

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018
FOR
DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST**



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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MEMBERS

Br. L Hughes FSC De La Salle
Br. T Collins FSC De La Salle
Br. T Campbell FSC De La Salle
Msgr. M O'Dowd
G Proctor (Chair)*

TRUSTEES

G Proctor (Chair)*
D Hayes (Accounting Officer)*
T Collins (Resigned August 2018)
D Evans
E Davison (Sabbatical May 2018)*
S Trotter
A Lavelle
J Barnes
W Howard (Resigned March 2018)
P Cleworth
P Dwyer (Appointed May 2018)
S Mendy (Appointed September 2018)

*Indicates members of the Finance Committee

COMPANY SECRETARY

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REGISTERED OFFICE

Carr Lane East
Liverpool
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER

07466889 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS

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BANKERS

Barclays Bank Plc
164 Allerton Road
Liverpool
L18 2DH

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Principal	D Hayes
Head of School	A Freeman
Deputy Head of School	M Bennett (appointed January 2018)

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2018. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital (registration no. 07466889) and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

Members of the charitable company are nominated by either the Secretary of State for Education or by The Province of Great Britain of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the De La Salle Brothers), the lead sponsor of the Academy, and the Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trust, co-sponsor of the Academy. The articles of association require the members of the charitable company to appoint at least three directors to be responsible for the statutory and constitutional affairs of the charitable company and the management of the Academy. The Articles of Association provide for the two bodies to appoint governors to the Academy, together with other governors including the Principal, staff and parent representatives, and the opportunity to appoint Additional, Further and Co-opted governors.

The trustees of De La Salle Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. 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 amount as may be required, not exceeding £1, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' indemnities

The School is a member of the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA) which is a voluntary arrangement for academies and free schools. It is an alternative to insurance through which the costs of the risks that materialise will be covered by government funds.

The Governors Liability section of the RPA indemnifies Governors, employees of the Academy acting in a managerial capacity and any employee named as a co-defendant in a claim made against a governor.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Articles of Association provide for the province of Great Britain of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the De La Salle Brothers) and the Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trust, to appoint governors to the Academy, together with other governors including the Principal, staff and parent representatives, and the opportunity to appoint Additional, Further and Co-opted governors.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The training and induction for new governors will depend on their existing experience. During the year under review there were training events covering governor's responsibilities.

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Organisational structure

The Governors are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Academy by use of the budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. The Principal is supported by a Head of School and a Deputy Head of School, together with the Business and Finance Manager, forming the Senior Management Team. These managers lead the Academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Governors and reporting back to them. Below are the structures and responsibilities of the senior leadership team.

PRINCIPAL	HEAD OF SCHOOL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic leadership of the Academy. • Vision, ethos and culture development. • The quality assurance of educational provision and standards. • The financial management of the academy as the Accounting Officer. • Staff wellbeing • Income generation. • Statutory compliance. • Human resource management and recruitment. • Health and safety compliance. • Governance engagement and development. • Strategic partnerships • PR, marketing and public relations. • Strategic self-evaluation and development planning. • Academy wide leadership development and succession planning. • Ofsted readiness • Community engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day operational leadership and management of the academy • Provision and improved standards. • The academy monitoring, evaluation and review cycle. • Curriculum development and timetable construction. • CEIAG. • Student behaviour and attendance systems and improvement. • Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader. • Daily cover requirements. • Reporting and parents' evenings. • Academy events organisation. • The parent forum
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL	BUSINESS MANAGER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated safeguarding lead • Ethos formation. • The quality of teaching. • Teaching staff professional development. • Researching and developing cutting edge practice to improve students' learning. • Creating and leading an induction programme for new staff. • NQT • ITT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income and expenditure • Accounting procedures • VAT Returns • Benchmarking • Procurement • Finance assistant • Business development opportunities • Overseeing site and kitchen staff
HEADS OF FACULTY	HEADS OF YEAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day to day operational leadership and management of their faculty. • The development of provision and improved standards in their faculty. • Faculty self-evaluation and development planning. • Playing and active part in the academy monitoring, evaluation and review cycle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day to day operational leadership and management of a designated year group(s) • Attendance and behaviour standards • Liaise with Heads of Faculty and SENCo with regards to progress barriers for students

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Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The trustees of the De La Salle Academy Trust operate on a voluntary basis as Governors and therefore do not receive pay or remuneration for their role. The academy's senior leadership team are responsible for the day to day running of the academy and as such are paid on the leadership scale for teachers. Pay progression is determined annually through the performance management process. Leaders are paid on a 5-point range, depending on level of role and responsibilities.

