

Company Registration Number: 09013070 (England & Wales)

EDISON TRUST LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	Jasbir Sihota Kamaljit Kainth Sarah Hanan-Bajwa
Trustees	Jasbir Sihota, Vice Chair and Responsible Officer (resigned 31 August 2024) Amritpal Dokal, Headteacher and Accounting Officer (resigned 31 August 2024) Michael Steel, Responsible Officer (appointed 1 September 2024) Maninder Panaser, Vice Chair (appointed 1 September 2024) Suvir Rai, Chairman Sue Gipson Daswinder Achkar (resigned 15 January 2024) Harmanjit Kaur Dhothar Seema Kharbanda (resigned 31 August 2024) Geraldine Coleman, (Appointed as a Trustee and Headteacher and Accounting Officer 1 September 2024) Sajjad Bhatti (appointed 27 June 2024) Darshan Depala (appointed 27 June 2024)
Company registered number	09013070
Company name	Edison Trust Limited
Principal and registered office	Edison Primary School Vicarage Farm Road Hounslow England TW5 0AQ
Company secretary	Suvir Rai
Chief executive officer	Geraldine Coleman
Senior management team	Geraldine Coleman, Headteacher and Accounting Officer Hardeep Rupra, Deputy Headteacher Harman Dev, Assistant Headteacher
Independent auditors	MHA Statutory Auditor Building A 150 - 170 Midsummer Boulevard Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK9 1FD
Bankers	Barclays Bank 210 High Street Hounslow TW3 1DL

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the Charitable Company for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a directors' report under Company law.

The school operates an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 serving a catchment area in Hounslow. It has a pupil capacity of 420 and had a roll of 386 pupils in the school census on May 2024.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The school 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 Trustees of Edison Trust Limited are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of Company law. The Charitable Company operates as Edison Trust Limited.

Details of the Trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

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. Trustees' indemnities

The liability of the Members will be limited to contributing the nominal sum of £10 on dissolution of the school as detailed in the Articles of Association.

Trustees cannot personally be held responsible for the debts of the school that have been properly incurred. However, Trustees can be held liable for debts incurred through actions in breach of their duties or statutory obligations.

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the school. The cost of this insurance is included within the overall PIPA scheme cost.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)**d. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the school is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Funding Agreement. Trustees are appointed for a four-year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Headteacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected. When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the school's development. The Parent Trustees are elected by parents or carers of registered pupils and must be such parents or carers at the time of their election. Staff Trustees are candidates who must be working at the school at the time of the election.

It is important that all Trustees declare any financial interests they have in Companies/individuals from which the school may purchase goods or services. These disclosures should also include the business interests of any relatives or business partners, where influence could be exerted over a Trustee by that person. This does not detract from the duties of Trustees to declare interests whenever they are relevant to matters being discussed by the Governing Body or a Committee. Where an interest has been declared, Trustees should not attend that part of any committee or other meeting.

e. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees depends on their previous experience. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees.

Full Trustee Board and Sub-committee meetings were held virtually online. The full governing board met at least 3 times in the financial year.

f. Organisational structure

The organisational structure consists of three levels; the Members, the Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The Senior Leadership consists of the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher.

The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels. The Trustees are responsible for setting general policies, adopting an annual plan and budget and monitoring the school's capital expenditure, staff appointments and major decisions about the school.

The Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the school to the Headteacher and SLT. The SLT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance.

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

All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year to 31 August 2024. The pay of Senior Leaders is determined by the pay policy and reviewed annually by the Trustees.

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Objectives and activities**a. Objects and aims**

The principal object and activity of the school is to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, managing and developing a school and offering a broad range curriculum for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 4 and 11.

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

Our motto – Igniting young minds today, for a brighter tomorrow

Through partnership between Trustees, staff, parents, pupils, external partners and the local community, the school will provide the facilities, resources and vision to enable the school to flourish and provide pupils with the best possible education.

Improvement focusses identified for this year included:

- Kagan
- Maths
- Reading
- PSHE and Well-being due to Covid
- Catch up and Intervention programme for pupils due to Covid
- Relationship Education

High Expectations

Our pupils will make outstanding progress during their time at the school, both academically and socially. The norm will be to continually strive for academic excellence and achievement above national expectations.

Broad Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad, balanced, and extends beyond the classroom. It promotes meaningful learning and skills for life, an enquiry led and practical based curriculum encourages children to find solutions, promote collaborative learning, be active learners, encourage them to persevere and face challenges. Our rationale highlights the current issues being faced by school children in Hounslow. Our vision is a response to the growing concerns around health and achievement in the area whilst creating responsible citizens of the future.

Science and Practical Learning

The school is the first science specialist school to be established in West London pioneering a renewed focus on science. This will be achieved through a rigorous new curriculum, which has a far stronger emphasis on practical work and therefore bring added vibrancy to learning activities.

Strong Parent Partnership

The school will celebrate its diversity and has high and equal expectations of all pupils, regardless of social, cultural, linguistic or ethnic background. As you walk through the school its inclusive nature will be evident in its environment and ethos. Parents and carers will be actively encouraged to be fully involved in their children's learning and in the life of the school. Children attach greater value and respect to their school life when this is modelled by their parents and teachers.

