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JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

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A Gray
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R Hately (Accounting Officer)
C Hill (Resigned 10 November 2022)
C Bassett
E Blake
A Martin (Resigned 18 September 2022)
Z Brohi
A Tlili (Chair)
N Lockyer-Fincken (Resigned 14 November 2022)
G Strong (Resigned 14 November 2022)

Senior management team

- Headteacher	R Hately (on maternity leave)
- Acting Headteacher	G Strong
- Deputy Headteacher	E Blake
- Business Manager	N Lockyer-Fincken
- Engagement Leader	C Adams (to Jan 23)

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GOVERNORS' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The governors present their annual report together with the accounts and auditor's report of the charitable company for the Period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The academy trust operated an academy for pupils aged 4 to 7. It had a pupil capacity of 270 and had a roll of 238 in the school census in January 2023.

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 are the trustees of Joydens Wood Infant School and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Details of the governors who served during the Period are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Joydens Wood Infant School was incorporated on 10 October 2011 and obtained Academy status from 1 November 2011.

On 1 March 2023, Joydens Wood Infant School joined Nexus Educational Schools Trust (NEST).

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.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of governors

The members of the Academy Trust shall comprise the signatories to the Memorandum, 1 person appointed by the Secretary of State, in the event that the Secretary of State appoints a person for this purpose, the Chairman of the Governors and any person appointed under Article 16.

The number of Governors shall be not less than 3, but shall not be subject to a maximum. The first Governors shall be those named in the initial Memorandum. The Academy Trust shall have up to 11 Governors; 2 Staff Governors, a minimum of 2 parent Governors; the Headteacher, any Additional Governors if appointed under Article 62, 62A or 68A; and any Further Governors if appointed under Article 63 or Article 68A. The Academy may also have up to 3 Co-opted Governors, a person who is appointed to be a Governor by being co-opted by Governors who have not themselves been so appointed. The Governors may not co-opt an employee of the Academy Trust as a Co-opted Governor if the number of Governors who are employed by the Academy Trust would thereby exceed one third of the total number of Governors (including the Headteacher).

Each of the persons entitled to appoint members above shall have the right, from time to time by written notice delivered to the Office, to remove any Member appointed by them and to appoint a replacement member to fill a vacancy whether resulting from such removal or otherwise.

The term of office for any Governor shall be 4 years, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Headteacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Governor, any Governor may be re-appointed or re-elected.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of governors

During the period under review the Governors held three full governing board meetings. The training and induction provided for new Governors did depend on their existing experience. All new Governors were given a tour of the Academy and the chance to meet with staff and students. All relevant Governors are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they needed to undertake their role as Governors.

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Organisational structure

Our Leadership Team consisted of; Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Family Engagement Leader and School Business Managers. These leaders controlled the Academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Governors and reporting back to them. The Leadership Team ensured that the school moved rapidly forward in a strategic way enabling current forward thinking practice to be rapidly embedded and sustained across the school.

Our school consists of Senior Leaders, Middle Leaders, Teachers, Cover Supervisors and Learning Support Assistants and Catering/Admin Teams. Whole school CPD is based around statutory policies and procedures and weekly/termly CPD is based on staff's own professional development needs.

The Governors were responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. Governance played an important role in effective leadership as they consistently challenged leaders and held staff to account on the decisions/progression within the school.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

Rigorous and collaborative approach feeds into the pay progression for our team. Headteacher performance management is undertaken by the appointed Governors with the review in October each year. Other leadership posts are managed by the Headteacher who ensures that accountability and impact is equally measurable. Pay progression is linked to effective outcomes of staff and on their individual performance based on their level of responsibility. All performance management targets are set through professional discussion and progression towards these targets and are planned through targeted CPD.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

We share a site with Joydens Wood Junior School.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Joydens Wood Infant School is a school with children aged 4 - 7. We foster a genuine sense of respect for the individual alongside an appreciation of the culture and beliefs of others.

The principal objective of the Academy is specifically restricted to the following, to advance 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.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

The main objectives of the Academy during the period ended 28 February 2023 are summarised below:

Leadership and Management:

- Enabling leaders to rapidly identify issues/next steps alongside patterns/trends in a data
- Pupil progress meetings are data driven and shared with parents, specifically with those that are most vulnerable (PP, SEN).

