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# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Members

Penelope Meredith appointed 01 July 2021

Muralee Nair resigned 30 June 2021

Linda Day

Kuldeep Lakhmana Obaid Siddique Liz Herod Margaret Inniss

**Directors** 

Dr Martin Young, Chief Executive Officer and Federation Principal

Mr Muralee Nair, Chair of the Board Dr Adel Rouz, Oversight of Operations

Mr Anoop Ghai, Oversight of Finance, Vice Chair

Mr Tarsem Chana, Chair of Lake Fram Park Academy Council

Mrs Ranisha Dhamu, Chair of Cranford Park Academy Council and Oversight of

Safeguarding

Mr Adrian Ingham, Chair of West Drayton Academy Council

Ms Afsheen Chowdhry, Chair of Wood End Park Academy Council and Oversight of

Health and Safety

Mr Simon Carter, Chair of Western House Academy Council

**Cranford Park Academy Council** 

Ranisha Dhamu, Chair and Community Governor

Sarah Evans, Academy Principal Pooja Bhagat Parent Governors Kevin O Donnell Community Governors

Craig Horsman

Sarah Fatalla Staff Governors

Luke Simcock Kay Lathey, Clerk

James Elliman Academy Council

Peter Dollimore, Chair and Community Governor

Tajinder Johal, Academy Principal Ajmal Azam Parent Governors

Sandie Hopkinson, Community Governor Nagaswetha Maralavadi-Nagaaj Staff Governors

Stephanie Weber Kauser Latif - Clerk

Lake Farm Park Academy Council

Tarsem Chana, Chair and Parent Governor (from 01 October 2019)

Harshinder Buttar, Academy Principal Zainab Virmani Parent Governors

Ranu Ali

Anne-Marie McCarthy Community Governors

Vishalli Ghai Susan Wilson

Fathia Adams Staff Governors

Raji Nair - Clerk

Montem Academy Council

Shuhab Hamid, Chair and Community Governor

Ann Probert, Academy Principal Kamran Basharat Parent Governors

Ammar Aziz Mohammed Awan

Helen Okoro Community Governor Darren Stewart Staff Governors

Kay Lathey - Clerk

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Western House Academy Council Simon Carter, Chair and Community Governor

Coral Snowden, Principal Suki Ranu Parent Governors

Ranjit Sidle

Liz Herod Community Governor

Eleni Maistraki-Kelly

Kyla Parmley Staff Governors

Helen Haines Kay Lathey - Clerk

The Godolphin Junior Academy Rafid Jadoon, Chair and Community Governor

Helen Abell, Principal

Aasia Hassan Parent Governors

Asad Malik Nadia Nadeem

Lily Scanion Community Governors

Chris Duffy

Rani Lakha Staff Governors

Farah Quereshi Kay Lathey - Clerk

Wood End Park Academy Council Afsheen Chowdhry, Chair and Parent Governor

Surjeet Johra, Academy Principal Amanda Biddle Parent Governors

Nishant Kumar Deepaman Prabhakar

Manish Ladwa Community Governor

Nevin Abraham

Charlotte Matthams Staff Governors

Peter Lord

Shanelle Shoy (left April 2021), Sapna Khehar (joined April 2021) - Clerk

West Drayton Academy Council Adrian Ingham, Chair and Community Governor (from 01 October 2019)

Richard Yates, Academy Principal Reema Dada Parent Governors

Janet Shearer Michelle Thomas

Emily Allen-Mersh Community Governors

Rebecca Earley Staff Governors

Yasmin Imani Donna Nash - Clerk

Company registered number

08146330

Company name

The Park Federation Academy Trust

Principal and registered office

The Park Federation Academy Trust

C/O James Elliman Academy

Elliman Avenue

Slough Berkshire SL2 5BA

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

**Executive Management Team** 

Dr Martin Young, Chief Executive Officer and Federation Principal

Mr Jas Sohal, Chief Operating Officer Mrs Sarah Evans, Academy Principal Mrs Harshindar Buttar, Academy Principal Ms Surjeet Johra, Academy Principal Mrs Ann Probert, Academy Principal Mrs Tajinder Johal, Academy Principal Mrs Coral Snowden, Academy Principal Mrs Helen Abel, Academy Principal Mr Richard Yates, Academy Principal

