

**Company registration number 09150608 (England and Wales)**

**THE GRANGE TRUST  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

# THE GRANGE TRUST

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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### Trustees

Z Norris (Acting Accounting Officer) (Appointed 22 November 2022 and resigned 16 April 2023)  
A Bugdol  
A Wing (Chair)  
S Macwilliam  
K Winter (Resigned 7 March 2023)  
R Foxtton (Appointed 22 November 2022)  
R Colquhoun (Resigned 31 March 2023)  
K Davies (Accounting Officer) (Appointed 17 April 2023)  
M Muffet (Resigned 16 September 2022)

### Members

A Wing (Chair) (Appointed 8 March 2023)  
C Watson  
K Winter (Resigned 7 March 2023)  
R Morris

### Senior management team

- Chief Executive Officer	R Colquhoun (Resigned 31 March 2023)
- Acting Chief Executive Officer	Z Norris (Resigned 16 April 2023)
- Chief Executive Officer	K Davies (Appointed 17 April 2023)
- Acting Head Teacher	N O'Loughlin (Appointed 3 January 2023)
- Acting Deputy Head	K Hampshire (Appointed 17 April 2023)
- Assistant Head	L Davies
- Acting Chief Financial Officer	D Samwell (Appointed 3 January 2023 and resigned 31 August 2023)

The roles of Chief Executive Officer, Acting Head Teacher, Acting Deputy Head and Acting Chief Financial Officer are all seconded roles.

### Company registration number

09150608 (England and Wales)

### Registered office

Bramley Grange Primary  
Howard Road  
Bramley  
Rotherham  
South Yorkshire  
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### Independent auditor

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Sheffield  
S9 1XU

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LS1 4AP

# **THE GRANGE TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

On 1 October 2014, Bramley Grange Primary School converted to academy status under the Academies Act 2010. The charitable company was incorporated on 28 July 2014 and commenced as a multi academy trust on 1 October 2014. As of 31 August 2023, the trust operates an academy for pupils aged 3-11 serving a catchment area in Bramley on the outskirts of Rotherham. The academy has a pupil capacity of 315 children, but according to the school census October 2023 has a current roll of 221.

#### **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 Grange Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Bramley Grange Primary School.

Details of the trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

##### **Members Liability**

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

##### **Trustees' Indemnities**

A trustee may benefit from any indemnity insurance purchased at the academy trust's expense to cover the liability of the trustees' which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they maybe guilty in relation to the academy trust; provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the trustees in regular disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the trustees in their capacity as directors of the academy trust.

The trustees have liability insurance with Zurich Municipal effective date 1 September 2022. There is a limit of indemnity of £5,000,000.

##### **Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees**

Subject to Articles of Association 12 – 18, members of the academy trust must be no less than three and they have the right to appoint other members. Members agree to appoint other members through passing a special resolution to appoint others.

Subject to Articles of Association 50 – 53, members may appoint up to 12 directors, through a process that they determine. The total number of directors who are employed by the school shall not exceed one third of the total number of directors. There should be a minimum of two parent directors. In the trust, there are three parent directors who have been appointed by the members.

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Directors may co-opt directors. The directors may not co-opt an employee of the Company as a Co-opted Director if thereby the number of Directors who are employees of the Company would exceed one third of the total number of Directors.

#### **Policies and Procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustee's**

The training and induction provided for each new trustee will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction will provide training on educational, legal and financial matters. All trustees of the academy trust have access to policies and procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, strategic plans and other documents that they need to undertake their role as trustees. The academy will also conduct an annual skills audit of trustees and should gaps be identified training courses are available.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The management structure consists of:

- Trustees - Members
- The Academy Trust Board
- The Chief Executive
- The Senior Leadership Team within the Academy Trust

The aim of the management structure is to encourage and devolve responsibility, accountability and decision making at all levels. The academy has a scheme of delegation, which outlines those duties delegated to each level of management.

The Trust board are responsible for setting policies, adopting a strategic plan and budget, monitoring the performance of the academy, appointment and appraisal of head teacher, appointment of staff and pay awards for teaching staff.

The management team consists of the chief executive, head teacher, a deputy head teacher, and assistant head teacher. They control the academy and report to the trust board. The management team are responsible for authorising spending and appointing teaching and non-teaching staff. This academic year there has been a restructure of the senior leadership team. The Trust chief executive/head teacher left the organisation in April 2023. An interim headteacher been in post since January 2023, and chief executive officer from April 24, seconded from a supporting MAT.

The Trust board and chief executive are responsible for management appointments.

The Trust board adopt the strategic plan of the school; monitor its implementation and performance of the school. They support the board in fulfilling its obligations.

#### **Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel**

All staff are subject to performance related pay as set out in the academy's pay policy. Decisions regarding pay including determination of pay range for the leadership team including head teacher/CEO are made by the directors. Pay appeals are heard by those directors not involved in determining/approving pay awards. The trust has a clear appraisal policy and pay policy last reviewed in September 2022.

#### **Trade union facility time**

The academy trust works positively with Trade Unions, however at this time there are no Trade Union officials requiring Trade Union facility time, however we pay a central cost to contribute to trade union services should the academy need them.

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#### Related Parties and Other Connected Charities and Organisation

For the purpose of school improvement, the academy bought into the Rotherham School Improvement Services until April 2023.

