Company Registration Number: 07682284 (England & Wales)

THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education

The Archdeacon

Diocesan Bishop

The Chair of Governors

Governors

J Andrews (resigned 21 September 2020)

J Bell

L Bowley

J Cook (appointed 15 October 2019)

M Cowieson (resigned 9 October 2019, re-appointed 2 December 2019)

J Cowley

H Craig

D Gray

J Humphrey

G Hughes

M Newman

J Perowne

I Pogue

A Shapland (resigned 1 September 2020)

A Silby

M Simpson

A Smyly

N Stewart-Tennant (appointed 2 December 2019)

R Thiele, Chair

C West

M Wright (resigned 9 March 2020)

Company registered number

07682284

Company name

The Piggott Church of England School

Registered office

Twyford Road, Wargrave, Reading, RG10 8DS

Company secretary

Rebecca Marr

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Key management personnel

Derren Gray, Headteacher Timothy Griffith, Deputy Headteacher Rebecca Alexander, Deputy Headteacher Poonam Bhardwaj, Finance Officer Louise May, Deputy Headteacher Charvil Ken Hillerton, Deputy Headteacher Charvil

Independent auditor

James Cowper Kreston, Reading Bridge House, George Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8LS

GOVERNORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The Governors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of The Piggott Church of England School ('the Academy' or 'the charitable company') for the period 31 August 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The trustees of The Piggott Church of England School are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as The Piggott Church of England School.

The Academy, which was incorporated on 24 June 2011 and opened as an Academy on 01 July 2011, is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy.

The Governors act as the Trustees for the charitable activities of the Academy and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Governors who served throughout the period, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

The Piggott Church of England School is an academy for pupils aged 4 to 19 serving a catchment area in Wargrave, Twyford, Charvil, and surrounding villages. It has a pupil capacity of 1548 and had a roll of 1633 in the school census on 1 October 2020 (1547, 3 October 2019).

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 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.

Governors' Indemnities

The Governors benefit from indemnity insurance purchased by the Academy to cover the liability of the Governors arising from negligent acts, errors or commissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The limit of this indemnity is £10,000,000.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Academy is to advance for the public benefit education by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a broad and balanced curriculum.

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Methods of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Governors

On 01 July 2011 the Trustees appointed all those Governors that served the predecessor school to be Governors of the newly formed Academy. These Governors were appointed on a term of office that would end when their original term at the predecessor school would have ended, thus ensuring a staggered re-election or replacement process.

The Academy shall have the following Governors as set out in its Articles of Association and Funding Agreement:

- up to 11 Foundation Governors who are appointed by the Members;
- at least 2 and up to 4 Parent Governors who are elected by the parents of registered pupils at the Academy;
- up to 3 Staff Governors elected by staff members at the Academy (provided that the total number of Governors, including the Headteacher, who are employees of the Academy, does not exceed one third of the total number of Governors);
- · up to 1 Community Governor who is appointed by the Members;
- up to 2 Co-opted Governors who are appointed by the Foundation Governors with the consent of the Diocesan Board of Education (provided that the total number of Governors, including the Headteacher, who are employees of the Academy, does not exceed one third of the total number of Governors); and
- the Headteacher who is treated for all purposes as being an ex-officio Governor.

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

When appointing new Governors, the Governing Body will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Governors in order to ensure the Governing Body has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy's development.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Governors

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

Wokingham Borough Council provides induction training to all new governors. There is a Governors training day organised each year which includes training sessions to keep the Governors updated on relevant developments impacting on their roles and responsibilities. Governor training and advice is accessed through Governors' Support Services, Wokingham Borough Council, and through the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education.

Organisational Structure

The Governing Body meets at least five times a year. It establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and agrees the structure of the Governing Body and appoints Committees/Lead Governors. It receives policy documents, from the various lead governors/Committees, for ratification, and monitors the activities of the Lead Governors/Committees through the minutes of their meetings. It also agrees the Terms of Reference and Procedures for the Committees/Lead Governors. The Governing Body will, when necessary, appoint Governors to Statutory and other panels, and may also, from time to time, establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

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During the year, the Governing Body was made up of Committees/Lead Governors who had direct responsibility for different aspects of school life as follows:

• Finance:

To deal with all matters relating to finance

Standards, Achievement, Learning and Teaching:

To have oversight and recommend to Full Governing Body challenging achievement targets and monitor use of Pupil Premium. Further to review all matters relating to the curriculum.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC):

To deal with the ethos of a Church School, collective worship and Diocesan links

Admissions:

To deal with all matters relating to admissions, including in-year admissions and appeals and Sixth Form admissions

SEN/Equalities:

To ensure equality of opportunity for all students regardless of ability, aptitude, physical access and background

· Leadership and Management:

To monitor and, where necessary and/or appropriate, challenge the School's development priorities and its self-evaluation of progress towards these priorities undertaken by the senior leaders

Safeguarding:

To have oversight of all safeguarding procedures (staff and student) in school

· Facilities:

To liaise with the Premises Manager to ensure compliance with Health and Safety and to have oversight of major facilities development.

<u>Careers</u>:

To oversee the strategy for careers education and guidance and to ensure the school is meeting its legal requirements.

Disadvantaged pupils and the more and most able, gifted and talented pupils:

To monitor funding, learning needs/provision, curriculum, outcomes, targets and standards for these pupils.

Looked after children

To ensure equality of opportunity and to monitor attainment and progress of this group of pupils.

Pay:

To review and approve all matters relating to the pay of the Academy's members of staff.

Headteacher appraisal:

To carry out an annual appraisal of the Headteacher and to make recommendations to the Pay Committee

Each Committee has its own terms of reference detailing the responsibilities discharged to it.

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The following decisions are reserved to the full Governing Body:

- to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure;
- to appoint or remove the Chair and / or Vice Chair; and
- to appoint and / or consider the performance management of the Headteacher
- · to appoint the Company Secretary.