**Accounting Officer** 

Dr. Martin Young

**Company Secretary** 

Mrs Elaine Armstrong resigned 31 August 2021, Kimberly Richards appointed 14 July

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Independent Auditor

Landau Baker Limited, Mountcliffe House, 154 Brent Street, London, NW4 2DR

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 21-22 High St, Uxbridge, Middlesex

Actuary

Hyman Robertson LLP, One London Wall, London, EC2Y 5EA

Barnett Waddingham LLP, Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6BW

Solicitor

Browne Jacobson LLP, 3 Piccadilly Place, Manchester, N1 3BN

The Trustees of The Park Federation Academy Trust are referred to as Directors throughout this document.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Directors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's reports of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law. The Trust operates eight academies for primary age children located in Hillingdon and Berkshire.

### 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 last amended on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The Directors of The Park Federation Academy Trust are Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as The Park Federation Academy Trust.

Details of the Directors 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 £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

#### Trustees' Indemnities

The Trust insurers indemnify against any claims in respect of any civil liability and which arises out of the conduct of the insured in their personal capacity as Director, Academy Council member or Officer of the Trust. Such qualifying third party indemnity insurance remains in force at the date of approving this report.

### **Principle Activities**

The Academy Trust's principle objective is to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a Trust offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

To promote for the benefit of the communities of Hayes and Slough and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said residents.

### Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of the Board of Directors

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Board of Directors who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Directors and Academy Council members
The training and induction provided for new governors will depend on their individual experience and expertise. Where
necessary an induction will provide training on charity and educational, legal and financial matters. All new governors are
given a tour of the academy and the chance to meet with staff and students. All governors are provided with copies of
policies, procedures, minutes, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to understand their role as directors or
academy council members.

### **Employment Policy**

The Academy Trust depends on the skills and commitments of its employees to perform well. Selection and development procedures are designed to ensure equal opportunities exist for all applicants and employees regardless of gender, marital status, race, age or disability, decisions being based on an individual's aptitude and ability. Employees are kept well informed and encouraged to discuss matters of concern.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

#### **Disabled Persons**

The Academy Trust's policy is to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Employees who become disabled are retained in existing posts where possible.

Procedures relating to training, career development and promotion are adapted to ensure that the employment policies outlined below are fully available equally for disabled and non-disabled employees.

### Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

All Members, Directors and Academy Council members are provided with copies of procedures, minutes, accounts, budget plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their respective roles. They have access to a range of training programmes coordinated by the Clerk to the Board of Directors.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Directors have agreed a scheme of delegation for how decisions are made and who has delegated responsibility for them. The Directors are organised into the whole Board of Directors and sub-committees with delegated responsibility.

During the period a unified structure was introduced and consists of three levels of governance:

Members

Board of Directors/Trustees

Academy Councils

Senior Management Teams report to the Board of Directors, its sub committees and the Academy Councils.

The aim of the structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels. The Board of Directors are responsible for setting strategic policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Trust's performance by use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the Trust, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments (e.g. Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Principals).

The Senior Managers are the Chief Executive and Federation Principal, Chief Operating Officer, Principals of each academy. These managers control the Trust at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the Board of Directors and reporting back to them. As a group the Senior Managers are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, through appointment boards for posts at Vice Principal and Deputy Principal always contain an Academy Council Governor. Spending control is devolved to the management team (budget holders), with agreed limits as per the Trust's financial procedures.

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

The Board of Directors have established a Pay and Performance Committee for setting the pay and remuneration of Senior Managers. They have established criteria that consider the long term implications to the business.

### Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

The Park Federation Academy Trust has an established Central Office that negotiates core services including: legal, HR, Payroll, Insurance, financial systems and accountancy services.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Trade union facility time

#### Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
3	3

### Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	1
1%-50%	2
51%-99%	0
100%	0

#### Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Provide the total cost facility time	£4,154.55
Provide the total pay bill	£25,155,274
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time calculated as: (total cost of facility time / total pay bill) * 100	0.00%

### Paid Trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as: (total hours spent on trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period / total paid facility time hours) * 100
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### Engagement with suppliers, customers and others in a business relationship with the trust

The Park Federation Academy Trust forms strong relationships with suppliers using ethical tendering processes and being mindful of the need to demonstrate value for money, yet securing work with local suppliers where possible.

