



**Blackpool Multi Academy Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Period Ended 31 August 2019

**Company Registration Number:
08597962 (England and Wales)**

Blackpool Multi Academy Trust

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Reference and Administrative Details

Governors (Trustees)

Company Directors

Mr Paul Turner - Chair (Interim)	01.09.2017 - 01.07.2019
Mr Norman Gibson – Chair	01.05.2019 – 31.07.2023
Mr David Wallbank - Vice Chair (Interim)	01.09.2017 - 31.08.2021
Mrs Jan Ashbridge - Trustee	01.09.2017 - 31.08.2021
Mrs Bukky Gibson - Trustee	03.04.2019 - 02.04.2023
Mr Norman Gibson - Trustee	14.02.2019 – 31.07.2019
Mr Michael Pickthall - Trustee	29.04.2019 - 28.04.2023
Mrs Kathryn Seddon - Trustee	03.04.2019 - 02.04.2023
Mrs Lorraine Stephen - Trustee	01.09.2014 - 31.08.2020

Senior Management Team

- Strategic Lead	Mr Mike Toyn 01.09.2018 - 31.08.2019
- Principal	Mr K Berry Park Community Academy
- Principal	Mr G Dow Anchorsholme Academy
- Principal	Mr N Toyne Devonshire Primary Academy
- Finance Manager	Mrs A Millard - Park Community Academy

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Trustees' Report for the Period Ended 31 August 2019

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' reports of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019.

Blackpool Multi Academy Trust Limited was incorporated on 4 July 2013 and on 1 September 2013; Blackpool Multi Academy Trust converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010.

The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and as a directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates three primary and one special school in Blackpool. It has a pupil capacity of 1816 and had a roll of 1803 in the school census on 17th January 2019.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust Limited and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Blackpool Multi Academy Trust.

Details of the governors who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 18.

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.

Governors' Indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy has purchased insurance to protect governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £1,000,000 on any one claim.

Principal Activities

The Blackpool Multi Academy Trust's principal activity is specifically restricted to the following:

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.

There are four Academies in the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust:

Anchorsholme Academy is a non-selective school, which provides education for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 4 and 11. The pupils are drawn from the catchment area, in accordance with the Local Authority's admissions criteria. It has a capacity of 630 and had a roll of 608 in the school census on 17 January 2019.

Devonshire Primary Academy is a non-selective school, which provides education for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 4 and 11. The pupils are drawn from the catchment area, in accordance with the Local Authority's admissions criteria. It has a capacity of 450 plus 52 Nursery places and had a roll of 465 in the school census on 17 January 2019.

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Park Community Academy is a community Special School, which provides education for pupils with moderate and complex learning difficulties between the ages of 2 – 19. The pupils are drawn from both the Blackpool and the wider Lancashire area in accordance with the Local Authority's admissions procedure. It has a capacity of 270 and had a roll of 278 in the school census on 17 January 2019.

Revoe Learning Academy is a non-selective school, which provides education for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 4 and 11. The pupils are drawn from the catchment area, in accordance with the Local Authority's admissions criteria. It has a capacity of 466 and had a roll of 452 (Y1 - Y6) including 46 Nursery 2 places in the school census on 17 January 2019. Revoe Learning Academy is the sponsored school in the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust. Revoe was inspected by Ofsted in March 2019 and was judged as a 'Good' school.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Directors and Governors:

Trustees

There are currently nine appointed Trustees on the Board of Trustees at Blackpool Multi Academy Trust. The original Board was disbanded on 31st August 2017 to allow a new skills orientated Board to commence on 1st September 2017. This Board was recruited using the Academy Ambassadors programme on recommendation from the Regional Schools Commissioner.

The selection criteria was based on the skills needed to appoint a professional and experienced Board. As a result, Directors with the following skills were appointed: Finance, Human Resources, Safeguarding, School Improvement, Special Educational Needs, Business and Further Education. Recruitment has continued throughout 2018-2019 and a fully skills based board is now in place.

Local Governing Body:

Each of the four Academies in the Trust follow the same Local Governing Body membership structure and the selection methods are as follows:

Community Governors (5) – These are appointed by the Local Governing Body. Members would be invited to seek suitably qualified persons with the necessary skills. The Governing Body would then be asked to confirm their acceptance of the nominee.

Parent Governors (4) – are elected in accordance with adopted procedures. These reflect the procedures that have been produced by the Local Authority.

Staff Governors (4) – are elected in accordance with adopted procedures. These reflect the procedures that have been produced by the Local Authority.

Any Associate Governors are appointed to enrich the Governing Body and are selected in the same way as Community Governors. The Trustee Board has nominated its members to sit on each of the Local Governing Bodies as an Associate Governor

Sponsored School - Revoe Learning Academy:

Community Governors (5) These are appointed by the Board of Directors. Members would be invited to seek suitably qualified persons with the necessary skills. The Board of Directors would then be asked to confirm their acceptance of the nominee.

Parent Governors (4) – are elected in accordance with adopted procedures. These reflect the procedures that have been produced by the Local Authority and confirmed by the Board of Directors.

Staff Governors (4) - are elected in accordance with adopted procedures. These reflect the procedures that have been produced by the Local Authority and confirmed by the Board of Directors.

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Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Governors

The training and induction provided for new Governors will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary induction will provide training on charity and educational legal and financial matters. All new Governors will be given a tour of the Academy and the chance to meet with staff and students. All governors are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as governors. As there are normally only two or three new governors a year across the Trust, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual.

Each Local Governing Body also subscribes to the Local Authority's Governor Services training element, which includes a comprehensive Governor Induction package of which new Governors are actively encouraged to attend.

Organisational Structure

The structure of the Academy consists of four levels: the Members, the Board of Directors, the Governors and the Senior Management Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The Directors are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Academies by the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the Trust, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

The Governors of the Local Governing Bodies are responsible for setting general academy policies, adopting an annual plan and budget for their Academy, monitoring the use of the budget and staff appointments.

An Interim Strategic Lead, Mr Mike Toyn, was appointed for 2018 - 2019. Mr Keith Berry remained the Accounting Officer for the Trust. Mr Toyn has managed the Trust at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and Governors, and are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, though appointment boards for posts in the Management Team will always contain a member of the Local Governing Body. Headteacher appointments will have a Trustee on the appointment panel.

Arrangements for setting pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel with delegated authority within the MAT are Mr Mike Toyn, Strategic Lead, Mr Keith Berry, Headteacher, Park Community Academy, Mr Graeme Dow, Headteacher, Anchorsholme Academy and Mr Nick Toyne, Headteacher, Devonshire Primary Academy

The MAT Pay Policy (approved September 2018) and reviewed annually states the following:

13.2 Current Serving Headteachers:

'The Pay Committee will review the Headteacher's pay in accordance with paragraph 11.2 of the Document and award pay progression where there has been a sustained high quality of performance having regard to the results of the most recent appraisal carried out in accordance with the Appraisal Regulations 2012 and any recommendation on pay progression in the Headteacher's most recent appraisal report.

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The Pay Committee may determine the head's range, within the head's group for the school, as at 1 September or at any time if they consider it is necessary (paragraph 8 of section 3 guidance STPCD Document 2017);

If the Pay Committee makes a determination to change the head's range, it will determine the head's range within the head's group for the school, in accordance with paragraph 8; and paragraph 9 of the section 3 guidance STPCD Document 2017;

If the Headteacher take on temporary accountability for one or more additional schools, the pay committee will consider awarding a temporary payment under paragraph 6.6 STPCD Document 2017.

The Pay Committee will consider the use of additional payments, as per the provisions of part 1 paragraph 10 STPCD Document 2017 and section 3 paragraphs 11 - 12.