Equal Opportunity Policy

The Trustees recognise that equal opportunities should be an integral part of good practice within the workplace. The school aims to establish equal opportunity in all areas of its activities including creating a working environment in which everyone feels fully valued.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Disabled Persons

The school complies with the requirements of The Disability Discrimination Act and ensures that students with a disability have full access to school facilities.

c. Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

The school aims to be an outstanding and inclusive school for the local community, specifically those who attend the school but also the wider community. The priority is providing a high quality education for its pupils in a safe and caring environment.

In setting our objective and planning out activities the Trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The school completed its eighth school year in July 2024 and became a fully established primary school. By the end of the academic year we had 57 pupils in Year 6, 55 pupils in Year 5, 56 pupils in Year 4, Year 3 had 58 pupils, Year 2 had 46 pupils on roll, Year 1 had 59 and Reception had 57 on roll. 388 pupils on roll.

Edison remains a Good school.

Leadership and Management remains strong

- Strong leadership from the Headteacher, working together with senior leaders and governors, has successfully driven improvements since the previous inspection, despite a change in personnel to strategic roles (Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher and Chair of Governors)
- Establish and monitoring a system of governance through effective committees
- Staffing for September 2023 - Appointed an Assistant Headteacher – 1 experienced teacher and 2 Early Careers Teacher and 2 Learning Support Assistants
- Building capacity by creating a robust leadership structure and delegating subject leadership
- Quality CPD, senior leaders attending NPQSL/ NPQML and subject leaders attending LA training
- Outstanding teachers/ Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher and Headteacher mentoring those that require support
- Ofsted - Good rating
- Successful LA visits
- 3 day external LA course by Julia Coop for school improvement and preparation for Ofsted
- Covid catch up funding action plan to support learning

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

- Teaching has improved over the year and standards in teaching and learning remain good
- Collaboratively sharing and supporting best practice
- Developing, monitoring and evaluating strategies and procedures that will drive school improvement
- Providing intervention to support school improvement
- Reviewing schemes of work – imbedding White Rose Maths
- PiXL assessments continued to be used across the school

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

- Embedding Insight assessment tool for timely tracking, analysing and planning for appropriate support and challenge for all pupils
- Internal book looks and pupil progress meetings for all Year groups
- Contributions sought from parents across the curriculum to identify the breadth of children's learning outside school is excellent

Personal development, behaviour and welfare

- Continuing to embed 'When adults change everything changes' ethos across the school
- Continue to ensure that all pupils have good attitudes to their learning
- Behaviour for learning improving
- Well-being themes mapped out across the curriculum

Marketing

- Developing a systematic marketing strategy
- Working with local stakeholders
- Regularly update website

Continued drive on Pupil Recruitment

- Reception parent induction meetings
- Held one to one meetings with parents to discuss vision and expectations
- Used website and promotional materials to engage with potential new parents

Curriculum Documentation

- Curriculum induction meetings for all year groups
- Completed parents' guide for Reception school year and Year 1
- Termly overviews
- Reviewed statutory policies
- DfE Education Advisor and LA visits completed each term

Finance

- Completed budget forecast form for ESFA and regularly reviewed as pupils were enrolled
- Successful Finance audit
- Successful Internal Audits
- SRMA visit
- Reconciled cashbook with funding agreement
- Reviewed finance policies

Governance

- Good attendance at meetings
- Governors provide a good balance of support and challenge
- Finance committee internal process audit
- RO visits

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Strategic report (continued)**Achievements and performance (continued)****a. Key performance indicators**

The following table shows our final Reception, Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 Phonics, KS1 Data, KS2 Data and Year 4 MTC results.

**Whole school Data picture 2024**

No Data sets for 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid19 pandemic.

EYFS Data													
2017		2018		2019		2020	2021*	2022		2023		2024	
School	National	School	National	School	National	No published data due to Covid-19	No published data due to Covid-19	School	National	School	National	School	National
82%	71%	91%	72%	80%	72%			78%	66%	76%	67%	73%	68%

Year 1 Phonics											
2017-2018 Year 1		2018-2019 Year 1		2019-2020 Year 1		2021-2022 Year 1		2022-2023		2023-2024	
School	National	School	National	School	National	School	National	School	National	School	National
88%	82%	91%	82%	No published data due to Covid-19		92%	78%*	79%	79%	86%	80%

Year 2 Phonics													
2019 Year 2 Cumulative		2020-2021* Dec Year 2			2021-2022* Dec Year 2			2022* Year 2 Cumulative		2023	2023	2024	2024
School	National	School	LA 2020*	National 2019	School	LA 2020*	National 2019	School	National 2019	School	National	School	National
93%	91%	80%	81%*	82%* 2019 official average	90%	81%*	82%* 2019 official average	93%	91%* 2019	92%	90%	95%	91%

