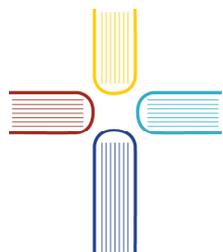


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St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Diocesan Multi Academy Trust

ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Academies Umbrella Trust The Right Reverend M Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich The Reverend R Hinsley N Watts Prof H Langton (appointed 18 December 2019)
Trustees	Mr A Blit Mr T Brooke, Chair Mr S Cole Mr A Gourlay The Reverend R Hinsley Mrs S Rees Mrs J Sheat Mrs K Williams (appointed 4 December 2019)
Company registered number	09499496
Company name	St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust
Principal and registered office	St Nicholas Centre 4 Cutler Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 1UQ
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Independent auditors	Larking Gowen LLP Chartered Accountants 1 Claydon Business Park Great Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP6 0NL
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The trust operates 19 primary academies in Suffolk for pupils aged 4-11 as at 31 August 2020: Tudor in Sudbury, St Mary's in Woodbridge, Sproughton, St Mary's in Hadleigh, Nacton, Bramfield, Long Melford, Eyke, Mellis, Hartest, Stoke-by-Nayland, Chelmondiston, Ringsfield, Brampton, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Morland in Ipswich, All Saints in Newmarket, St Matthew's in Ipswich and Wetheringsett. Its academies had a combined roll of 2,873 pupils at 31 August 2020, based on the October 2019 pupil census. One school joined during the year, Wetheringsett on 1 November 2019.

Structure, governance and management

a. 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 was incorporated on 19 March 2015. The trustees of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust.

Details of the trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1. The trust was pleased to welcome Professor Helen Langton, Vice Chancellor of the University of Suffolk as a member and Karen Williams as a trustee in December 2019.

b. Members' liability

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

c. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The trust's members include the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Academies Umbrella Trust, as a corporate member, and individual members. The trust's members are responsible for appointing the trustees of the trust. During the year Prof Helen Langton, Vice Chancellor of the University of Suffolk became a member. When appointing new trustees, the members give consideration to the skills and experience of existing trustees in order to ensure that the board has the necessary skills and expertise to contribute fully to the trust's development, set strategic direction and meet all its statutory obligations as set out in the Academies Financial Handbook. One new trustee joined the trust in 2019/20 - Karen Williams.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All trustees are experienced in school or university governance. Their induction and training depends on their experience. New trustees meet with the CEO and are invited to attend an initial meeting as an observer.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Organisational structure

Trust Level

The trustees make most decisions at full Board meetings, which take place six times a year. Trustees monitor the overall academic progress of both sponsored academies and converter academies and set the trust-wide policies to be operated by all the schools. The trust is responsible for appointing headteachers and for carrying out their performance management, both in close collaboration with local governors. The Board receives regular detailed information about the educational standards and financial performance of each school.

The Finance and Audit Committee met five times in the year and has a strategic view on the forward planning of MAT finances, makes recommendations to the Board on the financial sustainability of prospective schools, monitors income and expenditure and reviews audit requirements and financial risks.

The Standards Committee met twice and monitors pupil attainment, progress and attendance in all schools. The committee monitors educational standards in each school and analyses schools' readiness for inspection.

The CEO is the accounting officer and makes operational decisions.

School Level

Each school has a Local Governing Body operating within the scheme of delegation set by the trust. Local Governing Bodies manage their individual schools' concerns ensuring compliance with the trust's requirements and set their local school policies where appropriate. The Headteacher manages his or her school's operations and is expected to contribute towards the aims of the trust.

f. Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Board has established a pay policy and approved the salary range for central MAT posts. Incremental progression for central MAT employees, as for all school-based employees, including Headteachers, is subject to satisfactory performance management. The CEO is employed by the Diocese (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance). The Buildings Officer is also employed by the Diocese.

g. Trade union facility time

The trust paid £5,233 for union facilities for 2019/20. This amounted to 0.04% of the total pay bill of £13,054,009. The trust subscribes to a pooled union facilities arrangement for all Suffolk schools. One full-time employee spends 15% of her time on trade union duties.

h. Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

Employees are consulted on issues of concern to them by means of regular staff meetings and have been kept informed on specific matters directly by management. Headteachers have consulted all staff, including union representatives, on risk assessments associated with the Covid 19 pandemic.

In accordance with equal opportunities legislation, the trust has fair employment practices in the recruitment, selection and training of disabled staff.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

i. Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance (company registration no. 00143034) is a related party due to its powers in relation to the appointment of trust members.

Objectives and activities

a. Objects and aims

The objects of the trust are to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing academies which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum. At present all of the schools in the trust are Church of England schools.

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

The trust's key objective is to provide the highest possible quality of education, underpinned by our Christian ethos and values. The trust's strategies are to develop cultural capital as a means of raising the aspirations of pupils, especially disadvantaged pupils; provide excellent professional development opportunities for staff; to support schools to meet the mental health needs of pupils and to prioritise staff wellbeing, especially that of headteachers. These have all continued to be highly relevant and important in a year dominated by Covid-19.

In this reporting period, one more school joined the trust, which now has 19 church primary schools in Suffolk. Three new headteachers started in September 2019.

The headteachers met together six times in the year and the school bursars met four times in the year. A budget briefing for schools was held in March 2020 attended by headteachers, bursars and governors. A conference was held for MAT governors in September 2019. A MAT-wide Professional Development day was held for all schools in October 2019.

The second half of the year was, of course, dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Working together, schools remained open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children from 23 March 2020 and then welcomed back pupils in Nursery (where applicable), Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 1 June 2020.

Central MAT staff were able to work from home during lockdown and to continue to provide support to schools. All financial and IT systems are cloud-hosted which enabled staff to continue working without disruption.

c. Public benefit

The trust aims to advance for the public benefit education in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. It operates in a collaborative manner to the mutual benefit of schools, their staff and pupils.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

Three MAT schools were inspected by Ofsted during the year and all were judged Good: Nacton, Eyke and St Mary's, Hadleigh. This means that to date, a total of nine schools have all been judged Good since joining the trust. Two schools were also judged Good in their SIAMS inspection during the year: Sproughton and Eyke, and St Matthew's in Ipswich were judged excellent.

All schools use the same assessment system and trustees and local governing bodies use a School on a Page template to capture information about the attainment and progress of pupils, attendance and exclusions. Trustees scrutinise the performance of schools and groups of pupils.

