
**SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MULTI ACADEMY
TRUST**

(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE TRUST, ITS MEMBERS/ TRUSTEES AND
ADVISERS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

Members

M P Hough Robinson
P W Goringe
Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust

Trustees

Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust
R Hazelgrove
S Lawrence
C Godden, Chair of Trustees and Accounting Officer¹
M Streten¹
S J Allen
A E Simmonds (resigned 7 October 2014)¹
W Adams (resigned 19 March 2015)
G N Nunn¹
P Deane, Chair of Finance Committee¹
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08569207

Registered office

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Chair of Trustees

C Godden

Senior management team

C Godden, Head Teacher, Chacombe CEVA Primary Academy
S Lawrence, Head Teacher, Culworth and Boddington Church of England Primary Academies
R Hazelgrove, Head Teacher, St Loys Church of England Primary Academy

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Administrative details (continued)

Solicitors

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report on the financial statements of South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2015. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report, including a Strategic Report, under company law.

The Trust operates four primary Academies in South Northamptonshire, with a combined pupil capacity of 469 and with 448 pupils currently enrolled across the Academies.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Trust.

The Trust is made up of the following Academies:

- Chacombe CEVA Primary Academy
- Culworth Church of England Primary Academy
- Boddington Church of England Primary Academy
- St Loys Church of England Primary Academy

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the period are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10.00, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' Indemnities

The Trustees benefit from risk protection purchased by the Academy Trust from the Education Funding Agency to cover the liability of the Trustees arising from negligent acts, errors or commissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The limit of this protection is £10,000,000.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Trust shall have the following Trustees, as set out in its Articles of Association and Funding Agreement:

- No fewer than 2 Members
- No fewer than 5 Trustees

The Board currently includes the Chair, Vice Chair and Headteacher from each Academy.

Trustees are appointed for a 4 year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Headteacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board of Trustees will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure the Board of Trustees has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy Trust's ongoing development.

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Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but will always include a tour of the School and a chance to meet staff and pupils. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. As there are normally only a few Trustee appointments each year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by various external organisations as appropriate.

New Trustees undertake statutory Governor training and all Trustees receive regular Governor updates.

Organisational Structure

A full Scheme of Delegation for the Trust outlines the responsibilities of Trustees and individual academies.

The Board of Trustees normally meets four times annually. The Board of Trustees establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy Trust and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees of the Board of Trustees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings and through direct reporting from the elected Chair of each Committee. The Board of Trustees may from time to time establish working groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

There is one Committee of the Board of Trustees responsible for Finance and Audit. This committee has its own terms of reference detailing the responsibilities discharged to it.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual development plan and budget, approving the annual statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy Trust by the use of budgets and other data, and making the major decisions about the direction of the Academy Trust. The Trustees have devolved the individual strategic management to each Full Governing Body and day-to-day management of each Academy to the Headteachers and the Senior Leadership Teams in each Academy. Each FGB reviews annual Academy Trust plans and budgets, monitors progress against target and OFSTED standards and oversees parent and community liaison. Representatives from each FGB also sit on the main Board of Trustees. The Accounting Officer has overall responsibility for the day to day financial management of the Academy Trust.

Related Parties and Other Connected Charities and Organisations

The Academy Trust's accounts include The Premises Appeal Fund, an exempt charity established under a declaration of trust made in July 2007 by the Board of Governors of (the then) St Loys Primary School. The Academy Trustees are empowered to appoint the members of this Board of Governors, and consequently have effective control over the exempt charity.

The charity's sole asset is a building society account whose balance was £56,446 at 31 August 2015 (2014 £61,348). £98 (2014 - £4) of net interest was earned during the year, and a donation of £5,000 (2014 - £nil) was made during the year by the charity. The charity's purpose is for the advancement of the education of pupils at St Loys by the development of the school's buildings and grounds.

There are no related parties or connected organisations which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of the Academy Trust.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objects of the Academy Trust, as set out in its Articles of Association, are to:

- advance for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school, offering a broad and balanced curriculum; and
- promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the South Northamptonshire area and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Improvement Objectives for the Year 2014/15

The key priorities for the period are contained in the Academy Trust's Development Plan which is available from the Chair. The key aims of the Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2015 were focused as follows:

- To develop the role of the Local Collaborative Trust to identify further opportunities for joint procurement to provide better value for money.
- To extend the breadth of joint policies to ensure consistency across the MAT.
- To provide a curriculum that promotes enjoyment and love of learning.
- To evaluate the performance of the academies and identify areas for improvement, specific to each academy in relation to attainment and progress.
- To develop and maintain effective leadership and Governance, including support for new Governors and Board members.
- To continue to ensure premises and facilities are well maintained and support learning.
- To continue to ensure our Christian ethos is evident in all areas of work within the schools.
- To continue to support children and families to be healthy.
- To maintain extended schools that provide services to children and families outside of the school day.