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

KS1 SATS Data																	
	2019	2019	2019	2020	2021*	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024
	School	NA	Comparison Sch v NA	No data Due to Covid -19	No data Due to Covid -19	School	NA	Comparison Sch v NA	School	NA	Comparison Sch v NA	School	NA	Comparison Sch v NA	School	NA	Comparison Sch v NA
								Year 2 60chn			Stable 45 chn started in Reception				46chn		
Reading	79%	75%	+4			75%	67%	+8	72%	68%	+4	80%	68%	+12	72%	71%	+1
Writing	74%	69%	+5			76%	58%	+18	63%	60%	+3	73%	60%	+13	67%	62%	+5
Maths	79%	76%	+3			76%	68%	+8	72%	70%	+2	78%	70%	+8	76%	71%	+5
Science	90%	82%	+8			83%	77%	+6	82%	79%	+3	89%	79%	+10	89%	82%	+7
RWM All	74%	65%	+9			73%	61%	+12	62%	55%	+7	71%	55%	+16	65%	57%	+8
Greater depth reading	26%	25%	+1			27%	18%	+9	22%	19%	+3	22%	19%	+3	15%	19%	-4
Greater depth writing	14%	15%	-1			24%	8%	+16	17%	8%	+9	20%	8%	+12	9%	8%	+1
Greater depth maths	24%	22%	+2			25%	15%	+10	22%	16%	+6	24%	16%	+8	22%	16%	+6



MTC results

Results show a total score out of 25 for all pupils who completed the check.
There is no expected standard threshold for the multiplication tables check.

Year 4 Context

- 55 Children in Year 4 took the MTC test
- 36 joined in Reception
- 42 children were in KS1
- There are 8 pupils who are on SEND Support plans

Total school% = 27% National Average 34%

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

KS2 SATS Data									
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024
	Sch Year 6 60chn	NA	Comparison Sch v NA	Stable chn who joined in Reception 41 chn	NA	Comparison Sch v NA	Sch	NA	Comparison Sch v NA
Reading	80%	73%	+7	83%	73%	+10	84%	74%	+10
Writing	83%	71%	+12	88%	71%	+17	79%	72%	+7
Maths	77%	73%	+4	80%	73%	+7	89%	72%	+17
Science	88%	82%	+6	90%	82%	+8	84%	82%	+2
GPS	75%	72%	+3	78%	72%	+4	89%	72%	+17
RWM expected & above	65%	59%	+4	73%	59%	+14	70%	61%	+9
Greater depth Reading	33%	29%	+1	54%	29%	+25	51%	28%	+23
Greater depth Writing	28%	13%	+15	37%	13%	+24	28%	12%	+16
Greater depth Maths	33%	27%	+6	44%	27%	+17	47%	23%	+24
Greater depth GPS	37%	30%	+7	46%	30%	+16	58%	31%	+27
RWM Greater depth	22%	8%	+14	29%	8%	+21	26%	7%	+19

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024
	Sch Scaled score average 60 chn	NA Scaled score average	Sch Scaled score Average 41chn	NA Scaled score average	Sch Scaled score average 55 chn	NA Scaled score average
Reading	106	105	106	105	108.8	105.0
Maths	106	104	107	104	109.0	104.0
GPS	105	105	107	105	109.7	105.0

Year 6 context

- Year 6 cohort of 57 children all took the Key Stage 2 SATS
- 10 children SEND support plans.
- 39 stable children who were in KS1
- 2 Children with English as an additional language who started in year 6

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Strategic report (continued)**Achievements and performance (continued)****b. Going concern**

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

Financial review

The majority of the school's income is obtained from the DfE via the EFA, in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year to 31 August 2024 and the associated expenditure is shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The school also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE, the amounts are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the Fixed Asset Fund. The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned, as defined in the school's accounting policies.

The Trustees examine the financial health of the school every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure, by means of regular update reports at all full Trustees' and Finance Committee meetings. Trustees review how Covid catch up funding supported pupils and laptop scheme. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow to ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments. At the period end, the school had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors which could significantly effect on liquidity.

a. Reserves policy

The Trustees annually review the reserve levels of the school. The Trustees feel it is important that funding received during a financial year is spent for the benefit of the pupils on roll at that time: whilst recognising the need for prudent accounting. The Board of Trustees aims to set a year end reserve of between £20,000 to £30,000 to meet running costs to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent unforeseen maintenance.

The fair value of the pension plan assets at 31 August 2024 is £347,000, which is £5,000 in excess of the present value of the defined benefit obligation at that date of £342,000. This surplus of £5,000 is recognised in the financial statements only to the extent that the academy trust can recover that surplus, either through a reduction in future contributions or through a refund to the academy trust.

Following discussions with actuaries and consultations, the academy trust is not able to determine that future contributions will be reduced. It is not possible for the Academy Trust to receive a refund, as the conditions for this have not been met. Therefore an asset ceiling surplus of £5,000 is not recognised as an asset at 31 August 2024 as the Academy Trust is not able to determine that the academy trust will benefit from reduced future contributions or by a refund in the foreseeable future. Further details are provided in note 21.