#### Objectives and aims

The Trust's vision is 'excellence for all'. Children are at the heart of the trust with those within it committed to ensuring that every child has an excellent educational experience and achieves the best they possibly can. The world has no limits, children have many talents which need to be nurtured and celebrated in order to improve life chances, coupled with the opportunities to be the best they can be through academic and personal excellence.

To achieve an excellent educational experience all schools will:

- Have high expectations
- Uphold high standards of academic performance
- Sustain high standards of behaviour
- Inspire all to be the best they can be
- Teach dynamic, challenging lessons which create a buzz for learning and meet the needs of all learners
- Ensure the learning environment promotes excellence whilst being nurturing, secure and welcoming
- Celebrate achievements
- Build strong partnerships with parents, governors and services to improve outcomes for our children and our families.

To achieve personal excellence schools will actively teach and promote:

- Deep Thinkers
- Independence
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Motivation
- Resilience

The Trust has a key set of values which it works to:

- Learning - learning and development for all, enabling all within the organisation to flourish and be the best they can be.
- Inspiration - high quality learning through an enriched curriculum driven by needs that is meaningful and enjoyable, motivating children to foster a love of learning which in return enables children to flourish.
- Inclusion - respecting differences and ensuring no child is left behind.
- Collaboration - working together in the best interests of the school community.
- Responsibility - no excuses' culture, all committed to continuous improvement

In accordance with the Articles of Association, The Grange Trust has entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State. The funding agreement specifies the requirements for the provision of education.

The main objectives for 2022/2023 were:

- Through high quality leadership and high-quality teaching and learning provide the best education possible to every learner in order to realise their full potential.

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- Provide a high-quality learning environment which promotes learning and encourages all learners and stakeholders to be the best they can be
- Develop partnerships within and beyond the school as a catalyst for ensuring more children receive an exceptional education
- Embrace autonomy and collaboration across key areas of leadership underpinned by a shared vision, values and best practise
- Provide value for money for the funds expended
- Raise attainment across the whole school to ensure middle ability children meet age related expectations in reading, writing and maths
- Ensure SEND children and higher ability children are challenged and supported in all lessons
- Embed the teaching of spelling, reading and vocabulary
- Upskill staff skills and knowledge in the teaching of Science, Art and Design technology
- Further develop curriculum drivers
- Continue to develop the wider curriculum (Intent and Implementation)
- Developing subject leaders as experts
- Holding HID to account.

#### **Objectives, strategies and activities**

Learners and staff are empowered to have high expectations of themselves and encouraged to adopt a 'can do' attitude. We nurture a range of life skills including respect, resilience, motivation and independence so they can grow into well rounded individuals.

We believe in achievement and enjoyment of learning, understanding that a good grasp of English and Maths is fundamental for accessing the whole of the curriculum and prioritise learning in these core areas. We have a positive ethos, rewarding success of individuals and teams.

We will provide the very best education and training for every individual within the academy and will ensure this is delivered. We value excellent teaching, underpinned by support and high-quality professional development. We constantly seek to improve using and instigating the best ideas and practise.

We also understand that in order to achieve the afore mentioned it is crucial that the environment is of high quality and promotes learning, support and creativity. We seek to do this by investing significantly in the school environment.

#### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the charity commission in exercising their duties or powers. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to aims and objectives they have set. The academy has provided a fully comprehensive education to all its pupils in its care. It fully complies with all statutory guidance and seeks to support its wider educational objectives.

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

#### **Strategic Report**

##### **Achievements and Performance**

The Trust's only school, Bramley Grange was placed in special measures in October 2022. A local Rotherham based Trust, White Woods Primary Academy Trust was commissioned to support the school and provide interim leadership. Bramley Grange Primary School transferred into White Woods Primary Academy Trust on 1 November 2023.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Inspection Outcomes					
	Overall Effectiveness	Quality of Education	Behaviour and attitudes	Personal Development	Leadership and Management	Early Years Provision
Bramley Grange October 22	4	3	3	3	4	4
May 23	3	3	2	3	2	2

1- Outstanding; 2 – Good, 3 – Requires Improvement, 4 - Inadequate

#### Outcomes 2022/23

	Reading EXS	Reading GD	Writing Exs	Writing GD	Maths Exs	Maths GD	Combined EXS +
Bramley Grange	80%	32.5%	80%	5%	70%	20%	60%

#### Going Concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Bramley Grange Primary School has been rebrokered to another multi academy trust which was completed before the approval of these financial statements. At this date, Bramley Grange Primary School continued their operations under White Woods Primary Academy Trust but The Grange Trust has ceased operations. The trustees will oversee the closing down of The Grange Trust and will apply to Companies House for the company to be dissolved.

As such the trustees do not believe the going concern basis to be appropriate and these financial statements have not been prepared on that basis, but have been prepared on an alternative basis to comply with the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

#### Financial Review

##### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The vast majority of the trust's income is obtained from the DfE via the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of grants, the use of which is restricted to educational purposes.

Key financial policies adopted include The Scheme of Delegation, School Financial procedures. The trust's procedures set out the framework for financial management including financial responsibilities of trustees and the leadership team.

The Scheme of delegation has been reviewed this year as well as levels of expenditure. This has been adopted by the trust.