Public Benefit

The Academy Trust aims to advance for the public benefit education in South Northamptonshire and the surrounding area, offering a broad curriculum and an excellent education environment for its pupils.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirement in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy Trust's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Academy Trust is in its second year of operation since conversion to an Academy Trust on 1st September 2013.

The Academy Trust is committed to continual improvement which is achieved in a number of ways such as Improvement Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation and Performance Management.

The particular achievements and performance of the Academy Trust during the year ended 31 August 2015 were as detailed over the page:

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	2015 results	NA	Boddington	Culworth	Chacombe	St Loys	
School Attainment	Ofsted Date/ grade	2015	Grade 2 March 12	Grade 2 April 13	Grade 2 July 15	Grade 1 May 07	
	EFYS GLD	60	80	80	70	98.3	
	Phonics Y1	74	87.5	81	86	77	
	KS1	L2b+ R	81	83	86	81	94
		L2b+ W	70	75	71	70	89
		L2b+ Ma	80	83	78	81	82
		L2a+ R	57	50	64	7	77
		L2a+ W	39	42	50	29	65
		L2a+ Ma	53	50	42	7	76
		L3+ R	31	33	28	43	53
		L3+ W	16	17	14	14	41
	KS2	L3+ Ma	24	33	21	36	47
		L4+ R	89	100	100	75	100
		L4+ W	85	75	100	75	100
		L4+ EGPS	76	75	95	75	92
		L4+ Ma	86	88	100	75	100
		L4b + R	78	75	95	63	100
		L4b + W		75	90	69	100
		L4b + EGPS	68	63	90	69	92
		L4b + Ma	76	63	75	63	100
		L5+ R	50	38%	70.00	31.00	67.00
		L5+ W	33	50%	45.00	25.00	67.00
		L5+ EGPS	52	38%	35.00	44.00	58.00
		L5 + Ma	42	38%	45.00	25.00	41.00
		L6 + R	0	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
		L6+W	2	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
		L6+ EGPS	0	0%	0.00	6.00	0.00
L6+Ma	9	13%	0.00%	13%	9.00%		
School Progress	Expected Progress 2LP	R	91	88	89	100	100
		W	93	100	100	93	100
		Ma	89	75	95	93	100
	More than Expected	R	35	38	33	50	27
		W	33	38	22	50	45
		Ma	35	38	0	25	54

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Key Performance Indicators

Although the Academy Trust's Funding Agreement is not subject to a specific carry forward limit on the amount of GAG funding, the main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the balance sheet date and, in particular, the amount of GAG funding carried forward at the balance sheet date. At 31 August 2015, the balance of the GAG Restricted Fund was £125,171 which is after a transfer of £56,225 to the Restricted Fixed Asset Fund to fund capital expenditure during the year.

Further details on the level of reserves held by the Academy Trust are set out in the Reserves Policy section below.

As the majority of the Academy Trust's funding is based on pupil numbers, pupil numbers is also a key performance indicator. As noted earlier in this report, pupil numbers at the most recent census were 448 which is an increase of over 17% from the previous census.

Staffing costs are another key performance indicator for the Academy Trust and the percentage of total staff costs to GAG funding for the year was 90.6%, while the percentage of staff costs to total costs was 73.3%.

Going Concern

The Board of Trustees, including all Committees, 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 note of the financial statements.

Financial Review

The majority of the Academy Trust's income is received from the Education Funding Agency ('EFA') in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the EFA during the year ended 31 August 2015 and the associated expenditure of these grants are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the EFA and other organisations and funders and these are shown as Restricted Fixed Asset Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. The balance of the Restricted Fixed Asset fund is reduced by the depreciation charges on the assets acquired using these funds.

During the year ended 31 August 2015, the total expenditure of £2,097,359 was covered by the recurrent grant funding from the EFA, together with other incoming resources. The excess of incoming resources over total expenditure for the year was £51,419.

The net book value of fixed assets at 31 August 2015 is £147,297. The fixed assets held by the Academy Trust are used exclusively for providing education and associated support services to the pupils of the Trust.

The balance of total funds held at 31 August 2015 were £244,969 which comprised of the following:

Restricted Funds (excluding Pension Liability)	£183,023
Restricted Pension Liability Fund	(£357,000)
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	£147,297
Unrestricted Funds	£271,649

The key financial policies reviewed and adopted during the period included the Financial Procedures Policies and Manual, which lays out the framework for the Academy Trust's financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, Headteachers, managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as the delegated authorities for spending. The other financial policies reviewed and adopted during the period included Charges and Lettings, Asset Management and Insurance.