In partnership with the Children's University, pupils are encouraged to undertake extra-curricular activities to enhance their learning and raise their aspirations. Unfortunately graduation ceremonies due to take place in the summer term 2020 had to be postponed due to Covid-19.

The trust has expanded its Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for teachers considerably. Teachers meet to share good practice, for moderation and assessment. Headteachers work in groups of three, visiting each others' schools to review what is working well and to identify improvements which could be made. The trust successfully bid for Trust Capacity Funding (TCaF) from the DfE which enabled us to provide significant training and resources for subject leaders in all subjects and increase central trust capacity.

The trust supports schools to meet the mental health needs of pupils, continuing to provide mental health training for school staff through the YMCA, reflecting the growing level of mental health issues affecting pupils. We also seek to raise the aspiration of pupils, especially disadvantaged pupils. In partnership with the Children's University, pupils are encouraged to undertake extra-curricular activities to enhance their learning.

All headteachers have termly individual support for their own wellbeing. All schools continue to monitor staff workload and wellbeing, have a wellbeing working group and implement an action plan to address workload and wellbeing issues.

We successfully bid to the Education and Skills Funding Agency for Condition Improvement Funding (CIF) in 2019/20. We were awarded £2.8m for 21 building projects in 14 schools. This will help us to make a number of essential improvements to our school buildings. The works started in the current year and will continue into 20/21.

Although the second half of 2019/20 was a challenging time, as all schools dealt with Covid 19, it was also a very supportive time as schools encouraged each other as they dealt with the many demands of providing education both remotely and in school. The collaboration and networking which is such a feature of the MAT proved invaluable. Many schools were also able to develop their curriculum planning for September 2020, building on the subject leader training held earlier in the year. Schools worked hard to welcome back pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in June. The MAT reviewed every school's risk assessment and offered support both individually and to MAT headteachers collectively. The tireless work of school staff paved the way for a smooth return of all pupils in September. The significant achievements of schools in 2020 cannot be overestimated and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

a. Key performance indicators

The trust is reviewing key performance indicators covering operational and financial activities, using the DfE's School Resource Management Self-Assessment Tool. More detailed work in this area is planned as well as internal benchmarking.

The trust requires schools to set a balanced annual budget as part of a balanced 3 year budget plan. This was achieved for all schools apart from a school which joined with an expected deficit.

The trust more than achieved a minimum requirement to have a month's worth pay salary costs in its reserves.

b. Going concern

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

Financial review

a. Financial position and reserves

Summary of Financial Position

During the year the trust received income of £18,696,493 and spent £18,458,525 before transfers.

For the day to day revenue running costs of the schools, academy conversion costs and school improvement, £14,555,832 was received from the Education and Skills Fund Agency (ESFA) and Department for Education. Other revenue grant funding of £823,999 was received from the local authority largely for special needs and nursery funding. £2,890,396 was received in capital grants from the ESFA for Condition Improvement Fund and Devolved Formula Capital.

Revenue

The revenue position excluding the Local Government Pension Scheme fund was as follows:

Revenue (excluding Pension Fund)	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Brought forward from 31 August 2019	2,205,177	681,642	2,886,819
Income	471,016	15,396,822	15,867,838
Expenditure	(277,705)	(16,595,835)	(16,873,540)
Net expenditure before transfers	193,311	(1,199,013)	(1,005,702)
Transfers	(2,806)	1,117,399	1,114,593
Net income after transfers	190,505	(81,614)	108,891
Reserves carried forward to 1 Sept 2020	2,395,682	600,028	2,995,710

The summary of schools' revenue balances may be found towards the end of Note 20 (Statement of Funds).

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Capital (Fixed Assets)

The trust spent **£190,232** across its schools on furniture and equipment and IT hardware and **£16,913** on intangible assets (software). Improvements to church trustee owned buildings amounted to **£1,968,689**, this expenditure was funded by Condition Improvement Fund and Devolved Formula Capital grants from the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Reserves

The trust's reserves at 31 August 2020 are summarised below:

Reserve	Available £	Tangible assets £	Intangible assets £	Total £
Revenue	2,995,710	-	-	2,995,710
Capital	2,096,544	5,296,133	20,870	7,413,547
Total before pension	5,092,254	5,296,133	20,870	10,409,257
Pension fund Deficit				(5,732,000)
Grand total				4,677,257

The purpose of the reserves policy for the trust is to ensure the stability of the schools' operations, to protect it so that it can adjust quickly to changes in financial circumstances, such as large unplanned expenditure, cyclical maintenance and working capital requirements. The trust holds reserves to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance or long-term sickness where unforeseen costs are incurred and to build up funding for planned future capital projects.

The trust aims to have the equivalent of one month's salary costs available as unrestricted funds and GAG carry forward, this equates to approximately £1,050,000. This has been achieved, with the amount being **£2,610,929**.

The available capital balances are primarily Condition Improvement Funds awarded in 2019/20 to be spent in 21/22.

Reserves are reported as part of budget monitoring to the school's local governing body, the trust chair and to the Finance and Audit Committee.

Pension fund (Local Government Pension Scheme)

Under Accounting Standard FRS 102, it is necessary to charge projected deficits on the Local Government Pension Scheme that is provided for support staff to a specific restricted reserve. As at 31 August 2020, the deficit on this reserve amounted to £5,732,000. The pension deficit does not present the trust with a current liquidity problem and it should be noted that the Government has guaranteed to pay any outstanding pension deficit if any academy trust is closed to maintain parity of contribution rates between local authority maintained and academy status schools.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The trust operates financial management in relation to the scheme of delegation of each school and recognises the need for schools to manage their financial affairs within the parameters set by the trust. The trust has a central management role and uses PS Financials as its accounting package, providing instant live access to all transactions across the trust and consideration of budget management. Most purchases are authorised at school level by Headteachers and for the central trust, by the CEO and Business and Finance Manager. Arrangements were made to cover alternative authorisation procedures during remote working using emails.

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b. Investment policy

The trust does not have any formal investments. Any future investments will be managed centrally by the trust but be clearly attributable to each school's contribution and will include considerations of:

- Access and type of investment and term
- Financial position and financial limit for type of investment
- Spreading investments between providers to ensure savings are covered by the Financial Services Authority
- Security of access
- Rate of return and charges
- Business interests
- Ethical, social and environmental considerations
- Review including review of performance

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

A strategic risk register is maintained and reviewed by trustees regularly. This covers financial, reputational, strategic, operational and compliance risks. Progress on action to mitigate risks is evaluated and monitored. Schools also complete risk reviews at an operational level for consideration by their local governing body.