The Governors are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual development plan and budget, approving the annual statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making the major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Governors have devolved the day-to-day management of the Academy to the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team ('SLT'). The SLT comprises the Headteacher, Deputy Headteachers and Assistant Headteachers. The SLT implement the policies laid down by the Governors and report back to them on performance.

Arrangements for setting the remuneration of key management personnel

The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually, including reference to comparisons with other schools to ensure that The Piggott School remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions locally and nationally.

Trade union facility time

The school currently contracts through Wokingham Borough Council for union facilities time to access representative who work across schools and who are training and experienced union officials. The cost in 2020 was £850.

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
4	3.6

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	0
1-50%	0
51-99%	0
100%	0

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

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Total cost of facility time	0
Total pay bill	0
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on	0
facility time, calculated as:	
(total cost of facility time + total pay bill) x 100	

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Paid trade union activities

THE CAPE STREET	
Time spent on paid trade union activities as a	0
percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated	
as:	
(total hours spent on paid trade union activities by	
relevant union officials during the relevant period ÷	
total paid facility time hours) x 100	

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of the Academy. There are no sponsors or formal Parent Teacher Associations associated with the Academy.

The Piggott Church of England School is committed to working with other organisations which contribute to the improvement in provision for students and ensure that their achievement and well-being is maximised.

The School is part of a successful and vibrant learning community which includes the main feeder primary schools in the North Wokingham Cluster. We work in partnership to provide effective transition arrangements, and a wide variety of curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

The aspiration of the School is to provide a curriculum suited to meet the needs of all students within the resources available. This is achieved by working with other schools within the Wokingham Federation of Secondary Schools, Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA) and Bracknell and Wokingham College, to provide a breadth of curriculum including vocational opportunities.

This is very much supported by the school's outstanding careers and guidance provision supported by local business partners. The school works closely with the LA and contributes to the Headteachers' associations, the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, WBC Schools' Forum, and WBC SACRE.

Through the Wokingham Federation, we are the lead school within the Schools Direct programme which is itself part of the Wellington College Teaching School Partnership.

The school holds a number of awards including International School, The Equalities Award and Healthy Schools. As well as a strong local network of connected organisations the school has active links with national and international partners including schools in Germany, France, Spain and China.

The Academy Trust's association with all these networks is to further promote the opportunities and achievements of our students and to enable our staff to share good practice and so raise the standard of teaching and learning.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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

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

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improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants

- The principal aim of the Academy Trust is to provide high quality learning that helps all students to fulfil their intellectual potential and become good and emotionally well-balanced young people.
- The Academy Trust aims to be one of the best schools in the country. 'Our ambition is to develop all students academically, socially and emotionally in a happy, organised and disciplined environment so that they can make full use of their opportunities in life. Our vision for the school is that it is a place......which inspires and encourages the highest achievement.'

The aims of the Academy during the period ended 31 August 2020 are summarised below:

- Provide a caring environment based on Christian values.
- Develop enquiring minds capable of independent thought.
- · Promote the value of lifelong learning.
- · Be open to new ideas.
- Encourage respect and tolerance.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The key priorities for the period are contained in the Academy's Development Plan which is available from the Headteacher.

The main activities and achievements of the Academy for the period ended 31 August 2020 are listed below in detail

Public Benefit

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

The Academy aims to advance for the public benefit education in the Wargrave, Twyford, Charvil and the surrounding area, offering a broad curriculum.

The Academy also allows use of its facilities for recreational and other leisure time occupation for the community at large in the interests of social welfare and with the interest of improving the life of that community.

Strategic Report

The Academy has continued to work on the priorities set out in school improvement plan approved by the Governing Body.

The School faces a number of principal risks as set out in the 'Principal Risks and Uncertainties' section

The School uses various financial instruments including cash and items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the school to a number of financial risks which are described in more detail below.

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The main risks arising from the financial statements are cash flow, interest rate risk and credit risk. The school seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably. The school seeks to manage its cash reserves to ensure liabilities are settled as they fall due.

Achievements and Performance

The total number of pupils in the period ended 31 August 2020 was 1548, but this has increased to 1633 at the October 2020 census date due to the continued demand for places at the Academy.

The Academy is committed to continual improvement which is achieved in a number of ways, including improvement planning, review meetings, continual professional development, lesson observations, performance management, self evaluation, data analysis and action planning.

The particular achievements and performance of the Academy during the period ended 31 August 2020 were as follows:

A Levels 2020

144 students entered A Level and Level 3 qualifications and achieved the following outcomes:

A* - A:	2020 = 48%	2019 = 30%	2018 = 29%	2017 = 30%
A* - B:	2020 = 79%	2019 = 64%	2018 = 60%	2017 = 63%
A* - C:	2020 = 95%	2019 = 64%	2018 = 83%	2017 = 84%

Overall A* - E: 100%

Average Points Score per entry: 2020 = 43.8 2019 = 38.4 2018 = 37.64 2017 = 37.87

These excellent results were a rich reward for both staff and students, for their tireless and enthusiastic endeavours during the previous two years. Many students surpassed expectations and many achieved the grades needed for university entrance; with many of our students gaining places at 'Russell Group' universities.

A Level Trends	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of students	89	131	134	130	143	144
% of grades A* - A	30	29	30	29	30	48
% of grades A* - B	58	60	63	60	64	79
% of grades A* - C	86	87	84	83	86	95
Average point score per entry	235	236	37.87	37.64	38.4	43.8
ALPs Institutional grade	3	2	2	3	3	2
ALPs T score	3	2	2	3	3	1
ALPs 3-year T score	3	2	2	2	2	3

GCSEs 2020

Our Year 11 students achieved excellent results in the summer. In summary:

197 students were entered

- 92% of these students achieved at least a Grade 4 in maths and 96% achieved this in English Literature and/or Language
- 88% of students obtained at least 5A*-C grades including English 4+ and Mathematics 4+
- Our Progress 8 score is currently estimated to be +1.15

These results are a reflection of the hard work, determination and commitment of our staff, students and their parents. We are delighted that the majority of these students returned to continue their education in our Sixth Form.