The Pay Committee will consider using its discretion, in wholly exceptional circumstances, to exceed the 25%, as set out in paragraph 9 STPCD Document 2017 and section 3 paragraphs 13 - 15. However, before agreeing to do so, it will seek the agreement of the governing board which in turn will seek external independent advice before providing such agreement'

13.4 Current Serving Deputy/Assistant Headteachers

'The Pay Committee will review pay in accordance with part 1 paragraph 11 and award points where there has been sustained high quality of performance having regard to the results of the recent appraisal, and to any recommendation on pay progression recorded in the Deputy/Assistant Headteachers most recent appraisal report.

The Pay Committee will review and, if necessary, re-determine the Deputy/Assistant Headteacher pay range where there has been a significant change in the responsibilities of the serving Deputy/Assistant Headteacher (part 1 paragraph 9 of STPCD).

The Pay Committee may determine the deputy head pay range at any time in accordance with paragraph 9 of the STPCD document'.

Non-teaching members of the Senior Leadership Team are under the NJC Local Government pay and conditions. Those staff are graded according to job description and are paid on an incremental scale - which increments on an annual basis. When the top of the scale is reached then there are no further increments unless a review of the roles and responsibilities is carried out and the post re-graded accordingly.

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Trade Union Facility Time

Relevant Union Officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
1	0

Percentage of time spent on facility time

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

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Provide the total cost of facility time	0
Provide the total pay bill	0
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as: (total cost of facility time ÷ total pay bill) x 100	0

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as: (total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period ÷ total paid facility time hours) x 100	Training x 5 days None
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Risk Management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Multi Academy Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Trust and its finances. The governors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the each school faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and school trips) and in relation to the control of finance the Directors have introduced systems, including operational procedures (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors, supervision of school grounds) and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

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Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

Mr N Toyne – Headteacher Devonshire Primary Academy:

Before joining Devonshire Primary Academy in September 2017 Mr Toyne had been a head teacher in a school in Warrington for five years.

His career in education now spans 31 years and includes 4 Headships prior to this one. Mr Toyne has also worked as a Local Authority Senior Adviser, supporting schools to raise standards. His career has also allowed him to have a secondment to Lancashire County Council to help develop the Every Child Matters agenda across schools at all levels. The schools that he has been HT of have ranged from 48 pupils to over 400. Mr Toyne has also worked in 4 different Local Authorities and 10 schools in all.

Mr Toyne's current role as Headteacher at Devonshire Primary Academy is his first time leading an Academy and is also the largest school being 465 pupils in size.

Mr K Berry – Headteacher, Park Community Academy:

Appointed as a Local Leader of Education in July 2011, and a National Leader of Education in July 2013 and at this time Park Community Academy was also appointed as a National Support School.

As an Outstanding School - for the fourth consecutive in May 2018, all teachers and teaching assistants at Park Community Academy are experienced in supporting and mentoring colleagues from mainstream settings through their outreach role, which is a commissioned service from the Local Authority to provide support on a range of SEND issues.

Mr G Dow – Headteacher, Anchorsholme Academy:

Mr Dow was an innovator in partnership working particularly in regard to Initial Teacher Training and Anchorsholme Academy was identified as a Training School and also as a Beacon School in relation to student support. Anchorsholme continues to work very closely with Cumbria University in the delivery of student placements for many teacher training students.

Mr Dow has also worked with schools across England and Wales through the Tower Network and the Academy continues to work in a number of partnerships locally, nationally and internationally, working with schools in Portugal, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Sweden, Poland, Ireland and Greece. There is also a strong link with schools and institutes of Higher Education in China.

Mr Dow also worked closely with the Local Authority providing support to other local schools and was appointed as a Local Leader of Education in 2011. He is also a lead member of a number of strategic groups in Blackpool and helps to shape the development of education provision across the town.

Mr Dow has also supported the British Council on the development of international partnership work and has led a number of briefing sessions and development projects with schools across Europe.

Blackpool Multi Academy Trust:

The Trust has been a School Direct provider from September 2016 and provides work based training for up to 12 student teachers from the University of Cumbria. The Blackpool Teaching School Alliance now facilitates this with the Trust being a strategic partner. Park Community Academy continue to lead on the training and have also secured the SEND Teacher Training Programme effective from September 2018.

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Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The main objective for the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust for 2018-2019 was the continued successful sponsorship of Revoe Learning Academy, which became a 'forced' academy following being placed in the Ofsted category of Special Measures.

Revoe Learning Academy was sponsored and converted successfully on 1st April 2014 but the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust began its support in September 2013. This was achieved through rigorous strategic management by the Board of Directors and the Trustees are pleased to report that Revoe was judged as 'Good' by Ofsted in March 2019.

Devonshire Primary Academy has also been a focus for school improvement following a 'Requires Improvement' Ofsted judgement. Rapid, sustained progress has been made through rigorous self assessment, monitoring and moderation. A further inspection is due in the Autumn Term 2019.

The Trust continued to foster good relationship with the local communities of each Academy through the many academy events held.

Public Benefit

The academy's Articles of Association state that it will provide educational facilities and services to students of all ages and the wider community for the public benefit. The academy governors have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit by the charity commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

Devonshire Primary Academy

Statutory Assessment results for the end of Year 6 2019:

KS2	AS (%)	NS (%)
Reading	48	52
Writing	72	28
Maths	62	38
GPS	63	37

Anchorsholme Academy:

Statutory Assessment results for the end of Year 6 2019:

KS2	AS (%)	NS (%)
Reading	79	21
Writing	75	25
Maths	89	11
GPS	81	19

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Park Community Academy is popular and oversubscribed.

2018-19 PCA Accreditation

GCSE	Maths	Art
No of pupils achieving grade 9-1	2	5

BTEC	No of pupils achieving a pass at L1	No of pupils achieving a pass at L2
Travel and Tourism	12	
Home Cooking	23	1
Performing Arts	12	
Work skills	29	
Sport and Leisure	5	
Vocational	10	

Functional Skills	Entry 1	Entry 2	Entry 3	Level 1	Level 2
Maths	33	22	12	3	1
English				3	
ICT	18	6	4		

Entry Level qualifications	Number of entry levels taken	% of entry levels achieved at Entry 1 or above	% of entry levels achieved at Entry 2 or above	% of entry levels achieved at Entry 3
Sixth form	14	100%	100%	50%
Yr. 11	138	100%	99%	62%
Yr.10	237	100%	97%	59%
Yr. 9	30	100%	100%	

External College Accreditation Blackpool and the Fylde College	Occupational Studies Award Level 1	Transport Maintenance Award Level 1	Photography Aim Award Level 1	Music production Entry 3
Yr 12	4	4	3	4
Yr 13			3	3
Yr 14			2	2

Arts Award (Trinity College)

Discover	23 pupils (Key stage 2)
Explore	19 pupils (Key stage 2)
Bronze	20 pupils (Key stage 3)

Music -The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music

1 pupil -Grade 3 Trumpet

1 pupil – Grade 3 Horn

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Bronze = 12 Yr. 11 pupils

Silver = 5 Sixth Form pupil

John Muir Award

8 Sixth Form pupils

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Revoe Learning Academy:

Statutory Assessment results for the end of Year 6 2019:

KS2	AS (%)	NS (%)
Reading	53	47
Writing	58	42
Maths	71	29
GPS	64	36

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the governing body has a reasonable expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. 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.

Key Financial Performance Indicators

Financial Review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2019 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 August 2019 total expenditure exceeded recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. The excess of expenditure over income excluding restricted fixed asset funds was £495,258

At 31 August 2019, the net book value of fixed assets was £21.554 million. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Trust's financial objectives are:

- applying at all times, best value principles in all purchases
- monitoring and evaluating the value for money of all staff
- to prevent areas of wastage
- generating extra income through grants/bids/consultancy work where possible.