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Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy Trust annually. This review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees also take into consideration the future plans of the Academy Trust, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed, especially in the operational areas, such as in relation to teaching, health & safety, safeguarding and school trips, and in relation to the control of finances. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures on internal financial controls in order to minimise risk and have agreed a Risk Management Strategy and Risk Management Plan.

Where significant financial risk still remains, the Trustees have ensured the Academy Trust has adequate insurance cover in place. The Risk Management Plan is constantly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy Trust are as follows:

Financial

The Academy Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the EFA. In the period, approximately 96% of the Academy Trust's incoming resources was ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. This is closely linked with pupil numbers which can vary in small schools year on year.

Failures in governance and / or management

The risk in this area arises from the potential failure to effectively manage the Academy Trust's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational

The continuing success of the Academy Trust is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk, the Trustees ensure that pupil success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

Safeguarding and child protection

The Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Staffing

The success of the Academy Trust is reliant on the quality of its staff. The Trustees are mindful that the Trust's experienced, high quality staff create the largest pressure on funding. In some schools there is little movement of staff. This is monitored and a succession plan is in place.

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Fraud and mismanagement of funds

The Academy Trust has engaged Whitley Stimpson to perform a programme of work aimed at checking and reviewing the financial systems and records as required by the Academies Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and to develop their skills in this area.

The Trustees examine the financial health of the Academy Trust formally every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all full Trustees and Finance and Resources Committee meetings.

At the balance sheet date, the Academy Trust had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors where there would be a significant effect on the Academy Trust's liquidity.

The Trustees recognise that the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit represents a significant potential liability to the Academy Trust. However, as the Trustees consider the Academy Trust is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, the risk from this liability is minimised.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Academy Trust strives to continually improve levels of attainment for all pupils, equipping them with the qualifications, skills and character to follow their chosen pathway, whether it be into further and higher education or employment, as well as promoting the continued professional development of its staff.

The Academy Trust's plans for future periods are:

- To refine and embed a shared approach to assessment without levels.
- To improve the quality of teaching and learning provided to more able writers.
- To establish a greater level of challenge for standards via the procurement of external advisors.
- To continue to ensure premises and facilities are well maintained and support learning.
- To continue to ensure our Christian ethos is evident in all areas of work within the school
- To continue to support children and families to be healthy.
- To maintain extended schools that provide services to children and families outside of the school day.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

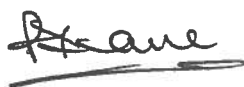
The Academy Trust and its Trustees do not act as Custodian Trustees of any other charity.

AUDITOR

In so far 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 Board of Trustees, as company Directors, on 6 January 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



P Deane
Trustee

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Head Teachers, and the 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 South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. The Accounting Officer is 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 Trustees' responsibilities statement. The Board of Trustees has formally met 4 times during the period. Attendance during the period at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Peterborough Diocese Church Schools Trust	4	4
R Hazelgrove	4	4
S Lawrence	3	4
C Godden	4	4
M Streten	3	4
S J Allen	3	4
A E Simmonds	0	0
W Adams	2	2
G N Nunn	4	4
P Deane	1	4
H Stephenson	0	4

Governance reviews:

A review of the effectiveness of Governance took place in March 2015 in liaison with the Peterborough Board of Education. The review concluded that further robust challenge was required on standards, along with further training for Directors on their roles and responsibilities. This will take place during the academic year 2015/16 and actions and outcomes planned as part of the Multi Academy Trust Strategic Plan.

The Finance Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to provide guidance and assistance to the Board of Trustees on all matters related to finance, resources, premises and Health & Safety of the Academy Trust. This committee also acts as the Trust's Audit Committee.

Attendance at meetings in the period was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
P Deane	3	3
G N Nunn	3	3
C Godden	2	3

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REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

The Accounting Officer has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during 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 for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Procurement of Joint Training across schools.

The schools in the Trust (SNCEMAT) joined with the schools in the South Northamptonshire Village Schools MAT (SNVSMAT) to train all staff on the new National curriculum and its implementation. This has provided consistency of approach across the local area whilst reducing cost to each academy. Three schools within the SNCEMAT joined to procure the services of a maths consultant to provide training for staff to ensure improved standards in maths. This has ensured improved levels of attainment and progress in maths above or in line with national standards.

- Procurement of shared Service Level Agreements.