Financial risks are reviewed in detail by the Finance and Audit Committee at each meeting and for non-financial risks, by the Risk Review Group which developed into the Premises and Risk Committee and after a delayed start in the summer, met in the Autumn 2020 term.

The main financial risks affecting all schools are:

- Shorter and longer term effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly in relation to staff related issues
- Funding of future pay awards and increases to pension contributions
- In-year deficits eroding reserves

Like many multi academy trusts, risks arise from schools indicating potential deficits in future years. These are being addressed with prudent budget management and using contingencies and balances carried forward in the short and medium term. The trust's schools prepared detailed medium-term plans as part of the review and approval process for the Board to approve the final annual budget for 2020-21 to ensure sustainability. Subject to eligibility, the trust applied for additional Covid-19 funding to cover limited additional costs. Part of the Teachers' Pension Contributions previously funded will continue to be funded separately in 2020-21 but will be absorbed into the National Funding Formula from September 2021 as part of increasing the minimum per pupil funding but there remains a risk that some schools will lose out.

The main non-financial risk is of reputation and ability to deliver effective school improvement to the sponsored schools. This has been addressed with the continued facilitation of school to school support and the deployment of experienced school to school support Headteachers. The trust has developed a comprehensive approach to due diligence on schools which wish to join the MAT.

Other high impact non-financial risks are:

- Covid-19
 - o health and safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff
 - o quality of education and school improvement
 - o business continuity
- other externally driven factors

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The trust has provided much needed support to its headteachers and office staff during the pandemic and continues to review and act upon these risks. Where on-site school improvement reviews, network meetings and training sessions were planned, these have continued virtually, as have trustees' and local governing body meetings to maintain strong oversight and support.

Fundraising

The trust is funded mainly by government grants and does not engage in fundraising activities or canvassing for the schools budgets. Most schools have a Parent and Teachers' Association or equivalent, which raises funds for its schools and makes a donation.

Typically, headteachers are members of the PTA committee and ensure that activities are monitored and appropriate. No one is obliged to contribute towards PTA activities, but parents are encouraged to take part in several ways in order to support their children's schools. This builds a sense of community and strong links with local families. The trust has not received any complaints about fundraising.

Plans for future periods

The trust seeks to consolidate its work further in 2020-21, focussing on the curriculum and initially, the recovery curriculum following the return to school of all pupils from September 2020. The trust will continue to work highly collaboratively, enhancing existing networks for headteachers, governors, bursars and teachers. It will continue to support School to School Support Teachers to build middle leadership capacity and School to School Support Headteachers to provide extra leadership capacity.

With the pandemic, the trust wishes to focus on helping children and staff to remain safe, Covid-19 catch up education support, and continuing the school improvement strategy. Further investment will also be made into maintenance of the schools' estate by bidding for more Condition Improvement Fund and using SCA funding when the trust becomes eligible.

Funds held as custodian on behalf of others

The trust and its trustees do not act as the Custodian Trustees of any other charity.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that 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 auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 17 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr T Brooke
Chair of Trustees



Mrs J Sheat
Accounting Officer

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge that we have overall responsibility for ensuring that the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan 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.

As trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance.

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer, 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 St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has met six times during the reporting period.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr A Blit	6	6
Mr T Brooke, Chair	6	6
Mr S Cole	2	6
Mr A Gourlay	4	6
The Reverend R Hinsley	4	6
Mrs S Rees	5	6
Mrs J Sheat	6	6
Mrs K Williams	3	4

One new trustee joined the trust in 2019/20 - Mrs K Williams.

The trust board receives regular detailed information about the educational standards and financial performance of each school. This includes a School on a Page (SOAP) summary for each school at each meeting, which outlines pupil attainment, progress, attendance and exclusions. The board also receives monthly management accounts. An annual away day provides the opportunity for reflection and self-evaluation and at the last such day in July 2019 trustees completed a detailed self-evaluation on school improvement, people and leadership, risk management, financial sustainability and governance, which has been monitored throughout the year.

The Finance and Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. It met five times during the year. Its purpose is to take a strategic view on the forward planning of MAT finances, make recommendations to the Board on the financial sustainability of prospective schools, monitor income and expenditure and consider financial risks and audit recommendations.

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Governance (continued)

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr A Blit	5	5
Mrs J Sheat	5	5
Mr T Brooke	3	5
Mrs K Williams	4	4

The Standards Committee met twice and monitors pupil attainment, progress and attendance in all schools. The committee monitors educational standards in each school and analyses schools' readiness for inspection.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr A Blit	2	2
Mr S Cole	1	2
Mr A Gourlay	2	2
Mrs J Sheat	2	2
Mrs S Rees	1	1

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Chief Executive 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 appropriate. The accounting officer for the trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- negotiation with suppliers; and
- procuring services for all schools, negotiating multi-school discounts which has proved more cost-effective than individual schools paying separately

The pandemic challenged the trust's ability to maintain value for money in some areas, for example whilst central MAT staff normally work in the office, additional costs have been incurred in purchasing laptops so that they can work from home. Schools also experienced price increases for cleaning materials.

The Government's Procurement Policy Notes PPN 02/20 and PPN 04/20 have been applied in line with government instructions issued in March and June 2020 for payment of suppliers to ensure service continuity during and after the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, for example paying invoices promptly.

The trust was mindful though of ensuring that suppliers were not either accidentally or deliberately seeking to profit from services that were not provided by checking and challenging standard invoices and requesting profits were removed.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed risks at every meeting. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

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:

- scheme of delegation for local governing bodies;
- financial policy and procedures;
- budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by local governing bodies and the board of trustees;
- regular reviews by the local governing bodies and finance and audit 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;
- central financial system administration for the accounting system and online banking; and
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has decided to employ Contador Accountancy Services as internal auditor.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the trust's financial systems. The internal auditor this year carried out a review of the risk of financial fraud, examining internal control policy and procedures.

The internal auditor reports to the trustees through the Finance and Audit Committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

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Review of effectiveness

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

- discharge of the Board of Trustees financial decisions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress
- the work of the external auditors;
- the work of the internal auditor;
- DfE's School Resource Management Self-Assessment Tool;
- the work of the executive managers within the trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Finance and Audit Committee will ensure continuous improvement of the systems in place. The accounting officer will implement any necessary changes.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 17 December 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr T Brooke
Chair of Trustees



Mrs J Sheat
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the 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 trust, under the funding agreement in place between the trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that I and the trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all 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 2019.