In relation to key financial indicators, the school has:

- Received £6,498 (2022 - £5,703) per pupil in total income
- Spent £6,986 (2022 - £6,153) per pupil in total expenditure
- Spent 68% (2022 - 69%) of the total expenditure less depreciation on employees



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- Spent an average of £51,580 (2022 - £48,804) per teacher, including management
- Spent 15% (2022 - 17%) of the total expenditure on leadership

The academy trust has monitored SLA'S closely and staffing costs throughout the period in order to identify potential cost savings and maximise pupil spend. The Trust has a three-year budget and has identified where savings need to be made in order to ensure financial security for the future. The principal source of funding has been the trust's GAG which has been used to maintain a good quality education.

#### Reserves Policy

The trustees review the reserve levels on a regular basis. They always seek to match income with commitments and nature of reserves. The trust ensure that reserve funds are invested in the following:

- ICT Provision and infrastructure to support learning
- Maintaining and developing grounds and buildings

Future financial cost pressures will also reduce the level of financial reserves in the long term.

Our aim is to use the funds each year for the full benefit of the pupils within that year however the academy trust also considers it necessary to carry forward some reserves.

The level of free reserves (total funds less fixed asset and other restricted funds) as at 31 August 2023 was £42,304 deficit (2022: 27,621 surplus).

The restricted pension fund is in deficit to the value £172,000 as at 31 August 2023 (2022: £351,000). The trustees will continue to monitor this situation closely.

#### Investment Policy

Surplus funds are always invested back into the academy and used for planned projects that are of educational benefit. Investment risk will be managed through asset class selection and diversification to ensure that security of deposits takes precedence over revenue maximisation. Decisions on how much to invest and how long to invest for, will be based on operational requirements, demonstrated by cash flow. The cash flow will take account of the annual budget and spending plans approved by the trust.

A sufficient balance must be held in the current account so that the academy's financial commitments can always be met without the bank account going overdrawn. The size of the balance will be determined by a forecast of future need and kept under review.

Investments for a fixed term do not normally exceed one year in order to provide flexibility for the following year's plans, unless a clear rationale is provided for exceeding one year to the benefit of the academy.

#### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The risks to which the trust is exposed have been reviewed and systems and processes to mitigate those risks have been established.

Health and Safety compliance was identified as a risk in January 2023 and Trustees have subsequently addressed this by working alongside White Woods Primary Academy Trust's Premises team, including the commission of a asbestos management review.

#### Credit Risk

The trust recognises exposure to credit risk is the risk that revenues cannot be collected and the exposure to banks where the trust's own cash is deposited. The credit risk is low for the trust.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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### **Liquidity Risk**

Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash and interest bearing deposits. The trust recognises that the defined benefit scheme deficits (Local Government Pension Scheme) as a significant liability. However, as the trustees of the trust consider that the academy trust is able to meet its annual deficit contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, the risk from this liability is minimised and is manageable.

### **Fundraising**

Fundraising is undertaken by the Academy itself and income is received primarily through the schools tuck shop which sells health snacks 3 times a day and some half term challenges. Fundraising is also received through various donations and commissions.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

Bramley Grange Primary transferred into White Woods Primary Academy Trust on 1 November 2023. We will continue with our commitment towards delivering a set of core characteristics:

- High standards of behaviour and attitudes to learning.
- Outstanding teaching and learning
- A personalised school curriculum and assessment system
- An organisation where high standards is the norm and all achieve and progress well.
- Fully inclusive approach where all children are equally important
- Positive relationships

### **Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others**

There are no funds held as custodian on behalf of others.

### **Auditor**

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

The trustee's report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees as the company directors, on 19 December 2023 and signed on the boards behalf by:



**A Wing**

**Chair of Trustees**

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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#### Scope of responsibility

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

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

#### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 12 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Z Norris (Acting Accounting Officer) (Appointed 22 November 2022 and resigned 16 April 2023)	8	9
A Bugdol	10	12
A Wing (Chair)	12	12
S Macwilliam	12	12
K Winter (Resigned 7 March 2023)	6	7
R Foxtton (Appointed 22 November 2022)	9	12
R Colquhoun (Resigned 31 March 2023)	2	2
K Davies (Accounting Officer) (Appointed 17 April 2023)	2	3
M Muffet (Resigned 16 September 2022)	0	0

During the year K Davies (CEO of White Woods Primary Academy Trust), Z Norris (previous Acting Head Teacher) and R Foxtton were appointed as trustees. M Muffett, K Winter, R Colquhoun and Z Norris all resigned during the year.

Following the Ofsted inspection of Bramley Grange Primary in October 2022 the Trust Board was supported by Trustees from another local Multi Academy Trust.

#### Conflicts of interest

The academy trust has an effective system in place to ensure conflicts of interests are managed, this includes the maintenance of an up-to-date register of interests that all trustees and governors are required to complete on an annual basis. Trustees and governors must declare any interests in any of the agenda items at every meetings, and this is a standard agenda item. Any conflicts disclosed the trustee or governor is unable to take part in any discussions for which they have a conflict and are prohibited to vote.

#### Governance reviews

During the year, steps were taken to strengthen the governance of the Trust with the appointment of a governance consultant. A strategic group was also formed with the leaders of White Woods Primary Academy Trust to oversee the leadership of the Trust.