Trade union facility time

During the year the cost of trade union facilities time was £1,274 which is less than 1% of the total staff costs.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

The Province of Great Britain of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the De La Salle Brothers) and Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trust are sponsors to De La Salle Academy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Academy Trust's objects ("the Objects") are specifically restricted to advancing for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum (both religious and secular), for persons of the Roman Catholic faith and for persons of other faiths or of no faith, in accordance with the ethos of De La Salle with religious education being undertaken in accordance with the tenets, teaching and practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

Public benefit

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

In accordance with the articles of association the charitable company has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Secretary of State for Education. The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the Academy, the catchment area from which the students are drawn, and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

The strategic objectives for the year were to:

- Strengthen leadership
- Strengthen teaching, particularly at Key Stage 3
- Raise Achievement at Key Stage 4
- Further enhance student standards, respect, tolerance and understanding
- Further enhance staff engagement, support and development
- Further develop efficient and effective business operations

The Academy is committed to the highest of standards in all aspects of academic and personal development. These would be achieved through high expectations and high levels of challenge. All pupils are treated as individuals, whose welfare, success and happiness are fundamental to our core purpose. All pupils have an entitlement to high quality teaching, and our regular monitoring of the quality of teaching and learning would seek to preserve and realise this entitlement. All pupils are gifted in some way, and it is our responsibility as a learning establishment to identify and nurture each pupil's strengths.

The Academy is in its eighth year of operation, having opened 1 January 2011. Total students in the year ended 31 August 2018 numbered 332, which was an increase of 20 students from the previous year. The Academy has obtained agreement from the Department for Education (DfE) to admit 120 students in each of the years 7 to 11, and to admit 150 students to the Sixth Form, however due to low numbers there are presently no students studying in the Sixth Form.

PUBLIC BENEFIT, SUSTAINABILITY, SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

Public benefit

The governors have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2016 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission in defining the strategic direction of the Academy.

Sustainability

The Academy is committed to sustainable development throughout all aspects of its operation. The Academy will continue to strive to meet or exceed the Sustainable Development in Government targets.

Payment performance

The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, which came into force on 1 November 1998, requires academies, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, to make payments to suppliers within 30 days of either the provision of goods or services or the date on which the invoices was received. The target was set by the Treasury for payment to suppliers within 30 days is 95 per cent. During the accounting period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018, the Academy paid the majority of its invoices within 30 days. The Academy incurred no interest charges in respect of late payment for this period. It is noted that the academy has improved its management of invoices, payments and cash flow.

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Key performance indicators

The Academy is committed to observing the importance of performance indicators, to ensure that it continues to strive for both educational and financial excellence.

The Academy is also monitored through the completion and submission of ESFA/DfE returns:

- a. The annual Academies Accounts Return
- b. The annual submission of financial statements
- c. Monthly management account submission

Academic Performance

The academic performance of the academy was in decline from 2014 and continued until 2017. Work has been underway with the new leadership to arrest the decline and build standards back up to previous positions. There were improvements across headline outcomes. During this financial year the following improvements were achieved:

- Attendance rose by 1.4%
- Persistent absenteeism reduced by 6.7%.
- Fixed term exclusions reduced by 20%
- Attainment 8 rose by 2 points
- Progress 8 improved from -1.33 to -0.95
- The number on roll rose by 30

*"Recent improvements are leading to stronger teaching in some parts of the school, especially in key stage 4".
Ofsted2017*

Financial Objectives

The Academy currently does not have a balanced cumulative budget position, however an in year balance budget was achieved this financial year, with an ongoing forecasted balanced position for 2018/19. This improved position has rapidly reduced the overall deficit.