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.

Jane Sheat

Mrs J Sheat
Accounting Officer
Date: 17 December 2020

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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 then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020;
- 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;
- 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 of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr T Brooke
Chair of Trustees
Date: 17 December 2020



Mrs J Sheat
Accounting officer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust (the 'trust') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 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 trust's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Other information includes the Reference and administrative details, the Trustees' report including the Strategic report, and the Governance statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report and the Strategic report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the 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, 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 trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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.

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 Auditors' report.

Use of our report

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 opinions we have formed.

MHA Larking Gower

Giles Kerkham FCA DChA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
Larking Gower LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Ipswich

18 December 2020

ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST
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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 12 October 2020 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 2 July 2015 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2019, 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 2019 to 2020. 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 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 2019 to 2020 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 trust's income and expenditure.

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

In planning and conducting our work we had due regard to professional guidance, including the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020. The work undertaken to draw our conclusion, includes, but is not limited to:

- Enquiry of senior management, accounting officer and the trustees;
- Review of the results of the trust's process of independent checking of financial controls, systems, transactions and risks;
- Inspection and review of the accounting records, meeting minutes, management representations and declarations of interest;
- Testing compliance with the trust's financial controls; and
- Review of governance arrangements and certain transactions.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

MHA Larking Gowen

Larking Gowen LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

Date: 18 December 2020

ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants:	3					
Transfer from local authority on conversion		(82,188)	(63,000)	1,259	(143,929)	160,853
Other donations and capital grants		110,498	-	2,890,396	3,000,894	2,354,830
Charitable activities	4	390,620	15,396,822	-	15,787,442	13,677,531
Other trading activities	5	41,283	-	-	41,283	45,476
Investments	6	8,145	-	-	8,145	8,724
Other income	7	2,658	-	-	2,658	21,920
Total income		471,016	15,333,822	2,891,655	18,696,493	16,269,334
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	277,705	18,030,835	149,985	18,458,525	15,411,930
Total expenditure		277,705	18,030,835	149,985	18,458,525	15,411,930
Net income/(expenditure)		193,311	(2,697,013)	2,741,670	237,968	857,404
Transfers between funds	20	(2,806)	1,860,399	(1,857,593)	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		190,505	(836,614)	884,077	237,968	857,404
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	27	-	(575,000)	-	(575,000)	(1,398,000)
Net movement in funds		190,505	(1,411,614)	884,077	(337,032)	(540,596)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	2,205,177	(3,720,358)	6,529,470	5,014,289	5,554,885
Net movement in funds	190,505	(1,411,614)	884,077	(337,032)	(540,596)
Total funds carried forward	2,395,682	(5,131,972)	7,413,547	4,677,257	5,014,289

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 27 to 62 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 09499496

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	15	20,870	32,033
Tangible assets	16	5,296,133	5,227,814
		<u>5,317,003</u>	<u>5,259,847</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	17	6,419	13,667
Debtors	18	3,025,549	1,205,289
Cash at bank and in hand		4,480,866	4,525,248
		<u>7,512,834</u>	<u>5,744,204</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>(2,420,580)</u>	<u>(1,587,762)</u>
Net current assets		5,092,254	4,156,442
Total assets less current liabilities		10,409,257	9,416,289
Net assets excluding pension liability		10,409,257	9,416,289
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	27	<u>(5,732,000)</u>	<u>(4,402,000)</u>
Total net assets		4,677,257	5,014,289
Funds of the trust			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	20	7,413,547	6,529,470
Restricted income funds	20	600,028	681,642
		<u>8,013,575</u>	<u>7,211,112</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	20	8,013,575	7,211,112
Pension reserve	20	<u>(5,732,000)</u>	<u>(4,402,000)</u>
Total restricted funds	20	2,281,575	2,809,112
Unrestricted income funds	20	2,395,682	2,205,177
Total funds		4,677,257	5,014,289

ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

The financial statements on pages 22 to 62 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf, by:



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Mr T Brooke
Chair of Trustees



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Mrs J Sheat
Accounting Officer

Date: 17 December 2020

The notes on pages 27 to 62 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	2020 £	<i>2019</i> £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	22	44,736	<i>1,542,507</i>
Cash flows from investing activities	23	(89,118)	<i>573,037</i>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(44,382)	<i>2,115,544</i>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		4,525,248	<i>2,409,704</i>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24, 25	4,480,866	<i>4,525,248</i>

The notes on pages 27 to 62 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1. Accounting policies

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, registered number 09499496. The registered office is St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich, IP1 1UQ.

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic 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 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£) and rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the 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 trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the 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.

• **Sponsorship income**

Sponsorship income provided to the 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 year it is receivable and to the extent the trust has provided the goods or services.

• **Transfer on conversion**

Where assets and liabilities are received by the trust on conversion to an academy, the transferred assets are measured at fair value and recognised in the Balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the trust. An equal amount of income is recognised as a transfer on conversion within 'Income from Donations and Capital Grants' to the net assets received.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

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

• **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.6 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 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.

1.7 Intangible assets

Intangible assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Purchased computer software - 3 years

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 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.

As described in note 16, the trust occupies school buildings under 2 year license arrangements with St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance, and playing fields under 125 year leases with Suffolk County Council.

The trustees have considered the license arrangement for school buildings in the context of the accounting requirement set out in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 and have determined that the conditions required to conclude the trust has control over the properties are not met and consequently the buildings are not recognised in the financial statements. The license arrangement allows the trust to occupy the buildings free of charge. No income or expenditure is recognised for the rent free occupation because the trustees do not consider that a reliable measure of the amount the trust would have to pay to secure the premises can be made. Improvements to buildings occupied under licence are not capitalised but recognised as expenditure.

Playing fields occupied under a lease for 125 years are capitalised within tangible fixed assets to reflect the trust's right to use these properties over the long term.

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, less their estimated residual value, over its expected useful life.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold property	- 125 years
Furniture and equipment	- 10 - 15 years
Computer equipment	- 10 - 15 years

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

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.12 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 trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.13 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the 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.

1.14 Financial instruments

The trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the trust and their measurement bases 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 18. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 19. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.15 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.16 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.