#### Review of value for money

As accounting officer the chief executive officer has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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The accounting officer considers how the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Putting value for money at the heart of all purchases
- Having effective strategic processes in place with clear objectives and priorities shared with the academy trust board
- Investing in training
- Investing in electronic systems
- Reviewing service level agreements
- Measuring and tracking impact at all levels
- Ensuring the academy trust board and business staff have the relevant knowledge, experience and skills to carry out their role
- Carrying out tender processes where appropriate
- Use of benchmarking data to evaluate current costs
- Seeking cost reductions and balancing with quality
- Being open and transparent where legislation allows

#### **The purpose of the system of internal control**

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in The Grange Trust for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

There have been significant challenges faced during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, with the requirement for an interim CFO and Accounting Officer appointment in January 2023 and June 2023 respectively.

#### **Capacity to handle risk**

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

#### **The risk and control framework**

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

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

The board of trustees decided to employ MGRW as internal scrutiny provider.

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## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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The internal scrutiny provider'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:

- Governance transparency
- Management reporting
- Income recognition
- Procurement and purchase order processing
- Budget planning and monitoring
- Accounting control reconciliations
- Payroll
- Related parties review
- Review of trading activities/private funds
- Risk management
- Benchmarking

The board of trustees have received the reports from the internal auditors covering the above areas.

The recommendations are in the process of being reviewed and actioned as required.

#### Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer the chief executive officer has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- 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 trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



A Wing  
Chair

K Davies  
Accounting Officer



# THE GRANGE TRUST

## STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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I became Accounting Officer of the trust on 17 April 2023.

As Accounting Officer of The Grange Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

I confirm that I and the academy trust's board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

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

### **Finance systems**

There was no permanent Chief Finance Officer or equivalent for the academic year and the trust was reliant on support from the Local Authority and supporting MAT. As a result, a number of weaknesses within the finance systems have been raised within the Internal Audit/Internal Scrutiny Reports and within the external auditor's management letter.

Approved on 19 December 2023 and signed by:



K Davies

**Acting Accounting Officer**

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## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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The trustees (who are also the directors of The Grange Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- make judgements 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



A Wing  
Chair

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANGE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Grange Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the accounts, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

### 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 accounts' section of our report. We are independent of the academy trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of matter

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1.2 to the financial statements regarding going concern. As detailed in the accounting policy, Bramley Grange Primary School rebrokered into White Woods Primary Academy Trust on 1 November 2023.

Accordingly, the trustees have decided that the going concern basis of preparation is no longer appropriate and the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in note 1.2 to the financial statements.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts 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 the audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the accounts themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



# THE GRANGE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANGE TRUST (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023*

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report, including the incorporated 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 accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 accounts.

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and the audit response**

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

At the planning stage we identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general academy sector experience and through discussion with management, as required by auditing standards. The potential effect of any laws and regulation on the financial statements can vary considerably. There are laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements (e.g. the Companies Act, the Charities SORP 2019, the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022) as well as many other operational laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANGE TRUST (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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We have assessed the overall susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement due to irregularities as moderate risk due to the inherent regulatory environment and financial reporting requirements within the sector. Furthermore, increased public scrutiny due to use of public funds increases the risk around certain financial reporting disclosures. However, as a result, there are stronger financial controls around sensitive financial reporting disclosures imposed by the ESFA therefore this reduces the risk of material misstatements as a result of irregularities being undetected. The procedures performed by the audit team included:

- Communicating identified laws and regulations at planning throughout the audit team to remain alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations including the current Academies Accounts Direction.
- Review of any OFSTED reports within the period.
- Review of the Internal Scrutiny Reports delivered in the year.
- Ensuring that any findings noted as part of our work on regularity (as detailed in our Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report) which indicate the possibility of irregularities and fraud, including any breaches of the Academies Financial Handbook, are also considered as part of our conclusions here.
- Review of the Accounting Officer's Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance and the academy trust's Governance Statement disclosures.

We have assessed the overall susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud. Management override is the most common way in which fraud might present itself and is therefore inherently high risk on any audit. Management override, which may cause there to be a material misstatement within the financial statements, may present itself in a number of ways, for example:

- Override of internal controls (e.g. segregation of duties)
- Entering into transactions outside the normal course of operations, especially with related parties
- Fraudulent revenue recognition and income being recorded in the wrong period
- Presenting bias in accounting judgements and estimates, particularly the ones disclosed in note 2 to the financial statements.

In order to reduce the risk of material misstatement to an acceptable level, numerous audit procedures were performed including:

- Enquiries of management as to whether they had any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud
- Review of all material journal entries made throughout the year as well as those made to prepare the financial statements.
- Review of financial data for evidence of previously unidentified related party transactions that may not have been conducted in accordance with the Academy Trust Handbook.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing the underlying rationale behind transactions in order to assess whether they were outside the normal course of business
- Increased substantive testing across all material income streams
- Assessing whether management's judgements and estimates indicated potential bias, particularly those disclosed in note 2 to the financial statements
- Review of legal fees and any associated correspondence
- Review of the findings of the internal audit function for any suspected instances of fraud.