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Results	Results 2017/18	Results 2018/19	Results 2019/20
Percentage 5A*- C including English 4+ and Maths 4+	83.5%	89%	88%
% Good Pass(4+)In English(Lit or Lang) and Maths	85%	87%	96%
Percentage 9-4 English Language GCSE	89%	85%	95%
Percentage 9-4 Mathematics GCSE	89%	90%	92%
PROGRESS 8	+0.73	+0.93	+1.15 (est)
Attainment 8	5.81	5.9	6.16
Ebacc % Entry	61%	67%	55%
Ebacc % pass(4+)	52.3%	52%	40%

2	+	Science	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
G	CSEs	(4+)			
Г			87.9%	87%	90%

Primary

The Primary School has made significant progress to bring academic results above both the national and Wokingham averages. 2020 assessments did not take place in primary schools during Summer 2020 due to COVID restrictions.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

A broad range of questioning strategies is used to encourage students to develop ideas and deepen understanding. Clear, regular, recorded feedback that explains how well students are doing and how to improve work is provided, with follow up feedback to ensure students are using it to improve their work

BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY

Attendance:

Target of 95%

Actual attendance for the year from 1st September 2019 to 13th March 2020 (prior to lockdown) = 95.6%

Exclusions:

Target of very low % exclusions compared to National Average
Actual exclusions up to Friday,13 March 2020 (prior to lockdown): Permanent: 0 and Fixed term: 7

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Primary School Development

In September 2013, the Primary School opened to 23 Reception pupils and the building of the school was fully completed in February 2014. There are now 209 children on roll.

During the year chrome books were purchased to update our IT resources. Every child in Year 6 has access to a device and there are an additional 30 devices for use by the other classes.

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School Site Development

Repairs, replacement and renovations took place to various areas of the school site during 2019/20. All science rooms have been renovated with new flooring. The English and PE corridors were plastered with improved flooring. Two new storage area was constructed next to the sports hall. A new path was laid across the main hall quadrangle, and one outside a Geography classroom. The boys' and girls' PE changing rooms in the old building were renovated and a new external door installed. The raked seating in the main hall was installed in Spring 2020. The bike shelters' covering were replaced. Some electrical fuseboards were also updated across the site.

Students

• £5,761 raised for charities this year – local charities included Daisy's Dream and Twyford Together and national/international charities such as Christian Aid, Sports Relief and Crisis UK.

Primary

- Student leadership was introduced, with a Primary School Captain team in place, leading a team of Prefects. The Primary Captains wrote reports for governors and introduced events run by the primary.
- School councillors from Year 5 were given the opportunity to join the Parliamentary Hustings held at The Piggott Church of England School to develop their interest and knowledge of democracy.
- Students were introduced to the Daily Mile which is now part of the school curriculum. Fitness and speed over a mile have both improved as a result.
- Trips went ahead in the Autumn and Spring terms with Foundation students visiting Rushall farm, Year 1 visited Norden Farm, Year 2 Windsor Castle, Year 3 to Reading Museum and Year 6 visited Ufton Court.

Secondary

- Spanish conversation partnership with native speakers was run again for year 12 students at the English Language Centre in Reading
- · Year 9 went on a visit to London Zoo on Activities Day in October
- Year 9 students attended a STEM day and Languages at Work event at Wellington College in October as part of the Independent State School Partnership (ISSP)
- Half term saw two of our major international trips:
- Twenty two students and two staff returned to Luzhou High School in Sichuan Province for our biannual exchange visit all are student who are learning Mandarin in school
- Eighty Geography students from both Key Stages 4 and 5 when to Iceland and toured many sites of geographical interest on a trip which supports their studies
- Thirty Year 11 students went to a production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time', one of their English texts.
- 32 Year 8 students were chosen to visit Sky Academy as a reward for competition winners designing
 posters on plastic pollution. They got to plan and film a short video on plastic pollution.
- A level Media students attended a Media Magazine Student Conference at the British Film Institute in November.
- 20 sixth form physicists when to Physics In Action, another conference in London which supported their studies.
- DT took students to the Design and Technology tournament at UTC in Reading in December.
- GCSE PE students spent a week at Tirabid in January taking part in activities to support their course.

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- There were two trips to Reading University, one for A level English Language students to support their coursework and another for Pupil Premium students in Key Stage 4 to help them to consider university as a future pathway.
- A level Geographers also attended their annual residential at Slapton Ley.
- Year 13 Business BTEC students visited a local business, Rosie's Chocolate Factory, which gave them a great insight into how businesses work.
- The sixth form team organised university visits for year 12 to Southampton, Bath, Oxford Brookes and Royal Holloway.
- 4 girls from year 8 took part in the Cyberfirst Competition semi finals.
- We sent 4 students to the Maths Feast 2020 competition held at Edgebarrow School.
- A level drama students attended a production of Three Sisters at The National Theatre to support their course.
- 17 A level Chemistry students attended 'Chemistry In Action' in London another A level conference
- 30 year 10 students went on the Spanish Exchange to our partner school, IES Las Canteras School, near Madrid, following the earlier visit from their partners.
- 30 sixth form computing students when to Solent University to explore university-level engineering, computing and design technology courses.
- 14 Key Stage 3 students took part in the 'mock trial' held at Reading Crown Court in March.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Primary 2019-20 (to March 2020)

The Y5/Y6 football team reached the quarter finals of the Wokingham Schools plate.

Secondary 2019-20 (to March 2020)

Netball

The Y7 team was top of the SWIFT Netball league prior to lockdown.

Football

The girls' senior football team won the Berkshire League.

U13 girls were unbeaten and were through to the quarter finals.

Y8 boys won the league and were through to the semi finals.

Indoor Athletics

Y8 girls finished first in Wokingham and were through to the next round.

Y8 boys finished second in Wokingham and were through to the next round.

Indoor Rowing

Our team finished first in Wokingham and were through to next round.

<u>Swimming</u>

The girls' team finished twenty first in the country.