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Principle Risks and Uncertainties

The governors have considered the principle risks and uncertainties facing the academy as follows:

- Safeguarding pupils both on and off school premises
- Business continuity in the event of major disaster
- Financial risks including fraud, solvency etc.
- Health and Safety including maintenance of the property
- Long term staff sickness

The risk management process that the academy has in place has addressed and attempted to minimise these risks.

The governors have considered the need for a specific internal audit function and have decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, each academy has a Finance Scrutiny Committee whose role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems. [On a quarterly basis, the RO reports to the governing body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the governing body's financial responsibilities.] These arrangements can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

Reserves Policy

The governors review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The governors have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be approximately 6-8% of charitable income. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. The academy's current level of free reserves (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and restricted funds) is £2.159 million.

The total Reserves held by the Trust this year exceeds that of the Reserves Policy, however, each Academy has a clear and succinct spending plan for the use of these funds. All Academies are using their reserves towards planned capital projects over the course of the year.

Park Community Academy:

All current Reserves are committed against the new extension to the Key Stage 1 building which will see an additional classroom added along with the current sensory room and play area being extended. This is budgeted at £362k. The remaining reserves commitment is towards the addition of a primary Multi Use Games Area on the current Key Stage 2 yard at £26,000.

Devonshire Primary Academy:

DPA Reserves are committed against capital works, which include £66,080 for a new outdoor area and gazebo, and £70,000 of refurbishment over the summer holidays 2018/19.

There is a commitment to spend the reserves over the next 3 years and the school has planned this programme of works.

Revoe Learning Academy:

There is £120,000 committed for capital works in the academic year 2019/20 for a toilet refurbishment. There is also a commitment of £20,000 for playgrounds works and an £80,000 commitment towards classroom opening works.

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Anchorsholme Academy:

Expenditure against Reserves is planned as follows:

£128,546 allocated towards setting the 2019-20 budget.

£20,000 allocated to the Success for All project

Financial position

The Trust held fund balances at 31 August 2019 of £14.868 million comprising £13.956 million of restricted funds and £0.912 million of unrestricted general funds

Devonshire Primary Academy held fund balances at 31 August 2019 of £5.879 million comprising £5.804 million of restricted funds and £0.075 million of unrestricted general funds

Anchorsholme Academy held fund balances at 31 August 2019 of £4.905 million comprising £4.402 million of restricted funds and £0.503 million of unrestricted general funds

Park Community Academy held fund balances at 31 August 2019 of £1.910 million comprising £1.829 million of restricted funds and £0.081 million of unrestricted general funds

Revoe Learning Academy held fund balances at 31 August 2019 of £2.172 million comprising £1.925 million of restricted funds and £0.247 million of unrestricted general funds

Investment Policy

In line with Companies Act 2006 guidance, the Trust has an Investment Policy that outlines the investment strategy and cash balances held and clarifies the decision behind the choices made.

The Trust held no managed investments during the period as at 31st August 2019.

Fundraising

Park Community Academy:

The Friends of Park Community Academy are active in their fundraising for the Academy. They meet once a term and arrange regular annual events to raise funds, the largest event being the annual Autumn Fayre. A decision is made on what the fundraising focus will be for the year (the last three years has been for a new Minibus).

Fundraising events are extended to pupils, family and friends, and the Autumn Fayre is advertised locally for members of the local community to attend should they wish to.

The Academy Business Manager oversees the funds raise and banks any raised funds accordingly in line with school policy.

Any fundraising complaints would be directed to the Chair of The Friends of Park Community Academy and to date there have been no complaints raised.

All events are organised for the school community and are not deemed to be intrusive or persistent. There are three events held annually.

Devonshire Primary Academy:

There is a Parents Forum in place who organises fundraising events within school such as non-uniform days and charity collection days (Children in Need), etc.

The school does not actively fundraise for specific projects.

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Anchorsholme Academy:

There is no formal approach to fundraising in place at Anchorsholme Academy

Revoe Learning Academy:

There is no formal approach to fundraising in place at Revoe Learning Academy

Plans for Future Periods

The Academy will continue striving to improve the levels of performance of its pupils. It is planned and expected that the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust will merge with The View Trust' on 1st November 2019. Both of the Board of Trustees will merge to form one full effective Board of Trustees and the Members of both Trusts will merge to form a five Member group. The CEO of The View Trust has been appointed as the new CEO of the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust from 1st September 2019 and will oversee this merger to completion.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others

There are no funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others.

Auditor

In so far as the governors are aware:

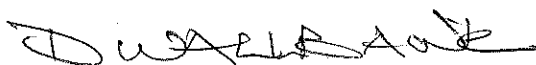
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the governors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

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

Approved by order of the members of the governing body on 16th December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr N Gibson
[Chair]



VICE CHAIR

18/12/19

Governance Statement

Scope of Responsibility

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

The Board of Directors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Strategic Lead 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 the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the governing body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

The Directors/Governors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that Blackpool Multi Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. The Trust is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable us to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act. The Trust acknowledges responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- The Trust is operating efficiently and effectively;
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- The proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Trust or for publication is reliable;
- The Trust complies with relevant laws and regulations.
- The Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:
 - comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the governing body;
 - regular reviews by the Finance, Buildings & Health & Safety 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.
- In addition, the Directors/Governors have considered the guidance for directors of public listed companies contained within the Turnbull Report. They believe that although it is not mandatory for the Trust it should, as a publicly funded body, adopt these guidelines as best practice. Accordingly they have set policies on internal controls which cover the following:
 - the type of risks the Trust faces;
 - the level of risks which they regard as acceptable;
 - the likelihood of the risks materialising;
 - the Trust's ability to reduce the incidence and impact on the Academy's operations of risks that do materialise;
 - the costs of operating particular controls relative to the benefits obtained;
 - clarified the responsibility of the Management Team to implement the governors' policies and to identify and evaluate risks for the governors' consideration;
 - explained to employees that they have responsibility for internal control as part of their accountability for achieving objectives;
 - embedded the control system in the Trust's operations so that it becomes part of the culture of each of the Academies;
 - developed systems to respond quickly to evolving risks arising from factors within the Trust and to changes in the external environment; and

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- included procedures for reporting failings immediately to appropriate levels of management and the governors together with details of corrective action being undertaken.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the governor's report and in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities. The Board of Directors has formally met 10 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the governing body was as follows:

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
Mr P Turner (Chairman resigned 31/07/2019)	9	10
Mrs J Ashbridge	7	10
Mrs R Lawton (resigned 01/09/2018)	1	10
Mrs K Lord	3	10
Mr J Pellowe (resigned 01/04/2019)	0	10
Mr D Wallbank	7	10
Mrs L Stephen	6	10
Mr N Gibson (Chairman 01/08/2019)	2	4
Mrs B Gibson	1	3
Mr M Picthall	1	2
Mrs K Seddon	2	3
Mr M Toyn (Strategic Lead)	10	10

Devonshire Primary Academy

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
Mrs B Houghton (Chair)	10	10
Mr N Toyne (Headteacher)	9	10
Mrs D Abbot	5	5
Mr C Brambles	7	7
Mr A Brannigan	5	6
Miss N Dean	8	8
Mr N Hall	5	6
Mrs M McQueen	6	7
Mr D Simm	7	7
Mrs S Tamaddon	6	6

Anchorsholme Academy

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
Mr S Ela (Chair)	6	6
Mr G Dow (Headteacher)	5	6
Mrs L Burn	5	6
Miss L Breakwell	4	6
Mr I Clare	5	6
Mr M Gilkes	2	6
Mr A Hurley	2	6
Mr D McGinnis	4	6
Miss J Morris	6	6
Mrs J Roberts	3	6
Ms C Rooney	4	6