The Academy's long term financial objectives are:

- to adopt a financial plan with the objective of achieving an annual operating surplus
- to pursue alternative sources of funding, on a selective basis, consistent with the Academy's core competencies and beliefs, with the objective of securing a financial contribution to the Academy's overall finances
- to generate sufficient levels of income to support the asset base of the Academy
- to further improve the Academy's shorter term liquidity
- to fund continued capital investment

The change in leadership and governance resulted in a complete review of the whole financial position of the Academy. Measures were taken to address a recognition that expenditure was exceeding projected income for the initial financial year and for future years. This had a significant impact on the levels of reserves and those projected for future years. The Academy has been working closely with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), the academy received a Financial Notice to Improve in July 2017 and has maintained a proactive relationship with the ESFA as finances have improved and deficit reduced.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries and working closely with the ESFA, despite the issuing of the FNTI, the Governing Body considers that the Academy has adequate resources and takes appropriate measures to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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Plans for future periods

The overall aim for the immediate future is to continue to strengthen and fully embed the new structures of Governance and Trust. This includes the strict adherence to financial controls that are now in place. The Academy will continue to strive to improve the levels of performance of its students at all levels and will continue its efforts to ensure its students get jobs or a place in higher education once they leave. The Academy will also increase its recruitment up to its agreed levels, accepting transfers from other schools and Academies into years 7 to 11 and seek to redevelop post 16 provision.

The Academy aims to provide the following opportunities and developments in the next year:

- Resourcing of departments, particularly for students with special educational needs
- ICT refresh to utilise portable student devices
- Offering local primary schools to source our facilities and skills
- Access and opportunity for community out of hour use
- Enhancement of our enrichment programme

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Donations

Several small donations were received for the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018.

Financial review

In common with the vast majority of academies, The De La Salle Academy is reliant upon the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for the most significant proportion of its income. This income is in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes, those being for the furtherance of education by the Academy. The level of funding is dependent upon pupil numbers as the primary factor within its calculation. In recent years, the Academy had experienced a reduction in the number of pupils on roll and this has had a detrimental impact on the amount of funding received. This has been a significant contributory factor in the reduction in the levels of balances held by the Academy, however, numbers have been increasing over the last few years and presently there is an 8 per cent increase in NOR from 2017/18 and a predicted 21 per cent rise expected in 2019/20.

The funding received from the ESFA is restricted in use and is therefore shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 August 2018, total expenditure of £2,926,391.

At 31 August 2018 the net book value of fixed assets was £6,368,202 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 12 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the Academy.

Financial position

The Academy held fund balances at 31 August 2018 of £5,233,180 comprising a deficit of £213,304 of restricted funds and £6,377,484 of restricted fixed asset funds and a pension reserve deficit of £931,000. Notwithstanding the LGPS deficit, the academy is currently a going concern despite its recent use of reserves to fund over expenditure. The Academy has net current liabilities of £204,022.

Reserves policy

The governors are required to review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. However, as stated the academy was subject to an FNTI and presently holds no reserves. The financial recovery plan sets out the trajectory towards re-establishing reserves as admissions continue to grow. The governors monitor the recovery plan regularly. As with the previous year, the academy has had to manage its cash flow carefully to ensure sufficient funds were available to pay committed expenditure.

The governors are required to review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. However, as the financial year experienced a significant change in the Governance, Leadership and Management, this has required a complete review of the whole financial position of the academy. Whilst this review is still incomplete, it has identified that Reserves have been used during the financial year to fund the shortfall in funding. The forward projection is being revised and plans will be put in place to address this matter. Governors are working with the Principal and Business Manager to seek a future position where income will contribute to reserves to ensure an appropriate working balance.