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

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

1.17 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 the funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

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

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

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 27, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2020. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgment:

As described in note 1.8, the trustees have determined that a reliable estimate of the amount the trust would otherwise have to pay to occupy its rent free premises can not be made.

3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	110,498	-	-	110,498
Transfer from local authority on conversion	(82,188)	(63,000)	1,259	(143,929)
Capital grants	-	-	2,890,396	2,890,396
	<u>28,310</u>	<u>(63,000)</u>	<u>2,891,655</u>	<u>2,856,965</u>

Included in transfer from local authority on conversion of £(143,929) is £403 relating to schools that converted in previous periods. The amount that relates to Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School is £(144,332).

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3. Income from donations and capital grants (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Donations	105,873	-	-	105,873
Transfer from local authority on conversion	410,508	(263,000)	13,345	160,853
Capital grants	-	-	2,248,957	2,248,957
	<u>516,381</u>	<u>(263,000)</u>	<u>2,262,302</u>	<u>2,515,683</u>

4. Funding for the trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
DfE/ESFA grants			
GAG	-	12,158,708	12,158,708
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	1,592,737	1,592,737
Pupil Premium	-	804,387	804,387
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,555,832</u>	<u>14,555,832</u>
Other government grants			
Other Local Authority Grants	-	823,999	823,999
	<u>-</u>	<u>823,999</u>	<u>823,999</u>
Other funding			
Other income from operations	390,620	-	390,620
	<u>390,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,620</u>
Exceptional government funding			
Covid-19 grant	-	14,404	14,404
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	2,587	2,587
Total 2020	<u>390,620</u>	<u>15,396,822</u>	<u>15,787,442</u>

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4. Funding for the trust's educational operations (continued)

The trust has been eligible to claim additional funding in year from government support schemes in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown above under 'Exceptional government funding'.

The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support covers £14,404 additional cleaning costs, resources to enable students to learn from home, and free school meal costs. These costs are included in notes 8 and 9 below, as appropriate.

Funding was received under the Job Retention Scheme in relation to breakfast club and after school club employees. A total of £2,587 was received in relation to this scheme.

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
DfE/ESFA grants			
GAG	-	10,788,449	10,788,449
Start Up Grants	-	25,000	25,000
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	829,862	829,862
Pupil Premium	-	757,800	757,800
	-	12,401,111	12,401,111
Other government grants			
Other Local Authority Grants	-	746,860	746,860
	-	746,860	746,860
Other funding			
Other income from operations	529,560	-	529,560
	529,560	-	529,560
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>529,560</u>	<u>13,147,971</u>	<u>13,677,531</u>

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5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Lettings income	27,494	27,494
Adult meals income	5,138	5,138
Uniform income	7,615	7,615
Other income	1,036	1,036
	<hr/> 41,283 <hr/>	<hr/> 41,283 <hr/>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Lettings income	26,403	26,403
Adult meals income	9,097	9,097
Uniform income	8,330	8,330
Other income	1,646	1,646
	<hr/> 45,476 <hr/>	<hr/> 45,476 <hr/>

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Bank interest	8,145	8,145
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Bank interest	8,724	8,724

7. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Insurance income	2,500	2,500
Feed in tariff	158	158
	2,658	2,658
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Insurance income	20,492	20,492
Feed in tariff	1,428	1,428
	21,920	21,920

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8. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2020 £	Premises 2020 £	Other 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Educational operations:				
Direct costs	11,556,510	-	1,205,514	12,762,024
Allocated support costs	1,497,499	2,963,559	1,235,443	5,696,501
Total 2020	<u><u>13,054,009</u></u>	<u><u>2,963,559</u></u>	<u><u>2,440,957</u></u>	<u><u>18,458,525</u></u>

	<i>Staff Costs 2019 £</i>	<i>Premises 2019 £</i>	<i>Other 2019 £</i>	<i>Total 2019 £</i>
Educational operations:				
Direct costs	9,390,049	-	1,129,226	10,519,275
Allocated support costs	1,355,610	2,354,166	1,182,879	4,892,655
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u><u>10,745,659</u></u>	<u><u>2,354,166</u></u>	<u><u>2,312,105</u></u>	<u><u>15,411,930</u></u>

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Educational operations	<u><u>12,762,024</u></u>	<u><u>5,696,501</u></u>	<u><u>18,458,525</u></u>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2019 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Educational operations	<u><u>10,519,275</u></u>	<u><u>4,892,655</u></u>	<u><u>15,411,930</u></u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	1,390,882	1,390,882
Agency staff costs	106,617	106,617
Depreciation	29,363	29,363
Technology costs	195,044	195,044
Premises costs	2,963,559	2,963,559
Legal costs - conversion	5,997	5,997
Legal costs - other	1,696	1,696
Governance costs	64,468	64,468
Other support costs	938,875	938,875
	<u>5,696,501</u>	<u>5,696,501</u>
	<i>Activities 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Staff costs	1,291,717	1,291,717
Agency staff costs	64,613	64,613
Depreciation	38,555	38,555
Technology costs	161,957	161,957
Premises costs	2,354,166	2,354,166
Legal costs - conversion	6,865	6,865
Legal costs - other	10,581	10,581
Governance costs	56,318	56,318
Other support costs	907,883	907,883
	<u>4,892,655</u>	<u>4,892,655</u>

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10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	121,913	92,346
Amortisation of intangible assets	28,076	38,016
Cash loss	286	-
Compensation payment	688	-
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	15,000	13,000
- other services	6,725	4,550
	<u>150,708</u>	<u>158,912</u>

11. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	9,229,754	8,048,831
Social security costs	725,353	625,858
Pension costs	2,769,623	1,822,372
	<u>12,724,730</u>	<u>10,497,061</u>
Agency staff costs	317,659	238,486
Staff restructuring costs	11,620	10,112
	<u>13,054,009</u>	<u>10,745,659</u>

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	£
Redundancy payments	6,770	10,112
Severance payments	4,850	-
	<u>11,620</u>	<u>10,112</u>

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11. Staff (continued)

b. Non-statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-contractual severance payments totalling £3,250. This relates to one individual.

c. Staff numbers

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

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Teachers	184	<i>158</i>
Admin & Support	350	<i>326</i>
Management	15	<i>14</i>
	549	<i>498</i>

d. Higher paid staff

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

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	7	<i>5</i>

e. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the 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 trust was £186,254 (2019 - £160,834).