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Governance Statement (continued)

Park Community Academy

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
Mrs S Fielder (Chair)	7	7
Mr K Berry (Headteacher)	7	7
Mr S Bradford	6	7
Ms C Collins	5	7
Mrs J Courtenay	1	7
Miss J Edwards	4	7
Mr S Johnson	6	7
Mrs L Marrs	6	7
Mr A Rice	5	7
Mrs A Roache	6	7
Mr K Robbins	7	7
Mrs G Whiteley	6	7
Mr S Whitton	4	7

Revoe Learning Academy

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
Mr D Harrison (Headteacher)	5	6
Mr A Hackett (Chair)	4	6
Mrs A Chapman	1	6
Miss K Ashton (End of office 18/05/19)	4	6
Mrs D Atherton (resigned 15/07/19)	3	6
Mr E Choudry (Disqualified non attendance)	0	6
Mrs K England (end of office 31/03/19)	3	6
Ms J Park	4	6
Mrs S Swinson	3	6
Mr P Turner (resigned 31/07/19)	1	6
Mr A Wade (resigned 01/07/19)	4	6
Mr P Walsh (Disqualified non attendance)	3	6
Mrs C Whitnall (Disqualified non attendance)	0	6

Governance reviews-

Park Community Academy:

The Chair of Governors in conjunction with the Governing Body updated the Governors' Strategic Plan in July 2019.

The Skills Audit was completed in September 2018 and is an annual requirement.

Park Community Academy was inspected by Ofsted who carried out a two day Section 5 inspection on 22nd & 23rd May 2018 - Governance was highlighted as Outstanding:

'Governors have a clear and perceptive understanding of the school's effectiveness. They ensure that they receive the right information for them to make appropriate checks on the quality of education for different groups of pupils'

'The Chair of the Governing Body is meticulous in her attention to detail. She effectively coordinates the work of the Governing Body to ensure that key areas for development, such as the establishment of the Sixth Form, have been carefully and precisely monitored. In doing so, she has ensured that the work of Governors has been instrumental in helping the school to continue moving forwards at a pace'

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Governance Statement (continued)

Devonshire Primary Academy:

DPA has undergone a Governance Review as recommended by Ofsted in 2015 and has restructured the Governing Body accordingly. Regular reviews of practice are carried out by the Chair of Governors in conjunction with Governor Services.

Anchorsholme Academy:

A Governance review was agreed at the Governing Body meeting held on 9th July 2019 and will take place in the academic year 2019/20.

Revoe Learning Academy:

The Governing Body at Revoe has experienced a high volume of resignations and disqualifications during the year and a Governance Review will take place under the scrutiny of the newly appointed CEO Angela Holdsworth effective September 2019.

Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer, Mr Berry 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 social outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayers resources received.

The accounting officers consider 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 officers for the academy trust have delivered improved value for money during the year by:

Improving Educational Results

The Trust has ensured that resources have been directed where they were most needed and most effective in meeting educational requirements, for example:

- Recruitment and redeployment of specialist staff (SENCO/Behavioural/Science/NQT Mentor) to support the identified needs.
- Initiatives to accelerate the progress of groups of children with SEND including the investment of an Education Psychologist's time specifically targeted at the sponsored Academy.
- Development of the assessment, tracking and monitoring processes to ensure data is used to inform planning, target interventions and support differentiation, including regular internal and Senior Leadership Team meetings to review progress and impact of interventions for different groups of pupils.
- Development of new staff Performance Review and Appraisal processes for effective monitoring of performance in line with the new Performance Related Pay guidance and Multi Academy Trust Pay Policy.

The effectiveness of these strategies can be seen in improved pupil outcomes, staff observations and preparations for delivery of the new curriculum.

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Governance Statement (continued)

Financial Governance and Oversight

The Trust's Governance arrangements include regular monitoring by the Board of Directors, the Management Committee and the Local Governing Bodies of each Academy. The Board of Directors receive regular financial reports and ask relevant questions pertaining to those reports.

Each Academy has an experienced Business Manager in post who reports directly to each Local Governing Body and Board of Directors.

This work is further informed by regular Responsible Officer reports following monitoring visits undertaken each term at each Academy.

The Trust Auditors are Crossley and Davis who both support and monitor each Academy and the end of year Trust accounts.

Cost Effect Purchasing

Examples of steps taken to ensure value for money when purchasing include:

- Exploring alternative purchasing options both on-line and direct through suppliers to find the best value.
- The Business Managers have been working with each other to identify products and services that can be procured across the Trust in order to drive down costs and/or negotiate favourable rates (e.g. Finance Service Level Agreement, Energy costs, Insurance premiums, Education Psychologist time, Governor Services)
- Implementing a tender process for significant purchases and/or contracts (eg Outdoor learning environment at RLA, Electronic Visitors system across the Trust).

All contracts are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they are fit for purpose and best value.

Income Generation

Examples of steps to maximise income include:

- Successful bid for a DFE Environment Grant for the sponsored Academy's outdoor play area.
- NLE grants for work carried out by the NLE Headteacher.
- Lettings will continue to benefit the local communities via each Academy.

Reviewing Controls and Managing Risks

The Board of Directors, Management Committee, Business Managers and each Academy's Leadership Teams regularly reviewed budget reports including future recommendations on spending. This ensured that all Trust spending was within budget and plans were agreed and implemented when there has been any variance.

Actions taken to manage risk included the purchase of an appropriate level of insurance cover and where required professional advice was sought from Human Resources/Legal Services etc.

Governance Statement (continued)

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 Blackpool Multi Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Board of Directors 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 Directors is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors.

The Risk and Control Framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the governing body;
- regular reviews by the Board of Directors 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 Directors has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the governors have appointed a finance scrutiny committee in each Academy. The 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:

Responsible Officer visits to each Academy
Finance Scrutiny termly meetings.

Payroll -

- Select 5 employees from the payroll and check salary details back to personnel records to confirm that the amount paid is correct.
- Check pension and PAYE deductions on a small number of employees
- Check 5 amendments to the payroll to ensure that appropriately authorised source documentation exists.
- Review the final payroll print for one month to ensure it has been appropriately checked.

Governance Statement (continued)

Purchases-

- Select 5 payments made within the quarter and ensure-
 - the payment is correctly authorised
 - the payment is correctly recorded in the accounting system,
 - the invoice is correctly authorised,
 - the invoice agrees to the order; that goods or services have been certified as received,
 - the order is correctly authorised,
 - that the order has been placed with an appropriate supplier.
- Obtain details of any contracts let with a value over a prescribed limit and review documentation to ensure correct quotation/tender procedures have been followed.
- Review progress against any significant capital contracts to ensure payments made are appropriate and progress is satisfactory.

Income -

- Review receipts from the DfE and sponsors and check that the amounts received agree to source documentation.
- Select one category of 'miscellaneous' receipts and ensure appropriate action has been taken on any overdue amounts, primary records of amounts due reconcile to records of monies collected, monies recorded as collected have been banked promptly and in full.
- ensure monies collected are correctly recorded in the accounting system.

Accounting System-

- Review bank reconciliations to ensure that they have been correctly prepared and authorised.
- Review control account reconciliations to ensure that they have been correctly prepared and authorised.
- Review through sample checks the procedures used to prepare financial reports issued to Governors and officers of the Academy and DfE financial returns to be satisfied that they are completed accurately and promptly.