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At 31 August 2024 the total funds comprised:

Unrestricted		£32,098
Restricted:	Fixed asset funds	£3,192,115
	Other	£959,993
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b. Investment policy

It should be noted that the Academy Trust has substantial power with regards to investments due to cash balances held. Investment policies are determined at Trust level. This ensures the level of funds the Trust holds can cover any immediate expenditure, without exposing the Academies to additional risk. Should any potential investment opportunity arise this would be escalated to the Board for consideration. At 31 August 2024, no investments were held.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reporting, reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Board of Trustees of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks;
- Staff and pupil well-being (delayed impact of Covid 19);
- lower pupil numbers than anticipated; and
- recruitment of high calibre staff.

Fundraising

The Parent Teacher Association raise funds at events during the year.

The Academy Trust does not use any external fundraisers. All fundraising undertaken during the year was monitored by the Trustees.

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Plans for future periods

- The School will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels;
- Continue setting challenging targets for those not meeting age related expectations through quality support and interventions;
- The school will continue to aim to attract a high calibre of senior leaders, teachers and support staff in order to deliver its objectives;
- Trustees will monitor the progress of pupils and outcomes;
- Reach full capacity of 420 pupils by 2025.

Funds held as custodian on behalf of others


Edison Trust Limited are custodians of the funds raised by the Parent Teacher Association.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the Company directors, and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Suvir Rai
Chair of Trustees

Date: 14/01/2025

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As Trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Edison Trust Limited 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 Headteacher as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Edison Trust Limited and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 3 times during the year.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Suvir Rai	3	3
Jasbir Sihota (resigned 31 August 2024)	2	3
Sajjad Bhatti (appointed 27 June 2024)	1	1
Amritpal Dokal (resigned 31 August 2024)	3	3
Michael Steel	3	3
Sue Gipson	3	3
Maninder Panaser, Vice Chair (appointed 1 September 2024)	1	3
Seema Kharbanda (resigned 31 August 2024)	1	3
Daswinder Achkar (resigned 15 January 2024)	0	1
Harmanjit Kaur Dhothar	3	3
Darshan Depala (appointed 27 June 2024)	1	1

The Full GB and Standards Committee core purpose is to review:

- Safeguarding procedures,
- Data on attainment and progress for all of the Academy
- School Improvement Plan and School Evaluation Form
- Intervention strategies and plans Special Educational Needs, Disability (SEND) and inclusion Disadvantaged pupils
- Admissions arrangements,
- Leadership and management
- Overall performance of the Academy against the Ofsted framework
- Standards of Teaching and Learning including ECT's
- CPD training
- Relevant statutory required policies: Relationships & Sex Education; Personal, Social Health and Economics Education (PSHE); Child Protection and Safeguarding; Admissions; Parental Complaints; SEND; Charging and Remissions etc

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

The finance committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to:

- Review management accounts, cash flow and budget;
- monitor the integrity of the financial statements and audit findings;
- review internal financial controls and review the Academy's internal control and risk management systems;
- make recommendations to the Governing Body in relation to the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditor and approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the auditor; and
- review the auditor's independence and objectivity.

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Conflicts of interest

The trust maintains an up-to-date and complete register of interests, and how the information on this register is used in the day-to-day management and governance of the Academy Trust.

Governance reviews

A self-assessment is carried out annually by using the NGA self-assessment toolkit. The outcomes and findings are discussed at meetings.

- the impact and effectiveness of the Board of Trustees is monitored
- Education Governor appointed from skills assessment findings

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Amritpal Dokal	2	2
Suvir Rai	2	2
Michael Steel	2	2
Jasbir Sihota (resigned 31 August 2024)	1	2

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The risk and control framework (continued)

The revised FRC Ethical Standard for auditors states that a firm providing external audit to an entity shall not also provide internal audit services to it, subject to transitional arrangements which permit existing audit engagements at 15 March 2020 to conclude. Where applicable, the trust should also describe how its internal scrutiny arrangements have been affected by the requirements of the FRC Ethical Standard for auditors.

Further guidance on the internal scrutiny arrangements is available in the Academies Financial Handbook and in ESFA's good practice guide.

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

- General Purchases procedures
- Purchase Order processes

Recommendations from the internal audit were:

- Implementation of a document management system (either physical or digital) ensuring all purchase orders and invoices are appropriately filed and retrievable
- Clear recording of cancelled purchase orders

Review of effectiveness

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


- the work of the auditor/reviewer;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.
- the work of the external auditors;
- correspondence from ESFA e.g. FNtl/Ntl and 'minded to' letters.


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

Conclusion

Based on the advice of the audit and risk committee and the accounting officer, the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that the Academy Trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

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


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Suvir Rai
Chair of Trustees


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Geraldine Coleman
Accounting Officer

Date: 14/01/2025

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of value for money

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

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Reviewing contracts which are over £10,000 as per the finance manual, including cleaning and utility expenses
- Ensuring competitive quotes for large purchases were sought
- Consolidating suppliers across other schools and using online purchasing portals

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Edison Trust Limited for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The risk and control framework

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

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

The Board of Trustees has decided to buy-in an internal audit service from Hillier Hopkins LLP.