During the current financial year, the academy has had to manage its cash flow and reserves balances carefully to ensure sufficient funds are available to pay committed expenditure. This concern was identified as part of an initial review by the new Business Manager. Previous to that review it was identified that cash flow had not been closely managed. The academy recognises that the purpose of holding a suitable level of reserves is to provide sufficient working capital to cover current commitments and any unforeseen emergencies such as urgent maintenance. It has been recognised that the ongoing monitoring of cash flow during the year had not previously been brought to the attention of governors that this was a significant risk or of concern.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors have previously identified and reported on the major risks to the Academy. These risks have been identified previously as:

1. Government funding
2. Pupil roll
3. Maintain adequate funding of pension liabilities
4. Academy reputation

The Governors, as part of their complete review of all procedures and governance matters, will revise the Risk Register and address concerns as appropriate. This review will be discussed and agreed by the governors and, when reviewed, will establish systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The Academy has continued to undertake work during to embed the system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the Academy's assets and reputation. The Financial Regulations have been updated and awaiting approval in December 2018.

Based on its mission, the Governors and Leadership should undertake a comprehensive review of the risks to which the Academy is exposed. It has been identified that the previous governance had not completed this review adequately.

Outlined below is a description of the principal risk factors that now affect the Academy. Not all the factors are within the Academy's control. Other factors besides those listed may also adversely affect the Academy.

1. Government Funding: Changes to funding from the new national funding formula may impact on the sustainability of the academies financial position.
2. Pupil Numbers: Current numbers are 353 against a full capacity of 750. Therefore, despite current difficulties, there is a need to improve the levels of pupils on roll. This includes the numbers continuing into Post 16 education within the academy as there are currently no students studying at KS5.
3. Cash Flow management: It has been a recognised concern that the levels of cash held in reserve have fallen to a point whereby sufficient funds may not have been available to pay current commitments. This has been addressed, however, this will require careful management moving forward to prevent reoccurrence.
4. Adherence to revised and improved Financial Procedures: It has been recognised that the Academy did not have robust financial procedures in place. This was addressed as a matter of urgency. It is a continued risk for all academies that the adherence to these procedures is a prerequisite for robust financial management. Therefore, Leadership have adopted the procedures and will ensure they are adhered to taking appropriate action should this be necessary.
5. Maintain adequate funding of pension liabilities: The financial statements report the share of the pension scheme deficit on the Academy's balance sheet in line with the requirements of FRS 17.
6. Ofsted Judgement: The Academy's outcomes have been in decline and below national standards for a sometime. Improvements have been made to outcomes but continued improvements are required.

Fundraising

During the year the Trust has undertaken minor fundraising activities, none of which involved external fundraising organisations.

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AUDITORS

The auditors, Howard Worth, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditor

The Trustees have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the Trustees have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

The Trustees report is approved by order of the board of Trustees and the strategic report (included therein) is approved by the board of Trustees in their capacity as the directors at a meeting on and signed on its behalf by:

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 December 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr G Proctor – Chair

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
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Scope of Responsibility

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

The board of the trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, 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 De La Salle Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Report of the Trustees and in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 6 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
D Hayes	6	6
G Proctor	6	6
A Lavelle	6	6
E Davidson	4	4
W Howard	3	3
J Barnes	5	6
T Collins	2	6
D Evans	4	6
S Trotter	6	6
P Cleworth	6	6
S Taphou	4	5
J Owens	2	2
P Dwyer	0	2

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During the year a review of governance was carried out and determined that a model of 6 full governing body meetings per year should be adopted. These meetings would then consider all business at FGB level, including finance. This model was adopted in the summer term, as such the original Finance Committee met 3 times up to the end of the spring term. Attendance at Finance meetings in the year was as follows:

Resource Committee Attendance

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
D Hayes	3	3
G Proctor	3	3
E Davidson	3	3
W Howard	3	3
P Cleworth	3	3

Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer the Principal 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.