Review of Effectiveness

As accounting officer, Mr Berry 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 Finance Scrutiny Committee's;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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Governance Statement (continued)

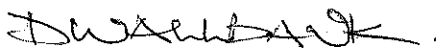
The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the governing body on 16th December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

[Signed]

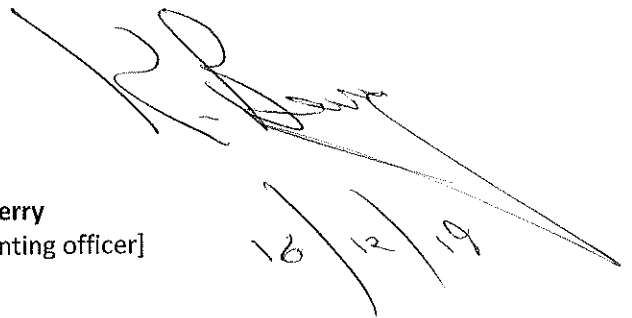


Mr N Gibson
[Chair]



VICE CHAIR
16/12/19.

[Signed]


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Mr K Berry
[Accounting officer]

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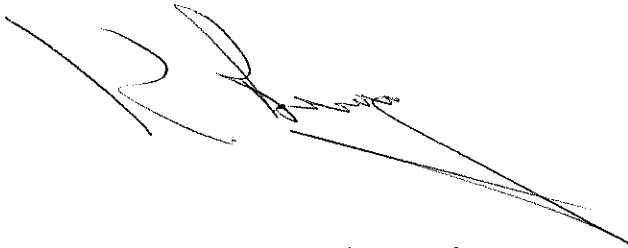
Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As accounting officer of the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust, I have considered our responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Directors and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State. 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 governing body 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 the EFA.

[Signed]



Mr K Berry
[Accounting officer]

12/12/19

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The governors (who act as trustees for the charitable activities of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the governor's report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Requirements issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors 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 Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
Observe the methods and principles on the charities SORP 2015, and the Academy Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards (FRS102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The Directors 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 governing body on 16th December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

[Signed]



Mr N Gibson

[Chair]



VICE CHAIR

16/12/19

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities [including Summary Income and Expenditure Account], the Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st August 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 properly prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2015 and 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 financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. It includes the Reference and Administrative Details, the Report of the Directors and Strategic Report and the Governance Statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust (continued)

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters 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;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities [set out on page 25], the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable to preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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


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

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Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust (continued)

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.



Mr. S.D. Mondy FCA (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of Crossley & Davis, Statutory Auditor
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16th December 2019

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Blackpool Multi Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 1st October 2019 and further to the requirements of the Education and 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 Blackpool Multi Academy Trust during the period 1st September 2018 to 31st 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 the governing body and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Blackpool Multi Academy Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant
The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Blackpool Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 29th August 2013 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1st 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 1st September 2018 to 31st 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 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.

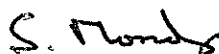
Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the academy trust's income and expenditure.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Evaluation of the control environment within the school;
- Internal & external analytical review; and
- Substantive testing of transactions.

Conclusion

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



Mr. S.D. Mondy FCA
For and on behalf of Crossley & Davis, Chartered Accountant
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16th December 2019

Blackpool Multi Academy Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2019
(including Income and Expenditure Account)**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	£	Restricted General Funds	£	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	£	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 (Restated) £
Incoming from									
Donations and capital grants	2	2,609		999		446,383		449,991	756,410
Transfer from local authority on conversion									
Charitable activities:									
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	500		11,762,364		0		11,762,864	11,111,879
Other trading activities	4	596,240		0		0		596,240	647,860
Investments	5	1,495		0		0		1,495	1,858
Total		600,844		11,763,363		446,383		12,810,590	12,518,007
Expenditure on									
<i>Raising funds</i>	6	361,351		0		0		361,351	638,931
Charitable activities :									
Academy trust educational operations	7	80,779		12,417,335		425,226		12,923,340	11,465,179
Other		0		0		0		0	0
Total		442,130		12,417,335		425,226		13,284,691	12,104,110
Net income / (expenditure)		158,714		(653,972)		21,157		(474,101)	413,897
Transfer between funds		(72,294)		(408,032)		480,326		0	0
		86,420		(1,062,004)		501,483		(474,101)	413,897
Other recognised gains / (losses)									
Actuarial (losses) gains on defined benefit pension schemes		0		(2,456,000)		0		(2,456,000)	1,231,000
Other gains/ (losses)		0		0		0		0	6,861
Net movement in funds		86,420		(3,518,004)		501,483		(2,930,101)	1,651,758
Reconciliation of funds									
Total funds brought forward		825,648		(4,079,810)		21,052,465		17,798,303	16,146,545
Total funds carried forward		912,068		(7,597,814)		21,553,948		14,868,202	17,798,303

All of the academy's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

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Blackpool Multi Academy Trust
Balance sheet as at 31 August 2019

Company Number
8597962

	Notes	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 (Restated) £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets					
Tangible assets	12		21,553,947		21,052,464
Current assets					
Stock	13	12,327		23,914	
Debtors	14	573,747		623,848	
Cash at bank and In hand		2,585,620		3,102,069	
		<u>3,171,694</u>		<u>3,749,831</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(882,569)		(1,332,992)	
Net current assets			<u>2,289,125</u>		<u>2,416,839</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>23,843,072</u>		<u>23,469,303</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16		(129,870)		(162,000)
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>23,713,202</u>		<u>23,307,303</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	28		(8,845,000)		(5,509,000)
Total assets			<u>14,868,202</u>		<u>17,798,303</u>
Fund of the academy trust :					
Restricted funds					
- Fixed asset fund	17		21,553,948		21,052,465
- Restricted income fund	17		1,247,186		1,429,190
- Pension reserve	17		(8,845,000)		(5,509,000)
Total restricted funds			<u>13,956,134</u>		<u>16,972,655</u>
Unrestricted income funds	17		912,068		825,648
Total funds			<u>14,868,202</u>		<u>17,798,303</u>

The financial statements on pages 28 to 55 were approved by the governors, and authorised for Issue on 16/12/2019 and are signed on their behalf by :



Norman Gibson
 [Chair]

D WALLBANK
 VICE-CHAIR 16/12/19

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Blackpool Multi Academy Trust
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	22	(37,618)	402,944
Cash flows from investing activities	24	(478,831)	(1,049,297)
Cash flows from financing activities	23	0	87,000
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(516,449)</u>	<u>(559,353)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2018		3,102,069	3,661,422
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2019	25	<u>2,585,620</u>	<u>3,102,069</u>

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1. Statement of Accounting Policies

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

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by EFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

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

Going Concern

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

Income

All incoming resources are recognised when each academy within the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) 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 Activity 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 included in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

▪ Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academies within the MAT, which amount to donations are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

▪ Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent that the schools, within the MAT, have 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 financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

▪ Donated fixed assets

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be 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.

▪ Land and Buildings

The land and buildings have been transferred to each Academy within the MAT on a long-term basis under a lease at peppercorn rental. The accounting treatment is in line with the relevant Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (SSAP21) and Financial Reporting Standard (FRS5). Under the terms of the lease, all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets are transferred to each Academy within the MAT and therefore, they are recognised on the balance sheet as a fixed asset with a corresponding entry to voluntary income as a gift in kind. A fair value of the assets has been determined based on the most recent valuation undertaken by the Local Authority (Lessor). The value of the school buildings will be depreciated in accordance with the MAT's depreciation policy

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 benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The cost of each activity are made up of the total direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated 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 asset's use.

▪ Expenditure on Raising Funds

This includes all expenditure incurred by the schools, within the MAT, 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 educational operations of the academies within the MAT, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the academy trust apportioned to charitable activities.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Conversion to Academy Trust

The conversion from a state maintained school to an academy trust involved the transfer of identifiable assets and liabilities and the operation of the school for £nil consideration and has been accounted for under the acquisition accounting method.