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANGE TRUST (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. Furthermore, as with all audits, there is a higher risk of irregularities (especially those relating to fraud) being undetected, as these may involve the override of internal controls, collusion, intentional omissions and misrepresentations etc. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and therefore cannot be expected to detect all instances of such. Our audit was not designed to identify misstatements or other irregularities that would not be considered to be material to the financial statements. The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://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 charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Hannah Jones (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Hart Shaw LLP

21 December 2023

**Chartered Accountants**  
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# THE GRANGE TRUST

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Grange Trust during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Grange Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the The Grange Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Grange Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of The Grange Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant**

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Grange Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 30 September 2014 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

### **Approach**

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw our conclusions included:

- reviewing for transactions which require ESFA approval in accordance with the Academy Trust Handbook 2022;
- reviewing any special payments to staff (compensation, severance and ex-gratia) to ensure compliance with the Academy Trust Handbook 2022;
- reviewing for any borrowings that contravene the Academy Trust Handbook 2022;
- reviewing for connected party transactions to ensure compliance with the Academy Trust Handbook 2022;
- reviewing for any evidence of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing committee meeting minutes for indications of irregular transactions;
- carrying out systems and controls testing and considering the effectiveness of such controls; and
- carrying out targeted substantive testing to review for any unusual or irregular transactions.

# THE GRANGE TRUST

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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### **Conclusion**

In the course of our work, except for the matters detailed below, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

### **Finance Systems**

The trust did not have a permanent CFO or equivalent in place throughout the year. As a result, a number of weaknesses within the finance systems have been raised within the Internal Audit/Internal Scrutiny Reports and within our report to management, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Various cheques were processed but did not clear due to not being correctly authorised by the Trust. As a result, in some cases, this has resulted in the expenditure being subsequently recorded twice on the system, overstating expenditure and overclaiming VAT.
- Two invoices were paid twice and two supplier statements showing credit balances were incorrectly overpaid by the Trust. This has resulted in unnecessary expenditure/outflow of cash for the Trust. In addition VAT had been reclaimed twice on the invoices.
- There is no error identification and correction process in place.

In addition to the above, there was an interim CFO at the start of the academic year however, this appointment was not formally approved by the Board. This was subsequently identified by the Board, and the matter was resolved in the year.

*Hart Shaw LLP*

### **Reporting Accountant**

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Dated: 21 December 2023

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	3	5,126	-	22,126	27,252	9,447
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	56,807	1,347,821	-	1,404,628	1,441,793
Other trading activities	5	4,080	-	-	4,080	8,694
Investments	6	67	-	-	67	18
<b>Total</b>		<u>66,080</u>	<u>1,347,821</u>	<u>22,126</u>	<u>1,436,027</u>	<u>1,459,952</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	8	18,458	1,468,140	57,285	1,543,883	1,575,274
<b>Total</b>	7	<u>18,458</u>	<u>1,468,140</u>	<u>57,285</u>	<u>1,543,883</u>	<u>1,575,274</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		47,622	(120,319)	(35,159)	(107,856)	(115,322)
Transfers between funds	17	(75,243)	78,015	(2,772)	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	19	-	179,000	-	179,000	650,000
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(27,621)</u>	<u>136,696</u>	<u>(37,931)</u>	<u>71,144</u>	<u>534,678</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		<u>27,621</u>	<u>(351,000)</u>	<u>2,222,713</u>	<u>1,899,334</u>	<u>1,364,656</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>-</u>	<u>(214,304)</u>	<u>2,184,782</u>	<u>1,970,478</u>	<u>1,899,334</u>

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2022	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted funds:		Total
		funds	General	Fixed asset	2022
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and capital grants	3	2,492	-	6,955	9,447
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	60,484	1,381,309	-	1,441,793
Other trading activities	5	8,694	-	-	8,694
Investments	6	18	-	-	18
<b>Total</b>		<u>71,688</u>	<u>1,381,309</u>	<u>6,955</u>	<u>1,459,952</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	22,475	1,492,349	60,450	1,575,274
<b>Total</b>	7	<u>22,475</u>	<u>1,492,349</u>	<u>60,450</u>	<u>1,575,274</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		49,213	(111,040)	(53,495)	(115,322)
Transfers between funds	17	(76,223)	63,940	12,283	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	19	-	650,000	-	650,000
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(27,010)</u>	<u>602,900</u>	<u>(41,212)</u>	<u>534,678</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		54,631	(953,900)	2,263,925	1,364,656
Total funds carried forward		<u>27,621</u>	<u>(351,000)</u>	<u>2,222,713</u>	<u>1,899,334</u>

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,180,014		2,222,713
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	13	-		2,095	
Debtors	14	68,276		48,915	
Cash at bank and in hand		142,763		136,734	
		<u>211,039</u>		<u>187,744</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(248,575)		(160,123)	
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>			<u>(37,536)</u>		<u>27,621</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>			<u>2,142,478</u>		<u>2,250,334</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19		(172,000)		(351,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u><u>1,970,478</u></u>		<u><u>1,899,334</u></u>
<b>Funds of the academy trust:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>	17				
- Fixed asset funds			2,184,782		2,222,713
- Restricted income funds			(42,304)		-
- Pension reserve			(172,000)		(351,000)
<b>Total restricted funds</b>			<u>1,970,478</u>		<u>1,871,713</u>
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	17		-		27,621
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><u>1,970,478</u></u>		<u><u>1,899,334</u></u>

The accounts on pages 20 to 42 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
A Wing  
Chair

Company registration number 09150608 (England and Wales)



# THE GRANGE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	20		(1,578)		24,772
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		67		18	
Capital grants from DfE Group		22,126		6,955	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(14,586)		(19,238)	
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>			<u>7,607</u>		<u>(12,265)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			6,029		12,507
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			<u>136,734</u>		<u>124,227</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>			<u><u>142,763</u></u>		<u><u>136,734</u></u>

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

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

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts.