As accounting officer for Principal 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 social outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. From taking up post in January 2016 the incoming accounting officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money by:

- Reviewing all timetables and maintaining a higher contact ratio
- Reduced the reliance on supply cover
- Maintained increased the pupil teacher ratio through larger class sizes
- Restructured the curriculum from individual subjects to a broader faculty reducing the number of leaders and increase the number of staff being managed in teams
- Updated and introduced the scheme of delegation to ensure adherence to financial levels of authority
- Reduced excessive contracts that were not cost effective or providing value for money
- Improved lettings take up
- Improved catering provision and value for money
- Developed a flexible approach to support staffing

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 charitable company 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 De La Salle Academy Trust for the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

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Capacity to Handle Risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the charitable company is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the charitable company's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 10 December 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr G Proctor – Chair

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Mr David Hayes - Accounting Officer

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**STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

As accounting officer of De La Salle Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the charitable company board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the charitable company, under the funding agreement in place between the charitable company and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

I confirm that I and the charitable company board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the charitable company, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the charitable company's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

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

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Mr David Hayes - Accounting Officer

Date: 10 December 2018

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

The trustees (who act as governors of De La Salle Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 December 2018 and signed on it's behalf by:

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Mr G Proctor – Chair

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of De La Salle Academy Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2018 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2018 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 2015 and Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
 - the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

Fran Johnson BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Howard Worth
Chartered Accountants and
Statutory Auditors
Drake House
Gadbrook Park
Northwich
Cheshire
CW9 7RA

Date: 10 December 2018

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by De La Salle Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 De La Salle Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to De La Salle Academy Trust and the 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 De La Salle Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of De La Salle Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of De La Salle Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2017, 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 2017 to 2018. 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 2017 to 31 August 2018 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the 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 charitable company's income and expenditure.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention, except for the matters referred to below, which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Matter 1: Under the FntI the school should obtain ESFA approval before entering into a new lease. The required approval was not obtained.

Matter 1: Under the FntI the school should obtain ESFA approval before entering into any non-contractual staff severance arrangements. The required approval was not obtained.

Howard Worth
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Date: 10 December 2018

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

				31/8/18	31/8/17
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total funds	Total funds
Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Charitable activities					
Donations and capital grants	2	2,596	-	9,282	11,878
Funding for the academy's educational operations	3	73,834	2,591,939	-	2,665,773
Other trading activities	4	59,875	-	-	59,875
Investment income	5	803	-	-	803
Total		<u>137,108</u>	<u>2,591,939</u>	<u>9,282</u>	<u>2,738,329</u>
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities					
Academy's educational operations		<u>137,108</u>	<u>2,646,243</u>	<u>143,040</u>	<u>2,926,391</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		-	(54,304)	(133,758)	(188,062)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit schemes		-	<u>159,000</u>	-	<u>159,000</u>
Net movement in funds		-	104,696	(133,758)	(29,062)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		-	(1,249,000)	6,511,242	5,262,242
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,144,304)</u>	<u>6,377,484</u>	<u>5,233,180</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 AUGUST 2018**

				31/8/18	31/8/17	
	Note	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	12	-	-	6,368,202	6,368,202	6,511,242
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	-	104,559	-	104,559	27,000
Cash at bank and in hand		-	39,355	9,282	48,637	74,000
		-	143,914	9,282	153,196	101,000
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	14	-	(357,218)	-	(357,218)	(314,000)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)						
		-	(213,304)	9,282	(204,022)	(213,000)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
		-	(213,304)	6,377,484	6,164,180	6,298,242
PENSION LIABILITY						
	19	-	(931,000)	-	(931,000)	(1,036,000)
NET ASSETS						
		-	(1,144,304)	6,377,484	5,233,180	5,262,242
FUNDS						
Unrestricted funds:	18				-	-
Restricted funds:						
Pension Reserve					(931,000)	(1,036,000)
Restricted fixed asset fund					6,377,484	6,511,242
General Annual Grant					(213,304)	(213,000)
					5,233,180	5,262,242
TOTAL FUNDS						
					5,233,180	5,262,242

The notes form part of these financial statements

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31 AUGUST 2018**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 December 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr G Proctor – Chair

The notes form part of these financial statements

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	Notes	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(5,448)</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>(5,448)</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(12,000)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		9,282	10,000
Interest received		<u>803</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>10,085</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Loan repayments in year		<u>(30,000)</u>	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>(30,000)</u>	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>74,000</u>	<u>62,000</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>48,637</u>	<u>74,000</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(188,062)	(388,000)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	143,040	177,000
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	(9,282)	(10,000)
Interest received	(803)	(1,000)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(77,559)	3,000
Increase in creditors	73,218	180,000
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	<u>54,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(5,448)</u>	<u>13,000</u>

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

De La Salle Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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 at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received 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 it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Other income

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

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

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

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.