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12. Central services

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

- Human Resources, payroll, pensions, occupational health and wellbeing
- Governance
- GDPR Data Protection Officer
- Finance and procurement
- Subscriptions (various)
- Assessment Tracking System (Target Tracker)
- Online Training (Educare) and training networks
- School Improvement review and headteacher performance reviews
- Headteacher and business network meetings
- Buildings and risk management
- Union facilities time

The trust charges for these services on the following basis:

5% of GAG and Education Services Grant.

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12. Central services (continued)

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
All Saints Church of England Primary School Newmarket	39,440	38,524
Bramfield Church of England Primary School	21,413	20,537
Brampton Church of England Primary School	21,006	17,928
Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School	25,861	23,205
Eyke Church of England Primary School	25,138	22,706
Hartest Church of England Primary School	17,670	18,167
Hintlesham and Chattisham Church of England Primary School	20,736	19,782
Long Melford Church of England Primary School	31,411	30,494
Mellis Church of England Primary School	32,802	31,859
Morland Church of England Primary School	78,917	81,240
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Hadleigh	39,140	34,420
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Woodbridge	35,476	36,152
Nacton Church of England Primary School	20,678	20,286
Ringsfield Church of England Primary School	21,010	19,159
Stoke by Nayland Church of England Primary School	14,810	16,667
Sproughton Church of England Primary School	21,496	20,471
Tudor Church of England Primary School	44,416	45,236
St Matthew's Church of England Primary School	85,974	42,588
Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School	10,544	-
Total	607,938	539,421

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2019 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2020, expenses totalling £424 were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 Trustees (2019 - £635 to 6 Trustees).

The Chief Executive Officer is employed by St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance as Diocesan Director of Education. During the year the academy trust was charged £30,976 (2019 - £15,204) as part of the agreement with St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance as a contribution towards her salary cost.

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14. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

15. Intangible assets

	Computer Software £
Cost	
At 1 September 2019	146,840
Additions	16,913
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At 31 August 2020	163,753
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Amortisation	
At 1 September 2019	114,807
Charge for the year	28,076
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At 31 August 2020	142,883
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Net book value	
At 31 August 2020	20,870
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<i>At 31 August 2019</i>	32,033
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16. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2019	5,134,845	213,728	136,679	5,485,252
Additions	-	66,176	124,056	190,232
At 31 August 2020	<u>5,134,845</u>	<u>279,904</u>	<u>260,735</u>	<u>5,675,484</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2019	159,750	31,719	65,969	257,438
Charge for the year	40,675	24,118	57,120	121,913
At 31 August 2020	<u>200,425</u>	<u>55,837</u>	<u>123,089</u>	<u>379,351</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2020	<u><u>4,934,420</u></u>	<u><u>224,067</u></u>	<u><u>137,646</u></u>	<u><u>5,296,133</u></u>
At 31 August 2019	<u><u>4,975,095</u></u>	<u><u>182,009</u></u>	<u><u>70,710</u></u>	<u><u>5,227,814</u></u>

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16. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Terms of occupation of premises

Academy name	Playing fields
All Saints Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Bramfield Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Brampton Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Eye Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Hartest Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Hintlesham & Chattisham Church of England Primary School	n/a
Long Melford Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Hadleigh	125 year lease SCC
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Woodbridge	125 year lease SCC
Mellis Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Morland Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Nacton Church of England Primary School	n/a
Ringsfield Church of England Primary School	n/a
Sproughton Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Stoke by Nayland Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
Tudor Church of England Primary School	125 year lease SCC
St Matthew's Church of England Primary School	n/a
Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School	n/a

SCC = Suffolk County Council

School buildings are occupied under licence arrangements with St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance with a 2 year notice period. The accounting policy for buildings is described in note 1.8. Improvements to church trustee owned buildings amounted to £1,968,689 (2019: £1,406,988). The cost is included in expenditure.

17. Stocks

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	6,419	<i>13,667</i>

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18. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	20,448	8,905
Other debtors	280,735	378,623
Prepayments and accrued income	2,724,366	817,761
	3,025,549	1,205,289
	3,025,549	1,205,289

19. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	1,296,853	818,714
Other taxation and social security	172,197	154,405
Other creditors	338,543	202,822
Accruals and deferred income	612,987	411,821
	2,420,580	1,587,762
	2,420,580	1,587,762

	2020 £	2019 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2019	343,178	227,063
Resources deferred during the year	352,578	343,178
Amounts released from previous periods	(343,178)	(227,063)
At 31 August 2020	352,578	343,178
	352,578	343,178

At the balance sheet date the trust was holding funds received in relation to Universal Infant Free School Meals, Early Years funding, Targeted Support funding, other grants where the trust does not yet have entitlement to the income and school trips taking place in the 2020/21 school year.

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20. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	2,205,177	471,016	(277,705)	(2,806)	-	2,395,682
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	188,532	12,158,735	(11,335,351)	(796,669)	-	215,247
Start Up Grants	124,303	-	(21,271)	(7,413)	-	95,619
Pupil Premium	24,755	804,387	(807,666)	-	-	21,476
Other Grants	344,052	2,433,700	(4,431,547)	1,921,481	-	267,686
Pension reserve	(4,402,000)	(63,000)	(1,435,000)	743,000	(575,000)	(5,732,000)
	<u>(3,720,358)</u>	<u>15,333,822</u>	<u>(18,030,835)</u>	<u>1,860,399</u>	<u>(575,000)</u>	<u>(5,131,972)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on conversion	5,172,034	1,259	(46,855)	(5,598)	-	5,120,840
DfE Capital Grants	1,189,795	2,890,396	(39,121)	(1,968,689)	-	2,072,381
Other Capital Income	2,994	-	-	-	-	2,994
Capital Expenditure from GAG	12,782	-	(8,660)	53,668	-	57,790
Capital Expenditure from Restricted	123,746	-	(42,986)	54,629	-	135,389
Capital Expenditure from Unrestricted	28,119	-	(12,363)	8,397	-	24,153
	<u>6,529,470</u>	<u>2,891,655</u>	<u>(149,985)</u>	<u>(1,857,593)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,413,547</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>2,809,112</u>	<u>18,225,477</u>	<u>(18,180,820)</u>	<u>2,806</u>	<u>(575,000)</u>	<u>2,281,575</u>

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Total funds	5,014,289	18,696,493	(18,458,525)	-	(575,000)	4,677,257

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

The General Annual Grant (GAG) and other restricted funds are for the operational activities of the schools.

The pension reserve represents the trust's defined benefit pension scheme liability.