The assets and liabilities transferred on conversion from each of the predecessor schools (Park Special School, Anchorsholme Primary and Devonshire Primary) and subsequent sponsored school (Revoe Primary School) to the Multi Academy Trust have been valued at their fair value being a reasonable estimate of the current market value that the trustees would expect to pay in an open market for an equivalent item. Their fair value is in accordance with the accounting policies set out for Blackpool Multi Academy Trust. The amounts have been recognised under the appropriate balance sheet categories, with a corresponding amount recognised in voluntary income as net income in the statement of financial activities and analysed under unrestricted funds, restricted general funds and restricted fixed asset funds.

▪ Land and Buildings

Existing land and buildings were transferred to the academies within the MAT under long term leases for a peppercorn rental.

▪ Other Fixed Assets

On conversion, furniture and equipment were transferred to each academy within the MAT at a cost of £nil. These are included in the accounts at a fair value with a corresponding amount included in voluntary income as a gift in kind.

▪ Pensions

The actuaries for the Local Government Pension Scheme have provided a valuation of the scheme liabilities relating to the staff within the scheme who transferred from each of the predecessor schools and subsequent sponsored school to Blackpool Multi Academy Trust on conversion. Further details of the pension scheme are provided in Note 28.

▪ Other Assets

An amount equivalent to each of the predecessor schools and subsequent sponsored school's accumulated reserves were paid over the academy trust from the Local Authority on conversion.

Tangible Fixed Assets

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

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 lives, as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Long leasehold buildings	0.8% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% straight line
ICT equipment	33% straight line
Motor Vehicles	15% reducing balance over 6 years

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

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

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.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the academy trust has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Leased Assets

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

Investments

None of the academies within the MAT holds any long term investments.

Financial Instruments

The academies within the MAT only hold basic financial instruments as defined in FRS102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academies within the trusts 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 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.
- *Cash at bank* – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.
- *Financial liabilities* – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instrument disclosure

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

- definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is no obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Stock

Unsold uniform stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Taxation

The Multi 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.

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.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in Note 28, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in Note 28, 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

2. Donations and Capital Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Capital Grants	0	446,383	446,383	734,988
Donated fixed assets	0	0	0	19,000
Donations	2,609	999	3,608	2,422
	<u>2,609</u>	<u>447,382</u>	<u>449,991</u>	<u>756,410</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £449,991 (2018: £756,410) of which £2,609 was unrestricted (2018: £2,422), £999 restricted (2018: £Nil) and £446,383 restricted fixed assets (2018: £753,988)

3. Funding for the Academy Trust's Educational Operations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
DFE / ESFA Grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	0	8,663,945	8,663,945	8,382,229
Other DFE Group Grants	0	1,396,193	1,396,193	1,408,806
	<u>0</u>	<u>10,060,138</u>	<u>10,060,138</u>	<u>9,791,035</u>
Other Government Grants				
Local Authority Grants	0	1,586,059	1,586,059	1,309,369
Special Educational Projects	0	0	0	11,475
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,586,059</u>	<u>1,586,059</u>	<u>1,320,844</u>
Non-Government Grants and Other Income				
Other Non-Government Grants	0	99,115	99,115	0
Other Income	500	17,052	17,552	0
	<u>500</u>	<u>11,762,364</u>	<u>11,762,864</u>	<u>11,111,879</u>

The funding for the academy trust's educational operations was £11,762,864 (2018: £11,111,879) of which £500 was unrestricted (2018: £Nil), £11,762,364 restricted (2018: £11,111,879) and £Nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £Nil)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

4. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Hire of Facilities	26,752	0	26,752	22,906
Catering Income	87,079	0	87,079	99,104
Contributions to Trips	60,793	0	60,793	46,897
Nursery/ After School/ Breakfast Club Income	335,538	0	335,538	348,076
Other Activities	72,506	0	72,506	117,407
Music Income	13,572	0	13,572	13,470
	<u>596,240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>596,240</u>	<u>647,860</u>

The income from other trading activities was £596,240 (2018: £647,860) of which £596,240 was unrestricted (2018: £569,359), £Nil restricted (2018: £78,501) and £Nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £Nil)

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Short term Deposits	1,495	0	1,495	1,858
	<u>1,495</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,495</u>	<u>1,858</u>

The income from investments was £1,495 (2018: £1,858) of which £1,495 was unrestricted (2018: £1,858), £Nil restricted (2018: £Nil) and £Nil restricted fixed assets (2018: £Nil)

6. Expenditure

	Staff Costs £	Non Pay Expenditure Premises £	Other Costs £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 (Restated) £
Expenditure on raising funds	315,340	8,040	37,971	361,351	638,931
Academy's educational operations					0
- Direct costs	8,119,820	0	1,225,893	9,345,713	8,413,944
- Allocated support costs	2,089,778	587,480	900,369	3,577,627	3,051,235
	<u>10,524,938</u>	<u>595,520</u>	<u>2,164,233</u>	<u>13,284,691</u>	<u>12,104,110</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

6. Expenditure (continued)

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 (Restated) £
Net income (expenditure) for the period includes:		
Operating lease rentals	61,893	52,818
Depreciation	425,226	388,925
(Gain)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	(6,861)
Fees payable to auditor - audit	18,825	18,450

Total expenditure was £13,284,691 (2018: £12,104,110) of which £442,129 was unrestricted (2018: £638,931), £12,417,336 restricted (2018: £11,076,254) and £425,226 restricted fixed assets (2018: £388,925)

7. Charitable Activities

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 (Restated) £
Direct costs - educational operations	9,345,713	8,413,944
Support costs - educational operations	<u>3,577,627</u>	<u>3,051,235</u>
	<u>12,923,340</u>	<u>11,465,179</u>
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	2,089,778	1,704,990
Depreciation	1,265	725
Technology costs	2,671	0
Premises Costs	587,480	518,375
Other support costs	833,391	803,362
Governance costs	<u>63,042</u>	<u>23,783</u>
Total Support Costs	<u>3,577,627</u>	<u>3,051,235</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £12,923,340 (2018: £11,465,179) of which £80,778 was unrestricted (2018: £Nil), £12,417,336 restricted (2018: £11,076,254) and £425,226 restricted fixed assets (2018: £388,925)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

8. Staff

a. Staff Costs

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Staff costs during the period were:		
Wages and salaries	7,487,948	7,010,383
Social security costs	687,983	627,016
Pension costs	<u>2,175,199</u>	<u>1,738,409</u>
	10,351,130	9,375,808
Agency staff costs	111,801	85,567
Other staff costs	62,004	60,808
Staff restructuring costs	<u>0</u>	<u>21,396</u>
	<u>10,524,935</u>	<u>9,543,579</u>
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Redundancy payments	0	0
Severance payments	0	21,396
Other restructuring costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>21,396</u>

b. Non statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

There were no non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments included in the staff restricting costs (2018 £21,396).

c. Staff numbers

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

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Teachers	106	101
Administration and support	212	233
Management	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
	335	352

The average number of persons employed by the academy during the year as full time equivalent's was as follows:

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Teachers	95	93
Administration and support	139	139
Management	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
	252	250

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

8. Staff (continued)

d. Higher paid staff

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

	2019 No.	2018 (Restated) No.
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1
£70,001 - £80,000	2	3
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1
£90,001 - £100,000	0	0
£100,001 - £110,000	1	1
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During the year ended 31 August 2019 pension contributions for these employees amounted to £52,771 (2018 restated: £76,159)

e. Key management staff

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team (as listed on page 2). The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by the key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £396,321 (2018 restated: £396,254)

9. Central Services

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

Financial administrative assistance,
Audit fees,
Insurance,
Educational Psychologist support,
Pupil Tracking software and
Headteacher leadership and management

The trust charges for these services on the following basis:

Founder schools 2% GAG funding for 2018-19
Sponsored Schools 2% GAG funding for 2018-19

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

9. Central Services (continued)

The amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Park Community Academy	51,000	23,400
Anchorsholme Primary Academy	39,914	20,105
Devonshire Primary Academy	36,716	18,233
Revoe Learning Academy	<u>36,716</u>	<u>36,640</u>
	<u>164,346</u>	<u>98,378</u>

10. Related Party Transactions – Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The Principal and staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff members under their contracts of employment.

