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The Fallibroome Trust

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

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	F Power, Headteacher - The Fallibroome Academy
	E Ransom, Headteacher - Upton Primary School
	PW Rubery, Executive Principal/CEO (resigned 31 December 2021)
	H Scott, Acting Executive Principal/CEO (appointed 1 January 2022 until 31 August 2022)
	J Spencer, Executive Principal/CEO (appointed 1 September 2022)
	M Shaw, Headteacher - Gawsworth Primary School
	E O'Neill, Headteacher - Eaton Bank Academy
	S Pollard, Headteacher - Upton Priory School
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The Fallibroome Trust

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Academy Trust operates 7 Primary and 3 Secondary Academies in Cheshire. Its academies have a combined pupil capacity of 5615 and had a roll of 5152 on 19th May 2022.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

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

The charitable company's Memorandum of Association is the primary governing document of the academy trust.

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

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

At 31 August 2022 The Fallibroome Trust was comprised as follows:

- Adlington Primary School (a converter 4 - 11 Primary School)
- Broken Cross Primary Academy & Nursery (a sponsored 2 - 11 Primary and Nursery)
- Eaton Bank Academy (a converter 11 - 19 Secondary School)
- The Fallibroome Academy (a converter 11 - 19 Secondary School)
- Gawsworth Primary School (a converter 4 - 11 Primary School)
- Marlborough Primary School (a converter 4 - 11 Primary School)
- Nether Alderley Primary School (a converter 4 - 11 Primary School)
- Upton Priory Primary School (a converter 3 - 11 Primary and Nursery)
- Whirley Primary School (a converter 4 - 11 Primary School)
- The Winsford Academy (a sponsored 11 - 16 Secondary School)

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy Trust purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. Since 1 September 2016, the Academy Trust has been a member of the Government's risk protection arrangements (RPA). This provides cover up to £10,000,000 in any one membership year in respect of Trustees' and Governors' liability and provides unlimited cover in respect of actual or alleged breaches of professional duty.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Academy Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

Induction is offered to all new Trustees. All new Trustees meet with the CEO or DCEO to share understanding of the Trust's vision and values. They are offered the opportunity to visit academies within the Academy Trust. Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. Further training is tailored to meet needs based on their existing experience and gaps. Where necessary, training on charity, educational, legal and financial matters is offered. In addition to internal training, external sources of quality training are identified and shared with Trustees.
The Academy Trust has a bi-annual Governors Conference to bring together individuals from all of the Academy Trust schools' Governing Bodies. The aims of the latest conference were to leave having:
• Understood the Trust's School Improvement and Business Plan priorities and how they align with each school's improvement plan;
• Secured the relationships and exchange of best practice that will strengthen governance across the Trust;
• Contribute to the development of Trust strategy in light of the emerging national picture.

Organisational structure

The Academy Trust's structure consists of the following levels:

a. Board of Trustees which includes an Audit and Remuneration Committee, Finance Committee, Estates Committee and Standards Committee
b. A Local Governing Body (LGB) for each school within the Academy Trust
c. A Senior Leadership Team (SLT) within each school
d. A Senior Leadership Team for the Trust, consisting of the CEO Deputy CEO, Chief Operating Officer Chief Information Officer

The Trustees are responsible for the overall direction of the Academy Trust and its strategic management. This involves determining the guiding principles within which the Academy Trust operates, setting general policy, adopting a strategic plan and ratifying individual schools' budgets and maintaining robust financial oversight. The Board monitors the activities of the schools within the Academy Trust to ensure educational outcomes and optimum operational efficiency. The Trustees take decisions about major capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. They are also responsible for ensuring that the Academy Trust meets all its statutory obligations and, through the Senior Leadership Team, the LGBs and the Senior Leaderships Teams of its individual schools that it complies with financial regulations. The CEO is the Accounting Officer of the Academy Trust and the COO is the Chief Financial Officer.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Board of Trustees, through the Audit and Remuneration Committees, sets the performance objectives for the CEO. The subsequent assessment of achievement against these objectives informs the annual assessment of the CEO's salary by the Committee.

The CEO is responsible for the Performance Management of the Principal/Headteachers of the individual schools, although they may delegate this task to a suitable national leader of education (NLE). The CEO/NLE may be assisted by an independent educational partner and the Chair of the LGB, the determination of their salaries must be in accordance with the provisions laid down in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document (STCPD).

Performance management and pay determination for members of the Academy Trust's schools' Leadership Teams is delegated to the Principal/Headteacher at school level and ratified annually by the LGBs in the Autumn Term.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

The Fallibroome Trust works in collaboration with The Aspire Trust, a Primary MAT in Macclesfield, in the planning of joint CPD and other strategic activities. Helen Scott the Trust's Deputy CEO is a National Leader of Education and works across both Trusts to support the development of both Trusts' schools. The substantive CEO at Fallibroome retired 31 December 2021. In his absence the Deputy CEO was seconded as interim CEO for the Fallibroome Trust. During the same period the Aspire CEO was absent with ill health. The Deputy CEO stepped into the CEO role for both Trusts during the Spring term, and continued to support The Aspire Trust during the summer term as their CEO recovered.

The Academy Trust is a former National Teaching School and is now a Delivery Partner for the new Cheshire Teaching School Hub. It continues to work collaboratively with primary, secondary and higher education (HE) partners and also continues to operate a School Direct programme. The Teaching School Hub is directly accountable to the Department for Education (DfE) and is required to deliver agreed actions in areas such as Early Career Framework Teacher Training and the new suite of NPQs, in partnership with Best Practice Network and University College London. The Trust also leads a Science Learning Partnership and is a designated Computer Hub, under contract from STEM Learning and the National Centre for Computing Education.

During 2021-22 The Macclesfield Academy, a single academy trust, has continued to receive associate membership of The Fallibroome Trust. Members of the Trust's leadership and executive teams have given business, finance, governance and education leadership support to The Macclesfield Academy, enabled by a funding arrangement from the Regional Schools Commissioner. This arrangement ended on 31st August 2022 following the completion of all commissioned activities.

Winsford Academy continues to be the hub for all Winsford Education Partnership work, with meetings, sports and arts events and community activities being held at the Academy.

The Fallibroome Academy and its feeder primary schools form the Fallibroome Learning Community (FLC). Headteachers meet regularly to consider matters of transition and continuity.