On 1 November 2023, Bramley Grange Primary school has rebrokered to another multi academy trust, White Woods Primary Academy Trust. The academy has continued to operate within White Woods Primary Academy Trust. The Grange Trust has ceased operations. The trustees will oversee the closing down of The Grange Trust and will apply to Companies House for the company to be dissolved.

As such the trustees do not believe the going concern basis to be appropriate and these financial statements have not been prepared on that basis, but have been prepared on an alternative basis to comply with the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

#### 1.3 Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the academy trust has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### Grants

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

##### Donations

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

##### Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the academy trust has provided the goods or services.

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### Donated fixed assets

Donated fixed assets are measured at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy trust's accounting policies.

#### 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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

##### Expenditure on raising funds

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

##### Charitable activities

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

#### 1.5 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. 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 such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy trust's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

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

Leasehold land	Over the lease term 125 years
Buildings	2% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15% reducing balance

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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.

#### 1.6 Liabilities

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

#### 1.7 Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

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

##### Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

##### Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

#### 1.9 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.10 Taxation

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### 1.11 Pensions benefits

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

# THE GRANGE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 19, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

#### 1.12 Fund accounting

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

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

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

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

##### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, 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 2023. 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.

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### 3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Capital grants	-	22,126	22,126	6,955
Other donations	5,126	-	5,126	2,492
	<u>5,126</u>	<u>22,126</u>	<u>27,252</u>	<u>9,447</u>

### 4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	1,072,275	1,072,275	1,120,280
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
- UIFSM	-	31,367	31,367	27,235
- Pupil premium	-	55,180	55,180	55,758
- Supplementary grant	-	45,086	45,086	12,643
- Others	-	31,077	31,077	31,573
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,234,985</u>	<u>1,234,985</u>	<u>1,247,489</u>
<b>Other government grants</b>				
Local authority grants	-	104,992	104,992	129,252
	<u>-</u>	<u>104,992</u>	<u>104,992</u>	<u>129,252</u>
<b>COVID-19 additional funding</b>				
<b>DfE/ESFA</b>				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	7,844	7,844	4,568
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,844</u>	<u>7,844</u>	<u>4,568</u>
<b>Other incoming resources</b>	<u>56,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,807</u>	<u>60,484</u>
<b>Total funding</b>	<u>56,807</u>	<u>1,347,821</u>	<u>1,404,628</u>	<u>1,441,793</u>

The academy received £7,844 (2022: £4,568) of funding for recovery premium which was spent in full during the year.

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### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Insurance claims for staff absence	4,080	-	4,080	8,042
Other income	-	-	-	652
	<u>4,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,080</u>	<u>8,694</u>

### 6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Short term deposits	67	-	67	18
	<u>67</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>18</u>

### 7 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure Premises £	Other £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	951,854	-	197,513	1,149,367	1,087,940
- Allocated support costs	56,919	178,546	159,051	394,516	487,334
	<u>1,008,773</u>	<u>178,546</u>	<u>356,564</u>	<u>1,543,883</u>	<u>1,575,274</u>

#### Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2023 £	2022 £
Operating lease rentals	12,088	21,878
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	57,285	60,450
Fees payable to auditor for audit services	14,500	6,300
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	15,000	16,000
	<u>108,873</u>	<u>104,628</u>

### 8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Educational operations	18,458	1,130,909	1,149,367	1,087,940
<b>Support costs</b>				
Educational operations	-	394,516	394,516	487,334
	<u>18,458</u>	<u>1,525,425</u>	<u>1,543,883</u>	<u>1,575,274</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

8 Charitable activities	(Continued)	
	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Analysis of support costs</b>		
Support staff costs	56,919	150,860
Depreciation	57,285	60,450
Premises costs	121,261	110,717
Legal costs	6,832	5,089
Other support costs	129,036	151,493
Governance costs	23,183	8,725
	<u>394,516</u>	<u>487,334</u>
	<u><u>394,516</u></u>	<u><u>487,334</u></u>
<b>9 Staff</b>		
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Staff costs during the year were:		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	606,674	653,788
Social security costs	52,960	57,316
Pension costs	126,195	174,887
	<u>785,829</u>	<u>885,991</u>
Staff costs - employees	785,829	885,991
Agency staff costs	222,944	144,315
Staff restructuring costs	-	16,205
	<u>1,008,773</u>	<u>1,046,511</u>
Staff development and other staff costs	2,882	5,049
	<u>1,011,655</u>	<u>1,051,560</u>
	<u><u>1,011,655</u></u>	<u><u>1,051,560</u></u>
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Severance payments	-	16,205
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,205</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 9 Staff

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#### Staff numbers

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Teachers	10	12
Administration and support	11	11
Management	3	3
	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>

#### Higher paid staff

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

#### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £232,605 (2022: £263,189).

### 10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The chief executive officer and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of chief executive officer and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payments from the academy trust in respect of their role as trustees.