The schools in the SNCEMAT joined with the schools in the SNVSMAT to procure payroll and HR, Accountancy and Audit services, Broadband and sports support from the local secondary school. This has enabled greater buying power, reducing cost to each academy.

- Procurement of a shared Parent Support Worker – Future Opportunity.

The SNCEMAT will be joining with SNVSMAT to purchase a PSW to work across the academies providing support to parents on a wide number of issues. This is due to the loss of PSW support provided by the local secondary school due to their funding constraints.

- Procurement of a standards Consultant to provide greater rigor in the analysis of Standards - Future Opportunity.

The SNCEMAT will be joining with SNVSMAT to purchase time from a consultant to do this. The consultant is a trained additional inspector with links to the Peterborough Diocese.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in the Trust for the period from 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

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CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period from 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This was reviewed by the Board of Trustees in June 2015 ready for the new academic year.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

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

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed Whitley Stimpson Limited, the external accountants, to perform additional checks.

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed;
- regular reviews by the Finance Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

On an annual basis, the accountants report to the Board of Trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

The accountants have delivered their schedule of work as planned and no significant control issues were identified. There were some areas where recommendations were made where the Trust could improve its processes and internal controls and these recommendations will be implemented during the year ending 31 August 2016.

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REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 6 January 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



P Deane
Trustee



C Godden
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Trust Board of Trustees and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Trust and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook (2014).

I confirm that I and the Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material, irregular or improper use of funds by the Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook (2014).

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 EFA.



C Godden
Accounting Officer

Date: 6 January 2016

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The Trustees (who act as Governors of South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust and are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report (including the Strategic report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

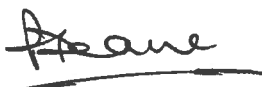
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume 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 EFA/DFE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 6 January 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



P Deane
Trustee

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

We have audited the financial statements of South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust for the period ended 31 August 2015 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

This report is made solely to the charitable 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 charitable Trust's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable Trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable Trust's affairs as at 31 August 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' report, incorporating the Strategic report, for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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.

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Michael Farwell MA FCA DChA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

James Cowper Kreston

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

2 Chawley Park

Cumnor Hill

Oxford

OX2 9GG

Date:

8/1/2016

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO SOUTH
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION
FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 13 October 2014 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 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 South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust and EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust and EFA 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 South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust and EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MULTI ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of South Northamptonshire Church of England Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 24 January 2013, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2014, 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 2014 to 2015. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

APPROACH

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by EFA. 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 Trust's income and expenditure.

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the Academy complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the Trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

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FUNDING AGENCY (continued)**

Specific work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- reviewing the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and other evidence made available to us, relevant to our consideration of regularity;
- a review of the objectives and activities of the Academy, with reference to the income streams and other information available to us as auditors of the academy;
- testing of a sample of payroll payments to staff;
- testing of a sample of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- testing of a sample of grants received and other income streams;

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Michael Farwell MA FCA DChA

James Cowper Kreston

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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Date: 8/1/2016

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account and statement of total recognised gains and losses)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>As restated</i> <i>Total</i> <i>funds</i> <i>2014</i> <i>£</i>
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Voluntary income	2	79,550	-	-	79,550	370,829
Activities for generating funds	3	8,098	-	-	8,098	26,279
Investment income	4	-	98	-	98	4
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	73,386	1,967,248	20,398	2,061,032	1,924,921
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		161,034	1,967,346	20,398	2,148,778	2,322,033
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable activities		127,807	1,907,285	42,796	2,077,888	1,739,869
Governance costs	9	-	19,471	-	19,471	60,614
Other resources expended	10	-	-	-	-	262,000
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	6	127,807	1,926,756	42,796	2,097,359	2,062,483
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		33,227	40,590	(22,398)	51,419	259,550

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	As restated Total funds 2014 £
Transfers between Funds	19	-	(56,225)	56,225	-	-
NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		33,227	(15,635)	33,827	51,419	259,550
Actuarial gains and losses on defined benefit pension schemes		-	(7,000)	-	(7,000)	(59,000)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD		33,227	(22,635)	33,827	44,419	200,550
<i>Total funds at 1 September 2014</i>		238,422	(212,690)	113,470	139,202	-
Prior year adjustment (Note 29)		-	61,348	-	61,348	-
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2015		271,649	(173,977)	147,297	244,969	200,550

