy on conversion. The land is leased from the local authority for 125 years. Other assets have been included in the financial statements at a best estimate, taking into account purchase price and remaining useful lives.

Key financial policies reviewed during the period included the Statement of Governors, Statement of Internal Control and the Financial Procedures which lays out the framework for financial management.

Reserves policy

The trustees reviewed the cash reserve levels of the academy during the period to the 31 August 2019. This review included the nature of income and expenditure streams the need to match income with expenditure and the nature of reserves.

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The trustees anticipate utilising 50-60% of reserves over the next three years to maintain educational standards and staffing. The balance of the reserves will be the contingency and to support future strategies initiatives within the academy.

Investment policy

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

Principal risks and uncertainties

A review process has been undertaken to identify and review the risks to which the academy is exposed with systems set up to mitigate those risks. An annual review process has been established to monitor and examine the academy's areas of operations and the risks that may be faced.

The principal risks identified on the Academy Risk Register include strategic, reputational, operational, compliance and financial risks. Control procedures have been implemented to mitigate against the risks and trustees check regularly to ensure rigorous procedures are adhered.

Financial risks are low as we ensure we have strong quality controls in place. Trustees regularly monitor and evaluate key financial risks to mitigate against such things as improper/irregular use of funds, overspends or fraudulent activity.

The academy has an appropriate Reserve Balance Policy against any potential future government spending cuts or other emergency contingencies such as roof repairs, problems with the heating system etc. The academy is equally insured to reduce the financial impact on risks identified within the risk register.

The board of trustees recognises that the defined benefit scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme) represents a significant potential liability. However, as the trustees consider that the academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, the risk from this liability is minimised. The academy trust has recognised its share of the Local Government Pension Scheme assets and liabilities in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102. A deficit has been recognised at 31 August 2019.

Fundraising

The academy did not undertake fundraising activities during the year.

Plans for future periods

The academy will continue to build on the success of the academy results ensuring that all pupils are offered the best possible educational provision. We intend to continue our drive to develop the academy in order to provide the best learning environment.

Auditor

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

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

This trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 4.12.2019 and signed on the board's behalf by:

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Mrs S Jones
Chair of trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Scope of responsibility

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

The governing body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the principal 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 Ashton West End Primary Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the trustees' report and in the statement of trustees' responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 4 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
Mr M O Cummings	4	4
Miss K Pizuti	4	4
Mr S Kristjansson	2	4
Miss H Parker	3	4
Mrs H Rasheed	4	4
Mrs A Cartledge	3	4

The Finance and Premises Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. It is responsible for monitoring and evaluation and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, receiving reports from the Internal auditor and drafting the annual budget including setting staff levels. It is also incorporate the role of an Audit Committee. This committee also reviews issues relating to health and safety, premises and related issues and discusses staffing as monitoring and maintaining personnel policies.

Attendance at meeting during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Miss K Pizuti	6	6
Mr M O Cummings	6	6
Mr S Kristjansson	6	6
Mrs H Rasheed	2	6
Mrs A Cartledge	6	6

The Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is to provide assurance to the board over the suitability of, and compliance with, its financial systems and operational controls, and to ensure that risks are being adequately identified and managed.

Attendance at meeting during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr S Kristjansson	2	2
Mrs H Rasheed	0	2
Mrs A Cartledge	2	2

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Review of value for money

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

The accounting officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during the academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available.

The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Regular reviews of the academy's financial situation with the accountant and business manager.
- Enforcement of the trust's Best Value Policy.
- Use of benchmarking against other trusts and institutions.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Ashton West End Academy Trust for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

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

The risk and control framework

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

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

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided:

- To appoint an internal auditor to carry out a programme of internal checks.
- To appoint Haines Watts the external auditor, to perform additional checks.

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

- testing of payroll systems;
- testing of purchase systems; and
- testing of control account/ bank reconciliations.