The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

#### R Colquhoun (Chief Executive Officer):

Remuneration (excluding pension) £65,000 - £70,000 (2022: - £80,000 - £85,000)

Employers' pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2022: £15,000 - £20,000)

#### Z Norris (Acting Accounting Officer):

Remuneration (excluding pension) £30,000 - £35,000 (2022: £nil)

Employers' pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2022: £nil)

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#### 11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business. The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) and provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim and the cost of this insurance is included in total insurance cost.

#### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land	Leasehold improvements	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2022	1,811,150	590,792	118,134	198,264	2,718,340
Additions	-	-	10,501	4,085	14,586
At 31 August 2023	1,811,150	590,792	128,635	202,349	2,732,926
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 September 2022	218,051	37,788	107,889	131,899	495,627
Charge for the year	27,543	11,807	7,700	10,235	57,285
At 31 August 2023	245,594	49,595	115,589	142,134	552,912
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 August 2023	1,565,556	541,197	13,046	60,215	2,180,014
At 31 August 2022	1,593,099	553,004	10,245	66,365	2,222,713

#### 13 Stock

	2023 £	2022 £
Educational supplies	-	2,095

#### 14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
VAT recoverable	40,674	21,691
Prepayments and accrued income	27,602	27,224
	68,276	48,915

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	175,409	96,427
Other taxation and social security	12,788	13,300
Other creditors	10,426	14,637
Accruals and deferred income	49,952	35,759
	<u>248,575</u>	<u>160,123</u>

### 16 Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	25,682	16,161
	<u>25,682</u>	<u>16,161</u>
Deferred income at 1 September 2022	16,161	16,729
Released from previous years	(16,161)	(16,729)
Amounts deferred in the year	25,682	16,161
	<u>25,682</u>	<u>16,161</u>
<b>Deferred income at 31 August 2023</b>	<u>25,682</u>	<u>16,161</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for Universal Infant Free School Meals which relates to the 2023/24 academic year.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,072,275	(1,192,594)	78,015	(42,304)
UIFSM	-	31,367	(31,367)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	55,180	(55,180)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	7,844	(7,844)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	76,163	(76,163)	-	-
Other government grants	-	104,992	(104,992)	-	-
Pension reserve	(351,000)	-	-	179,000	(172,000)
	<u>(351,000)</u>	<u>1,347,821</u>	<u>(1,468,140)</u>	<u>257,015</u>	<u>(214,304)</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Inherited on conversion	1,604,245	-	(30,973)	-	1,573,272
DfE group capital grants	560,920	22,126	(15,233)	(2,772)	565,041
Capital expenditure from GAG	54,148	-	(7,779)	-	46,369
Private sector capital sponsorship	3,400	-	(3,300)	-	100
	<u>2,222,713</u>	<u>22,126</u>	<u>(57,285)</u>	<u>(2,772)</u>	<u>2,184,782</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>1,871,713</u>	<u>1,369,947</u>	<u>(1,525,425)</u>	<u>254,243</u>	<u>1,970,478</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	<u>27,621</u>	<u>66,080</u>	<u>(18,458)</u>	<u>(75,243)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,899,334</u>	<u>1,436,027</u>	<u>(1,543,883)</u>	<u>179,000</u>	<u>1,970,478</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 17 Funds

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

#### **General Annual Grant**

The General Annual Grant (GAG) funds have been spent in line with the terms of the Master Funding Agreement. Under this funding agreement, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2023.

#### **Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)**

The Universal Infant Free School Meals grant is to provide free school meals for all infant pupils.

#### **Pupil Premium**

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to academies so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

#### **Catch-up Premium**

Catch-up premium is to support children and young people to catch up on missed learning caused by coronavirus.

#### **Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding**

This includes the recovery premium grant. This funding is to support pupils whose education has been affected by Covid-19.

#### **Other DfE / ESFA grants**

This includes the pupil premium funding, Universal Infant Free School Meals funding, teachers pay grant and the PE and sports grant.

The pupil premium is additional funding given to academies so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

The Teachers Pay Grant was funding received to contribute to the increase cost in teachers salary and employer national insurance contributions.

The PE and sports grant was funding received to support the sporting facilities of the academy.

Supplementary Grant provides support for the costs of the Health and Social Care Levy and wider costs.

#### **Other government grants**

This includes Early Years and High Needs funding issued to the academy by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

The Early Years funding is to support the Early Years provision of the academy.

The High Needs funding is to support pupils with additional needs.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 17 Funds

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The academy trust has made a transfer of £75,243 (2022 - £76,223) from unrestricted funds to restricted funds for the excess of in year expenditure over income.

A total of £2,772 (2022: £nil) has been transferred from the restricted fixed asset fund to restricted funds to cover the cost of capital items which did not meet the recognition criteria to be classified as an asset.

The academy trust has made a transfer of £nil (2022 - £12,283) from restricted funds to the restricted fixed asset fund for the additional capital expenditure in excess of the Devolved Formula Capital grant.

The restricted pension fund is in deficit to the value of £172,000 (2022 - £351,000) however an element of this deficit was inherited upon conversion to academy status. The trustees will continue to monitor this situation closely.