### **Objectives and Activities**

### **Objects and Aims**

The Academy Trust's principle objectives are: - to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools (the academies) offering a broad and balanced curriculum which reflects British values (e.g. democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect; and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs).

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Hayes, West Drayton and Slough and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

The aim of the Trust is to provide an effective and inspiring education in a caring, disciplined and safe environment.

The Directors have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the academy.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

In accordance with the articles of association, the academy has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Secretary of State for Education.

The Scheme of Government is part of the wider 'Master Funding Agreement' between the Company and the Secretary of State and 'Supplemental Funding Agreements' for each Academy.

#### **Our Vision:**

The Park Federation Academy Trust

The Number One School of Choice for Local Families

Our schools are safe, happy places where creativity is prized. We value and nurture excellent behaviour, determination and ambitious academic standards. Professionalism, humility and service to the community guide everything we do.

Please join us in making our federation a springboard to success!

### Our Ethos:

The Park Federation ethos is one of high academic ambition in a well-disciplined, caring and inclusive environment. We will work closely with all children – whatever their starting points and individual needs – to help them realise their full potential. Each child and family will be valued and respected. We will harness the energy, commitment and trust of the local community and combine it with the exceptional teaching and organisational skills of our staff team. Together we will create great academies, full of pride, success and kindness.

### Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The main objectives of the Academy during the period ended 31st August 2021 are summarised below

To ensure that every pupil enjoys and benefits from a high-quality education and excellent levels of safeguarding;

To improve the standard of educational achievement of all pupils and accelerate their progress;

To improve the effectiveness of the Trust by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review;

To provide value for money for the funds expended;

To comply with all appropriate statutory requirements;

To conduct the Academy Trust's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness.

### **Public Benefit**

The Directors confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the academy Trust's objectives and aims and in planning future activities. The Directors consider that the academy Trust's aims are demonstrably to the public benefit. As an academy trust we make the best use of our skills, expertise and experience with regards to the community. An example of this is raising money for local, national and international charities.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### Strategic Report

#### **Achievements and Performance**

#### Overview and key performance indicators

There are eight academies in The Park Federation Academy Trust. All eight have Ofsted inspection gradings, all at "Good" or "Outstanding", and one, West Drayton Academy, is a "fresh start" academy and has not had an inspection as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. The eight schools are divided into two geographical hubs: Hillingdon Hub and Slough Hub. The four schools in the Hillingdon Hub are Cranford Park Academy, Wood End Park Academy, Lake Farm Park Academy and West Drayton Academy. The four schools in the Slough Hub are James Elliman Academy, Montem Academy, Western House Academy and The Godolphin Junior Academy.

Cranford Park Academy and Wood End Park Academy were founder academies in the Trust when the Trust was created on 1st September 2012. Both are graded "Good". Cranford Park was last inspected on 21st November 2017 and Wood End Park was last inspected on 28th November 2017.

James Elliman Academy joined the Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. It is graded "Good". James Elliman Academy was lasted inspected on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Montem Academy joined the Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013. It is graded "Outstanding". It was last inspected on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

Western House Academy joined the Trust on 1st August 2014. It is graded "Good". It was last inspected on 14th June 2017.

Lake Farm Park Academy was opened as a new academy on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. It is graded "Good". It was last inspected on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The Godolphin Junior Academy joined the Trust as a "fresh start" academy on 1st September 2016. It is graded "Good". It was last inspected on 18th June 2019.