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT

1. The Piggott Church of England School is the Lead School for the Wokingham Federation group of schools and is one of the country's largest providers for School Direct Teacher Training. Across Wokingham, 70+ teachers were trained. In the Piggott School, during 2019 – 20 we successfully trained 25 new teachers of whom three are now employed at the school in RE, History and MFL. Trainees came from Reading University and London Goldsmiths University last academic year.

Over 90% of these passed their teacher training programmes with distinction grades (Grade 1).

- 2. In addition, 13 Newly Qualified Teachers successfully passed their Induction year. This included 12 at the Wargrave site and one at Charvil
- Several staff contribute to the wider training provision for teachers in the Wokingham Federation of Schools. These after school events are well attended and form an integral part of the NQT year for each trainee.
- 4. The successful twilight INSET programme has been continued, delivered by colleagues for colleagues and helping to spread good practice across the school, and provide effective and value for money CPD opportunities. Many of these sessions have also been tailored for delivery using MS Teams.
- 5. There continues to be over 28 examiners in the school, including some at a very senior level; it has been found that colleagues working for Exam Boards are able to share vital information at a time of confusion from other sources. Working for an awarding body is extremely challenging but is a good opportunity to see how well candidates are prepared for exams in other schools. Staff are awarded a timetable allowance for their examination work.
- 6. Teaching staff have contributed to primary outreach within a variety of teaching and leadership programmes. This builds strong relationships in the community as well as offering outstanding professional development opportunities.
- 7. Good quality overall Continuous Professional Development has been maintained on a budget reduction.
- 8. There has been continued improvement of Leadership and Management expertise. For example, all staff are familiar with 4matrix. ALPS Connect is a new service now available to all staff too. The staff appraisal process is data led with all staff engaging in conversations surrounding data from both ALPS and 4matrix.
- 9. Colleagues have been able to attend subject specific INSET on curriculum change according to need. We have taken advantage of new online exam board courses to assist with this. Many staff have also attended local training sessions held at Wellington College. These sessions include those specifically designed for NQT and RQT teachers.
- 10.Tuesday Teaching and Learning briefings have also continued to be successful, wide-reaching and cost-effective. They are attended by staff from all areas of the School (including support staff and trainee teachers). These briefings have continued throughout the year with some being led by staff on MS Teams.

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Key Performance Indicators

Although the Academy's Funding Agreement is not subject to a specific carry forward limit on the amount of GAG funding, the main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the balance sheet date and, in particular, the amount of GAG funding carried forward at the balance sheet date. At 31 August 2020, the balance of the GAG Restricted Fund was £Nil, which is after a transfer of £274,034 from the General Fund to accommodate the excess of expenditure over income in the year.

As the majority of the Academy's funding is based on pupil numbers, pupil numbers is also a key performance indictor. As noted above, pupil numbers at the most recent census were 1633 which is an increase of over 5.5% from the previous census.

As a result, the ratio of GAG funding per pupil was £4,596 for the period.

Staffing costs are another key performance indicator for the Academy and the percentage of total staff costs to GAG funding for the period was 98.90%, while the percentage of staff costs to total costs was 74.58%

Going Concern

After consideration of the schools financial position, its financial plans(including projected student numbers), the demand for places and the broader environment, the Board of Governors, including all Committees, has a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies note of the financial statements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The majority of the Academy's income is received from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the period ended 31 August 2020 and the associated expenditure of these grants are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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

Unrestricted Funds:

Income received into the Unrestricted Fund was £142,484. This was predominantly attributable to the hire of sports facilities and school's catering. Expenditure against the fund was £11,543 for the year, giving an Unrestricted Fund carry forward of £588,144.

Restricted Fixed Asset (Capital) Fund:

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund balance is reduced by an annual depreciation charge over the expected useful life of the assets concerned in line with the Academy's depreciation policy. Income received into the fund totalled £506,031 and included Capital Improvement Funding of £410,377, Devolved Formula Capital of £30,004, WBC capital funding for our growing Primary school of £12,785, donations of £52,865.

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FINANCIAL POSITION

The Piggott Church of England School held fund balances at 31 August 2020 of £16,289,476 (2019: 17,919,867) comprising a deficit of

£3,861,000 (2019: £2,718,000) of restricted general funds (after recognition of FRS 102 Pension deficit), £19,562,332 (2019: £19,906,630) of restricted fixed asset funds, £588,144 (2019: £731,237) of unrestricted funds (the last of which represents the level of free reserves held by the school).

INVESTMENT POLICY

The academy may invest £250,000 in a 32 day notice account and this sum shall be reviewed by the finance Officer and the Head Teacher on ongoing basis. Any investment over £300,000 to be advised to the Finance Committee. One month's standard payroll expenditure should be retained and not invested. The 3G pitch bank account balance will have a rolling over balance of £10,000 and the rest may be invested in a long term fixed account with Lloyds for 1 year. The objectives of these accounts are to hold the Academy's reserves at low risk.

The fixed assets held by the Academy are used exclusively for providing education and associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The balance of total funds held at 31 August 2020 were £16,289,476 which comprised of the following:

Restricted funds (excluding Pension Liability) £Nil

Restricted Pension Liability Fund (£3,861,000)
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £19,562,332
Unrestricted Funds £588,144

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

Reserves Policy

The Governors review the Academy's reserves policy annually. They have determined that the appropriate level of revenue reserves should continue to be a minimum of £300,000 which equates to approximately one month's salary costs. The policy of the Academy is to ensure a carry forward of a prudent level of resources designed to meet the challenges of anticipated future falls in revenue funding due to national educational funding cuts, to meet the long-term cyclical needs of capital maintenance and to provide for any other unforeseen contingencies.

The Academy's current level of reserves (defined as restricted general funds, excluding pension reserve, plus the balance on unrestricted funds) is £588,144, of which 588,144 is free reserves (that is, total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and restricted funds).

The current level of reserves is inline with our target level of free cash reserves.

GOVERNORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

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

Financial

The Academy has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In the period, approximately 94% of the Academy's incoming resources (excluding amounts transferred on conversion from the Local Authority) was ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

Failures in governance and / or management

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

Reputational

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

Safeguarding and child protection

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

Staffing

The success of the Academy is reliant on the quality of its staff so the Governors monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds

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

The Academy has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the period by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A Risk Register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Risk Management

The Governors have implemented a system to assess risks that the Academy faces, especially in the operational areas (such as in relation to teaching, health & safety and school trips) and in relation to the control of finances. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Academy has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Statement of Internal Control.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Academy has agreed a Risk Management Strategy, a Risk Register and a Risk Management Plan. These have been discussed by the Governors and include the financial risks to the Academy. The Risk Register and Risk Management Plan are constantly reviewed in light of any new information and formally

GOVERNORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

reviewed annually.

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls. Where significant financial risk still remains, the Governors have ensured the Academy has adequate insurance cover.

Whilst the Academy is currently over subscribed, risks to revenue funding from a falling roll are small. However, the current freeze on the Governments overall education budget, changes in funding arrangements for special educational needs and the increasing employment and premises costs mean that budgets will be increasingly tight in coming years.

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

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

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

COVID-19

- During lockdown the school stayed open for vulnerable children and for those of key workers.
 Learning moved online through our range of platforms including live lessons taught on MS Teams for secondary age children in the latter part of the Summer term. We also conducted on site lessons for Years 10 & 12 and all primary year groups.
- Covid safe measures are placing a strain on school finances and we will need to use reserves again
 in the forthcoming year to meet these resource and staffing challenges. The use of volunteers was
 not appropriate during lockdown.
- Fund raising has not been affected by lockdown, but lettings income is significantly reduced.
- The outbreak of the virus has placed considerable strain and increased workload on staff. The wellbeing of the staff is being closely monitored and adjustments made to our new operating model to improve workload related issues.
- Risk assessments have been completed and actioned for all areas of operation on individual, departmental and whole staff issues.
- There are no issues in regards to pension liability or investments.
- Our reserves policy aims to retain £300K in reserves. Current and projected reserves for the next few years should remain above this level.
- The academy continues to open fully and all efforts will be made to ensure our aims are met. There is little impact on the wider networks which the academy is part of.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

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

The Academy's plans for future periods include increasing the sixth form site facilities with a new sixth form block, and further developing our outward facing profile to assist other schools in raising achievement and attainment.

GOVERNORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

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

AUDITOR

In so far as the Governors are aware:

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

The Governors' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Governors, as the company directors, on 07/12/2020 and signed on its behalf by:

R Thiele

Chair of Governors

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

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

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

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' report and in the Statement of Governors' responsibilities. The board of Governors has formally met 4 times during the year. The board of Trustees also met a further 2 times informally.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of Governors was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
J Andrews - Staff teacher	4	4
J Bell - Parent	4	4
L Bowley - Foundation	3	4
J Cook - Foundation	2	4
M Cowieson - Foundation/Community	3	4
J Cowley - Foundation	4	4
H Craig - Foundation	4	4
D Gray - Headteacher	4	4
J Humprey - Staff - Teacher	3	4
G Hughes - Foundation	2	4
M Newman - Parent	4	4
J Perowne - Foundation	3	4
I Pogue - Parent	3	4
A Shapland - Foundation	4	4
A Silby - Co-opted	4	4
M Simpson - Foundation	3	4
A Smyly - Foundation	4	4
N Stewart-Tennant	2	3
R Thiele - Co-opted, Chair	4	4
C West - Foundation	4	4
M Wright - Staff-Teacher	0	3

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Governors were not able to meet formally 6 times. The Board of Governors maintained effective oversight of the Academy's funds by holding a further two informal meetings where financial matters were reviewed. Further, the Finance Committee met during the period the Board of Governors did not to ensure financial oversight was maintained.

The Finance Committee is a sub-Committee of the Governing Body. It's purpose is to provide guidance and assistance to the Governing Body on all matters related to finance, resources, premises and Health & Safety of the Academy. This includes preparing and approving annual budgets, monitoring financial performance against that budget, reviewing delegated authorities, ensuring all transactions are conducted in accordance with good practice as directed by the ESFA, to ensure best value is achieved in all financial transactions and to receive and (where relevant) respond to period audit reports on the Academy and of public funds.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible	
D Gray	3	3	
J Perowne	3	3	
i Pogue	3	3	
A Shapland	3	3	
M Simpson	3	3	

The Governing Body regularly reviews its structure and composition. In September 2014 a review of the organisation of the Governing Body was undertaken. The lead governor structure was complemented by the formation of 4 committees: finance, standards, achievement, learning and teaching (SALT), spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) and admissions. We retained the lead governor roles of SEN/equalities, safeguarding, facilities, leadership and management and staff & governor development. The roles of the committees and lead governors were reviewed to include reference, if applicable, to the PREVENT strategy and British values. This structure matches Governors' skills with areas of responsibility, and allows for continuous accountability. The governor structure is kept under annual review with staff and governor development being discontinued in 2018 with the responsibilities covered in other committees/roles. Additional lead governor roles of careers, disadvantaged pupils, more and most able, gifted and talented and looked after children were created in 2018.

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy 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's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of Governors where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The accounting officer for the academy has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- 1. Reviewing staffing costs and teaching structure to become more efficient. Introducing more family friendly practices which will aid recruitment, retention and motivation of staff.
- 2. Control of all expenditure through improving systems and procedures aiming to ensure the Academy has an official authorised order for most expenditure.
- 3. Ongoing review of contracts for services and obtaining alternative quotes for all relevant suppliers.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in The Piggott Church of England School for the period ended 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Governors has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Governors is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks that has been in place for the period from incorporation to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Governors.

The risk and control framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of Governors
- regular reviews by the 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
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- · identification and management of risks

The trust currently does not buy-in an internal assurance service. The trustees are aware of the changes brought in due to revised FRC Ethical standard for auditors.

The Governing Body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and decided that Responsible Officer visits will be conducted termly by Governors, auditors and other finance and data related professionals.