Eaton Bank Academy is a member of the Congleton Education Community Partnership, a local education improvement partnership, and the Chimney House Alliance, a further Teaching School Hub Delivery Partner.

The Trust subscribes to the Confederation of School Trusts and values the advice and guidance they offer. We also contribute to Cheshire East's LA/MAT strategy group - designed to collaborate on a County-wide response to the DfE's encouragement of MAT growth.

Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

The Trust takes its obligations to inform and consult with employees seriously and makes increasing use of technology to ensure that communication is effective and easy to access by all. The Trust shares all measures which may affect staff through the Headteacher network who cascade to their individual school teams and follow up with staff individually.

The Trust actively builds awareness of the performance of its family of schools. The CEO updates all staff at the end of each term to inform colleagues of progress and achievements. The Staff Intranet is becoming a significant communication channel and its use is being promoted through creating relevant content.

To allow staff to monitor the Trust's financial and operational performance, the financial statements are posted on the Trust website annually.

The Trust adheres to its Single Equality Policy to ensure that it does not let decisions about recruitment, retention, training or promotions be affected by bias, conscious or unconscious.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others in a business relationship with the trust

The Trust supports local businesses by allowing each school to maintain its own approved supplier list, fostering local relationships and rewarding good customer service, whilst also maintaining oversight and checks on value for money. Most schools have consistently paid the majority of suppliers in accordance with payment terms, including shorter terms for small and sole traders

Each of the Trust's schools plays an active role in its community and many are involved in local community initiatives and partnerships. All three secondary schools also have established lettings arrangements, providing facilities to the community during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Academy Trust's aims are:

- Every student, without exception, will leave school with the highest possible examination results, combined with the values, skills, qualities and aptitudes that will enable them to thrive in society.
- Each school to become the school of choice for the local community and the employer of choice for the best professionals.
- The Trust has a national reputation for excellence.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The Academy Trust's objectives are:

• To deliver a clear methodology of school improvement that ensures all schools are judged to be good or outstanding, as a result of every child meeting their personal and academic potential
• To deliver excellence in all that we do so that we add value to our children's education and contribute to the concept of system leadership
• To ensure the Academy Trust is viable with each school being well managed and creating the collective capacity for sustainable growth

Public benefit

In setting our activities each year, we have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The public benefit delivered by the Academy Trust is the provision of a high quality education to each of its students. The Academy Trust endeavours to ensure that this education is accessible to every child.

The Academy Trust also provides opportunities for children, their parents and the local communities that are served by each school through a range of extracurricular activities.

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Achievements and performance
The Academy Trust key priorities are:-

- To improve student outcomes
- To develop resilient and independent learners
- To create deep and rich curricular experiences.

The business strategies to achieve our aims are:-

- To secure and release maximum funds for investment into student outcomes
- To establish sustainable, frictionless infrastructures involving technology, systems and the physical environment to support satisfying, collaborative experiences for staff and students alike
- To look after our staff; seeking continual improvement in their safety and wellbeing, whilst also attracting and releasing talent across the organisation.

Key performance indicators

Pupil Numbers

Total students at the period end 31 August 2022 was 5152 across the ten schools:

Establishment name	Number of Students	Capacity
Adlington Primary School	103	105
Broken Cross Primary Academy and Nursery	209	210
Eaton Bank Academy	988	1087
Fallibroome Academy	1,565	1,535
Gawsworth Primary School	205	210
Marlborough Primary School	378	420
Nether Alderley Primary School	99	105
Upton Priory School	353	420
Whirley Primary School	210	210
Winsford Academy	1,042	1,312*

***The 'official' capacity of The Winsford Academy is 1,500. However, an independent net capacity assessment reduced this to 1,140 during the academic year 2020-21 and it was subsequently increased following building works, to add two classrooms, to 1,312.**

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Key performance indicators

Primary Schools:

A full analysis of our schools' outcomes for 2018/19 are available on the DfE school performance website and remain the last published measure of attainment, due to Covid. Internal data at each key stage across our schools was scrutinised by the primary executive headteacher and the Trust board throughout the pandemic and national assessment took place in Summer 2022. Overall attainment in EYFS is good. Building attainment from low starting points for disadvantaged pupils remains a focus. Phonics outcomes were particularly pleasing, impacted by the change of approach in six of our seven schools to a more synthetic phonics programme. At Key stage 1, other than in a school where there had been significant staff absence in Year 2, outcomes were at least in line with national. At Key Stage 2 attainment at expected was in line with or above national averages in most of our schools, other than in a school with a significant number of Year 6 pupils with EHCPs relating to cognition and learning.

During 2021-22, our Primary Development Plan focused on further developing the curriculum and assessment. Primary colleagues have supported one another in curriculum reviews and development considering the change in OFTSED focus. A programme of work led by our local Research School focused on developing children's metacognition and self-regulation strategies to support them in knowing more and remembering more over time. The programme also supported our teams in understanding how to become more evidence based in their practice. Development of these skills stand our teachers in good stead for continuing to support our children in making good progress. Teachers also engaged in the Making a Difference to Disadvantaged Learners programme and are applying their learning in school. Significant opportunities to work with EdTech were open to all schools to build on use of technology during school closures to enhance learning, but also to support staff wellbeing.

Supporting pupil wellbeing has been a key focus. One key initiative during 2021-22 was the introduction of attendance supervision sessions run by trained education welfare officers. Cases of absence where schools needed support and guidance were shared and advice given and actioned. These were well received by schools and had some good outcomes. All staff were offered training related to Trauma Informed behaviour management strategies.

Secondary Schools:

KS4 and 5 outcomes are reported to Trustees annually and compared to national benchmarks. Overall, these were strong in two of our three secondary school. The third school had been significantly affected by Covid related absence which impacted the quality of education, despite leaders' best endeavours to minimise the impact.

Secondary teachers had access to the same Teaching and Learning CPD as Primary colleagues, focussing on developing understanding of metacognition, memory and knowledge retention techniques, and making a difference to disadvantaged learners. Such evidence-based practice supported the development of 'catch-up' and recovery strategies, following the closure of schools due to the pandemic.

The introduction of external specialists to validate the quality of provision in our secondary schools added value to our support for schools. All three secondary schools experienced an English deep dive, with bespoke advice given to each school to build on the strengths of their provision. As an outcome, a Trust wide need and strategy to develop early reading in Key Stage 3 emerged, and work began to improve that area. This work will continue as a focus in 2022-23. Further deep dives took place in geography and safeguarding.