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Edison Trust Limited, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy 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, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

I confirm that the following instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance discovered to date have been notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA:

Matter 1 – Monthly reconciliations

During the year, the academy trust failed to comply with section 2.7 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of applying discipline in financial management for the year ended 31 August 2024 in respect of documenting the review of monthly trade debtors, trade creditors and bank reconciliations. For all months this review was not documented in respect of debtors and creditors, the review was not documented for 2 months of the year in respect of bank.

Matter 2 – Disclosure of salaries exceeding 100k

During the year, the academy trust failed to comply with section 2.29 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of publishing in a separate readily accessible form, the number of employees whose benefits exceeded £100k, in £10k bandings, for the year ended 31 August 2024. This has been fixed subsequently and put onto the website.

Matter 3 – Monitoring the budget - Management accounts

During the year, the academy trust failed to document its compliance with section 2.20 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of maintaining financial viability, including addressing variances between the budget and actual income and expenditure.

Matter 4 – Financial oversight of expenditure

During the year, the academy trust failed to comply with section 2.1 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of maintaining robust oversight of the credit card expenditure. The academy failed to retain adequate supporting documentation for a small number of credit card transactions during a 2 month period, July and August 2024. Controls over the retention of credit card documentation have been put back in place since the year end.

Matter 5 – Tendering

During the year, on two occasions the trust failed to comply with section 2.25 of the Academies Trust Handbook. An insufficient number of tenders had been requested from suppliers in comparison with the trust's financial control procedure'.

Matter 6 – Declaration of interest

During the year the trust failed to comply with section 1.44 of the Academies Trust Handbook, it was noted that the declaration of financial and business interests of the members, trustees and local governors had not been updated for the most recent changes in trustees.

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE (CONTINUED)



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Geraldine Coleman

Accounting Officer

Date: 14/01/2025

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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 2023 to 2024;
- 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:


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Suvir Rai
Chair of Trustees

Date: 14/01/2025

EDISON TRUST LIMITED

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
EDISON TRUST LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Edison Trust Limited (the 'school') for the year ended 31 August 2024 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 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2024 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 2023 to 2024 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 Academy 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

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

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

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
EDISON TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. 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. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report (incorporating the Strategic Report and Directors Report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Strategic Report and Directors 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 Academy 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
EDISON TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing internal audit reports;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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.

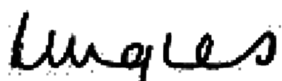
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
EDISON TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

Use of our report

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



Rebecca Hughes BSc (Hons) FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

MHA

Statutory Auditor

Milton Keynes

Northampton, United Kingdom

Date: 17 January 2025

MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313).

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO EDISON TRUST LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 4 September 2023 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Edison Trust Limited during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 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 Edison Trust Limited and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Edison Trust Limited 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 Edison Trust Limited and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Edison Trust Limited's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Edison Trust Limited's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 27 April 2016 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, 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 2023 to 2024. 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 2023 to 31 August 2024 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO EDISON TRUST LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

Approach

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

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

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

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

- reviewing the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and other evidence made available to us, relevant to our consideration of regularity;
- a review of the objectives and activities of the school, with reference to the income streams and other information available to us as auditors of the school;
- testing a sample of payroll payments to staff;
- testing a sample of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- consideration of governance issues;
- evaluating the internal control procedures and reporting lines and testing as appropriate; and
- making enquiries of the Accounting Officer.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matters listed below nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Matter 1 – Monthly reconciliations

During the year, the academy trust failed to comply with section 2.7 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of applying discipline in financial management for the year ended 31 August 2024 in respect of documenting the review of monthly trade debtors, trade creditors and bank reconciliations. For all months this review was not documented in respect of debtors and creditors, the review was not documented for 2 months of the year in respect of bank.

Matter 2 – Disclosure of salaries exceeding 100k

During the year, the academy trust failed to comply with section 2.29 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of publishing in a separate readily accessible form, the number of employees whose benefits exceeded £100k, in £10k bandings, for the year ended 31 August 2024. This has been fixed subsequently and put onto the website.

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO EDISON TRUST LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

Matter 3 – Monitoring the budget - Management accounts

During the year, the academy trust failed to document its compliance with section 2.20 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of maintaining financial viability, including addressing variances between the budget and actual income and expenditure.

Matter 4 – Financial oversight of expenditure

During the year, the academy trust failed to comply with section 2.1 of the Academies Trust Handbook in respect of maintaining robust oversight of the credit card expenditure. The academy failed to retain adequate supporting documentation for a small number of credit card transactions during a 2 month period, July and August 2024. Controls over the retention of credit card documentation have been put back in place since the year end.

Matter 5 – Tendering

During the year, on two occasions the trust failed to comply with section 2.25 of the Academies Trust Handbook. An insufficient number of tenders had been requested from suppliers in comparison with the trust's 'financial control procedure'.

Matter 6 – Declaration of interest

During the year the trust failed to comply with section 1.44 of the Academies Trust Handbook, it was noted that the declaration of financial and business interests of the members, trustees and local governors had not been updated for the most recent changes in trustees.