The Responsible Officer'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:

Review of pupil premium income and spend

On an annual basis, the reviewer reports to the board of Trustees through the Finance Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Trustees' financial responsibilities. The finance committee had agreed to carry 3 internal assurance review during the current year however due to current unprecedented circumstances, 2 reviews have now been carried forward to next year. The trustees are aware of the importance of robust internal scrutiny.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the period ended 31 August 2020 the review has been informed by:

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

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

D Gray

Accounting Officer

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

R Thiele

Chair of the Governors

Date:

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of The Piggott Church of England School I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy board of Governors and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy, under the funding agreement in place 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 Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that I and the academy board of Governors 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 Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

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

D Gray

Accounting Officer

Date: 7 December 2020

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

The Governors (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' 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 Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial. Under company law, the Governors 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 Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the 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 Governors are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Governors and signed on its behalf by:

7 December 2020

R Thiele

Chair of Governors

Date:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Piggott Church of England School (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's 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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governors' 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 Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement, the Governors (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 Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors either intend to liquidate the academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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 Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Darren O'Connor BSc(Hons) FCCA ACA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of James Cowper Kreston

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Reading Bridge House

George Street

Reading

Berkshire

RG18LS

Date: 15 December 2020

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 5 October 2020 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Piggott Church of England School during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of The Piggott Church of England School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Piggott Church of England School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 23 June 2011 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2019, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

Specific work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

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

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

THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

(A company limited by guarantee)

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

Conclusion

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

James Cowper Kreston

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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Reading Bridge House George Street Reading Berkshire RG1 8LS

Date: 15 December 2020

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	7,894	506,031	513,925	129,900
Charitable activities		-	7,892,752	•	7,892,752	7,617,471
Other trading activities		139,315	36,946	-	176,261	217,242
Investments	6	3,169	•	-	3,169	2,933
Total income		142,484	7,937,592	506,031	8,586,107	7,967,546
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		11,543	8,469,626	850,329	9,331,498	8,846,130
Total expenditure		11,543	8,469,626	850,329	9,331,498	8,846,130
Net income/ (expenditure)		130,941	(532,034)	(344,298)	(745,391)	(878,584)
Transfers between funds	18	(274,034)	274,034	-	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised				•		VIA PARA PARA PARA PARA PARA PARA PARA PA
gains/(losses)		(143,093)	(258,000)	(344,298)	(745,391)	(878,584)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit						
pension schemes	24		(885,000)	-	(885,000)	(361,000)
Net movement in funds		(143,093)	(1,143,000)	(344,298)	(1,630,391)	(1,239,584)
Reconciliation of funds:		*	The state of the s			
Total funds brought forward		731,237	(2,718,000)	19,906,630	17,919,867	19,159,451
Net movement in funds		(143,093)	(1,143,000)	(344,298)	(1,630,391)	(1,239,584)
Total funds carried forward		588,144	(3,861,000)	19,562,332	16,289,476	17,919,867

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

The notes on pages 34 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

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THE PIGGOTT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

The financial statements on pages 30 to 58 were approved and authorised for issue by the Governors and are signed on their behalf, by:

R Thiele

Chair of Trustees

Date: 7- Decem 2020

The notes on pages 34 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	20	(415,620)	(55,316)
Cash flows from investing activities	21	368,811	27,907
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(46,809)	(27,409)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,020,007	1,047,416
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	22, 23	973,198	1,020,007

The notes on pages 34 to 58 form part of these financial statements

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

1. Accounting policies

The principal activity of the Piggott Church of England School is to provide education for pupils aged 4 to 19. The Trust is an exempt charity and a company limited by guarantee (company number: 07682284). It is incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The address of the registered office is The Piggott Church of England School, Twyford Road, Wargrave, RG10 8DS.

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the 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 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The Piggott Church of England School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 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 Governors.

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.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the academy has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued. 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 when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis 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.

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.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Going concern

The Governors 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 Governors 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property - 2% straight line
Furniture and fixtures - 10% straight line
Computer equipment - 33% straight line

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 Operating leases

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

1.8 Stocks

Catering stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.9 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.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 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.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

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

1.12 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 15. 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.

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 notes 16 and 17. 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.

1.13 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.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Pensions

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy 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.

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

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 24, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2020. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. Residual value assessments consider issues such as the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Restricted funds 2020	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Donations Grants	7,894 -	52,865 453,166	60,759 453,166	15,131 114,769
	7,894	506,031	513,925	129,900
Total 2019	7,924	121,976	129,900	

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

4. Funding for the academy's educational operations

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
DfE/ESFA grants	-	-	~
General Annual Grant (GAG)	7,114,261	7,114,261	6,974,075
Other DfE group grants	103,197	103,197	73,127
Other grants	507,164	507,164	176,911
	7,724,622	7,724,622	7,224,113
Other Government grants			
Training grants	14,000	14,000	79,200
Other grants	1,000	1,000	8,842
	15,000	15,000	88,042
Other income			
Trip income	153,130	153,130	305,316
	7,892,752	7,892,752	7,617,471
Total 2019	7,617,471	7,617,471	

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Hire of facilities	92,323	-	92,323	112,673
Other income	38,029	16,502	54,531	46,386
School activities	-	20,444	20,444	35,836
Sales materials	8,963	-	8,963	22,347
	139,315	36,946	176,261	217,242
Total 2019	150,379	66,863	217,242	

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

6. Investment income

				Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
	Investment income			3,169	3,169	2,933
	Total 2019			2,933	2,933	
7.	Expenditure	Staff Costs 2020	Premises 2020	Other costs 2020	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
	Educational operations:					
	Direct costs	6,255,655	850,328	440,169	7,546,152	6,911,985
	Allocated support costs	780,269	490,384	514,693	1,785,346	1,934,145
		7,035,924	1,340,712	954,862	9,331,498	8,846,130
	Total 2019	6,290,572	1,343,829	1,211,729	8,846,130	