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A Trust-wide Teaching and Learning conference took place in October 2021 with the aim of embedding best practice in helping children know and remember more across the curriculum. The conference was attended by all the Trust schools.

Going concern

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

Promoting the success of the academy

The Trustees recognise their obligations to promote the long term success of the Trust, protecting its local, regional and national reputation, and ensuring the highest standards of integrity and fairness in the relationships between schools, staff and business partners alike. It achieves engagement with stakeholders through:

- Maintaining a 'high autonomy' scheme of delegation, allowing schools to maintain local relationships and to be at the heart of their communities
- Using the Trust website and staff intranet for external and internal communications
- Maintaining broad and dispersed leadership, with local governing bodies for all schools and including all the schools' Headteachers in the Trust's senior management team.
- Ensuring headteachers are fully empowered in budget setting for their schools and engaged in the Trust's policy drafting process.
- Regular surveys to capture direct feedback from Trust staff
- Assessing the impact of school improvement work delivered by The Trust

All Headteachers and managers have unlimited access to an experienced HR Lead, supported by a legal retainer. Policies, including the whistle blowing policy, are communicated through efficient electronic means to all staff.

The Fallibroome Trust values of Trust, Respect and Optimism are promoted through staff induction and CEO communications, as well as being consistently reinforced by the wider Trust leadership.

There is an annual conference for governors and all school leaders and governors have access to advice and guidance through online subscriptions. The Trust holds a biennial CPD/Staff Training event for all teaching and support staff to share best practice and skills updates

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Financial review

The Academy Trust's overarching financial objectives are:

- Ensure economy efficiency and effectiveness over the use of Trust Funds (value for money).
- Assurance received that annual financial accounts have been properly prepared and are free of material misstatements.
- Accounts filed with Companies House for public access by 31 December each year and on the Trust website by 31 January of the following year.
- All statutory returns submitted on time.
- Staffing costs capped at 80% of total Trust income.
- Alternative sources of funding are pursued, consistent with the Trust's core competencies.
- Sufficient levels of income are generated to support the asset base of the Trust.
- Sources of funding pursued for capital development projects.

Most of the Academy Trust's income is obtained from the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants from the ESFA during the period ended 31 August 2022 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

The Academy Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the ESFA. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102) 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 charged over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

During the period ended 31 August 2022 total revenue expenditure (using revenue of £34,105,208 and expenditure of £31,297,092 which excludes depreciation and FRS 102 pension adjustments) of £2,808,116 was covered by grant funding from the ESFA together with other incoming resources. At 31 August 2022, the net book value of fixed assets was £51,950,800. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy Trust.

No school or cost centre was carrying an overall revenue deficit at the end of the year. Although 6 of the 11 cost centres ended the year with a negative variance to budget, these variances were approved by local governing bodies in order to meet their agreed objectives, during the course of the financial year. Staffing costs during the year were equivalent to approximately 73% of revenue income. Alternative sources of funding (non-LA/ESFA) made up 11% of total income.

Reserves policy

Each school is required to maintain at a minimum in general reserves of least 3% of the school's General Annual Grant (GAG). Beyond this minimum threshold, there is an expectation that each school should work towards a general reserves balance of 5%. These levels are reviewed annually by the Board. If in-year deficits result in a school falling below the 3% threshold, they are required to set resources aside in the following next year's to restore it. Exceptionally, where the size of the short fall is large, the local governing body may propose to the Trust Board that it is restored over more than one year. Each year's budget for each school includes a review of what changes would be required to achieve the 5% level and assessment of the relative financial and operational risks of increasing the reserves or maintaining the minimum level. If the level of reserves exceeds 8% the school's annual budget includes a justification for maintaining a higher level of reserves. All schools in the Trust were carrying above the expected 5% reserves level at the end of the financial year. The Trust's current level of available revenue reserves (total funds less fixed asset and pension reserves) is £4,659,954 (2021 - £4,465,177).

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Investment policy

All investments are recorded in sufficient detail to identify the investment and to enable the current market value to be calculated. The Trust Investment Policy stipulates that its schools will only invest funds in low risk accounts, where capital is not deemed to be at risk. Funds will only be placed with banking institutions that are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and with good credit ratings. Funds will only be placed in long notice accounts (in excess of 90 days) where there is a legitimate reason to place those funds beyond reach.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed and have a comprehensive, and recently updated risk register. The Trustees have established appropriate policies and procedures to mitigate the risks that each school faces. Robust policies are place at all schools such as performance management, educational achievement assessment and monitoring, safer recruitment practices and internal finance controls.

At their meetings, Trustees consider and monitor all potential risks arising from the Academy Trust's operations. They assess the materiality and likelihood of risks occurring and determine the actions that are needed to reduce and mitigate these risks. The formal risk register is reviewed termly by the Audit Committee. Where significant financial risk still remains, Trustees have ensured that they have adequate insurance cover. Trustees are satisfied that these systems are consistent with guidelines issued by the Charities Commission.

All financial systems, procedures and internal controls are subject to on going review at senior management level as part of the day to day management of each school, the Academy Trust's internal audit service and through a central programme of internal scrutiny. In respect of financial risk, a system of internal control has been established and Trustees continually review financial procedures and controls as necessary.

The principal risks identified during the 2021-22 year included

- falling reserves in some schools, in one or more cases linked to a falling number on roll,
- senior leader departures, including CEO retirement
- falling standards in one or more schools
- boiler failure
- unknown employee related liabilities

These risks are being mitigated in a number of ways:

- close monitoring and oversight of schools' financial performance. 5 year forecasts. Internal scrutiny of income and expenditure.
- robust recruitment processes for senior leadership appointments, including CEO appointment
- deputy CEO secured full time
- expansion and refinement of secondary phase school improvement offer
- Investment of SCA funds in boiler replacements
- decision to invest in Trust-wide HR Management software

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Fundraising
The approach to fundraising taken by the Academy Trust is through:

- Lettings of the school facilities.
- Management of After school clubs and Nurseries by some of the primary schools.
- Voluntary donations.
- Fundraising by the pupils to support specific activities.

During the last academic year there was no work with any commercial participators or professional fundraisers.