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

During the year ended 31 August 2019, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £789 (2018: £1,510) were reimbursed to governors.

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 29

11. Trustees' and Officers' Insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £1,000,000 on any one claim and the cost of this insurance is met by the MAT.

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12. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Land & Buildings £	Furniture & Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicle £	Assets Under Construction £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 September 2018	20,833,827	1,132,723	780,347	67,758	0	22,814,655
Additions	738,602	68,436	112,691	0	6,980	926,709
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 August 2019	21,572,429	1,201,159	893,038	67,758	6,980	23,741,364
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2018	733,305	423,842	589,740	15,304	0	1,762,191
Charged in year	174,077	118,274	125,007	7,868	0	425,226
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 August 2019	907,382	542,116	714,747	23,172	0	2,187,417
Net Book Values						
At 31 August 2018	20,100,522	708,881	190,607	52,454	0	21,052,464
At 31 August 2019	20,665,047	659,043	178,291	44,586	6,980	21,553,947

13. Stock

	2019 £	2018 £
Clothing	10,164	19,497
Stationery	2,163	4,417
	<u>12,327</u>	<u>23,914</u>

14. Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Trade debtors	329	831
VAT recoverable	128,857	115,327
Other debtors	14,028	8,582
Prepayments and accrued income	430,533	499,108
	<u>573,747</u>	<u>623,848</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

15. Creditors: Amounts Falling due within one Year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade creditors	60,272	29,445
Other taxation and social security	166,013	154,033
Loans (Current)	8,346	0
Salix Loan	6,784	0
Other creditors	153,376	138,119
Accruals and deferred income	487,778	1,011,395
	<u>882,569</u>	<u>1,332,992</u>
Deferred income	2019	2018
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 September 2018	537,823	609,764
Released from previous years	(531,523)	(609,764)
Resources deferred in the year	345,476	537,823
Deferred income at 31 August 2019	<u>351,776</u>	<u>537,823</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for Universal Infant Free School meals, Childrens Centre Grant, NNDR Grant, Capital Grants, Essential Life Skills Funding, Water Park Income, SARP Funding, School Fund, Baby Steps/Better Start/Headstart Funding, and residential trip income for trips during academic year 2018-19

16. Creditors: Amounts Falling due in greater than one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Loans	129,870	162,000
	<u>129,870</u>	<u>162,000</u>

Loan of £75,000 from the Education Funding Agency, which was provided on the following terms: 2.21%, interest repayable over 10 years starting in September 2019

Condition Improvement Fund Loan of £70,000 from Education Funding Agency, which is provided on the following terms 1.15%, interest repayable over 8 years starting in September 2019

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019 (continued)

17. Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2018 (Restated) £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, Losses and Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	311,008	8,663,945	(8,256,514)	(301,307)	417,132
Pupil Premium	105,467	1,016,690	(1,016,690)	(105,467)	0
Other Restricted Income	79,161	18,202	(169,000)	0	(71,637)
Other Grants	933,554	2,064,527	(2,095,132)	(1,258)	901,691
Pension Reserve	(5,509,000)	0	(880,000)	(2,456,000)	(8,845,000)
	<u>(4,079,810)</u>	<u>11,763,364</u>	<u>(12,417,336)</u>	<u>(2,864,032)</u>	<u>(7,597,814)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE Group capital grants	1,553,140	446,383	(118,955)	0	1,880,568
Capital expenditure from GAG	684,161	0	(36,991)	425,032	1,072,202
Donations in kind	17,697,380	0	(200,133)	0	17,497,247
Capital Donations	33,588	0	(5,038)	0	28,550
Capital expenditure from academy reserves	1,084,196	0	(64,109)	55,294	1,075,381
	<u>21,052,465</u>	<u>446,383</u>	<u>(425,226)</u>	<u>480,326</u>	<u>21,553,948</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>16,972,655</u>	<u>12,209,747</u>	<u>(12,842,562)</u>	<u>(2,383,706)</u>	<u>13,956,134</u>
Unrestricted funds	<u>825,648</u>	<u>600,843</u>	<u>(442,129)</u>	<u>(72,294)</u>	<u>912,068</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>825,648</u>	<u>600,843</u>	<u>(442,129)</u>	<u>(72,294)</u>	<u>912,068</u>
Total funds	<u>17,798,303</u>	<u>12,810,590</u>	<u>(13,284,691)</u>	<u>(2,456,000)</u>	<u>14,868,202</u>

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

- General Annual Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the academy. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Multi Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2015.

- Start Up Grant is to be used for costs related to academy conversion. The grant was received and spent by the Multi Academy Trust

- Other DFE/EFA Grants include:

Pupil Premium Grant provides additional support for children receiving free school meals, service children and looked after children

PE & Sports Grant is designed to help primary schools improve the quality of the PE and sports activities they offer their pupils.

Universal Infant Free School Meal Grant enables each child in the infants to receive a free lunch time meal.

Other restricted funds include additional Local Authority SEN support for specific pupils

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to limits on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2015

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17. Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2017 (Restated) £	Income £	Expenditure (Restated) £	Gains, Losses and Transfers (Restated) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 (Restated) £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	469,556	8,382,229	(8,176,202)	(364,575)	311,008
Start Up Grant					
Pupil Premium	100,232	1,116,314	(1,111,079)	0	105,467
Other Restricted Income	42,818	143,478	(107,135)	0	79,161
Other Grants	1,071,441	1,687,115	(1,493,191)	(331,811)	933,554
Pension Reserve	(6,229,000)	0	(511,000)	1,231,000	(5,509,000)
	(4,544,953)	11,329,136	(11,398,607)	534,614	(4,079,810)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE Group capital grants	896,103	647,988	(77,751)	86,800	1,553,140
Capital expenditure from GAG	231,253	0	(41,943)	494,851	684,161
Donations in kind	17,897,509	0	(200,129)	0	17,697,380
Capital Donations	18,559	19,000	(3,971)	0	33,588
Capital expenditure from academy reserves	585,961	87,000	(65,130)	476,365	1,084,196
	19,629,385	753,988	(388,924)	1,058,016	21,052,465
Total restricted funds	15,084,432	12,083,124	(11,787,531)	1,592,630	16,972,655
Unrestricted funds	1,062,112	574,461	(456,156)	(354,769)	825,648
Total unrestricted funds	1,062,112	574,461	(456,156)	(354,769)	825,648
Total funds	16,146,544	12,657,585	(12,243,687)	1,237,861	17,798,303

Total funds analysis of academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2019 were allocated as follows:

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Park Community Academy	605,654	702,552
Anchorsholme Primary Academy	551,834	608,197
Devonshire Primary Academy	407,141	393,721
Revoe Learning Academy	591,835	530,603
Central Services (if any)	2,790	19,766
Total before fixed asset and pension reserve	<u>2,159,254</u>	<u>2,254,839</u>
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	21,553,948	21,052,464
Pension Reserve	(8,845,000)	(5,509,000)
Total	14,868,202	17,798,303