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

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,120,280	(1,184,220)	63,940	-
UIFSM	-	27,235	(27,235)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	55,758	(55,758)	-	-
Catch-up premium	8,100	-	(8,100)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	4,568	(4,568)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	44,216	(44,216)	-	-
Other government grants	-	129,252	(129,252)	-	-
Pension reserve	(962,000)	-	(39,000)	650,000	(351,000)
	<u>(953,900)</u>	<u>1,381,309</u>	<u>(1,492,349)</u>	<u>713,940</u>	<u>(351,000)</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Inherited on conversion	1,635,879	-	(31,634)	-	1,604,245
DfE group capital grants	570,770	6,955	(16,805)	-	560,920
Capital expenditure from GAG	50,576	-	(8,711)	12,283	54,148
Private sector capital sponsorship	6,700	-	(3,300)	-	3,400
	<u>2,263,925</u>	<u>6,955</u>	<u>(60,450)</u>	<u>12,283</u>	<u>2,222,713</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>1,310,025</u>	<u>1,388,264</u>	<u>(1,552,799)</u>	<u>726,223</u>	<u>1,871,713</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	<u>54,631</u>	<u>71,688</u>	<u>(22,475)</u>	<u>(76,223)</u>	<u>27,621</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,364,656</u>	<u>1,459,952</u>	<u>(1,575,274)</u>	<u>650,000</u>	<u>1,899,334</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,180,014	2,180,014
Current assets	-	204,849	6,190	211,039
Current liabilities	-	(247,153)	(1,422)	(248,575)
Pension scheme liability	-	(172,000)	-	(172,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(214,304)</b>	<b>2,184,782</b>	<b>1,970,478</b>
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,222,713	2,222,713
Current assets	27,621	158,701	1,422	187,744
Current liabilities	-	(158,701)	(1,422)	(160,123)
Pension scheme liability	-	(351,000)	-	(351,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>27,621</b>	<b>(351,000)</b>	<b>2,222,713</b>	<b>1,899,334</b>

### 19 Pension and similar obligations

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £9,950 (2022 - £10,551) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2023 and are included within creditors.

#### Teachers' Pension Scheme

##### Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academy trusts. 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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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 19 Pension and similar obligations

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#### 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 2024.

The pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £91,718 (2022 - £98,955).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

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

#### Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 5.5% to 12.5% for employers and 31.8% for employees.

The academy has entered into agreement with the governors to make additional contributions in addition to normal funding levels. These amounted to £24,000 per annum and ended in March 2023.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Total contributions made	2023	2022
	£	£
Employer's contributions	49,000	52,000
Employees' contributions	9,000	9,000
Total contributions	58,000	61,000



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 19 Pension and similar obligations

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Principal actuarial assumptions	2023 %	2022 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.60	4.20
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.00	3.20
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.20	4.25

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

	2023 Years	2022 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	20.6	22.6
- Females	23.6	25.4
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	21.4	24.1
- Females	25.0	27.3

	2023 '£000	2022 '£000
Discount rate + 0.1%	-20	-23
Discount rate - 0.1%	20	23
Mortality assumption + 1 year	38	43
Mortality assumption - 1 year	-38	-43
CPI rate + 0.1%	19	3
CPI rate - 0.1%	-19	-3
Pay growth + 0.1%	2	20
Pay growth - 0.1%	-2	-20

#### The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme

	2023 Fair value £	2022 Fair value £
Equities	536,000	499,000
Government	163,000	142,000
Cash/liquidity	8,000	7,000
Property	70,000	64,000
Total market value of assets	777,000	712,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £24,000 (2022: £(11,000)).

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### 19 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2023 £	2022 £
Current service cost	34,000	75,000
Interest income	(31,000)	(12,000)
Interest cost	46,000	28,000
Total operating charge	<u>49,000</u>	<u>91,000</u>

#### Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations

2023  
£

At 1 September 2022	1,063,000
Current service cost	34,000
Interest cost	46,000
Employee contributions	9,000
Actuarial gain	(186,000)
Benefits paid	(17,000)
At 31 August 2023	<u>949,000</u>

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

2023  
£

At 1 September 2022	712,000
Interest income	31,000
Actuarial loss	(7,000)
Employer contributions	49,000
Employee contributions	9,000
Benefits paid	(17,000)
At 31 August 2023	<u>777,000</u>

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

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		(107,856)	(115,322)
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(22,126)	(6,955)
Investment income receivable	6	(67)	(18)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	19	(15,000)	23,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	19	15,000	16,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		57,285	60,450
Decrease/(increase) in stocks		2,095	(2,095)
(Increase) in debtors		(19,361)	(2,617)
Increase in creditors		88,452	52,329
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities</b>		<u>(1,578)</u>	<u>24,772</u>

### 21 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	31 August 2023 £
Cash	136,734	6,029	142,763

### 22 Long-term commitments

#### Operating leases

At 31 August 2023 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts due within one year	4,120	20,848
Amounts due in two and five years	4,120	-
Amounts due after five years	7,210	-
	<u>15,450</u>	<u>20,848</u>

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#### **23 Related party transactions**

Owing to the nature of the academy trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the academy trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions and obtaining their approval where required.

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

#### **24 Post balance sheet events**

Bramley Grange Primary School rebrokered into White Woods Primary Academy Trust on 1 November 2023. At the date of transfer, Bramley Grange Primary School continued their operations under White Woods Primary Academy Trust but The Grange Trust ceased operations. All assets and liabilities were transferred at their balance sheet value on the transfer date for nil consideration. The trustees will oversee the closing down of The Grange Trust and will apply to Companies House for the company to be dissolved.

#### **25 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 or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member.