Fundraising is carried out separately at Schools across the Academy Trust. The funds raised are collected and banked to purchase specific items for individual schools. Fundraising activities include events such as summer and Christmas fayres, quizzes, film nights and performances.

During 2021-22 there have been no fundraising complaints.

All fundraising meets the requirements of the Charity Commission publication "Charity fundraising: a guide to trustee duties (CC20)"

Strategic Report

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data for the period	1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022	1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	6,019,130	6,237,232
Scope 1 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e		
Owned transport - mini-buses and car	9.48	9.77
Gas consumption	702.11	796.22
Gas Oil consumption	179.03	154.80
Total scope 1	890.62	960.79
Scope 2 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e		
Purchased electricity	380.33	366.45
Scope 3 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e		
Business travel in employee owned vehicles	2.35	0.92
Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	**1273.30**	**1328.16**
Intensity ratio		
Tonnes CO2e per pupil	**0.25**	**0.26**

Quantification and Reporting Methodology:
We have followed the 2019 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines. We have also used the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard and have used the 2022 UK Government's Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

Intensity measurement
The chosen intensity measurement ratio is total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e per pupil, the recommended ratio for the sector.

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency
We have rewired approximately one third of Fallibroome's main block. As part of this work the lighting has been changed over to LED and the controls have been upgraded to the latest energy saving types. This should reduce electricity use for the site.

We have commenced replacement of older lighting to Winsford, Eaton Bank and Fallibroome with low energy LED lighting. The pitch lights to Fallibroome and Eaton Bank have been changed over to LED lamps. This should reduce the electricity usage at these sites.

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The boiler and hot water generation have been replaced at Nether Alderley school. As part of this work some electric hot water generation has been replaced and the pipework insulation has been upgraded. With newer more efficient boilers and other improvements this should reduce the gas usage at this site.

The first phase of a roofing replacement at Marlborough Primary has commenced with an increase in insulation which should reduce the heating demand on the school and subsequent gas use.

The heating distribution and emitters to Eaton Bank old science block have been replaced and upgraded. This should reduce gas use.

Plans for future periods

The Trustees will continue to pursue their core objective to provide the highest educational opportunities for all children and enable them to reach their full potential. They will continue to actively promote the Fallibroome Trust and continue to build on the foundations and ultimately secure financial stability for future operations.

The Academy Trust has agreed a measured growth strategy based on agreed criteria. The last schools incorporated into the Trust were a primary school and a secondary school in September 2019.

In September 2022 a new Chief Executive Officer joined the Trust; Jeremy Spencer. From 1st January 2023 the Deputy CEO, Helen Scott, will move from part time to a full time post, further increasing the Trust's school improvement capacity.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others
The Trust do not hold any funds on behalf of any other organisation.

Auditor
The Members of the Academy Trust have appointed Beever and Struthers as Independent Auditors for the financial year 2021-22.

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by order of the members of The Board of Trustees on 13/12/22 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
GM Gorton
Chair of Trustees

The Fallibroome Trust

Governance Statement

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day to day responsibility to the CEO, 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 The Fallibroome Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
J Brooks	5	6
P Cresswell	6	6
GM Gorton, Chair	6	6
RD Hipperson	6	6
J Longman (resigned 6 September 2022)	5	6
AG Naylor	3	6
H O'Donnell (appointed 1 September 2021)	2	6
PW Rubery (Executive Principal/CEO) (resigned 31 December 2021)	2	2
K Smith	4	6
P Thornber	6	6
S Rattan (appointed 1 November 2021)	4	5

The Trust has established and embedded processes in place to manage conflicts of interest, including maintaining an up-to-date and complete register of interests at both Trustee and Governor level and declaration of interests as standing agenda items. Segregation of duties in the finance team, transparency of reporting and expenditure and internal and external audit processes all play a part in this process.

Governance reviews

The Board is committed to the highest standards of probity and excellence and recognises the need for proficiency in a range of areas from business and financial management, accountancy, personnel, educational leadership and school governance. Having completed an audit of their individual skills, the Trustees are confident that as a body, they possess a high level and broad scope of expertise and business acumen relevant to their duties. The Trustees are aware of the need for succession planning and are already identifying a pool of talented individuals from existing LGBs, the wider community and industry to draw on for vacant positions on the Board which may arise in the future.

The Audit & Remuneration Committee met 5 times in the year to receive and consider the draft accounts and the Auditors preclearance memorandum, and to review the CEO's performance management against objectives. It has delegated responsibility, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for ensuring that there is a framework for accountability, for examining and reviewing financial and accounting systems and methods of control, including risk analysis and risk management; and for ensuring the Trust is complying with all aspects of the law, relevant Education and Skills Funding Agency, and other, regulations and good practice.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
GM Gorton, Chair	5	5
RD Hipperson	5	5
J Longman (resigned 6 September 2022)	4	5
AG Naylor	5	5
PW Rubery (Executive Principal/CEO) (resigned 31 December 2021)	2	2

The Finance Committee met 3 times in the year to review and monitor budget variance and other financial reports, and to scrutinise and approve budgets.

Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
J Brooks (appointed 1 January 2022)	3	3
GM Gorton, Chair (appointed 1 January 2022)	3	3
RD Hipperson (appointed 1 January 2022)	2	3
PW Rubery (Executive Principal/CEO) (resigned 31 December 2021) (appointed 1 January 2022)	1	1
K Smith (appointed 1 January 2022)	2	3
P Thornber (appointed 1 January 2022)	2	3

The School Performance Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
P Cresswell	4	4
GM Gorton	3	3
J Longman	4	4
AG Naylor	3	3
H O'Donnell	4	4
PW Rubery (Executive Principal/CEO) (resigned 31 December 2021)	1	1
S Rattan	3	3

The Estates/H&S Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
GM Gorton	3	3
P Cresswell	3	3
P Thornber	3	3

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the CEO 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 Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The Accounting Officer of the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Exchanging leadership staff time with two other local multi-academy Trusts in order to share expertise.
- Providing business services to a local single academy trust
- Delivering curriculum and school improvement services to a wide range of local schools and Trusts,
- Securing a Trust-wide agency supply arrangement
- Utilising a framework supply arrangement for multi-functional printing devices
- Securing inward investment into buildings
- The Academy Trust has tendered and project managed SCA works, ensuring value for money was achieved and all projects were delivered within the funding available.

The purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy 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 The Fallibroome Trust for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

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

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

The Board of Trustees has appointed Mazars LLP to carry out Internal system checks in the 2021-22 financial year. The three areas of testing were Fraud Risk Management, Financial Reporting and Business Continuity Planning.

On an annual basis, the external auditor reports to the board of trustees through the Audit & Remuneration Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the CEO has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the Internal Auditor;
- the report of the external auditors, received December
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process:
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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Governance Statement (continued)

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 13/12/22 and signed on their behalf, by:

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GM Gorton
Chair of Trustees

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J Spencer
Accounting Officer

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Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As accounting officer of The Fallibroome Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the 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 2021.

I confirm that I and the academy trust board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all 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 2021.

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

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J Spencer
Accounting Officer

Date 13/12/22

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 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 Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board on 13/12/22. and signed on its behalf by:

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GM Gorton
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of The Fallibroome Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Fallibroome Trust "the academy trust" for the year ended 31 August 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022 (including Income and Expenditure Account), Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022, Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2022, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of The Fallibroome Trust (continued)

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 23, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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 financial statements.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the academy through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the academy sector.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the academy's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud.
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of The Fallibroome Trust (continued)

- performed analytical procedures on material balances for which robust, substantive analytical procedures have been undertaken to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions.
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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

This report is made solely to the academy trust's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the academy trust'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 academy trust and the academy trust's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Beever and Struthers

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S Hutchinson FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Beever and Struthers Statutory Auditors, Statutory Auditor

One Express
1 George Leigh Street
Manchester
M4 5DL

Date: 16/12/2022

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to The Fallibroome Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 04 August 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Fallibroome Trust during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of the Governing Body's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Board of Trustees 's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2021, 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 2021 to 2022. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Review and testing of financial systems of internal control
- Sample testing of transactions
- Discussions with management

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to The Fallibroome Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (continued)

Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matters listed below, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Beever and Struthers

S Hutchinson FCCA
For and on behalf of Beever and Struthers Statutory Auditors, Chartered Accountants

One Express
1 George Leigh Street
Manchester
M4 5DL

Date: 16 December 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2021/22 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	122,721	331,933	1,167,455	1,622,109
Other trading activities		1,057,409	520,304	-	1,577,713
Investments		1,068	-	-	1,068
Charitable activities:					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	-	30,889,233	-	30,889,233
Teaching School		-	15,085	-	15,085
Total		1,181,198	31,756,555	1,167,455	34,105,208
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	32,354	176,501	-	208,855
Charitable activities:					
Academy trust educational operations	7	541,656	32,833,351	1,795,586	35,170,593
Teaching school		-	1,220	-	1,220
Total		574,010	33,011,072	1,795,586	35,380,668
Gains/losses on investment assets		-	-	(5,077)	(5,077)
Net income/(expenditure)		607,188	(1,254,517)	(633,208)	(1,280,537)
Transfers between funds		(1,458,719)	-	1,458,719	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	16,309,000	-	16,309,000
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		(851,531)	15,054,483	825,511	15,028,463
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2021		2,160,546	(15,522,544)	52,803,265	39,441,267
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2022		1,309,015	(468,061)	53,628,776	54,469,730

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(Registration number: 07346144)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	51,950,800	52,161,542
Current assets			
Stocks	13	10,968	14,898
Debtors	14	979,713	985,790
Cash at bank and in hand		8,665,865	7,185,516
		9,656,546	8,186,204
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,231,247)	(2,959,966)
Net current assets		6,425,299	5,226,238
Total assets less current liabilities		58,376,099	57,387,780
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(87,369)	(113,513)
Net assets excluding pension liability		58,288,730	57,274,267
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25	(3,819,000)	(17,833,000)
Total net assets including pension liability		54,469,730	39,441,267
Funds of the Academy:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted general fund		3,350,939	2,310,456
Restricted fixed asset fund		53,628,776	52,803,265
Restricted pension fund		(3,819,000)	(17,833,000)
		53,160,715	37,280,721
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted general fund		1,309,015	2,160,546
Total funds		54,469,730	39,441,267

The financial statements on pages 29 to 61 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 13/12/22 and signed on their behalf by:

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GM Gorton, Chair
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	19	1,925,191	3,120,099
Cash flows from investing activities	21	(418,699)	(519,778)
Cash flows from financing activities	20	(26,143)	(26,144)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		1,480,349	2,574,177
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		7,185,516	4,611,339
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	22	8,665,865	7,185,516

1 Accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The Fallibroome Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

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

Income

All incoming resources are recognised when 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 year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the year 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.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions) where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

Donations

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

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.

Expenditure

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

Expenditure on 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.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

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

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

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land and assets under construction, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a basis over its expected useful life.

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.

Depreciation is charged on the following bases:

Freehold & Leasehold buildings	6-48 years
Leasehold land	125 years
Furniture and equipment	4 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Specialist equipment	10 years
Computer equipment and technology equipment	3 years

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

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the academy trust has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Leased assets
Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 15. 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. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Stock
Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

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 Part 11, Chapter 3 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 Accounting policies (continued)

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. 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 recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

Fund accounting
This fund represents those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy trust at the discretion of the trustees.

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

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

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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

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.

Local Government Pension Scheme
The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 25, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2021. 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.

Long term leasehold land and buildings - Marlborough Primary School
The long term leasehold land and buildings within the accounts relate to the academy premises which were donated to the academy trust on transfer from the Mulberry Academy Trust on a long term lease. The long term land and buildings were valued using the ESFA valuation. These are being depreciated in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. No annual charge is made for the use of the land and buildings under the terms of the lease, based on management not being able to reliably measure the open market value.

Long term leasehold land and buildings - Eaton Bank Academy
The long term leasehold land and buildings withing the accounts relate to the academy premises which were donated to the academy trust on transfer from the Eaton Bank Academy on a long term lease. The long term land and buildings were valued using the ESFA valuation. The long term leasehold land has been valued by the trustees. In arriving at the fair value for the long term leasehold land the trustees have taken into consideration valuations of the land at the other schools in the trust that have been provided by the District Valuer Services (DVS), as noted below. These are being depreciated in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. No annual charge is made for the use of the land and buildings under the terms of the lease, based on management not being able to reliably measure the open market value.

Long term leasehold land and buildings - other schools
The long term leasehold land and buildings within the accounts relate to the academy premises which are donated to the academy trust on conversion on a 125 year lease. The long term land and buildings were valued by the District Valuer Services (DVS). These are being depreciated in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. No annual charge is made for the use of the land and buildings under the terms of the lease, based on management not being able to reliably measure the open market value.