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Statutory Auditor
Milton Keynes
Northampton, United Kingdom

Date: 17 January 2025

EDISON TRUST LIMITED**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	3,228	-	11,430	14,658	26,588
Other trading activities	5	80,509	-	-	80,509	66,042
Investments		-	-	-	-	1,000
Charitable activities	4	-	2,675,897	-	2,675,897	2,451,207
Total income		83,737	2,675,897	11,430	2,771,064	2,544,837
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		72,817	-	-	72,817	80,942
Charitable activities	7	-	2,574,401	117,237	2,691,638	2,322,264
Total expenditure	6	72,817	2,574,401	117,237	2,764,455	2,403,206
Net income/ (expenditure)		10,920	101,496	(105,807)	6,609	141,631
Transfers between funds	15	-	(29,617)	29,617	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		10,920	71,879	(76,190)	6,609	141,631
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	6,000	-	6,000	8,000
Net movement in funds		10,920	77,879	(76,190)	12,609	149,631

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Note					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	21,178	882,114	3,268,305	4,171,597	4,021,966
Net movement in funds	10,920	77,879	(76,190)	12,609	149,631
Total funds carried forward	32,098	959,993	3,192,115	4,184,206	4,171,597

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

The notes on pages 32 to 57 form part of these financial statements.

EDISON TRUST LIMITED

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 09013070

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,192,115	3,268,305
Current assets			
Debtors	13	124,566	126,189
Cash at bank and in hand	19	1,086,583	973,017
		<u>1,211,149</u>	<u>1,099,206</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(219,058)	(185,914)
Net current assets		<u>992,091</u>	<u>913,292</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,184,206</u>	<u>4,181,597</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / liability	21	-	(10,000)
Total net assets		<u><u>4,184,206</u></u>	<u><u>4,171,597</u></u>
Funds of the Academy			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	15	3,192,115	3,268,305
Restricted income funds	15	959,993	892,114
		<u>4,152,108</u>	<u>4,160,419</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	15	4,152,108	4,160,419
Pension reserve	15	-	(10,000)
Total restricted funds	15	<u>4,152,108</u>	<u>4,150,419</u>
Unrestricted income funds	15	<u>32,098</u>	<u>21,178</u>
Total funds		<u><u>4,184,206</u></u>	<u><u>4,171,597</u></u>

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 09013070

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

The financial statements on pages 27 to 57 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf, by:



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Suvir Rai
Chair of Trustees

Date: 14/01/2025

The notes on pages 32 to 57 form part of these financial statements.

EDISON TRUST LIMITED**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	143,183	214,833
Cash flows from investing activities	18	(29,617)	(67,205)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		113,566	147,628
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		973,017	825,389
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	19	<u>1,086,583</u>	<u>973,017</u>

The notes on pages 32 to 57 form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1. Accounting policies

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.

The financial statements are prepared in £ sterling, the functional currency, rounded to the nearest £1.

It is a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England. The address of the registered office and principle place of operation are detailed on page 1. The nature of the Academy's operation and principal activity are detailed in the Trustee's report.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Academy, 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 2023 to 2024 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. Edison Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Edison Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered number and address of registered office are detailed on page 1. The nature of the Academy Trust's operation and principal activity are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

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 Academy to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy'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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.3 Income**

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy 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.

The Academy is benefiting from the ESFA's Free School Building Programme. The funding for the programme is not recognised as a capital grant until there is unconditional entitlement from costs being incurred, and the development occurring on a site where the Academy controls through lease the site where a development is occurring. The expenditure is capitalised in assets under construction until the project is complete.

- **Sponsorship income**

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy 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 Academy has provided the goods or services.

- **Donated goods, facilities and services**

Donated services have been valued using deemed commercial rates applicable for the service provided. Income is recognised as a donation with a corresponding cost in other expenditure. These are treated as unrestricted funds.

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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.

- **Expenditure on raising funds**

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

- **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Taxation

The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a Charitable Company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the Academy 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £500 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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.6 Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold buildings	-	2% straight-line on cost
Leasehold improvements	-	10% straight-line on cost
Furniture and equipment	-	25-33% straight-line on cost
Computer equipment	-	25% straight-line on cost

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.

1.7 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.

1.8 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.

1.9 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Academy 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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.10 Financial instruments**

The Academy only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy 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 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the Academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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 14. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to the Academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

1.11 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)**1.12 Pensions**

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS"). This is a defined benefit scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme, and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy 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.

1.13 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy 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.

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, 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 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. 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.

The pension scheme surplus is recognised in the balance sheet to the extent to which it can be recovered through reduce contributions in the future or through refunds to the plan. Further details in note 21.

Critical areas of judgment:

The judgments that have had a significant effect on amounts recognised in the Financial Statements are those concerning the choice of depreciation policies and asset lives.