The restricted fixed asset fund represents the net book value of fixed assets held by the academy and unspent capital funding received to carry out works of a capital nature, including property works.

The transfers represent the purchase of fixed assets of £116,694 from revenue funds and the transfer of £1,968,689 for expenditure for property works that are expensed, due to school buildings not being recognised as tangible fixed assets (see accounting policy 1.8), to match the corresponding capital grants.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2020.

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2020 were allocated as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
All Saints Church of England Primary School Newmarket	149,134	79,978
Bramfield Church of England Primary School	148,454	128,249
Brampton Church of England Primary School	87,238	63,581
Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School	87,795	44,544
Eyke Church of England Primary School	78,994	43,538
Hartest Church of England Primary School	50,922	47,707
Hintlesham & Chattisham Church of England Primary School	86,405	65,384
Long Melford Church of England Primary School	87,581	122,283
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Hadleigh	58,802	(5,781)
St Mary's Church of England Primary School Woodbridge	103,490	106,277
Mellis Church of England Primary School	24,619	17,093
Morland Church of England Primary School	522,659	601,643
Nacton Church of England Primary School	50,129	51,730
Ringsfield Church of England Primary School	123,932	70,537
Stoke-by-Nayland Church of England Primary School	223,397	259,416
Sproughton Church of England Primary School	64,105	73,806
Tudor Church of England Primary School	47,147	69,674
St Matthew's Church of England Primary School	639,663	511,752
Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School	(20,065)	-
Central MAT	381,309	535,408
Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	2,995,710	2,886,819
Restricted fixed asset fund	7,413,547	6,529,470
Pension reserve	(5,732,000)	(4,402,000)
Total	4,677,257	5,014,289

The following academy is carrying a net deficit on its portion of the funds as follows:

	Deficit £
Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School	20,065

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The trust is taking the following action to return the academy to surplus:

Wetheringsett joined the trust with a revenue deficit. This has been significantly reduced during the year and the school has updated its medium term plan. As part of financial recovery plan and licenced deficit procedures, the trust has taken steps to return the school to a balanced position over the medium term by increasing pupil numbers and cost management.

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 2020 £
All Saints Newmarket	791,396	78,495	31,135	202,320	1,103,346
Bramfield	383,569	50,714	10,344	154,487	599,114
Brampton	383,078	44,964	15,033	246,660	689,735
Chelmondiston	425,084	57,007	18,288	110,075	610,454
Eyke	403,903	49,036	14,812	203,950	671,701
Hartest	333,585	27,824	11,633	109,002	482,044
Hintlesham & Chattisham	350,662	39,321	18,893	84,008	492,884
Long Melford	714,984	113,011	34,327	213,999	1,076,321
St Mary's Hadleigh	733,837	72,290	36,404	355,539	1,198,070
St Mary's Woodbridge	621,157	70,822	25,157	644,197	1,361,333
Mellis	566,251	54,663	30,334	147,407	798,655
Morland	1,643,726	179,434	83,548	273,002	2,179,710
Nacton	387,878	31,352	7,583	176,030	602,843
Ringsfield	409,578	44,814	11,149	404,856	870,397
Stoke-by-Nayland	312,648	25,158	12,857	134,440	485,103
Sproughton	387,874	44,906	18,872	369,543	821,195
Tudor	875,326	120,907	14,805	276,046	1,287,084
St Matthew's	1,503,122	125,358	37,785	286,373	1,952,638
Wetheringsett	186,967	22,988	3,281	55,079	268,315
Central MAT	130,268	244,434	27,093	355,803	757,598
Trust	11,544,893	1,497,498	463,333	4,802,816	18,308,540

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

	<i>Teaching and educational support staff costs £</i>	<i>Other support staff costs £</i>	<i>Educational supplies £</i>	<i>Other costs excluding depreciation £</i>	<i>Total 2019 £</i>
All Saints Newmarket	682,415	78,773	52,841	233,236	1,047,265
Bramfield	326,244	49,115	17,383	151,632	544,374
Brampton	358,363	44,623	12,842	215,537	631,365
Chelmondiston	372,080	58,844	23,286	126,270	580,480
Eye	345,709	48,498	21,176	386,824	802,207
Hartest	290,336	32,666	14,603	169,317	506,922
Hintlesham & Chattisham	313,533	32,102	11,141	94,123	450,899
Long Melford	584,994	103,760	41,631	257,527	987,912
St Mary's Hadleigh	614,094	67,765	32,876	171,009	885,744
St Mary's Woodbridge	517,131	82,517	40,418	320,824	960,890
Mellis	478,523	51,315	31,008	226,974	787,820
Morland	1,322,520	181,167	56,803	296,888	1,857,378
Nacton	317,104	31,949	19,931	414,343	783,327
Ringsfield	363,463	44,134	12,220	105,447	525,264
Stoke-by-Nayland	292,714	23,129	11,984	92,020	419,847
Sproughton	321,468	41,853	14,241	291,075	668,637
Tudor	771,143	143,117	29,654	352,682	1,296,596
St Matthew's	109,311	177,728	1,997	275,584	564,620
Central MAT	688,793	62,557	19,945	208,726	980,021
Total	<u>9,069,938</u>	<u>1,355,612</u>	<u>465,980</u>	<u>4,390,038</u>	<u>15,281,568</u>

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

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2018 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2019 £</i>
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	1,556,102	1,122,061	(503,735)	30,749	-	2,205,177
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	13,495	10,788,447	(9,927,595)	(685,815)	-	188,532
Start Up Grants	122,288	25,000	(19,611)	(3,374)	-	124,303
Pupil Premium	8,924	757,800	(741,969)	-	-	24,755
Other Grants	425,748	1,576,724	(3,025,658)	1,367,238	-	344,052
Pension reserve	(2,358,000)	(263,000)	(1,063,000)	680,000	(1,398,000)	(4,402,000)
	<u>(1,787,545)</u>	<u>12,884,971</u>	<u>(14,777,833)</u>	<u>1,358,049</u>	<u>(1,398,000)</u>	<u>(3,720,358)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Transfer on conversion	5,206,092	52,685	(46,285)	(40,458)	-	5,172,034
DfE Capital Grants	400,329	2,209,617	(13,163)	(1,406,988)	-	1,189,795
Other Capital Income	5,950	-	(2,956)	-	-	2,994
Capital Expenditure from GAG	7,713	-	(746)	5,815	-	12,782
Capital Expenditure from Restricted	137,208	-	(56,585)	43,123	-	123,746
Capital Expenditure from Unrestricted	29,036	-	(10,627)	9,710	-	28,119
	<u>5,786,328</u>	<u>2,262,302</u>	<u>(130,362)</u>	<u>(1,388,798)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,529,470</u>