Teaching and Learning (Inc. EYFS):

- Through cross curricular planning that encompasses crucial reading, writing and numeracy skills
- Through an experience based approach that effectively links to every subject PoSK.
- Teaching Assistants have a clear understanding of the differentiation and how implement this in action
- A shared 'language for learning' is evident across the school with adults actively using questioning to gain a deeper understanding of children's learning
- Strategies for early reading and writing are consistent across the school from adult to adult

Attendance:

- Reduce the number of absences (authorised and unauthorised) and term time holidays (including a joint approach for shared families with JWJ).

Embed our new vision and values (created jointly with; governors, parents, children and staff):

Our Mission Statement is:

In our school we stimulate awe and wonder through a captivating curriculum that develops effort based on learning. We support and work together to make our school a purposeful place that enables every child to thrive and succeed. We celebrate differences and see the uniqueness in all.

Our Vision is:

A happy and safe place to learn and grow.

Our Values are:

- Ready: being on time for school, having excellent attendance and showing outstanding behaviour for learning
- Respectful: respecting others for who they are, regardless of our differences, being kind and helpful towards others and listening to each other and adults
- Responsible: being good role models, taking ownership of our learning, looking after our school and demonstrating kindness by helping others to do the same
- Resilient: taking on challenges by putting in lots of effort, striving to improve and recognising our own and others' achievements, no matter how big or small

Children will be happy and healthy, enthused by the intellectual, social and physical challenges posed by their experience at school. They will be independent learners, aware of how to learn and of the role of emotions and dispositions in the learning process, which they draw on to address challenge and difficulty, as well as success.

All staff will have the opportunity to develop further as self-directed, reflective learners, through working collaboratively with others to enhance their own expertise. Through their passion, teachers will enthuse and inspire others to explore new ideas.

Parents will fulfil their roles as true partners, recognizing their role in the child - school - parent partnership to ensure that their child realises his/her potential.

Governors will contribute to the life of the school on a wider scale, acting as critical friends to support the school in becoming a nationally recognised centre of excellence.

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Public benefit

The Governors confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Reception admissions are administered by The Admissions and Transport Team, Kent County Council.

In the event of over-subscription, places will be offered in descending order to:

- in Local Authority Care
- Current family association (A brother or sister in the same school at the time of entry where the family continue to live at the same address as when the sibling was admitted – or – if they have moved – live within 2 miles of the school – or have moved to a new property that is nearer to the school than the previous property).
- Health and Special Access reasons (Children who for reasons of health or physical impairment need to attend a particular school)
- Children of teachers
- Nearness of children's homes to school
- Summer born children and admissions out of year group

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The Academy currently has a falling roll of children.

2020-2021 roll was 255/270

2021-2022 roll was 248/270

2022-2023 roll was 238/270

Falling roll eludes to a range of factors; lack of housing/ affordable development in the area and prospective parents expressing views of wanting our school to be a through primary.

The school's academic results for KS1, Phonics Screening Check and EYFS were not recorded for the academic year 2019-2020 or 2020 - 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Key performance indicators

The following aspects were set out to determine the effectiveness of the school's new curriculum design, however Covid-19 hindered the school's ability to demonstrate this in a contextual way:

- Number of persistent absentees is reduced to 7.6%, below Local Authority and National averages (Kent 9.7% & National 8.8%)
- The number of children absent from school has reduced to 2.5% from 5.1% in 2018/19 and is below Local Authority and National averages (Kent 3.8% & National 3.6%)
- 73.3% of children passing the Phonics Screening Test in Year 1, just below National and Local Authority averages (Kent 74.2% & National 75.5%)
- EYFS GLD is above National at 69%. The National average of children attaining this is 65.2% and in Kent it was 65.4%
- KS1 results remain below National.

These KPIs were closely scrutinised throughout academic year 2022-2023 and strategic priorities have been set in targeted areas to further enhance the quality of education at Joydens Wood Infant School and improve KS1 and Phonics results.

Going concern

On 1 March 2023 the company joined Nexus Educational Schools Trust (NEST) and on that date all of its assets, liabilities and activities were transferred. From that date the legal entity known as Joydens Wood Infant School ceased to operate and for this reason the directors consider the academy trust is no longer a going concern. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the Academy Trust is not a going concern.

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Financial review

Most of the Academy's income was obtained from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of recurrent grants, some of which are restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the period to 28 February 2023 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy also received grants for fixed assets from the ESFA. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2015), such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

During the period ended 28 February 2023, total expenditure of £744k (2022: £1,427k) was met by recurrent grant funding from the ESFA together with other incoming resources. The excess of expenditure over income for the period (excluding restricted fixed asset funds and transfers to restricted fixed asset funds) was £41k (2022:£60k).