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

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Educational operations	7,546,152	1,785,346	9,331,498	8,846,130
		=		
Total 2019	6,911,985	1,934,145	8,846,130	
Analysis of support costs				
			Total	Total
			funds	funds
			2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs			780,269	729,944
Cleaning			145,429	140,653
Rates, light and heat			156,861	147,589
Recruitment and support			20,238	39,121
Maintenance of premises and equipment			121,474	161,234
Insurance			31,901	33,279
Security and transport			34,719	31,081
IT costs			76,308	85,041
Printing, posting, marketing and stationery			65,247	60,891
School trips			147,308	300,432
Catering			108,513	55,280
Bank charges			4,536	4,912
Other support costs			82,686	135,738
Governance costs			9,857	8,950
			1,785,346	1,934,145

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

9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Fees paid to auditor for:	850,141	829,995
- audit	9,220	8,950
- other services	2,205	1,750

10. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	5,201,859	4,911,777
Social security costs	495,311	411,494
Pension costs	1,338,754	967,301
	7,035,924	6,290,572

b. Staff numbers

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

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Teachers	105	98
Administration and support	122	118
Management	10	10
	237	226

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

10. Staff (continued)

b. Staff numbers (continued)

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Teachers	94	86
Administration and support	59	53
Management	9	9
	162	148

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2020 No.	2019 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	2
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	2	1
In the band £110,001 - £120,000	-	1
In the band £120,001 - £130,000	1	-
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d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy comprise the Governors and the senior management team as listed on page 2. 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 £556,355 (2019 £450,696).

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

11. Governors' remuneration and expenses

One or more Governors has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy. The principal and other staff Governors 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 Governors' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2020 £	2019 £
D Gray	Remuneration	120,000 - 125,000	115,000 - 120,000
•	Pension contributions paid	25,000 - 30,000	15,000 - 20,000
A Lawson (resigned 19 December 2018)	•	0 - 5,000	15,000 - 20,000
•	Pension	0 - 5,000	0 - 5,000
	contributions paid		
J Andrews	Remuneration	40,000 - 45,000	40,000 - 45,000
	Pension	10,000 - 15,000	5,000 - 10,000
	contributions paid		
J Humprey	Remuneration	40,000 - 45,000	40,000 - 45,000
· ·	Pension	10,000 - 15,000	5,000 - 10,000
	contributions paid		
M Wright	Remuneration	35,000 - 40,000	5,000 - 10,000
-	Pension contributions paid	5,000 - 10,000	0 - 5,000

During the year ended 31 August 2020, expenses totalling £719 were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 Governors (2019: Nil).

12. Governors' and Officers' insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department of Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects Governors 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 Governors and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme membership.

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

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings £	Assets under construction £	Furniture and fixtures £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				-44 4-4	
At 1 September 2019	21,970,003		3,069,805	511,466	25,551,274
Additions	-	7,307	69,762	10,455	87,524
At 31 August 2020	21,970,003	7,307	3,139,567	521,921	25,638,798
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2019	3,094,392	-	2,309,355	413,346	5,817,093
Charge for the year	476,937	-	315,501	57,703	850,141
At 31 August 2020	3,571,329	**	2,624,856	471,049	6,667,234
Net book value					
At 31 August 2020	18,398,674	7,307	514,711	50,872	18,971,564
At 31 August 2019	18,875,611	-	760,450	98,120	19,734,181

Included in brought forward fixed assets is recognition of the value of the land and buildings transferred to the academy from its predecessor form as a Foundation School. The value recognised is in accordance with a formal valuation undertaken by the ESFA that took place on 31 August 2012 and totals £15,017,203.

Included within Land and Buildings is land of £1,529,487.

14. Stocks

	2020	2019
	£	£
Catering Stock	8,251	6,840

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15. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	19,254	26,887
Other debtors	54,432	79,374
Prepayments and accrued income	611,009	224,428
	684,695	330,689
16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
	2020 £	2019 £
Salix and CIF loans	7,485	7,485
Trade creditors	40,329	57,174
Other taxation and social security	120,901	110,867
Other creditors	5,544	29,653
Accruals and deferred income	235,752	203,970
	410,011	409,149
	2020 £	2019 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2019	197,935	159,697
Resources deferred during the year	122,808	197,935
Amounts released from previous periods	(197,935)	(159,697)
Deferred income at 31 August 2020	122,808	197,935

The income that has been deferred consist of grants for the Autum term received before the year end and income for trips taking place in the next academic year.

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Salix and CIF loans	77,222	44,701
The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more reporting date is:	ore than five yea	ars after the
	2020 £	2019 £
Repayable by instalments	7,501	11,061
	7,501	11,061

In 2016 the school received an interest free Salix energy efficiency loan and a CIF loan as part of its funding for a project to replace boilers and roofs.

In 2020 the school received an interest free Salix loan as part of its funding for a project to replace the roofs. The loan is repayable over 5 years starting September 2021.

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18. Statement of funds

November of the standards	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	731,237	142,484	(11,543)	(274,034)	-	588,144
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant	-	7,439,694	(7,713,728)	274,034	-	
Other ESFA grants	-	396,312	(396,312)	•	-	-
Other grants	-	101,586	(101,586)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,718,000)	-	(258,000)	-	(885,000)	(3,861,000)
	(2,718,000)	7,937,592	(8,469,626)	274,034	(885,000)	(3,861,000)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
In kind support - buildings	19,441,109	-	(476,935)	-	-	18,964,174
Capital grants and donation	325,252	506,031	(373,394)	-	-	457,889
3G Pitch sinking fund	140,269	-	-	-	•	140,269
	19,906,630	506,031	(850,329)	-	*	19,562,332
Total Restricted funds	17,188,630	8,443,623	(9,319,955)	274,034	(885,000)	15,701,332
Total funds	17,919,867	8,586,107	(9,331,498)	-	(885,000)	16,289,476

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

Restricted General Funds - ESFA grants (including GAG), which must be used to meet the costs of running The Piggott Church of England School. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the acadmey trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2020.

Restricted Other Funds - represents donations and fundraising income generated by the school, which is for restricted use as stipulated by the donor along with trip income and expenditure.

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds - these funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, Department for Education or other funders where the assets acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

3G Pitch Sinking Fund - represents funds for the replacement of the 3G pitch. Currently the fund remains unspent.