On a quarterly basis the auditors will report to the board of trustees, through the Audit Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Review of effectiveness

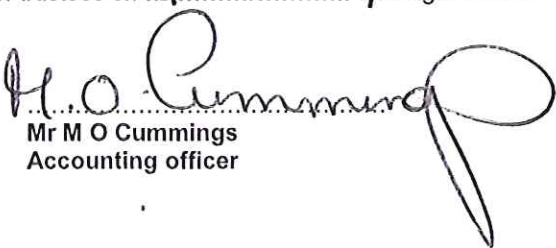
As accounting officer the principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the external auditor

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 any weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 4.12.2019 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs S Jones
Chair of trustees


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Mr M O Cummings
Accounting officer

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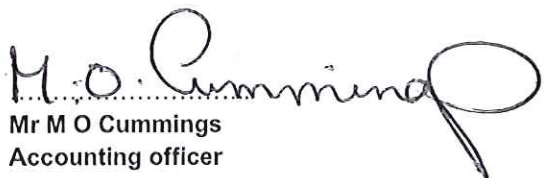
STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

As accounting officer of Ashton West End Primary Academy I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2018.

I confirm that I and the academy trust's board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2018.

I confirm that no instances 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.


Mr M O Cummings
Accounting officer

Date 4.12.2019

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashton West End Primary Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 published by the Education & Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, the trustees are required to:

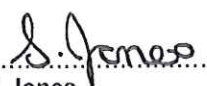
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

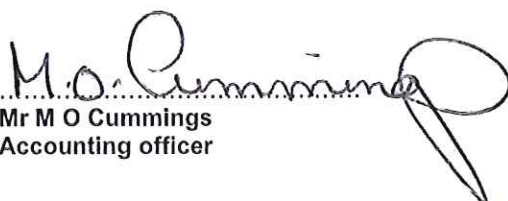
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with 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 that 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 accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 4.12.19 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs S Jones
Chair of trustees


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Mr M O Cummings
Accounting officer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Ashton West End Primary Academy for the year ended 31 August 2019 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the accounts 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 accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts 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 accounts 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the trustees' report including the incorporated 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 the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report, including the incorporated 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 accounts 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 are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

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

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

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Use of our report

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

.....Haines Watts.....

Candice Beynon FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of

Haines Watts
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Bridge House
Ashley Road
Hale
Altrincham
WA14 2UT

Date:4/12/19.....

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 19 April 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Ashton West End Primary Academy during the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Ashton West End Primary Academy and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Ashton West End Primary Academy and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Ashton West End Primary Academy and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Ashton West End Primary Academy's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Ashton West End Primary Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 26 February 2016 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2018, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance, and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- We have confirmed that the activities conform to the academy trust's framework of authorities. As identified by review of minutes, management accounts, discussion with the accounting officer and other key management personnel.
- We have carried out an analytical review as part of the consideration of whether general activities of the academy trust are within the academy trust's framework of authorities.
- We have considered the evidence supporting the accounting officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance and have evaluated the general control environment of the academy trust and extended the procedures required for financial statements to include regularity.
- We have assessed and tested a sample of the specific control activities over regularity of a particular activity. In performing sample testing of expenditure, we have considered whether the activity is permissible within the academy trust's framework of authorities. We confirm that each item tested has been appropriately authorised in accordance with the academy trust's delegated authorities and that the internal delegations have been approved by the governing body, and conform to the limits set by the Department for Education.
- Formal representations have been obtained from the governing body and the accounting officer acknowledging their responsibilities including disclosing all non-compliance with laws and regulations specific to the authorising framework, access to accounting records, provision of information and explanations, and other matters where direct evidence is not available.
- In performing sample testing of expenditure, we have reviewed against specific terms of grant funding within the funding agreement. We have reviewed the list of suppliers and have considered whether supplies are from related parties and have reviewed minutes for evidence of declaration of interest, and whether or not there was involvement in the decision to order from this supplier.
- We have performed sample testing of other income and tested whether activities are permitted within the academy trust's charitable objects.