At 28 February 2023 the net book value of fixed assets was £2,458k (2022: £2,399k). Movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 11 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The pension reserve which is considered part of restricted funds was £nil (2022: £131k) in deficit.

The Academy held fund balances at 28 February 2023 of £2,523k (2022: £2,388k) comprising £2,448k (2022: £2,330k) of restricted funds and £75k (2022: £58k) of unrestricted general funds. Restricted funds are represented by £2,458k (2022: £2,399k) of tangible fixed assets, £3k of unspent capital funding (2022: £7k), £8k of unspent GAG (2022:£64k), £1k of unspent sports premium (2022: nil), £5k of unspent supplementary grant (2022: nil), less amounts due to Salix of £27k (2022: £9k).

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 equivalent to four weeks' expenditure, approximately £95k (2022: £95k).

Within the financial statements to 28 February 2023 Joydens Wood Infant School held free reserves of £75k (2022: £58k) (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and restricted funds). On 1 March 2023 all funds were transferred to Nexus Educational Schools Trust.

Investment policy

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Academy has the power to invest funds not immediately required for its own purposes, in any way the Governors see fit. The organisation has a positive cash balance to cover eventualities and unforeseen expenses. The banking facilities are reviewed on a regular basis.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors consider the following to be the major risks to which the Academy is exposed:

The principal financial risk faced by the school is the ongoing pressure on funding resulting in a risk that a deficit may be experienced. Pupil numbers are stringently monitored, but cannot be forecast accurately for the Reception intake. The budgeting and reporting process, including scrutiny by the Governors, mitigates the risk.

The risk that Trustees do not ensure that rigorous monitoring is undertaken in the absence of the Headteacher and/or Business Manager. Kent Financial Services can be contracted to perform monthly monitoring if required which is then scrutinised by Governors.

The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the 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 Governors have introduced systems, including operational procedures and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Academy has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement on pages 9 to 13.

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The main financial risks which Joydens Wood Infant School is exposed, taking account of the mitigations in place, relate the risk of an income shortfall due to the likelihood of further government spending reductions affecting our general grant.

Fundraising

The academy trust does not use any external fundraisers. All fundraising during the period was monitored by the trustees.

Plans for future periods

From 1 March 2023 the school joined Nexus Educational Trust.

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 governors' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of governors, as the company directors, on and signed on its behalf by:

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A Tili

Chair

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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Scope of responsibility

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

The board of governors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Joydens Wood Infant School and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the board of governors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' Report and in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities. The board of governors has formally met 3 times during the Period. Due to the small size of the Trust, this frequency of formal meetings has been adequate; additional ad-hoc meetings are convened when required and smaller working groups are set up for specific tasks as necessary. Attendance during the Period at meetings of the board of governors was as follows:

Governors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
R Hatley (Accounting Officer)	2	3
C Hill (Resigned 10 November 2022)	3	3
C Bassett	2	3
E Blake	1	3
A Martin (Resigned 18 September 2022)	2	3
Z Brohi	2	3
A Tlili (Chair)	3	3
N Lockyer-Fincken (Resigned 14 November 2022)	2	2
G Strong (Resigned 14 November 2022)	1	1

The board's performance is reviewed annually via a Governing Body effectiveness assessment which includes analysis of effective accountability as well as a skills audit.

Three Governors resigned from the the Governing body in the 2022-23 financial year. This included two staff Governors as well as the Chair. Due to the impending move to NEST, an interim Chair was appointed and the vacancies were left open.

The governing body continues to act effectively and diligently in fulfilling its 3 core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the performance of pupils and staff
- Ensuring financial probity

Joydens Wood Infant School normally hold six meetings a year which all governors are invited to. Three are classified as Full Governing Body meetings and three as sub-committee meetings. Due to the move to NEST, only 3 Full Governing Body meetings were held in the period ending 28 February 2023.

The Resources & Audit Committee and School Improvement & Safeguarding Committee are sub-committees of the main board of governors. The meetings are held in tandem and they formally met three times during the period. Due to the move to NEST, these meetings were merged into the Full Governing Body meetings.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Conflicts of interest

The Governing body require all members to complete a declaration of business interests to help identify any potential conflicts of interest.