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3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	3,228	-	3,228	3,164
Capital Grants	-	11,430	11,430	23,424
	<u>3,228</u>	<u>11,430</u>	<u>14,658</u>	<u>26,588</u>

4. Funding for the Academy's charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
DfE/ESFA grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	2,154,392	2,154,392	2,031,202
Other DfE/ESFA grants			
Pupil Premium	188,335	188,335	175,250
Other DfE/ESFA grants	36,776	36,776	33,775
UIFSM	120,200	120,200	55,864
Supplementary grant	71,889	71,889	89,232
Teachers pay and pension grants	56,214	56,214	-
	<u>2,627,806</u>	<u>2,627,806</u>	<u>2,385,323</u>
Other Government grants			
Local authority grants	47,069	47,069	13,091
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)			
Catch-up premium	-	-	16,929
Other funding			
Other income	1,022	1,022	35,864
	<u>2,675,897</u>	<u>2,675,897</u>	<u>2,451,207</u>

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5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
School trips	21,147	21,147	25,325
Breakfast and after school clubs	43,460	43,460	35,116
Other income	15,902	15,902	5,601
	<u>80,509</u>	<u>80,509</u>	<u>66,042</u>

6. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2024 £	Premises 2024 £	Other 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities:					
Direct costs	31,891	-	40,926	72,817	80,942
School's educational operations:					
Direct costs	1,685,743	-	140,511	1,826,254	1,586,553
Allocated support costs	236,609	281,975	346,800	865,384	735,711
	<u>1,954,243</u>	<u>281,975</u>	<u>528,237</u>	<u>2,764,455</u>	<u>2,403,206</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Educational operations	<u>1,826,254</u>	<u>865,384</u>	<u>2,691,638</u>	<u>2,322,264</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**Analysis of direct costs**

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	1,685,743	1,429,358
Educational supplies	117,270	139,731
Staff development	18,391	15,600
Staff expenses	4,850	1,864
	<u>1,826,254</u>	<u>1,586,553</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	236,609	228,035
Depreciation	117,237	106,340
Maintenance of premises and equipment	113,285	80,700
Rent and rates	9,532	1,896
Light and heat	41,921	32,011
Other support costs	73,517	71,258
Catering	188,467	138,100
Bank charges	93	192
Technology costs	26,707	19,763
Other professional fees	23,136	8,579
Governance costs	34,880	48,837
	<u>865,384</u>	<u>735,711</u>

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8. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	117,237	106,340
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	12,000	11,500
- other services	15,000	14,000
	<u>127,237</u>	<u>131,840</u>

9. Staff**a. Staff costs and employee benefits**

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,106,994	1,153,766
Social security costs	114,281	118,196
Pension costs	221,610	200,699
	<u>1,442,885</u>	<u>1,472,661</u>
Agency staff costs	511,358	210,477
	<u>1,954,243</u>	<u>1,683,138</u>

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9. Staff (continued)**b. Staff numbers**

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

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Teaching	16	15
Administration and support	12	17
Management	2	2
	<u>30</u>	<u>34</u>

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2024 No.	2023 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	-	1
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

The above employees participated in the Teacher's Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2024, pension contributions for these staff members amounted to £58,111 (2023 - £37,152).

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy was £311,514 (2023 - £284,998).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy. The principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

2024 £	2023 £
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10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses (continued)

Amritpal Dokal, Headteacher and Accounting Officer	Remuneration	90,000 -	85,000 -
		95,000	90,000
	Pension contributions paid	20,000 -	20,000 -
		25,000	25,000

During the year ended 31 August 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

11. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

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

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2023	3,518,001	127,801	352,051	3,997,853
Additions	11,967	29,080	-	41,047
At 31 August 2024	3,529,968	156,881	352,051	4,038,900
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	352,354	66,696	310,498	729,548
Charge for the year	71,900	24,789	20,548	117,237
At 31 August 2024	424,254	91,485	331,046	846,785
Net book value				
At 31 August 2024	3,105,714	65,396	21,005	3,192,115
At 31 August 2023	3,165,647	61,105	41,553	3,268,305

The leasehold is held on a 125 year lease by the London Borough of Hounslow and provided to the Academy without charge and is not depreciated. No rent is charged on this lease.

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	34,687	32,404
Prepayments and accrued income	89,879	93,785
	124,566	126,189

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	99,602	84,410
Other creditors	52,230	32
Accruals and deferred income	67,226	101,472
	219,058	185,914

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 September	34,311	31,457
Resources deferred during the year	32,248	34,311
Amounts released from previous periods	(34,311)	(31,457)
	32,248	34,311

At the balance sheet date the School was holding funds received in advance for the following purposes:
Universal Free School Meals funding of £32,248 (2023 - £34,311).

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15. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds	21,178	83,737	(72,817)	-	-	32,098
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	892,114	2,154,392	(2,056,896)	(29,617)	-	959,993
Pupil Premium	-	188,335	(188,335)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	332,148	(332,148)	-	-	-
Catering	-	1,022	(1,022)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(10,000)	-	4,000	-	6,000	-
	882,114	2,675,897	(2,574,401)	(29,617)	6,000	959,993
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset funds	3,268,305	-	(117,237)	41,047	-	3,192,115
DfE capital grants unspent	-	11,430	-	(11,430)	-	-
	3,268,305	11,430	(117,237)	29,617	-	3,192,115
Total Restricted funds	4,150,419	2,687,327	(2,691,638)	-	6,000	4,152,108
Total funds	4,171,597	2,771,064	(2,764,455)	-	6,000	4,184,206

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

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

The unrestricted General Fund is used for educational expenditure at the discretion of the Trustees.