Conclusion

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

Haines Watts

Haines Watts
Reporting Accountant

Date: 4/12/19

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted funds: General £000	Fixed asset £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	134	134	8
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	2,123	-	2,123	1,942
Other trading activities	5	45	4	-	49	42
Investments	6	7	-	-	7	2
Total		<u>52</u>	<u>2,127</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>2,313</u>	<u>1,994</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	8	<u>46</u>	<u>1,612</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>1,761</u>	<u>1,664</u>
Total	7	<u>46</u>	<u>1,612</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>1,761</u>	<u>1,664</u>
Net income		6	515	31	552	330
Transfers between funds	16	-	(34)	34	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial (losses)/gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	<u>-</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>97</u>
Net movement in funds		6	286	65	357	427
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,006</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>2,330</u>	<u>4,099</u>	<u>3,672</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,012</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>4,456</u>	<u>4,099</u>

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Comparative year information		Unrestricted	Restricted funds:		Total
Year ended 31 August 2018		Funds	General	Fixed asset	2018
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	8	8
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	1,942	-	1,942
Other trading activities	5	41	1	-	42
Investments	6	2	-	-	2
Total		<u>43</u>	<u>1,943</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1,994</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	41	1,520	103	1,664
Total	7	<u>41</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>1,664</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		2	423	(95)	330
Transfers between funds	16	-	(16)	16	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	97	-	97
Net movement in funds		2	504	(79)	427
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,004</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>2,409</u>	<u>3,672</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,006</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>2,330</u>	<u>4,099</u>

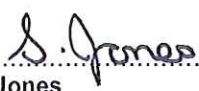
ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	2019 £000	2018 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	2,370	2,330
Current assets			
Debtors	13	124	67
Cash at bank and in hand		2,751	2,122
		2,875	2,189
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(171)	(51)
Net current assets		2,704	2,138
Net assets excluding pension liability		5,074	4,468
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	18	(618)	(369)
Total net assets		4,456	4,099
Funds of the academy trust:			
Restricted funds	16		
- Fixed asset funds		2,395	2,330
- Restricted income funds		1,667	1,132
- Pension reserve		(618)	(369)
Total restricted funds		3,444	3,093
Unrestricted income funds	16	1,012	1,006
Total funds		4,456	4,099

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 4.12.2019 and are signed on its behalf by:


 Mrs S Jones
 Chair of trustees

Company Number 09388819

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

		2019		2018	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by operating activities	19		631		463
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		7		2	
Capital grants from DfE Group		134		8	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(143)		(24)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(2)		(14)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			629		449
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			2,122		1,673
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			2,751		2,122

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1 Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts 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 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Ashton West End Primary Academy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Income

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

Grants

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the period for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1 Accounting policies

Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the academy trust has provided the goods or services.

Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the accounts until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Donated fixed assets

Donated fixed assets are measured at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy trust's accounting policies.

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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the academy trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the academy trust apportioned to charitable activities.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1 Accounting policies

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

Leasehold land	nil
Leasehold buildings	125 years
Computer equipment	5 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5 years

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.

1.6 Liabilities

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

1.7 Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.9 Taxation

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.10 Pensions benefits

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

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1 Accounting policies

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

1.11 Fund accounting

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

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

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

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2019. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Capital grants	-	134	134	8

4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
DfE / ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	1,681	1,681	1,595
Other DfE group grants	-	343	343	253
	-	2,024	2,024	1,848
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	99	99	94
Total funding	-	2,123	2,123	1,942

The academy trust received £99,000 from the local authority in the year, being £78,000 for nursery funding, £9,000 for PFI Rebate, £10,000 for HNB funding and £2,000 for pupil premium received.

There were no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies relating to the grants in the year.

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Catering income	31	-	31	31
Other income	14	4	18	11
	<u>45</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>42</u>

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Short term deposits	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

7 Expenditure

	Staff costs £000	Non Pay Expenditure Premises £000	Other £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	1,125	19	92	1,236	1,180
- Allocated support costs	<u>275</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>484</u>
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>1,761</u>	<u>1,664</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	6	6
- Other services	4	3
Operating lease rentals	5	5
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	103	103
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2019 £000	Total 2018 £000
Direct costs				
Educational operations	16	1,220	1,236	1,180
Support costs				
Educational operations	<u>30</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>484</u>
	<u>46</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>1,761</u>	<u>1,664</u>