When conflicts of interest are identified with a particular trustee, the Governing Body will exclude the individual from that part of the meeting whilst the issue is being discussed. Any decisions made will then be voted for excluding the affected Trustee in order that they cannot have any undue influence as a result of the conflict of interest.

Review of value for money

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

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

The Governing body is accountable for the way in which the school's resources are allocated to meet the objectives set out in the school's development plans. Governors need to secure the best possible outcome for pupils, in the most efficient and effective way, at a reasonable cost. This will lead to continuous improvement in the school's achievements and services.

What Is Best Value?

Governors will apply the four principles of best value:

- Challenge - Is the school's performance high enough? Why and how is a service provided? Do we still need it? Can it be delivered differently? What do parents want?
- Compare - How does the school's pupil performance and financial performance compare with all schools? How does it compare with LA schools? How does it compare with similar schools?
- Consult - How does the school seek the views of stakeholders about the services the school provides?
- Compete - How does the school secure efficient and effective services? Are services of appropriate quality, economic?

Governors, and the school leaders, will:

- Make comparisons with other/similar schools using data provided by the LA and the Government
- Challenge proposals, examining them for effectiveness, efficiency, and cost, e.g. setting of annual pupil achievement targets
- Require suppliers to compete on grounds of cost, and quality/suitability of services/products/backup
- Consult individuals and organisations on quality/suitability of service we provide to parents and pupils, and services we receive from providers, e.g. pupil reports, OFSTED, Gas and Electricity provider, Internet Provider

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This will apply in particular to:

- Safeguarding
- Staffing
- Use of premises
- Use of resources
- Quality of teaching
- Quality of learning
- Purchasing
- Pupils' behaviour, welfare and safety
- Site security health and safety

Governors and the school:

- Will not waste time and resources on investigating minor areas where few improvements can be achieved
- Will not waste time and resources to make minor savings in costs
- Will not waste time and resources by seeking tenders for minor supplies and services
- The pursuit of minor improvements or savings is not cost effective if the administration involves substantial time or costs. Time wasted on minor improvements or savings can also distract management from more important or valuable areas.

Staffing

- Governors and school leaders will deploy staff to provide best value in terms of quality of teaching, quality of learning, adult-pupil ratio, and curriculum management.
- Use of Premises
- Governors and school leaders will consider the allocation and use of teaching areas, support areas and communal areas, to provide the best environment for teaching & learning, for support services, and for communal access to central resources, e.g. Library.

Use of Resources

Governors and school leaders will deploy equipment, materials and services to provide pupils and staff with resources which support quality of teaching and quality of learning.

Teaching

Governors and school leaders will review the quality of curriculum provision and quality of teaching, to provide parents and pupils with:

- A curriculum which meets the requirements of the National Curriculum
- Teaching which builds on previous learning and has high expectations of children's achievement

Learning

- Governors and school leaders will review the quality of children's learning, by cohort, class and group, to track rapid progress over time.
- All children are expected to make a minimum of 6 steps progress yearly

Purchasing

Governors and school leaders will develop procedures for assessing need, and obtaining goods and services which provide "best value" in terms of suitability, efficiency, time, and cost. Measures already in place include:

- Competitive tendering procedures
- Procedures for accepting "best value" quotes, which are not necessarily the cheapest (e.g. suitability for purpose and quality of workmanship)
- Procedures which minimise office time by the purchase of goods or services under £1,000 direct from known, reliable suppliers (e.g. stationery)

Governors and school leaders will review the quality of the school environment and the school ethos, in order to provide a supportive environment conducive to learning and recreation.

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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 Joydens Wood Infant School for the period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of governors 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 governors is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of governors.

The risk and control framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of governors;
- regular reviews by the Resources Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- identification and management of risks.

The Governing Body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint a Responsible Officer. However, the Governors have appointed Kent County Council Internal Audit Service (KCCIAS) to complete the internal audit function. KCCIAS's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems.

In particular the checks carried out in the current period include:

- Testing of Governance control procedures
- Testing of Payroll and HR functions
- Testing of Purchase Card control procedures
- Testing of Income and Banking control procedures
- Testing of Contracts and Procurements functions
- Testing of Management Accounts functions

The Governing body also reviews Safeguarding as regular agenda items at both Committee and Full Governing Body meetings. Additional items linked to the risk register are also reviewed and discussed with strategic actions included in the minutes.