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	2021/22 Total £	2020/21 Total £
Capital grants	36,109	331,933	1,167,455	1,535,497	1,323,917
Other donations	86,612	-	-	86,612	49,485
Donated fixed assets	-	-	-	-	168,870
	122,721	331,933	1,167,455	1,622,109	1,542,272

3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Restricted funds £	2021/22 Total £	2020/21 Total £
DfE/ESFA revenue grants			
General annual grant (GAG)	26,374,540	26,374,540	23,907,000
Other DfE/ESFA grants	981,403	981,403	1,783,000
Pupil premium	1,087,409	1,087,409	1,035,000
UIFSM	204,372	204,372	210,000
	28,647,724	28,647,724	26,935,000
Other government grants			
Other Government Grants	1,633,429	1,633,429	1,710,000
Exceptional government funding			
Covid 19 additional funding (Non-DfE)	145,853	145,853	-
Catch up premium	76,503	76,503	364,000
	222,356	222,356	364,000
Non-government grants and other income			
Non-Government Grants	385,724	385,724	143,000
Teaching School	15,085	15,085	33,080
	400,809	400,809	176,080
Total grants	30,904,318	30,904,318	29,185,080

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021/22 Total £	2020/21 Total £
Trips, visits and other activities	-	520,304	520,304	207,092
Hire of facilities	229,020	-	229,020	97,436
Income from staff deployment	7,767	-	7,767	6,925
Insurance income	33,428	-	33,428	37,040
Catering	583,030	-	583,030	232,808
After school income	204,164	-	204,164	155,068
	1,057,409	520,304	1,577,713	736,369

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Total £	2020/21 Total £
Short term deposits	1,068	1,068	737

6 Expenditure

	Non Pay Expenditure				
	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £	2021/22 Total £	2020/21 Total £
Expenditure on raising funds					
Direct costs	-	-	208,855	208,855	138,858
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	21,412,591	1,508,190	1,803,250	24,724,031	22,763,646
Allocated support costs	6,065,612	1,786,986	2,593,964	10,446,562	8,260,372
Teaching School					
Allocated support costs	-	-	1,220	1,220	43,652
	27,478,203	3,295,176	4,607,289	35,380,668	31,206,528

6 Expenditure (continued)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Operating lease rentals	40,501	31,197
Depreciation	1,795,586	1,675,219
Fees payable to auditor - audit	32,000	32,000
- other audit services	12,000	12,000

7 Charitable activities

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Educational operations		
Direct costs	24,724,031	22,763,646
Allocated support costs	10,446,562	8,260,372
	35,170,593	31,024,018
Teaching School		
Allocated support costs	1,220	43,652
	1,220	43,652

7 Charitable activities (continued)

	Teaching School £	Educational operations £	2021/22 Total £	2020/21 Total £
Analysis of support costs				
LGPS adjustment	-	310,000	310,000	225,000
Support staff costs	-	6,065,612	6,065,612	4,970,591
Depreciation	-	287,396	287,396	264,715
Technology	-	35,925	35,925	55,749
Recruitment and support	-	63,793	63,793	38,909
Maintenance of premises and equipment	-	353,811	353,811	301,473
Other occupancy costs	-	33,989	33,989	39,595
Administration and bursarial	-	286,614	286,614	212,393
Cleaning	-	303,310	303,310	304,978
Rent, rates and utilities	-	701,598	701,598	646,318
Insurance	-	140,871	140,871	133,396
Transport	-	158,527	158,527	83,318
Catering costs	-	774,175	774,175	504,151
Other support costs	1,220	815,594	816,814	423,540
Governance costs	-	115,347	115,347	99,898
Total support costs	1,220	10,446,562	10,447,782	8,304,024

8 Staff

Staff costs

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	19,053,784	17,824,932
Social security costs	1,685,841	1,525,839
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	6,216,212	5,180,085
	26,955,837	24,530,856
Supply staff costs	522,366	412,101
	27,478,203	24,942,957

8 Staff (continued)

Staff numbers

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

	2021/22 No	2020/21 No
Teachers	312	296
Administration and support	431	403
Management	42	43
	785	742

Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:

	2022 No	2021 No
£60,001 - £70,000	11	9
£70,001 - £80,000	4	4
£90,001 - £100,000	2	2
£100,001 - £110,000	2	1
£110,001 - £120,000	-	1

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £1,428,495 (2021: £1,276,404).

9 Central services

The academy trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:
- Finance and financial management
- IT strategic planning
- IT managed service
- Facilities management
- Capital maintenance programme
- Health and safety management
- HR leadership, guidance and support
- Payroll services
- Internal audit
- Risk management

We also provide, through outsourced services:
- Specialist data protection advice and support
- Legal advice
- Occupational health advice and support
- Counselling

The academy trust charges for these services on the following basis:
- a flat rate of 5% of general annual grant.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2022/21 £	2021/20 £
Adlington Primary School	24,365	25,598
Broken Cross Primary Academy & Nursery	37,301	30,667
Nether Alderley Primary School	25,286	23,889
Fallibroome Academy	401,920	375,253
Gawsworth Primary School	42,427	40,371
Whirley Primary School	44,099	38,816
Winsford Academy	320,892	281,448
Upton Priory School	72,098	68,024
Eaton Bank Academy	270,965	238,537
Marlborough Primary School	78,584	72,059
	1,317,937	1,194,662

10 Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

PW Rubery (Executive Principal/CEO) (resigned 31 December 2021) :

Remuneration: £35,000 - £40,000 (2021 - £115,000 - £120,000)
Employer's pension contributions: £Nil (2021 - £Nil)

During the year ended 31 August 2022, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £169 (2021 - £Nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 trustees (2021 - 0).