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 08569207

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£	As restated 2014 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	16		147,297		113,470
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	17	43,910		36,413	
Cash at bank and in hand		503,947		474,382	
		<u>547,857</u>		<u>510,795</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	18	(93,185)		(92,715)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>454,672</u>		<u>418,080</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25		(357,000)		(331,000)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITY			<u><u>244,969</u></u>		<u><u>200,550</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	19	183,023		179,658	
Restricted fixed asset funds	19	147,297		113,470	
Restricted funds excluding pension liability		<u>330,320</u>		<u>293,128</u>	
Pension reserve		(357,000)		(331,000)	
Total restricted funds			<u>(26,680)</u>		<u>(37,872)</u>
Unrestricted funds	19		<u>271,649</u>		<u>238,422</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>244,969</u></u>		<u><u>200,550</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 6 January 2016 and signed on their behalf by:



P Deane
Trustee

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	2015 £	<i>As restated</i> 2014 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	21	85,790	319,170
Capital expenditure and financial investment	22	(56,225)	(40,351)
Cash transferred on conversion to an Academy Trust		-	195,563
INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR		29,565	474,382

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	2015 £	<i>As restated</i> 2014 £
Increase in cash in the year	29,565	474,382
MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS IN THE YEAR	29,565	474,382
Net funds at 1 September 2014	474,382	-
NET FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2015	503,947	474,382

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005, the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by EFA, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements include the income, expenditure and assets of the St Loys Primary School Premises Appeal Fund, which is an unincorporated exempt charity, under branch accounting rules as part of the Trust's restricted funds.

Company status

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are named on page 1. In the event of the Trust being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the Trust.

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 Trust to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting

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

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

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from the Education Funding Agency and the Local Authority.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the Trust being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the year for which it is receivable and any unspent amount is reflected as a balance in the restricted general fund.

Capital grants are recognised when receivable and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where there is certainty of receipt and the amount can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities are costs incurred in the Trust's educational operations.

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the Trust's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities and are carried forward in the Balance sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the Trust's depreciation policy.

A review of impairment 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. Any such losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation on other tangible fixed assets is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of those assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Improvements to property	-	10% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% straight line

Taxation

The 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 Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Pensions

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the 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 quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in note 25, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the Trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the 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 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 gains and losses on the settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of financial activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>As restated</i> Total funds 2014 £
Donations	79,550	-	79,550	33,973
Assets transferred on conversion	-	-	-	336,856
	<u>79,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,550</u>	<u>370,829</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Income from facilities	8,098	-	8,098	26,279
	<u>8,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,098</u>	<u>26,279</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>As restated</i> Total funds 2014 £
Bank interest	-	98	98	4
	<u>-</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>4</u>

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5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total funds 2014 £</i>
Educational operations	73,386	1,987,646	2,061,032	1,924,921

FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total funds 2014 £</i>
DfE/EFA grants				
General Annual Grant	-	1,687,033	1,687,033	1,657,606
Start up grant	-	-	-	125,000
Other DfE/EFA grants	-	280,215	280,215	59,363
Devolved formula capital grant	-	20,398	20,398	20,309
	-	1,987,646	1,987,646	1,862,278
Other government grants				
Local Authority grants	-	-	-	8,100
British Council grants	-	-	-	2,292
Student Placement grants	-	-	-	1,520
	-	-	-	11,912
Other funding				
Parental contributions	73,386	-	73,386	50,731
	73,386	-	73,386	50,731
	73,386	1,987,646	2,061,032	1,924,921

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6. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Non Pay Premises	Expenditure Other costs	Total	Total
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	1,052,310	-	232,750	1,285,060	1,327,853
Support costs	402,847	41,032	348,949	792,828	412,016
Charitable activities	1,455,157	41,032	581,699	2,077,888	1,739,869
Governance	-	-	19,471	19,471	60,614
Other resources expended	-	-	-	-	262,000
	1,455,157	41,032	601,170	2,097,359	2,062,483

7. DIRECT COSTS

	Total 2015	Total
	£	2014
	£	£
Net FRS17 pension cost	9,000	10,000
Educational supplies	83,027	77,452
Educational visits	39,007	28,732
Educational consultancy	81,154	41,985
Other direct costs	20,562	39,835
Agency staff costs	73,493	8,842
Wages and salaries	814,794	931,037
National insurance	52,930	59,280
Pension cost	111,094	130,690
	1,285,061	1,327,853

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total 2015	<i>Total</i>
	£	<i>2014</i>
		£
Depreciation	42,796	27,139
Technology costs	25,446	10,841
Recruitment and support	4,074	1,329
Maintenance and support	66,368	53,693
Cleaning	3,635	4,598
Rates	13,164	6,427
Light and heat	24,230	27,671
Insurance	18,428	35,280
Security	1,294	1,143
Catering	65,596	4,986
Bank interest and charges	65	-
Other support costs	28,912	10,004
Professional fees non-curriculum	95,973	63,344
Wages and salaries	328,691	138,378
National insurance	(367)	2,436
Pension cost	74,523	24,747
	<u>792,828</u>	<u>412,016</u>