KCCIAS reports to the Governing body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities. Due to the move to NEST on 1 March 2023, the internal audit due in June 2023 will now not take place as Joydens Wood Infant School will now fall under the scheduling of the trusts internal audit program.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Review of effectiveness

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

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the board of governors on and signed on its behalf by:

A Tlili
Chair

G Strong
Acting Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

As accounting officer of Joydens Wood Infant School, I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of governors and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

I confirm that I and the academy trust's board of governors 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

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 governors and ESFA.

G Strong
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The governors (who act as trustees for Joydens Wood Infant School and are also the directors of Joydens Wood Infant School for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the governors' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

In preparing these accounts, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

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

A Tlili
Chair

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Joydens Wood Infant School for the Period ended 28 February 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the accounts, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 28 February 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the Period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

Basis for opinion

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

Emphasis of matter - going concern

We draw your attention to note 1.2 in the financial statements, which indicates that the financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Academy Trust is no longer a going concern as the company transferred its entire activities, assets and liabilities to the Nexus Educational Schools Trust on 1 March 2023. Our opinion is not modified in this respect.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The governors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the accounts themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the governors' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial Period for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the governors' report including the incorporated strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the governors' report, including the incorporated strategic report.

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

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

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the statement of governors' responsibilities, the governors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the accounts, the governors are responsible for assessing the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the governors either intend to liquidate the charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of senior leadership, Trustees and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations including compliance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency;
- Performing audit work over the recognition of grant income and the allocation of expenditure to funds;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control

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

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

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.

Catherine Cooper FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

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JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 29 June 2022 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Joydens Wood Infant School during the period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023 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 Joydens Wood Infant School and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Joydens Wood Infant School and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Joydens Wood Infant School and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Joydens Wood Infant School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Joydens Wood Infant School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 November 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

Our work included identification and assessment of the design and operational effectiveness of the controls, policies and procedures that have been implemented to ensure compliance with the framework of authorities including high level financial control areas and areas assessed of presenting a higher risk of impropriety. We undertook detailed testing, based on our assessment of risk of material irregularity, where such controls, policies and procedures apply to classes of transactions. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements to the extent evidence from the conduct of that audit supports the regularity conclusion as well as additional testing based on our assessment of risk of material irregularity.

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Reporting Accountant

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Dated:

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	9	-	71	80	295
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	642	-	642	1,275
Other trading activities	5	12	-	-	12	14
Total		21	642	71	734	1,584
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	7	4	700	40	744	1,427
Total	6	4	700	40	744	1,427
Net income/(expenditure)		17	(58)	31	(10)	157
Transfers between funds	16	-	(6)	6	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	145	-	145	870
Net movement in funds		17	81	37	135	1,027
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		58	(67)	2,397	2,388	1,361
Total funds carried forward		75	14	2,434	2,523	2,388

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Comparative year information Year ended 28 February 2022	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	21	-	274	295
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	1,275	-	1,275
Other trading activities	5	8	6	-	14
Total		29	1,281	274	1,584
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	7	10	1,360	57	1,427
Total	6	10	1,360	57	1,427
Net income/(expenditure)		19	(79)	217	157
Transfers between funds	16	-	(33)	33	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	870	-	870
Net movement in funds		19	758	250	1,027
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		39	(825)	2,147	1,361
Total funds carried forward		58	(67)	2,397	2,388

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		2,458		2,399
Current assets					
Debtors	12	83		170	
Cash at bank and in hand		102		179	
		185		349	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(96)		(222)	
Net current assets			89		127
Total assets less current liabilities			2,547		2,526
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(24)		(7)
Net assets before defined benefit pension scheme liability			2,523		2,519
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	18		-		(131)
Total net assets			2,523		2,388
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds	16				
- Fixed asset funds			2,434		2,397
- Restricted income funds			14		64
- Pension reserve			-		(131)
Total restricted funds			2,448		2,330
Unrestricted income funds	16		75		58
Total funds			2,523		2,388

The accounts on pages 21 to 43 were approved by the governors and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

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A Tlili
Chair

Company registration number 07804043

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 £'000	£'000	2022 £'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	19		(68)		23
Cash flows from investing activities					
Capital grants from DfE Group		71		274	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(99)		(274)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(28)		-
Cash flows from financing activities					
New other loan		20		-	
Repayment of other loan		(1)		(2)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities			19		(2)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			(77)		21
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period			179		158
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period			102		179

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

1 Accounting policies

Joydens Wood Infant School is a charitable company. The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the governors' report.