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

8 Charitable activities

Analysis of costs	2019 £000	2018 £000
Direct costs		
Teaching and educational support staff costs	1,125	1,059
Staff development	3	3
Depreciation	19	19
Technology costs	1	1
Educational supplies and services	48	60
Educational consultancy	23	27
Other direct costs	17	11
	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,180</u>
Support costs		
Support staff costs	275	246
Depreciation	84	84
Maintenance of premises and equipment	25	20
Cleaning	7	9
Energy costs	17	18
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs	12	15
Insurance	9	8
Catering	46	40
Interest on defined benefit pension scheme	11	11
Other support costs	19	20
Governance costs	20	13
	<u>525</u>	<u>484</u>

9 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Wages and salaries	1,019	945
Social security costs	93	84
Pension costs	227	214
	<u>1,339</u>	<u>1,243</u>
Agency staff costs	61	62
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,305</u>
Staff development and other staff costs	3	3
	<u>1,403</u>	<u>1,308</u>

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

9 Staff

Staff numbers

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

	2019 Number	2018 Number
Teachers	13	17
Administration and support	29	26
Management	5	5
	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>

Higher paid staff

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

	2019 Number	2018 Number
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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 and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £389,000 (2018: £298,000).

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as trustees.

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

M Cummings (principal and trustee):

Remuneration	£85,001 - £90,000 (2018: £65,001 - £70,000)
Employers' pension contribution	£10,001 - £15,000 (2018: £10,001 - £15,000)

K Pizuti (staff and trustee):

Remuneration	£40,001 - £45,000 (2018: £40,001 - £45,000)
Employers' pension contribution	£5,001 - £10,000 (2018: £5,001 - £10,000)

H Parker (staff and trustee):

Remuneration	£30,001 - £35,000 (2018: 30,001 - £35,000)
Employers' pension contribution	£5,001 - £10,000 (2018: £5,001 - £10,000)

A Cartledge (staff and trustee) :

Remuneration	£5,001 - £10,000 (2018: £nil)
Employers' pension contribution	£nil (2018: £nil)

During the year ended 31 August 2019, there were no travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed or paid directly to the trustees. Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out within the related parties note.

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11 Trustees and officers insurance

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost				
At 1 September 2018	2,236	32	405	2,673
Additions	136	6	1	143
	<u>2,372</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>2,816</u>
At 31 August 2019	2,372	38	406	2,816
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2018	59	11	273	343
Charge for the year	17	5	81	103
	<u>76</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>446</u>
At 31 August 2019	76	16	354	446
Net book value				
At 31 August 2019	<u>2,296</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>2,370</u>
At 31 August 2018	<u>2,177</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>2,330</u>

The net book value of land and buildings comprises:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Long leaseholds (over 50 years)	<u>2,296</u>	<u>2,177</u>

13 Debtors

	2019 £000	2018 £000
VAT recoverable	7	20
Other debtors	1	1
Prepayments and accrued income	116	46
	<u>124</u>	<u>67</u>

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14	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2019	2018
		£000	£000
	Accruals and deferred income	171	51
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
15	Deferred income	2019	2018
		£000	£000
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	28	28
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Deferred income at 1 September 2018	28	37
	Released from previous years	(28)	(37)
	Resources deferred in the year	28	28
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Deferred income at 31 August 2019	28	28
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

At the balance sheet date, the academy trust was holding funds received in advance of the 2019-20 academic year for the free school meals programme.

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16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, losses and transfers £000	Balance at 31 August 2019 £000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,132	1,681	(1,112)	(34)	1,667
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	343	(343)	-	-
Other government grants	-	99	(99)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	4	(4)	-	-
Pension reserve	(369)	-	(54)	(195)	(618)
	<u>763</u>	<u>2,127</u>	<u>(1,612)</u>	<u>(229)</u>	<u>1,049</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	1,897	-	(96)	-	1,801
DfE group capital grants	21	134	(1)	-	154
Capital expenditure from GAG	412	-	(6)	34	440
	<u>2,330</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>(103)</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>2,395</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,093</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>(1,715)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>3,444</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>1,006</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>(46)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,012</u>
Total funds	<u>4,099</u>	<u>2,313</u>	<u>(1,761)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>4,456</u>

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

Restricted general funds are those resources that have been designated restricted by the grant provider in meeting the objects of the academy and are restricted to both the day to day running of the academy and capital expenditure.