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<i>Total</i>
	funds	funds	funds	<i>funds</i>
	2015	2015	2015	<i>2014</i>
	£	£	£	£
Auditor's remuneration - audit services	-	5,250	5,250	4,500
Auditor's remuneration - non audit services	-	2,495	2,495	2,350
Legal and professional fees	-	11,375	11,375	53,334
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	-	351	351	430
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,471</u>	<u>19,471</u>	<u>60,614</u>

10. OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<i>Total</i>
	funds	funds	funds	<i>funds</i>
	2015	2015	2015	<i>2014</i>
	£	£	£	£
LGPS liabilities transferred on conversion	-	-	-	262,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,000</u>

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11. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	42,796	27,139
Auditors' remuneration - audit services	5,250	4,500
Auditor's remuneration - non audit services	2,495	2,350
	40,941	34,039

12. STAFF

a. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,143,483	1,069,415
Social security costs	52,563	61,716
Other pension costs (Note 25)	185,618	205,437
	1,381,664	1,336,568
Agency staff	73,493	8,842
	1,455,157	1,345,410

b. Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the period expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2015	2014
	No.	No.
Teachers	16	23
Administration and support	24	32
Management	5	3
	45	58

c. Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2015	2014
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1
	1	1

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12. STAFF (continued)

The above member of staff participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme and contributions to the scheme during the period ended 31 August 2015 were £9,488 (2014 - £8,717).

13. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The Trustees benefit from risk protection purchased by the Academy Trust from the Education Funding Agency to cover the liability of the Trustees arising from negligent acts, errors or commissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The limit of this protection is £10,000,000. The cost for the year ended 31 August 2015 is included in the total insurance cost.

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the Trust in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration fell within the following bands:

	2015 £	2014 £
C Godden, Head Teacher at Chacombe CEVA Primary Academy	50,000-55,000	50,000-55,000
S Lawrence, Head Teacher at Culworth and Boddington CofE Primary Academies	65,000-70,000	65,000-70,000
R Hazelgrove, Head Teacher at St Loys CofE Primary Academy	30,000-35,000	30,000-35,000

The above trustees received employer pension contributions in the following bands:

C Godden:	£5,000 - £10,000
S Lawrence:	£5,000 - £10,000
R Hazelgrove:	£0 - £5,000

During the period ended 31 August 2015, expenses totalling £351 (2014 - £430) were reimbursed to 1 Trustee (2014 - 1).

15. CENTRAL SERVICES

There were no central services provided by the Trust during the period.

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16. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2014	32,057	55,001	53,551	140,609
Additions	-	21,903	54,720	76,623
At 31 August 2015	32,057	76,904	108,271	217,232
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2014	1,586	12,816	12,737	27,139
Charge for the period	3,206	16,226	23,364	42,796
At 31 August 2015	4,792	29,042	36,101	69,935
Net book value				
At 31 August 2015	27,265	47,862	72,170	147,297
At 31 August 2014	30,471	42,185	40,814	113,470

The Trust occupies land and buildings which are owned by the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education. The Board of Education are the providers of the Academies on the same basis as when the Academies were maintained schools. The Trust occupies the land and buildings of the Academies under the terms of Supplemental Agreements between the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education, the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance and the Trust, which provide the Trust with the right to use the land and buildings for the Academies for an infinite period, subject to a 2 year termination notice period, which amounts to a mere licence. This continuing permission of the Board of Education is pursuant to, and subject to, the Board of Education's charitable objects, and is part of the Church's continuing contribution to provide State funded education in partnership with the State. The licence delegates aspects of the management of the land and buildings to the Trust for the time being, but does not vest any rights over the land in the Trust. The Board of Education have given an undertaking to the Secretary of State that they will not give the Trust less than two years notice to terminate the occupation of the land and buildings. Having considered the factual matrix under which the Trust is occupying the land and buildings, the Directors have concluded that the value of the land and buildings occupied by the Trust will not be recognised on the balance sheet of the Trust.

Leasehold property includes the playing fields for Chacombe CEVA Primary Academy and Culworth CofE Primary Academy, which the Trust occupies under a 125 year lease from Northamptonshire County Council. Due to the restrictions contained in the lease agreement, the Trustees are of the view that the land has no value and so have not included any value for this land in the financial statements.