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

These accounts have been prepared for the period 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023 which is a period of less than twelve months.

1.2 Going concern

The governors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern.

On 1 March 2023 the academy joined NEXUS Educational Schools Trust and on that date all of its assets, liabilities and activities were transferred. From 1 March 2023 the legal entity known as Joydens Wood Infant School ceased to operate and for this reason the Trustees consider the academy trust is no longer a going concern. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the Academy Trust is not a going concern.

1.3 Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

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.

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

The value of donated services and gifts in kind provided to the academy trust are recognised at their open market value in the period in which they are receivable as incoming resources, where the benefit to the academy trust can be reliably measured. An equivalent amount is included as expenditure under the relevant heading in the statement of financial activities, except where the gift in kind was a fixed asset in which case the amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy trust's policies.

Donated fixed assets

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

Interest receivable

Interest receivable is included within the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the academy trust's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management, governors' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual assets costing £1,000 or more and groups of assets costing £3,000 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. 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 such assets is charged 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 the cost is transferred to the restricted fixed asset fund, depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund.

The property has been included at the valuation provided by the ESFA when completing their desktop valuation.

The academy has a 125 year lease from conversion on the land and buildings with Kent County Council.

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

Leasehold buildings	50 Years
Leasehold land	125 years
Leasehold improvements	20 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	4 Years

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

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

1.6 Liabilities

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

1.7 Leased assets

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

1.8 Financial instruments

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

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Financial assets

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

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

Financial liabilities

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

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

1.9 Taxation

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

1.10 Pensions benefits

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated 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 based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The latest actuarial valuation of the LGPS was carried out on 31 March 2019. The amounts charged to net income or expenditure are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the statement of financial activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

1.11 Fund accounting

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

JOYDENS WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Department for Education where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Department for Education.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 28 February 2023. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement

Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See 11 for the carrying amount of the property plant and equipment, and note 1.5 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Capital grants	-	71	71	274
Other donations	9	-	9	21
	<u>9</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>295</u>

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4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	531	531	1,084
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
UIFSM	-	48	48	98
Pupil premium	-	7	7	11
PE & sport premium	-	10	10	18
School Supplementary Grant	-	17	17	12
Others	-	4	4	13
	-	617	617	1,236
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	25	25	39
Total funding	-	642	642	1,275

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Hire of facilities	2	-	2	4
Catering income	2	-	2	3
Other income	8	-	8	7
	12	-	12	14

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £'000	Non-pay expenditure		Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
		Premises £'000	Other £'000		
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	429	38	26	493	867
- Allocated support costs	134	43	74	251	560
	563	81	100	744	1,427

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6	Expenditure			(Continued)	
	Net income/(expenditure) for the period includes:			2023	2022
				£'000	£'000
	Fees payable to auditor for:				
	- Audit			10	8
	- Other services			6	3
	Operating lease rentals			2	6
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets			40	57
	Net interest on defined benefit pension liability			2	14
7	Charitable activities				
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		£'000	£'000	2023	2022
				£'000	£'000
	Direct costs				
	Educational operations	-	493	493	867
	Support costs				
	Educational operations	4	247	251	560
		4	740	744	1,427
				2023	2022
				£'000	£'000
	Analysis of support costs				
	Support staff costs			134	362
	Depreciation			2	1
	Technology costs			7	28
	Premises costs			41	59
	Other support costs			51	97
	Governance costs			16	13
				251	560

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8 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the Period were:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Wages and salaries	407	762
Social security costs	35	61
Pension costs	106	287
Staff costs - employees	548	1,110
Agency staff costs	15	12
	563	1,122
Staff development and other staff costs	2	4
Total staff expenditure	565	1,126

Staff numbers

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Teachers	10	9
Administration and support	24	21
Management	4	4
	38	34

Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs and employer national insurance contributions) exceeded £60,000 on an annual basis was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£70,001-£80,000	-	1

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the governors and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer national insurance and pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £108k (2022: £248k).

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9 Governors' remuneration and expenses

The Headteacher and other staff governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff, and not in respect of their services as governors. Other governors did not receive any payments (2022: £Nil).