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	<i>Balance at 1 September 2018 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2019 £</i>
Total Restricted funds	3,998,783	15,147,273	(14,908,195)	(30,749)	(1,398,000)	2,809,112
Total funds	5,554,885	16,269,334	(15,411,930)	-	(1,398,000)	5,014,289

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,296,133	5,296,133
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	20,870	20,870
Current assets	2,483,477	1,955,958	3,073,399	7,512,834
Creditors due within one year	(87,795)	(1,355,930)	(976,855)	(2,420,580)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(5,732,000)	-	(5,732,000)
Total	2,395,682	(5,131,972)	7,413,547	4,677,257

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,227,814	5,227,814
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	32,033	32,033
Current assets	2,241,302	2,232,224	1,270,678	5,744,204
Creditors due within one year	(36,125)	(1,550,582)	(1,055)	(1,587,762)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(4,402,000)	-	(4,402,000)
Total	2,205,177	(3,720,358)	6,529,470	5,014,289

22. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of financial activities)	237,968	857,404
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation	28,076	38,016
Depreciation	121,913	92,346
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(109,882)	(236,651)
Interest receivable	(8,145)	(8,724)
Defined benefit pension scheme obligation inherited	63,000	263,000
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	606,000	310,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	86,000	73,000
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	7,248	(1,074)
Increase in debtors	(1,820,259)	(81,465)
Increase in creditors	832,817	671,203
Fixed assets inherited on conversion	-	(13,345)
Cash transferred on conversion to an academy trust	-	(421,203)
Net cash provided by operating activities	44,736	1,542,507

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23. Cash flows from investing activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	8,145	8,724
Purchase of intangible assets	(16,913)	(4,874)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(190,232)	(88,667)
Capital grants from DfE Group	109,882	236,651
Cash transferred on conversion to academy trust	-	421,203
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(89,118)	573,037

24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	4,480,866	4,525,248
Total cash and cash equivalents	4,480,866	4,525,248

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	4,525,248	(44,382)	4,480,866
	4,525,248	(44,382)	4,480,866

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26. Conversion to an academy trust

On 1 November 2019 Wetheringsett Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust from Suffolk County Council for £NIL consideration.

The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance sheet under the appropriate heading with a corresponding net amount recognised as a deficit in the Statement of financial activities Income from Donations and grants - Transfer from local authority on conversion.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of financial activities.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Budget deficit on LA funds	(82,306)	-	974	(81,332)
LGPS pension deficit	-	(63,000)	-	(63,000)
Net (liabilities)/assets	(82,306)	(63,000)	974	(144,332)

27. Pension commitments

The 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 Suffolk County Council. 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.

Contributions amounting to £243,500 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2020 (2019 - £191,944) and are included within creditors.

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 full-time 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 the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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27. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury 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 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 year amounted to £1,420,623 (2019 - £759,000).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2019/04/teachers-pensions-valuation-report.aspx>).

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £898,000 (2019 - £821,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £743,000 (2019 - £680,000) and employees' contributions totalled £155,000 (2019 - £141,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 27.3 per cent for employers and tiered per cent for employees.

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

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27. Pension commitments (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2020	2019
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	2.9	2.6
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.2	2.3
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.7	1.8

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

	2020	2019
	Years	Years
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	21.9	21.3
Females	24.1	23.5
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	22.7	22.3
Females	25.6	24.9

Sensitivity analysis

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	(331)	(267)
Discount rate -0.1%	331	267
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	497	409
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(497)	(409)
CPI rate +0.1%	292	227
CPI rate -0.1%	(292)	(227)

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27. Pension commitments (continued)

Share of scheme assets

The trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	2020 £	2019 £
Equities	3,948,000	2,917,000
Debt instruments	1,740,000	1,575,000
Property	602,000	1,283,000
Cash and other liquid assets	402,000	58,000
Total market value of assets	6,692,000	5,833,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £(84,000) (2019 - £303,000).

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

	2020 £	2019 £
Current service cost	(1,349,000)	(949,000)
Past service cost	-	(41,000)
Interest income	114,000	136,000
Interest cost	(200,000)	(209,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	(1,435,000)	(1,063,000)

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

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 September	10,235,000	6,538,000
Conversion of academy trusts	165,000	856,000
Current service cost	1,349,000	949,000
Interest cost	200,000	209,000
Employee contributions	155,000	141,000
Actuarial losses	377,000	1,546,000
Benefits paid	(57,000)	(45,000)
Past service costs	-	41,000
At 31 August	12,424,000	10,235,000

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27. Pension commitments (continued)

Changes in the fair value of the trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 September	5,833,000	<i>4,180,000</i>
Conversion of academy trusts	102,000	<i>593,000</i>
Interest income	114,000	<i>136,000</i>
Actuarial (losses)/gains	(198,000)	<i>148,000</i>
Employer contributions	743,000	<i>680,000</i>
Employee contributions	155,000	<i>141,000</i>
Benefits paid	(57,000)	<i>(45,000)</i>
At 31 August	6,692,000	<i>5,833,000</i>

The actuarial loss for the period of £575,000 comprises of £377,000 on the defined benefit obligation and £198,000 on scheme assets. The net defined pension scheme liability of £5,732,000 comprises scheme assets of £6,692,000 less the defined benefit obligation of £12,424,000.

28. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2020 the trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Not later than 1 year	8,670	<i>8,881</i>
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	5,069	<i>9,841</i>
	13,739	<i>18,722</i>

29. Financial commitments

At the year end, the trust had entered into contracts for property works to be carried out across the schools. As at the year end, the trust has a future commitments of £2,101,482 (2019 - £879,583).

30. 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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31. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the 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. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance is a related party due to its powers in relation to the appointment of trust members. During the year the trust received a donation of £NIL (2019 - £16,668) from the Board of Finance and purchased goods and services from the Board of Finance of £72,425 (2019 - £57,171) and from its subsidiary company, Churchgates 2000 Limited, £nil (2019 - £26).

Certain schools occupy premises that are owned by the Board of Finance. No charge is made for occupation. The terms of occupation are included in note 16.

The Board of Finance also provided the services of certain staff and office accommodation to the trust without charge.