Restricted fixed asset funds are those funds relating to the long term assets of the academy used in delivering the objects of the academy.

Unrestricted funds are funds which the board of trustees may use in the pursuance of the academy's objects and are expendable at the discretion of the trustees.

The transfer from General Annual Grant restricted general fund to restricted fixed asset funds is to meet the cost of fixed asset additions for which there were no specific capital funding in the year.

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

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16 Funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, losses and transfers £000	Balance at 31 August 2018 £000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	675	1,595	(1,122)	(16)	1,132
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	253	(253)	-	-
Other government grants	-	94	(94)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	1	(1)	-	-
Pension reserve	(416)	-	(50)	97	(369)
	<u>259</u>	<u>1,943</u>	<u>(1,520)</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>763</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transfer on conversion	1,993	-	(96)	-	1,897
DfE group capital grants	15	8	(2)	-	21
Capital expenditure from GAG	401	-	(5)	16	412
	<u>2,409</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>(103)</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2,330</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,668</u>	<u>1,951</u>	<u>(1,623)</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>3,093</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>1,004</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>(41)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,006</u>
Total funds	<u>3,672</u>	<u>1,994</u>	<u>(1,664)</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>4,099</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted funds: General £000	Fixed asset £000	Total Funds £000
Fund balances at 31 August 2019 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,370	2,370
Current assets	1,012	1,838	25	2,875
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(171)	-	(171)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(618)	-	(618)
Total net assets	<u>1,012</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>4,456</u>

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted funds: General £000	Fixed asset £000	Total Funds £000
Fund balances at 31 August 2018 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,330	2,330
Current assets	1,006	1,183	-	2,189
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(51)	-	(51)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(369)	-	(369)
Total net assets	1,006	763	2,330	4,099

18 Pension and similar obligations

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016.

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' 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.

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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 September 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £111,000 (2018: £108,000).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is 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 the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 26.5 per cent for employers and between 5.5 per cent and 9.9 per cent for employees.

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

Total contributions made	2019 £000	2018 £000
Employer's contributions	71	68
Employees' contributions	15	15
Total contributions	86	83
Principal actuarial assumptions	2019 %	2018 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.1	3.2
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.3	2.4
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.8	2.8

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18 Pension and similar obligations

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

	2019 Years	2018 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	20.6	21.5
- Females	23.1	24.1
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.0	23.7
- Females	24.8	26.2

Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:

Sensitivity analysis

Changes in assumptions at 31 August 2019	Approximate % increase to employer liability	Approximate monetary amount (£000)
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate	13%	182
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	11%	148
0.5% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	2%	30

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

	2019 Fair value £000	2018 Fair value £000
Equities	535	460
Bonds	118	108
Property	63	47
Other assets	71	61
Total market value of assets	787	676

The actual return on scheme assets was £35,000 (2018: £33,000).

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18 Pension and similar obligations

Amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	2019 £000	2018 £000
Current service cost	100	107
Past service cost	14	-
Interest income	(20)	(15)
Interest cost	31	26
Total operating charge	125	118
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2019 £000	2018 £000
At 1 September 2018	1,045	981
Current service cost	100	107
Interest cost	31	26
Employee contributions	15	15
Actuarial loss/(gain)	210	(79)
Benefits paid	(10)	(5)
Past service cost	14	-
At 31 August 2019	1,405	1,045
Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets	2019 £000	2018 £000
At 1 September 2018	676	565
Interest income	20	15
Actuarial gain	15	18
Employer contributions	71	68
Employee contributions	15	15
Benefits paid	(10)	(5)
At 31 August 2019	787	676

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19 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	552	330
Adjusted for:		
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(134)	(8)
Investment income receivable	(7)	(2)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	43	39
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	11	11
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	103	103
(Increase) in debtors	(57)	(16)
Increase in creditors	120	6
Net cash provided by operating activities	631	463

20 Commitments under operating leases

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

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Amounts due within one year	5	5
Amounts due in two and five years	8	9
	13	14

21 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the academy trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

No related party transactions took place in the period of account other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

22 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 or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member.