The General Annual Grant (GAG) must be used for the normal running costs of the school.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the School was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2024.

The other restricted funds relate to various school and educational activities which are not funded by the General Annual Grant.

The restricted asset fund represents leasehold land and buildings donated by the ESFA for the new school development, and other ESFA capital grants.

Restricted fixed asset funds amounting to £3,192,115 will be reserved against future depreciation charges.

The transfer between the restricted fund and restricted fixed assets funds of £29,617 represent amounts which were capitalised.

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds	32,914	69,206	(80,942)	-	-	21,178
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	715,036	2,031,202	(1,786,919)	(67,205)	-	892,114
Pupil Premium	-	175,250	(175,250)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	240,924	(240,924)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	3,831	(3,831)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(10,000)	1,000	(9,000)	-	8,000	(10,000)
	705,036	2,452,207	(2,215,924)	(67,205)	8,000	882,114
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset funds	3,284,016	-	(106,340)	90,629	-	3,268,305
DfE capital grants unspent	-	23,424	-	(23,424)	-	-
	3,284,016	23,424	(106,340)	67,205	-	3,268,305
Total Restricted funds	3,989,052	2,475,631	(2,322,264)	-	8,000	4,150,419
Total funds	4,021,966	2,544,837	(2,403,206)	-	8,000	4,171,597

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,192,115	3,192,115
Current assets	32,098	1,179,051	-	1,211,149
Creditors due within one year	-	(219,058)	-	(219,058)
Total	32,098	959,993	3,192,115	4,184,206

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,268,305	3,268,305
Current assets	21,178	1,078,028	-	1,099,206
Creditors due within one year	-	(185,914)	-	(185,914)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(10,000)	-	(10,000)
Total	21,178	882,114	3,268,305	4,171,597

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	6,609	141,631
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	117,237	106,340
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(11,430)	(23,424)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(4,000)	9,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance income	-	(1,000)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,623	(51,047)
Increase in creditors	33,144	33,333
Net cash provided by operating activities	143,183	214,833

18. Cash flows from investing activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(41,047)	(90,629)
Capital grants from DfE Group	11,430	23,424
Net cash used in investing activities	(29,617)	(67,205)

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand and at bank	1,086,583	973,017

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20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	973,017	113,566	1,086,583
	<u>973,017</u>	<u>113,566</u>	<u>1,086,583</u>

21. Pension commitments

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS to the period ended 31 March 2022.

Contributions amounting to £26,439 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023 - £Nil) 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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21. 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 ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies 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 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI. The key elements of the valuation outcome are:

- Employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.
- Total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million

The result of this valuation will be implemented from 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £185,061 (2023 - £136,699).

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 academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the academy trust has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above, the information available on the scheme.

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21. Pension commitments (continued)**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 2024 was £47,000 (2023 - £69,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £37,000 (2023 - £54,000) and employees' contributions totalled £10,000 (2023 - £15,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 5.5 per cent for employers and 12.5 per cent for employees.

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

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of 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 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2024	2023
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.80	3.85
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.80	2.85
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.10	5.30
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50.00	50.00

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

	2024	2023
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
Males	20.7	20.7
Females	23.3	23.2
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22.0	22.0
Females	24.7	24.6

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21. Pension commitments (continued)**Sensitivity analysis**

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	(7)	(5)
Discount rate -0.1%	7	5
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	9	6
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(9)	(6)
CPI rate +0.1%	7	5
CPI rate -0.1%	(7)	(5)

Share of scheme assets

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

	At 31 August 2024 £	At 31 August 2023 £
Equities	219,000	142,000
Gilts	-	11,000
Other bonds	12,000	8,000
Property	13,000	9,000
Absolute return portfolio	96,000	47,000
Infrastructure	7,000	4,000
Total market value of assets	347,000	221,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £33,000 (2023 - £67,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Interest income	14,000	5,000
Interest cost	(14,000)	(4,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	-	1,000

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21. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 September	231,000	91,000
Current service cost	33,000	63,000
Interest cost	14,000	4,000
Employee contributions	10,000	15,000
Actuarial losses	8,000	54,000
Benefits paid	46,000	4,000
At 31 August	342,000	231,000

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

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 September	221,000	81,000
Expected return on assets	14,000	5,000
Actuarial gains	14,000	62,000
Employer contributions	37,000	54,000
Employee contributions	10,000	15,000
Benefits paid	46,000	4,000
At 31 August	342,000	221,000

The amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Closed defined benefit obligation	(342,000)	(231,000)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	347,000	221,000
Surplus not recognised – asset ceiling	(5,000)	-
	-	(10,000)

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22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2024 the Academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	757	757
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,199	1,956
	<u>1,956</u>	<u>2,713</u>

23. 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.

24. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy 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 Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the Academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

No related party transactions took place in the year, other than certain Trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