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Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and Educational Support Staff Costs	Other Support Staff Costs	Educational Supplies	Other Costs (excluding depreciation)	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Park Community Academy	2,779,770	423,885	245,340	560,602	4,009,597	3,485,886
Anchorsholme Primary Academy	1,676,370	393,757	157,777	341,810	2,569,715	2,420,402
Devonshire Primary Academy	1,781,938	312,244	87,382	408,654	2,590,219	2,563,205
Revoe Learning Academy	1,790,327	336,655	82,768	516,948	2,726,698	2,664,683
Central Services	18,519	5,063	0	59,656	83,237	70,013
Academy Trust	<u>8,046,924</u>	<u>1,471,603</u>	<u>573,268</u>	<u>1,887,670</u>	<u>11,979,466</u>	<u>11,204,189</u>

18. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2019 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	0	0	21,553,948	21,553,948
Current assets	937,636	2,052,962	181,095	3,171,693
Current liabilities	(25,568)	(675,906)	(181,095)	(882,569)
Non current liabilities	0	(129,870)	0	(129,870)
Pension scheme liability	0	(8,845,000)	0	(8,845,000)
Total net assets	<u>912,068</u>	<u>(7,597,814)</u>	<u>21,553,948</u>	<u>14,868,202</u>

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18. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds (continued)

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

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	0	0	21,052,465	21,052,465
Current assets	857,193	2,467,178	425,459	3,749,830
Current liabilities	(27,125)	(880,408)	(425,459)	(1,332,992)
Non current liabilities	0	(162,000)	0	(162,000)
Pension scheme liability	0	(5,509,000)	0	(5,509,000)
Total net assets	830,068	(4,084,230)	21,052,465	17,798,303

19. Capital Commitments

	2019 £	2018 £
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	<u>502,200</u>	<u>810,875</u>

Due to the increasing pupil numbers at Park the academy is currently out for tender for the Jubilee Extension to make space for these additional pupils. This will be started during academic year 2019-20 at an approximate cost of £362,200

Revoe Academy has started an Outdoor Learning and Play Project, which is being funded from a £301,828 contribution from EFA and a £20,000 contribution from the Academy's reserves. Work on this project is due to finish in Autumn term 2019-20.

The Academy has also committed £120,000 to Capital works in 2019-20 for Toilet Refurbishment

20. Commitments under operating leases

Operating leases

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

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts due within one year	46,015	33,197
Amounts due between one and five years	122,715	101,928
Amounts due after five years	<u>330,318</u>	<u>362,385</u>
	<u>499,048</u>	<u>497,510</u>

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21. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2019 £	2018 £
Net income/(expenditure for the reporting period (as per statement of reporting activities)	(474,101)	413,897
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation (Note 13)	425,226	388,925
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(446,383)	(753,988)
Interest receivable (Note 5)	(1,495)	(1,858)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable (Note 28)	734,000	364,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost (Note 28)	146,000	147,000
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	11,587	(2,882)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	50,101	(157,189)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(482,553)	5,039
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	<u>(37,618)</u>	<u>402,944</u>

22. Cash Flows from Financing Activities

	2019 £	2018 £
Cash inflows from new borrowing	<u>0</u>	<u>87,000</u>
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities	<u>0</u>	<u>87,000</u>

23. Cash flows from Investing Activities

	2019 £	2018 £
Dividends, interest and rent from investments	1,495	1,858
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets	0	9,912
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	0	0
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(926,709)	(1,815,055)
Capital grants from DfE Group	446,383	734,988
Capital funding received from sponsors and others	0	19,000
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	<u>(478,831)</u>	<u>(1,049,297)</u>

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24. Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents

	At 31 August 2019 £	At 31 August 2018 £
Cash in hand and at bank	2,585,620	3,102,068
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,585,620	3,102,068

25. Guarantees, Letters of Comfort and Indemnities

There were no guarantees, letters of comfort and indemnities provided by the trust during the year.

26. Contingent Liabilities

There are no known contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.

27. 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.

28. Pension and Similar Obligations

The academy'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 Lancashire County Council. Both are multi-employer defined-benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and the LGPS the period ended 31 March 2016. Contributions amounting to £141,202 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2019 (2018: £132,554) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

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28. Pension and Similar Obligations (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with 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 16.48% from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on the April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 September 2019.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £1,079,329 (2018: £1,014,436).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the [Teachers' Pension 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 pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the period ended 31 August 2019 was £591,605, of which employer's contributions totalled £423,991 and employees' contributions totalled £167,614 (2018: £567,647, of which employer's contributions totalled £353,064 and employees' contributions totalled £162,685). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22.8 per cent for employers and will range between 5.5 per cent and 7.5 per cent for employees dependant on their salary.

An approximate allowance for the effects of the McCloud judgement has been included within the pension note for 2018/19.

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

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28. Pension and Similar Obligations (continued)

Principal Actuarial Assumptions	At 31 August 2019	At 31 August 2018
Rate of increase in salaries	3.6%	3.6%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.2%	2.2%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.8%	1.8%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.1%	2.1%
Sensitivity Analysis		
	At 31 August 2019	At 31 August 2018
	£000's	£000's
Discount rate +0.1%	(365)	(255)
Discount rate -0.1%	374	255
Mortality assumptions - 1 year increase	281	196
Mortality assumptions - 1 year decrease	(276)	(196)
CPI rate +0.1%	375	260
CPI rate -0.1%	(366)	(260)

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

	At 31 August 2019	At 31 August 2018
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	22.8	22.7
Females	25.5	25.4
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	25.1	25.0
Females	28.2	28.0

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28. Pension and Similar Obligations (continued)

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

	Fair value at 31 August 2019 £	Fair value at 31 August 2018 £
Equities	681,541	494,851
Gilts	0	0
Corporate bonds	23,085	7,026
Property	125,469	103,388
Cash and other liquid assets	26,096	10,038
Derivatives	0	0
Investment funds	0	38,144
Asset backed securities	0	0
Other	571,127	472,770
Total market value of assets	<u>1,427,318</u>	<u>1,126,217</u>

Present Value of scheme liabilities

-Funded

(3,454)	(2,425)
<u>1,423,864</u>	<u>1,123,792</u>

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2019 £	2018 £
Current service cost	167,700	178,749
Past service cost	92,366	0
Interest cost	28,118	28,119
Admin expenses	3,011	3,011
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	<u>288,184</u>	<u>209,879</u>

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28. Pension and Similar Obligations (continued)

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

	2019	2018
	£	£
At 1 September	2,188,668	2,164,520
Current service cost	167,700	178,749
Interest cost	61,246	52,212
Employee contributions	31,136	29,130
Actuarial (gain) / loss	607,426	(228,835)
Benefits paid	(7,086)	(7,108)
Past service cost	92,366	0
At 31 August	3,141,456	2,188,668

Changes in fair value of academy's share of scheme assets:

	2019	2018
	£	£
At 1 September	1,126,217	929,521
Interest income	33,128	24,093
Actuarial gain / (loss)	122,453	36,128
Employer contributions	124,481	117,460
Employee contributions	31,136	29,130
Benefits paid	(7,086)	(7,108)
Effect of non-routine settlements	(3,011)	(3,007)
At 31 August	1,427,318	1,126,217

29. Related Party Transactions

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

30. Events after the end of the Reporting Period

The Blackpool Multi Academy Trust merged with The View Trust to form the newly named The Sea View Trust on 1st November 2019.

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31. Agency Arrangements

No agency arrangements have been entered into during the period of account.

32. Prior Year errors

The accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018 have been restated to incorporate the impact of misclassifications of expenditure and debtors, as well as calculation errors in disclosures. There is nil net effect on funds.

Summary of effects on prior period financial statement line items:	<u>£</u>
Decrease in unrestricted raising funds expenditure	(89,390)
Increase in unrestricted educational operations expenditure	89,390