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17. DEBTORS

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade debtors	207	-
Other debtors	-	179
Prepayments and accrued income	17,140	365
VAT recoverable	26,563	35,869
	43,910	36,413
	43,910	36,413

18. CREDITORS:
Amounts falling due within one year

	2015	2014
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	18,990	21,159
Accruals and deferred income	74,195	71,556
	93,185	92,715
	93,185	92,715

Deferred income

Deferred income at 1 September 2014		£ 62,234
Resources deferred during the year		43,725
Amounts released from previous years		(62,234)
		43,725
Deferred income at 31 August 2015		43,725

At the balance sheet date, the Trust was holding funds of £43,725 received in advance in respect of Universal Infant Free School Meal grants that relate to the year ending 31 August 2016.

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward <i>As restated</i> £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	238,422	161,034	(127,807)	-	-	271,649
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	98,827	1,687,033	(1,604,464)	(56,225)	-	125,171
Other DfE/EFA Grants	4,197	280,215	(284,412)	-	-	-
Start-up grants	15,286	-	(13,880)	-	-	1,406
St Loys Appeal Fund	61,348	98	(5,000)	-	-	56,446
Pension reserve	(331,000)	-	(19,000)	-	(7,000)	(357,000)
	<u>(151,342)</u>	<u>1,967,346</u>	<u>(1,926,756)</u>	<u>(56,225)</u>	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(173,977)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed assets transferred on conversion	60,935	-	(19,439)	-	-	41,496
Capital funds transferred on conversion	17,880	-	(6,101)	-	-	11,779
Devolved formula capital grant	18,285	20,398	(5,468)	-	-	33,215
Capital expenditure funded from GAG	16,370	-	(11,788)	56,225	-	60,807
	<u>113,470</u>	<u>20,398</u>	<u>(42,796)</u>	<u>56,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,297</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(37,872)</u>	<u>1,987,744</u>	<u>(1,969,552)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(26,680)</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>200,550</u></u>	<u><u>2,148,778</u></u>	<u><u>(2,097,359)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(7,000)</u></u>	<u><u>244,969</u></u>

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

Restricted Funds:

The General Annual Grant Fund (GAG) is used for educational purposes in line with the Academy's objects and its funding agreements. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2015.

Other DfE/EFA grants are used to provide additional support and resources in specific areas across the Academy's schools in line with the terms and conditions of the respective grants.

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

The St Loys Appeal Fund is for the advancement of the education of pupils at St Loys Church of England Primary Academy by the development of the school's buildings and grounds

The pension reserve presents the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds:

Fixed assets transferred on conversion represent the assets transferred to the Trust from the predecessor schools and Northamptonshire County Council.

The capital funds transferred to the Trust on conversion and the devolved formula capital grant received during the period were used to fund capital expenditure during the period.

Transfers from the GAG fund were used to fund capital expenditure in the period.

Analysis of Academies by fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2015 were allocated as follows:

	Total £
Chacombe CofE Primary Academy	76,083
St Loys CofE Primary Academy	232,769
Culworth Primary Academy	64,669
Boddington Primary Academy	79,745
Central fund	1,406
Total before fixed asset fund and pension reserve	454,672
Restricted fixed asset fund	147,297
Pension reserve	(357,000)
Total	244,969

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Analysis of Academies by cost

Expenditure incurred by each Academy during the period was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciat'n £	Total £
Chacombe CofE Primary Academy	344,866	36,213	31,464	93,262	505,805
St Loys Primary Academy	316,934	41,139	37,404	120,350	515,827
Culworth Primary Academy	364,152	59,512	75,012	101,499	600,175
Boddington Primary Academy	246,673	35,752	43,340	74,111	399,876
Central fund	-	-	13,880	-	13,880
	<u>1,272,625</u>	<u>172,616</u>	<u>201,100</u>	<u>389,222</u>	<u>2,035,563</u>

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>As restated</i> Total funds 2014 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	147,297	147,297	113,470
Current assets	277,712	270,145	-	547,857	449,448
Creditors due within one year	(10,048)	(83,137)	-	(93,185)	(92,716)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(357,000)	-	(357,000)	(331,000)
	<u>271,649</u>	<u>(173,977)</u>	<u>147,297</u>	<u>244,969</u>	<u>200,550</u>

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21. NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2015 £	<i>As restated</i> 2014 £
Net incoming resources before revaluations	51,419	259,550
Assets transferred on conversion	-	(275,512)
Increase in debtors	(7,497)	(36,413)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	42,796	27,139
Capital grants from DfE	(20,398)	(20,309)
Increase in creditors	470	92,715
Pension scheme deficit transferred from Local Authority on conversion	-	262,000
FRS 17 pension cost adjustments	19,000	10,000
Net cash inflow from operations	<u><u>85,790</u></u>	<u><u>319,170</u></u>

22. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2015 £	2014 £
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(76,623)	(60,660)
Capital grants from DfE	20,398	20,309
Net cash outflow capital expenditure	<u><u>(56,225)</u></u>	<u><u>(40,351)</u></u>

23. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	As restated 1 September 2014 £	Cash flow £	Other non-cash changes £	31 August 2015 £
Cash at bank and in hand:	474,382	29,565	-	503,947
Net funds	<u><u>474,382</u></u>	<u><u>29,565</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>503,947</u></u>

24. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2010 and of the LGPS 31 March 2013.