The value of governors' remuneration was as follows:

R Hatley

Remuneration £15,000 - £20,000 (2022: £50,000 - £55,000)

Employers Pension Contributions £0 - £5,000 (2022: £10,000-£15,000)

E Blake

Remuneration £0- £5,000 (2022: £25,000 - £30,000)

Employers Pension Contributions £0 - £5,000 (2022: £5,000 - £10,000)

G Strong (appointed 19 April 2022 resigned 14 November 2022)

Remuneration £5,000 - £10, 000 (2022:£15,000 - £20,000)

Employers Pension Contributions £0 - £5,000 (2022: £0 - £5,000)

N Lockyer-Fincken (appointed 29 March 2022 resigned 14 November 2022)

Remuneration £5,000 - £10,000 (2022:£15,000 - £20,000)

Employers Pension Contributions £0 - £5,000 (2022: £0 - £5,000)

During the period expenses of £48 (2022: £88) were reimbursed to staff governors in respect of class room expenses.

Other related party transactions involving the governors are set out within the related parties note.

10 Governors' and officers' insurance

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

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Leasehold improvements	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost					
At 1 September 2022	2,279	518	75	33	2,905
Additions	-	92	7	-	99
At 28 February 2023	2,279	610	82	33	3,004
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2022	383	20	70	33	506
Charge for the Period	23	15	2	-	40
At 28 February 2023	406	35	72	33	546
Net book value					
At 28 February 2023	1,873	575	10	-	2,458
At 31 August 2022	1,896	498	5	-	2,399

The additions to leasehold improvements relate to fire safety improvements made throughout the school.

12 Debtors

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
VAT recoverable	5	27
Prepayments and accrued income	78	143
	83	170

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Other loans	4	2
Other creditors	48	151
Accruals and deferred income	44	69
	96	222

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Other loans	24	7
	=====	=====
Analysis of loans	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Wholly repayable within five years	28	9
Less: included in current liabilities	(4)	(2)
	=====	=====
Amounts included above	24	7
	=====	=====
Loan maturity		
Debt due in one year or less	4	2
Due in more than one year but not more than two years	4	2
Due in more than two years but not more than five years	9	5
Due in more than five years	11	-
	=====	=====
	28	9
	=====	=====

Included within creditors is a loan of £4k (2022: £4k) from SALIX which is interest free and repayable in 16 equal half yearly payments of £505. There are also two CIF SALIX loans of £4k (2022:£5k) and £20k (2022: £nil) which are interest free and payable in monthly instalments over 9 years and 10 years respectively.

15 Deferred income

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	10	58
	=====	=====
Deferred income at 1 September 2022	58	55
Released from previous years	(58)	(55)
Resources deferred in the Period	10	58
	=====	=====
Deferred income at 28 February 2023	10	58
	=====	=====

At the balance sheet date, the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance for universal infant free school meals for 2022/23.

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16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 28 February 2023 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	64	531	(581)	(6)	8
UIFSM	-	48	(48)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	7	(7)	-	-
PE and sports premium	-	10	(9)	-	1
School Supplementary Grant	-	17	(12)	-	5
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	4	(4)	-	-
Other government grants	-	25	(25)	-	-
Pension reserve	(131)	-	(14)	145	-
	(67)	642	(700)	139	14
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE group capital grants	7	71	-	(75)	3
Salix loans	(9)	-	-	(18)	(27)
General fixed assets	2,399	-	(40)	99	2,458
	2,397	71	(40)	6	2,434
Total restricted funds	2,330	713	(740)	145	2,448
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	58	21	(4)	-	75
Total funds	2,388	734	(744)	145	2,523

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

General Annual Grant: Income received from the ESFA to cover the normal running costs of the Academy.

Pupil Premium, PE & Sports Premium grant, Universal Infant Free School Meals and School Supplementary grant: Income from ESFA as described

Other DfE/ESFA grants: Other grants from the ESFA and DfE including the Recovery Premium

Other government grants: This includes SEN funding and Mainstream funding from Kent County Council.

DfE/ ESFA Capital Grants: This includes the Devolved Formula Capital grant. and CIF funding.

Salix loan: The Academy has received three SALIX loans to finance capital projects.

The transfer of funds is the purchase of fixed assets from GAG.