11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment and technology equipment £	Specialist equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost								
At 1 September 2021	22,627,299	35,703,673	518,885	1,843,953	195,029	82,334	923,568	61,894,741
Additions	330,139	83,915	39,880	428,937	96,511	-	607,840	1,587,222
Disposals	-	-	-	(68,453)	-	-	-	(68,453)
Transfers	83,567	840,001	-	-	-	-	(923,568)	-
At 31 August 2022	23,041,005	36,627,589	558,765	2,204,437	291,540	82,334	607,840	63,413,510
Depreciation								
At 1 September 2021	5,983,850	1,906,765	364,323	1,336,130	111,817	30,314	-	9,733,199
Charge for the year	1,167,387	239,490	44,140	308,799	14,151	14,609	-	1,788,576
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	(59,065)	-	-	-	(59,065)
At 31 August 2022	7,151,237	2,146,255	408,463	1,585,864	125,968	44,923	-	11,462,710
Net book value								
At 31 August 2022	15,889,768	34,481,334	150,302	618,573	165,572	37,411	607,840	51,950,800
At 31 August 2021	16,643,449	33,796,908	154,562	507,823	83,212	52,020	923,568	52,161,542

12 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The Winsford Academy is currently occupied under licence but will be transferred to the Academy Trust at some point in the future under a leasehold agreement.

Freehold land and buildings includes freehold land of £3,930,000 which is not depreciated.

13 Stock

	2022	2021
	£	£
Stock	10,968	14,900

14 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	172,072	158,462
VAT recoverable	277,090	202,026
Other debtors	85,416	24,607
Prepayments	317,959	292,941
Accrued grant and other income	126,684	307,431
Sundry Debtors	492	321
	979,713	985,788

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	931,418	537,237
Other Creditors	220,815	48,946
Sundry Creditors	17,860	41,815
Loans	26,145	26,143
Payroll Creditors	428,556	396,477
Accruals	869,156	1,097,585
Deferred income	259,253	365,593
Pension scheme creditor	478,044	446,170
	3,231,247	2,959,966

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September 2021	365,593	153,622
Resources deferred in the period	259,253	365,593
Amounts released from previous periods	(365,593)	(153,622)
Deferred income at 31 August 2022	259,253	365,593

Deferred income relates to income received before the year end but relates to the following academic and financial year.

Included within Loans are Salix loans totalling £26,144 (2021 - £26,143), no interest is charged on the loan balances which are repayable over 7 years.

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Loans	87,369	113,513

Included within Loans are Salix loans totalling £87,369 (2020 - £113,513), no interest is charged on the loan balances which are repayable over 6 years.

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	2,310,456	26,374,540	(25,347,922)	-	3,337,074
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	1,203,759	(1,203,759)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	1,087,409	(1,087,409)	-	-
SEN/IPF Funding from Local Authority	-	1,218,587	(1,218,587)	-	-
Other Restricted Income	-	800,566	(800,566)	-	-
Trips, visits and other activities	-	520,304	(520,304)	-	-
Other Capital Grants	-	331,933	(331,933)	-	-
Teaching Schools	-	15,085	(1,220)	-	13,865
UIFSM	-	204,372	(204,372)	-	-
	2,310,456	31,756,555	(30,716,072)	-	3,350,939
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	52,803,265	1,167,455	(1,795,586)	1,453,642	53,628,776
Restricted pension funds					
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme	(17,833,000)	-	(2,295,000)	16,309,000	(3,819,000)
Total restricted funds	37,280,721	32,924,010	(34,806,658)	17,762,642	53,160,715
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	2,160,546	1,181,198	(574,010)	(1,458,719)	1,309,015
Total funds	39,441,267	34,105,208	(35,380,668)	16,303,923	54,469,730

17 Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	842,218	21,653,108	(19,936,558)	(248,312)	2,310,456
Other DfE/ESFA grants	17,326	2,356,971	(2,374,297)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	1,495,864	(1,495,864)	-	-
SEN/IPF Funding from Local Authority	-	992,032	(992,032)	-	-
Other Restricted Income	171,801	2,654,006	(2,825,807)	-	-
Trips, visits and other activities	43,575	-	(43,575)	-	-
Other Capital Grants	-	54,385	(54,385)	-	-
Teaching Schools	-	33,080	(43,652)	10,572	-
	1,074,920	29,239,446	(27,766,170)	(237,740)	2,310,456
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	52,775,537	1,275,267	(1,675,219)	427,680	52,803,265
Restricted pension funds					
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme	(12,689,000)	-	(1,466,000)	(3,678,000)	(17,833,000)
Total restricted funds	41,161,457	30,514,713	(30,907,389)	(3,488,060)	37,280,721
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	1,699,899	949,726	(299,139)	(189,940)	2,160,546
Total funds	42,861,356	31,464,439	(31,206,528)	(3,678,000)	39,441,267

17 Funds (continued)

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

Unrestricted General Funds
This fund represents those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy trust at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted General Funds
This fund represents grants received for the academy trusts operational activities and developments.

Pension Reserve
This fund represents the academy trust's share of the pension liability arising of the LGPS pension fund.

Restricted Fixed Asset Fund
This fund relates to grant funding received from DfE to carry out works of a capital nature and also the donation of leasehold land buildings from the local authority on a 125 year lease and capital expenditure from GAG and unrestricted funds.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

Where schools have impending significant capital expenditure needs and/or where they have a legal or moral obligation to maintain a sinking fund to replace an artificial grass pitch, the Trustees agree to requests by the Local Governing Bodies to transfer specific amounts from unrestricted or restricted funds to restricted fixed asset funds. The total amount transferred in 2021-22 was £785,000.

17 Funds (continued)

Analysis of academies by fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 were allocated as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Adlington Primary School	120,553	142,619
Broken Cross Primary Academy & Nursery	367,226	350,109
Eaton Bank Academy	1,107,180	973,795
Gawsworth Primary School	79,890	82,344
Marlborough Primary School	331,926	375,652
Nether Alderley Primary School	43,138	45,043
Fallibroome Academy	895,903	772,941
Upton Priory School	408,198	357,846
Whirley Primary School	147,438	136,317
Winsford Academy	705,669	1,111,476
Central services	452,833	122,860
Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	4,659,954	4,471,002
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	53,628,776	52,803,265
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme	(3,819,000)	(17,833,000)
Total	54,469,730	39,441,267