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 as detailed in note 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 14 and 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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 part 11, chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension 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.

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. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the academy trust has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

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

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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 (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 2018. 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.

2. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	31/8/18	31/8/17
	£	£
Capital grants	9,282	10,000
Other donations	<u>2,596</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>11,878</u>	<u>20,000</u>

3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	31/8/18	31/8/17
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
School meals	43,579	-	43,579	36,000
School trips and activities	30,255	-	30,255	25,000
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,591,939</u>	<u>2,591,939</u>	<u>2,442,000</u>
	<u>73,834</u>	<u>2,591,939</u>	<u>2,665,773</u>	<u>2,503,000</u>

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS - continued

An analysis of grants received is given below:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/8/18 Total funds £	31/8/17 Total funds £
DfE/ESFA revenue grant				
General Annual Grant(GAG)	-	2,205,760	2,205,760	2,237,000
Pupil Premium	-	242,793	242,793	203,000
Other DfE/EFSA grants	-	133,562	133,562	-
	-	2,582,115	2,582,115	2,440,000
Other government grant				
Local Authority Grants	-	9,824	9,824	2,000
	-	2,591,939	2,591,939	2,442,000

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Hire of facilities	46,703	56,000
Other income	13,172	-
	<u>59,875</u>	<u>56,000</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Deposit account interest	<u>803</u>	<u>1,000</u>

6. EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure Premises £	Other costs £	31/8/18 Total £	31/8/17 Total £
Charitable activities					
Academies educational operations					
Direct costs	1,481,316	143,040	255,523	1,879,879	1,604,000
Allocated support costs	<u>487,402</u>	<u>426,014</u>	<u>133,096</u>	<u>1,046,512</u>	<u>1,364,000</u>
	<u>1,968,718</u>	<u>569,054</u>	<u>388,619</u>	<u>2,926,391</u>	<u>2,968,000</u>

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

6. EXPENDITURE - continued

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/8/18	31/8/17
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	11,000	8,000
Auditors' remuneration for non-audit work	2,000	-
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>143,040</u>	<u>177,000</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/8/18 Total funds £	31/8/17 Total funds £
Direct costs	137,108	1,742,771	1,879,879	1,604,000
Support costs	<u>-</u>	<u>1,046,512</u>	<u>1,046,512</u>	<u>1,364,000</u>
	<u>137,108</u>	<u>2,789,283</u>	<u>2,926,391</u>	<u>2,968,000</u>

	31/8/18 Total £	31/8/17 Total £
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	487,402	569,000
Technology costs	19,933	-
Premises costs	409,238	427,000
Other support costs	100,163	266,000
Governance costs	<u>29,776</u>	<u>102,000</u>
Total support costs	<u>1,046,512</u>	<u>1,364,000</u>

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment.

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

D Hayes (principal and trustee):

Remuneration £80,001- £85,000 (2017: £80,001 - £85,000)

Employer's pension contributions paid: £10,001 - £15,000 (2017: £10,001 - £15,000)

D Evans (staff member and trustee):

Remuneration £40,001- £45,000 (2017: £40,000 - £45,000)

Employer's pension contributions paid: £5,001 - £10,000 (2017: £5,001 - £10,000)

S McGovern (staff member and trustee):

Remuneration £35,001- £40,000 (2017: £30,001 - £35,000)

Employer's pension contributions paid: £5,001 - £10,000 (2017: £5,001 - £10,000)

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2018 nor for the year ended 31 August 2017.