Unrestricted Funds - represents income generated by the school (such as lettings and hire of facilities) and any other donations or investment income, which is not restricted for any specific purpose and can be spent as determined by the Governing Body.

Transfers - The transfers reflect the cost of fixed assets incurred above that of capital grants received from the ESFA. The transfers adjust the balance of the restricted fixed asset fund so that the balance agrees back to the net book value of fixed assets, plus capital funds unspent at 31 August 2020.

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	756,657	153,312	(17,460)	(161,272)	M	731,237
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant	38,413	7,324,673	(7,413,594)	50,508	-	-
Other ESFA grants	-	73,127	(73,127)	*	-	-
Other grants	•	264,953	(264,953)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,110,000)		(247,000)	-	(361,000)	(2,718,000)
	(2,071,587)	7,662,753	(7,998,674)	50,508	(361,000)	(2,718,000)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
In kind support - buildings	19,794,319	, me	(463,974)	110,764	-	19,441,109
Capital grants and donation	569,298	121,976	(366,022)	-	-	325,252
3G Pitch sinking fund	110,764	29,505	-	-	-	140,269
	20,474,381	151,481	(829,996)	110,764	-	19,906,630
Total Restricted funds	18,402,794	7,814,234	(8,828,670)	161,272	(361,000)	17,188,630
Total funds	19,159,451	7,967,546	(8,846,130)	-	(361,000)	17,919,867

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	_	•	18,971,565	18,971,565
Current assets	588,144	487,233	590,767	1,666,144
Creditors due within one year	· <u>-</u>	(410,011)	•	(410,011)
Creditors due in more than one year	_	(77,222)	***	(77,222)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	**	(3,861,000)	-	(3,861,000)
Total	588,144	(3,861,000)	19,562,332	16,289,476
Analysis of net assets between funds - pri	or period			
	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	_		19,734,181	19,734,181
Current assets	731,237	453,850	172,449	1,357,536
Creditors due within one year	· _	(409,149)		(409,149)
Creditors due in more than one year	_	(44,701)	**	(44,701)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(2,718,000)	-	(2,718,000)
Total	731,237	(2,718,000)	19,906,630	17,919,867

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20. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

		2020 £	2019 £
	Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of financial activities)	(745,391)	(878,584)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	850,141	829,995
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(453,166)	(114,769)
	Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	258,000	247,000
	Increase in stocks	(1,411)	(1,216)
	Increase in debtors	(354,007)	(76,329)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	33,383	(58,480)
	Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(3,169)	(2,933)
	Net cash used in operating activities	(415,620)	(55,316)
21.	Cash flows from investing activities		
		2020 £	2019 £
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(87,524)	(92,189)
	Disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	2,394
	Capital grants from DfE Group	453,166	114,769
	Interest received	3,169	2,933
	Net cash provided by investing activities	368,811	27,907
22.	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
		2020 £	2019 £
	Cash in hand	973,198	1,020,007
	Total cash and cash equivalents	973,198	1,020,007

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23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,020,007	(46,809)	973,198
Debt due within 1 year	(7,485)	-	(7,485)
Debt due after 1 year	(44,701)	(32,521)	(77,222)
	967,821	(79,330)	888,491

24. 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 Barnett Waddingham. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

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

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

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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24. Pension commitments (continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI, assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £942,078 (2019 - £614,376).

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 has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £222,000 (2019 - £209,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £182,000 (2019 - £159,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 40,000 (2019 - £50,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 19.6 per cent for employers and 5.5-12.5 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.

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2020	2019
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.30	3.70
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.30	2.20
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.60	1.85
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.3	1.20

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

	2020 Years	2019 Years
Retiring today		
Males	21.5	22.1
Females	24.1	24.0
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22.9	23.7
Females	25.5	25.8
Sensitivity analysis		
	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	142	106
Discount rate -0.1%	(145)	(109)
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	(239)	(100)
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	230	98
CPI rate +0.1%	(139)	(169)
CPI rate -0.1%	136	164
The academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:		
	2020 £	2019 £
Equities	1,334,000	1,169,000
Other bonds	300,000	305,000
Property	325,000	265,000
Cash and other liquid assets	217,000	165,000
Other	112,000	196,000
Total market value of assets	2,288,000	2,100,000

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24. Pension commitments (continued)

The actual return on scheme assets was £94,000 (2019 - £120,000).

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

	2020 £	2019 £
Current service cost	(389,000)	(312,000)
Past service cost	-	(38,000)
Net interest on defined liability asset	(49,000)	(54,000)
Administrative expenses	(2,000)	(2,000)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	(440,000)	(406,000)
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follow	vs:	
	2020 £	2019 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	4,818,000	3,934,000
Current service cost	389,000	312,000
Interest cost	89,000	104,000
Employee contributions	55,000	50,000
Benefits paid	(61,000)	(51,000)
Past service costs	•	38,000
Actuarial losses	367,000	431,000
Experience loss/(gain) on defined benefit obligation	492,000	-
At 31 August	6,149,000	4,818,000
Changes in the fair value of the academy's share of scheme assets were as	follows:	
	2020 £	2019 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	2,100,000	1,824,000
Other actuarial gains/(losses)	(80,000)	-
Interest income	40,000	50,000
Actuarial gains	54,000	70,000
Employer contributions	182,000	159,000
Employee contributions	55,000	50,000
Assets distributed on settlements	(61,000)	(51,000)
Administration expenses	(2,000)	(2,000)
At 31 August	2,288,000	2,100,000

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25. Operating lease commitments

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	15,734	15,734
Between 1 and 5 year	25,935	41,669
	41,669	57,403

26. 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.

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

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain governors' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 11.

28. Agency arrangements

The Academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2020 the trust received £13,870 (2019: £12,672), had a brought forward figure of £1,316 (2019: £1,049) and disbursed £15,186 (2019: £12,405) from the fund. Funds of £Nil (2019: £1,316) relating to undistributed funds that may be repayable to ESFA is unspent have been carried forward.