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16 Funds

(Continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure as restated £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2022 as restated £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	37	1,084	(1,024)	(33)	64
UIFSM	-	98	(98)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	11	(11)	-	-
PE and sports premium	-	18	(18)	-	-
COVID catch up Premium	13		(13)		-
School Supplementary grant		12	(12)	-	-
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	13	(13)	-	-
Other government grants	-	39	(39)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	6	(6)	-	-
Pension reserve	(875)	-	(126)	870	(131)
	<u>(825)</u>	<u>1,281</u>	<u>(1,360)</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>(67)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE group capital grants	-	274	-	(267)	7
Salix loans and Kent Pension	(35)	-	-	26	(9)
General fixed assets	2,182	-	(57)	274	2,399
	<u>2,147</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>(57)</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>2,397</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>1,322</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>(1,417)</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>2,330</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	39	29	(10)	-	58
Total funds	<u>1,361</u>	<u>1,584</u>	<u>(1,427)</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>2,388</u>

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total Funds £'000
Fund balances at 28 February 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,458	2,458
Current assets	75	107	3	185
Current liabilities	-	(93)	(3)	(96)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	(24)	(24)
Total net assets	75	14	2,434	2,523
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,399	2,399
Current assets	58	284	7	349
Current liabilities	-	(220)	(2)	(222)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	(7)	(7)
Pension scheme liability	-	(131)	-	(131)
Total net assets	58	(67)	2,397	2,388

18 Pension and similar obligations

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to nil (2022: nil) were payable to the schemes at 28 February 2023 and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

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18 Pension and similar obligations

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Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% 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 £218,100 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. The assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2024.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £43k (2022: £99k).

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22.5% for employers and 5.5 to 12.5% for employees.

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

Total contributions made	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Employer's contributions	51	101
Employees' contributions	13	21
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Total contributions	64	122
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18 Pension and similar obligations

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Principal actuarial assumptions	2023 %	2022 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.8	4.05
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.8	3.05
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.95	4.25
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.8	3.05

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

	2023 Years	2022 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.1	22
- Females	23.5	23.9
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.3	23.4
- Females	25	25.4

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

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Discount rate + 0.1%	-26	-28
Discount rate - 0.1%	27	29
Mortality assumption + 1 year	49	44
Mortality assumption - 1 year	-47	-43
Long term salary increase + 0.1%	2	0
Long term salary increase - 0.1%	-2	0

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

	2023 Fair value £'000	2022 Fair value £'000
Equities	992	934
Gilts	9	8
Other bonds	202	188
Cash	25	24
Property	152	167
Other assets	157	102
Total market value of assets	1,537	1,423

The actual return on scheme assets was £92,000 (2022: £(17,000)).

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18 Pension and similar obligations	(Continued)	
Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Current service cost	63	213
Interest income	(30)	(23)
Interest cost	32	37
Total operating charge	65	227
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
At 1 September 2022	1,554	2,224
Current service cost	63	213
Interest cost	32	37
Employee contributions	13	21
Actuarial gain	(83)	(910)
Benefits paid	(42)	(31)
At 28 February 2023	1,537	1,554
Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
At 1 September 2022	1,423	1,349
Interest income	30	23
Actuarial (gain)/loss	65	(40)
Employer contributions	51	101
Employee contributions	13	21
Benefits paid	(42)	(31)
Unrecognised asset	(3)	-
At 28 February 2023	1,537	1,423

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

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(10)	157
Adjusted for:		
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(71)	(274)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	12	112
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	2	14
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	40	57
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	87	(163)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(128)	120
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(68)	23

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2022 £'000	Cash flows £'000	28 February 2023 £'000
Cash	179	(77)	102
Loans falling due within one year	(2)	(2)	(4)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(7)	(17)	(24)
	<u>170</u>	<u>(96)</u>	<u>74</u>

21 Long-term commitments

Operating leases

At 28 February 2023 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Amounts due within one year	-	1

22 Capital commitments

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the accounts	4	93

The capital commitment comprises CIF funded works and telephone system.

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23 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy's operations and the composition of the Board of Governors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the Board of Governors may have 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.

Crundwell Creative is a company controlled by Scott Crundwell, the brother-in-law of Rachel Hately. Joydens Wood Infant School pay an annual website maintenance which has not yet been paid in 2023 (2022: £1,338). The academy trust made the purchase at arms' length and Rachel Hately was not involved in the decision to appoint Crundwell Creative. In entering into the transaction, the academy trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.

24 Post balance sheet events

On 1 March 2023 the academy joined NEXUS Educational Schools Trust (NEST) and all of its assets, liabilities and activities were transferred to NEST on that date. The assets and liabilities were transferred at their book values as recorded in the statements of the Academy Trust as at 28 February 2023.

25 Members' liability

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