17 Funds (continued)

Total cost analysis by academy

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

	Teaching and Educational Support Staff Costs £	Other Support Staff Costs £	Educational Supplies £	Other Costs (excluding Depreciation) £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Adlington Primary School	364,749	66,536	15,095	142,531	588,911	574,262
Broken Cross Primary Academy & Nursery	973,246	106,383	23,395	168,515	1,271,539	1,141,521
Eaton Bank Academy	3,957,500	595,368	107,219	905,951	5,566,038	5,071,868
Gawsworth Primary School	676,089	116,348	11,767	180,298	984,502	945,230
Marlborough Primary School	1,362,608	339,298	29,780	269,933	2,001,619	1,855,536
Nether Alderley Primary School	396,147	59,630	11,635	136,883	604,295	567,855
Fallibroome Academy	6,420,267	899,967	167,642	1,447,079	8,934,955	8,630,783
Upton Priory School	1,381,395	277,290	26,501	163,235	1,848,421	1,965,757
Whirley Primary School	699,045	152,144	25,991	150,838	1,028,018	937,619
Winsford Academy	4,874,060	1,150,122	114,799	1,068,607	7,207,588	6,635,261
Central services	307,135	627,165	-	338,655	1,272,955	1,205,616
Academy Trust	21,412,241	4,390,251	533,824	4,972,525	31,308,841	29,531,308

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	51,950,800	51,950,800
Current assets	1,829,319	7,827,227	-	9,656,546
Current liabilities	-	(3,231,247)	-	(3,231,247)
Creditors over 1 year	-	(87,369)	-	(87,369)
Pension scheme liability	-	(3,819,000)	-	(3,819,000)
Total net assets	1,829,319	689,611	51,950,800	54,469,730

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	52,161,542	52,161,542
Current assets	2,160,546	5,383,936	641,723	8,186,205
Current liabilities	-	(2,959,965)	-	(2,959,965)
Creditors over 1 year	-	(113,513)	-	(113,513)
Pension scheme liability	-	(17,833,000)	-	(17,833,000)
Total net assets	2,160,546	(15,522,542)	52,803,265	39,441,269

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

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income	(1,275,460)	257,911
Depreciation	1,788,576	1,675,218
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(1,167,455)	(1,275,267)
Interest receivable	(1,068)	(737)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	1,985,000	1,241,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	310,000	225,000
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	3,930	(1,753)
Decrease in debtors	6,077	230,083
Increase in creditors	271,281	767,887
Other Adjustments	4,310	756
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	1,925,191	3,120,098

20 Cash flows from financing activities

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Repayments of borrowing	(26,143)	(26,144)
Net cash used in financing activities	(26,143)	(26,144)

21 Cash flows from investing activities

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	1,068	737
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(1,587,222)	(1,795,782)
Capital grants from DfE Group	1,167,455	1,275,267
Net cash used in investing activities	(418,699)	(519,778)

22 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand and at bank	8,665,865	7,185,516
Total cash and cash equivalents	8,665,865	7,185,516

23 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	Other non-cash changes £	At 31 August 2022 £
Cash	7,185,516	1,480,349	-	8,665,865
Loans falling due within one year	(26,144)	26,144	(26,144)	(26,144)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(113,513)	-	26,144	(87,369)
	(139,657)	26,144	-	(113,513)
Total	7,045,859	1,506,493	-	8,552,352

24 Capital commitments

	2022 £	2021 £
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	136,055	127,247

25 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 Cheshire West and Cheshire Local Authority. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2019.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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 academies All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using 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% administration levy)
- 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. Assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real 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 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £2,960,171 (2021: £2,806,105).
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.

25 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £1,599,000 (2021 - £1,442,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £1,254,000 (2021 - £1,131,000) and employees' contributions totalled £345,000 (2021 - £311,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21.7 per cent for employers and 5.5 - 10.5 per cent for employees.

As described in the notes the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the academy trust, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the scheme in the year. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the academy trust at the balance sheet date.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2022 %	2021 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.60
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.20	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.30	1.60

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

	2022	2021
Retiring today		
Males retiring today	21.20	21.40
Females retiring today	23.80	24.00
Retiring in 20 years		
Males retiring in 20 years	22.10	22.40
Females retiring in 20 years	25.50	25.70

25 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	2022 £	2021 £
Discount rate -0.1%	565,000.00	1,580,000.00
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	1,002,000.00	1,580,000.00
CPI rate +0.1%	526,000.00	824,000.00
Salary increase rate +0.1%	44,000.00	73,000.00

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Equities	10,397,800	9,967,000
Corporate bonds	6,790,400	9,101,000
Property	2,758,600	2,167,000
Cash and other liquid assets	1,273,200	433,000
Total market value of assets	21,220,000	21,668,000

The actual return on scheme assets was (£1,692,000) (2021 - £1,815,000).

25 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Current service cost	3,239,000	2,372,000
Interest income	(368,000)	(318,000)
Interest cost	678,000	543,000
Total amount recognized in the SOFA	3,549,000	2,597,000

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

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
At start of period	39,501,000	30,817,000
Current service cost	3,239,000	2,372,000
Interest cost	678,000	543,000
Employee contributions	345,000	311,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(18,369,000)	5,811,000
Benefits paid	(355,000)	(353,000)
At 31 August	25,039,000	39,501,000

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

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
At start of period	21,668,000	18,128,000
Interest income	368,000	318,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(2,060,000)	2,133,000
Employer contributions	1,254,000	1,131,000
Employee contributions	345,000	311,000
Benefits paid	(355,000)	(353,000)
At 31 August	21,220,000	21,668,000

26 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

Operating leases

At 31 August 2022 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	17,156	25,288
Amounts due between one and five years	23,345	40,188
	40,501	65,476

27 Members' liability

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

28 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust and the composition of the board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

There were no related party transactions in the year, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2020/21 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	212,620	54,385	1,275,267	1,542,272
Other trading activities		736,369	-	-	736,369
Investments		737	-	-	737
Charitable activities:					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	3	-	29,151,981	-	29,151,981
Teaching schools		-	33,080	-	33,080
Total		949,726	29,239,446	1,275,267	31,464,439
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	20,864	117,994	-	138,858
Charitable activities:					
Academy trust educational operations	7	278,275	29,070,524	1,675,219	31,024,018
Teaching schools		-	43,652	-	43,652
Total		299,139	29,232,170	1,675,219	31,206,528
Net income/(expenditure)		650,587	7,276	(399,952)	257,911
Transfers between funds		(189,940)	(237,740)	427,680	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	(3,678,000)	-	(3,678,000)
Net movement in funds/(deficit)		460,647	(3,908,464)	27,728	(3,420,089)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2020		1,699,899	(11,614,080)	52,775,537	42,861,356
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2021		2,160,546	(15,522,544)	52,803,265	39,441,267