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY TRUST

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

9. STAFF COSTS

	31/8/18	31/8/17
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,433,895	1,382,373
Social security costs	150,283	143,000
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	<u>250,774</u>	<u>298,000</u>
	1,834,952	1,823,373
Supply teacher costs	102,808	75,627
Severance payments	29,456	-
Redundancy payments	<u>1,502</u>	<u>38,000</u>
	<u><u>1,968,718</u></u>	<u><u>1,937,000</u></u>

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charitable company during the year was as follows:

	31/8/18	31/8/17
Teachers	25	27
Administration and support	25	24
Management	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u><u>53</u></u>	<u><u>55</u></u>

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

	31/8/18	31/8/17
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
£90,001 - £100,000	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u><u>2</u></u>	<u><u>2</u></u>

Non-statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £29,456 (2017: £nil). Individually, the payments were: £11,889 (accrued) and £16,000 and £1,567 made on 30 August 2018.

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 employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £242,260 (2017: £240,959.)

10. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

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

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and capital grants	10,000	-	10,000	20,000
Charitable activities				
Funding for the academy's educational operations	61,000	2,442,000	-	2,503,000
Other trading activities	56,000	-	-	56,000
Investment income	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	128,000	2,442,000	10,000	2,580,000
 EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Academy's educational operations	<u>117,000</u>	<u>2,674,000</u>	<u>177,000</u>	<u>2,968,000</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	11,000	(232,000)	(167,000)	(388,000)
Transfers between funds	<u>(11,000)</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit schemes	<u>-</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,000</u>
Net movement in funds	-	167,000	(165,000)	2,000
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,416,000)</u>	<u>6,676,242</u>	<u>5,260,242</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(1,249,000)</u></u>	<u><u>6,511,242</u></u>	<u><u>5,262,242</u></u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018	<u>7,152,000</u>	<u>232,000</u>	<u>345,000</u>	<u>7,729,000</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2017	640,758	232,000	345,000	1,217,758
Charge for year	<u>143,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,040</u>
At 31 August 2018	<u>783,798</u>	<u>232,000</u>	<u>345,000</u>	<u>1,360,798</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2018	<u>6,368,202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,368,202</u>
At 31 August 2017	<u>6,511,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,511,242</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Trade debtors	5,803	7,000
Other debtors	29,168	-
VAT	20,960	15,000
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>48,628</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>104,559</u>	<u>27,000</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Other loans (see note 15)	115,000	145,000
Trade creditors	66,780	122,000
Social security and other taxes	45,521	37,000
Other creditors	29,388	-
Accrued expenses	<u>100,529</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>357,218</u>	<u>314,000</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>115,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>

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16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31/8/18 £	31/8/17 £
Within one year	10,098	5,011
Between one and five years	<u>19,760</u>	<u>15,868</u>
	<u>29,858</u>	<u>20,879</u>

17. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/9/17 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/18 £
Restricted funds				
Pension Reserve	(1,036,000)	105,000	-	(931,000)
Restricted fixed asset fund	6,511,242	(133,758)	-	6,377,484
General Annual Grant	<u>(213,000)</u>	<u>(304)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(213,304)</u>
	5,262,242	(29,062)	-	5,233,180
	<u>5,262,242</u>	<u>(29,062)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,233,180</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,262,242</u>	<u>(29,062)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,233,180</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	137,108	(137,108)	-	-
Restricted funds				
Pupil Premium	242,793	(242,793)	-	-
Restricted fixed asset fund	9,282	(143,040)	-	(133,758)
General Annual Grant	2,205,760	(2,206,064)	-	(304)
Other restricted funds	143,386	(143,386)	-	-
Pension Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>(54,000)</u>	<u>159,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>
	2,601,221	(2,789,283)	159,000	(29,062)
	<u>2,738,329</u>	<u>(2,926,391)</u>	<u>159,000</u>	<u>(29,062)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,738,329</u>	<u>(2,926,391)</u>	<u>159,000</u>	<u>(29,062)</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/9/16 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/17 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	-	11,000	(11,000)	-
Restricted Funds				
Pension Reserve	(1,374,000)	338,000	-	(1,036,000)
Restricted fixed asset fund	6,676,242	(167,000)	2,000	6,511,242
General Annual Grant	<u>(42,000)</u>	<u>(180,000)</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>(213,000)</u>
	5,260,242	(9,000)	11,000	5,262,242
	<u>5,260,242</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,262,242</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,260,242</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,262,242</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	128,000	(117,000)	-	11,000
Restricted funds				
Restricted fixed asset fund	10,000	(177,000)	-	(167,000)
General Annual Grant	2,442,000	(2,622,000)	-	(180,000)
Pension Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,000)</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>338,000</u>
	2,452,000	(2,851,000)	390,000	(9,000)
	<u>2,580,000</u>	<u>(2,968,000)</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,580,000</u>	<u>(2,968,000)</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/9/16 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/18 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	11,000	(11,000)	-
Restricted funds				
Pension Reserve	(1,374,000)	443,000	-	(931,000)
Restricted fixed asset fund	6,676,242	(300,758)	2,000	6,377,484
General Annual Grant	(42,000)	(180,304)	9,000	(213,304)
	<u>5,260,242</u>	<u>(38,062)</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>5,233,180</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,260,242</u>	<u>(27,062)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,233,180</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	265,108	(254,108)	-	11,000
Restricted funds				
Pupil Premium	242,793	(242,793)	-	-
Restricted fixed asset fund	19,282	(320,040)	-	(300,758)
General Annual Grant	4,647,760	(4,828,064)	-	(180,304)
Other restricted funds	143,386	(143,386)	-	-
Pension Reserve	-	(106,000)	549,000	443,000
	<u>5,053,221</u>	<u>(5,640,283)</u>	<u>549,000</u>	<u>(38,062)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,318,329</u>	<u>(5,894,391)</u>	<u>549,000</u>	<u>(27,062)</u>

19. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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 [name]. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £29,318 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2018 (2017: £nil) and are included within creditors.

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS
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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 full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £144,000.

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.

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS
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Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2018 was £105,000 (2017: £97,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £79,000 (2017: £79,000) and employees' contributions totalled £20,000 (2017: £18,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21.5% per cent for employers and 6.6% per cent for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions	At 31 August 2018	At 31 August 2017
Rate of increase in salaries	%	3.7%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment/inflation	%	2.2%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	%	2.4%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	%	2.2%
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50.0%	50.0%

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

	At 31 August 2018	At 31 August 2017
<u>Retiring today</u>		
Males	22.0	21.6
Females	24.8	24.7
<u>Retiring in 20 years</u>		
Males	25.0	24.2
Females	27.8	27.7

Sensitivity analysis	At 31 August 2018
	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	(32)
Discount rate -0.1%	32
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	28
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(28)
CPI rate +0.1%	32
CPI rate -0.1%	(32)

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS
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Local government pension scheme

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:

	Fair value at 31 August 2018 £000	Fair value at 31 August 2017 £000
Equities	302	243
Gilts	120	90
Bonds	89	72
Property	53	37
Cash and other liquid assets	18	22
Total market value of assets	582	464

The actual return on scheme assets was £29,000 (2017: loss of £221,000).

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2018 £000	2017 £000
Current service cost	113	100
Interest income	(12)	(14)
Interest cost	36	44
Admin expenses	2	1
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	139	131

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS
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Local government pension scheme

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

	2018	2017
	£000	£000
At 1 September	1,500	1,973
Current service cost	113	100
Interest cost	36	44
Employee contributions	20	18
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(142)	(625)
Benefits paid	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(10)</u>
 At 31 August	 <u>1,513</u>	 <u>1,500</u>

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

	2018	2017
	£000	£000
At 1 September	464	599
Interest income	12	14
Actuarial gain/(loss)	17	(235)
Employer contributions	85	79
Employee contributions	20	18
Benefits paid	(14)	(10)
Administration expenses	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
 At 31 August	 <u>582</u>	 <u>464</u>

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration already disclosed in note 8.