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

Not less than every four years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%))
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of returns 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed rate of return is 5.06%

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

During the year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at March 2016, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £107,296 (2014: £105,414).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the [Teachers' Pensions website](#).

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the period ended 31 August 2015 was £78,000, of which employer's contributions totalled £62,000 and employees' contributions totalled £16,000. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 19.3% for employers and various% for employees.

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

The amounts recognised in the Balance sheet are as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Present value of funded obligations	(631,000)	(519,000)
Fair value of scheme assets	274,000	188,000
Net liability	<u>(357,000)</u>	<u>(331,000)</u>

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Current service cost	(72,000)	(50,000)
Interest on obligation	(21,000)	(18,000)
Expected return on scheme assets	12,000	8,000
Total	<u>(81,000)</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>
Actual return on scheme assets	<u>8,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	519,000	371,000
Current service cost	72,000	50,000
Interest cost	21,000	18,000
Contributions by scheme participants	16,000	13,000
Actuarial Losses	3,000	67,000
	<u>631,000</u>	<u>519,000</u>

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

	2015 £	2014 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	188,000	109,000
Expected return on assets	12,000	8,000
Actuarial gains and (losses)	(4,000)	8,000
Contributions by employer	62,000	50,000
Contributions by employees	16,000	13,000
	<u>274,000</u>	<u>188,000</u>

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the Statement of total recognised gains and losses was £66,000 (2014 - £59,000).

The Trust expects to contribute £68,000 to its Defined benefit pension scheme in 2016.

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	2015	2014
Equities	70.00 %	71.00 %
Bonds	19.00 %	19.00 %
Property	9.00 %	7.00 %
Cash	2.00 %	3.00 %

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2015	2014
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	3.70 %	3.70 %
Expected return on scheme assets at 31 August	3.70 %	5.50 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.50 %	4.40 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.60 %	2.60 %

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

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

	2015	2014
Retiring today		
Males	22.3	22.3
Females	24.3	24.3
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	24.0	24.0
Females	26.6	26.6

Amounts for the current and previous period are as follows:

Defined benefit pension schemes

	2015 £	2014 £
Defined benefit obligation	(631,000)	(519,000)
Scheme assets	274,000	188,000
Deficit	(357,000)	(331,000)
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	(3,000)	(67,000)
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	(4,000)	8,000

26. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2015 the Trust had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2015 £	2014 £	2015 £	2014 £
Expiry date:				
Between 2 and 5 years	-	-	4,352	-

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27. CONNECTED CHARITY

In July 2007, the Board of Governors of St Loys Primary School made a declaration of trust and created an exempt charity to hold funds for the advancement of the education of pupils at St Loys by the development of the school's buildings and grounds. As the Academy Trustees effectively control the Board of Governors, the financial activities of the St Loys trust are reflected in the Multi Academy Trust's financial statements, in line with the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction, as a connected charity.

During the year, the charity generated £98 (2014 - £4) of net interest on its building society account balance, which is included in investment income (note 4). A £5,000 (2014 - £nil) donation was made during the year to the St Loys Pre School from the charity's funds, which is included in support costs (note 8).

The charity's building society account balance of £56,446 (2014 - £61,348) is included on the Trust's balance sheet under cash at bank.

28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

There were no related party transactions during the period.

29. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

In July 2007, the Board of Governors of St Loys Primary School made a declaration of trust and created an exempt charity to hold funds for the advancement of the education of pupils at St Loys by the development of the school's buildings and grounds.

Due to the effective control exercised by the Trustees of the Multi Academy Trust over the Board of Governors of St Loys Primary Academy, the Trustees have determined that the funds should be incorporated into the Multi Academy Trust's financial statements, on the basis that it is a connected charity. On conversion to academy status, the balance of this 'Premises Appeal Fund' held in a building society account, was £61,344. Net interest of £4 was earned on the funds between conversion and 31 August 2014. Consequently, a prior year adjustment has been made to increase the Trust's restricted funds at 31 August 2014 by £61,348 with an equal adjustment to cash at bank.