West Drayton Academy joined the Trust on on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. It is graded "Good". It was last inspected on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### **Key Performance Indicators**

			Expected +			Better than Expected				Above Floor	
Academy	Date Joined MAT	Sponsored/ Converter / New Provision	Reading %	Writing %	Maths %	Reading, Writing & Maths (Combined)	Reading %	Writing %	Maths %	Reading, Writing & Maths (Combined)I	Y/N
Cranford Park Academy	01/09/2012	Academy Convertor	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21
Wood End Park Academy	01/09/2012	Academy Convertor	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21
James Elliman Academy	01/04/2013	Academy sponsor led	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21
Montem Academy	01/12/2013	New provision	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21
Western House Academy	01/08/2014	New provision	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21
Lake Farm Park Academy	01/09/2014	New provision	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21
The Godolphin Junior Academy	01/09/2016	Fresh Start	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21
West Drayton Academy	01/09/2017	Fresh Start	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21	No Data for 2020/21

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### Strategic Report (continued)

#### **Pupil Premium**

The Trust received funding under the pupil premium scheme. This has been utilised to improve the outcomes of these pupils by ensuring that their needs are understood and addressed. The Trust provided programmes and other support services for these children, including booster classes before, during, after school, and during the weekends and holidays.

Pupil Premium Allocation	£000's
Cranford Park Academy	241
James Elliman Academy	155
Lake Farm Park Academy	202
Montem Academy	290
The Godolphin Junior Academy	188
Wood End Park Academy	279
Western House Academy	148
Wet Drayton Academy	170
Trust Total	1,673

### Managing Operations throughout the Covid pandemic

During the year the Directors remained fully engaged in supporting operations and viewed the risk assessment process and how it would be applied at each academy, to ensure we could comply with government guidance to manage the risk of Covid 19 transmission to as low as reasonably practicable.

There was active communication with parents and other stakeholders on how the opening of academies will take place. Finance teams managed the switch to voucher systems until the national scheme was launched. We were able to procure products to keep children safe and secure during the pandemic and used our Trust buying power to secure beneficial rates. We increased our cleaning operations and continue to do so.

Principals were active in ensuring we had a remote learning platform to support children who were unable to attend the academy. Each academy also ensured that we maintained our values supporting our charitable aims by fund raising during this period.

Board Directors visited academies where practicable and acted upon government guidance and conducted video conferencing meetings.

### Going Concern

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

### **Financial Review**

The majority of the Trust's Income is obtained from the Department for Education in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2021 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds (non-fixed assets) in the statement of financial activities.

Each academy also received grants for fixed assets from the DfE. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005), such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### Financial Review (continued)

The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned

The Trust held total fund balances at 31 August 2021 of £47,174k comprising of an unrestricted fund of £5,206, restricted fixed asset funds of £67,784k, restricted general funds deficit of 256k and a pension reserve deficit of £25,560k.

During the year ended 31 August 2021, total expenditure of £34,849k was met by recurrent grant funding from the DfE and other government bodies together with other incoming resources. Total incoming resources for the year of £34,409k.

The excess of expenditure over income for the year was £440k.

### Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The main objective is to ensure the Trust operates within its allocated budget and settles its liabilities as they fall due. The largest creditor within the balance sheet is the pension scheme deficit. Such a liability does not crystallise immediately but the Trust ensures scheme contributions are paid as they fall due in line with those recommended by the pension scheme actuaries.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to 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.

In accordance with the Trust's statutes, the Board of Directors and senior staff are responsible for the administration and management of the Trust's affairs. They are responsible for setting objectives and policies to ensure that:

There is an effective system of internal control and that accounting records are properly kept:

There are appropriate financial and management controls in place to safeguard the assets of the Trust and prevent and detect fraud:

The Trust secures economical, efficient and effective management of its resources and expenditure.

The combined deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is recognised on the balance sheet in accordance with FRS17. At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 the deficit stood at £25,560k. The existence of the pension scheme deficit does not mean an immediate liability crystallises and is addressed over a series of years through pension contributions recommended by the pension scheme actuaries during subsequent valuations of the scheme.

### **Reserves Policy**

Subject to the Education Skills Funding Agency's constraints on permitted balances, the Academy's policy is to carry forward a prudent level of resources. The Trust aims for a 5% - 12% reserve of total cash balances. It believes this is a prudent figure for a number of reasons, including the structural age of buildings, age of heating systems, capital investment plans and pension liabilities.

There is currently a deficit on the reserve for the Local Government Pension Scheme. The Trust is paying contributions at the rate recommended by the actuary and payments in respect of the deficit will occur over a number of years.

The Trust reserves are shown in note 18 in the financial statements.

### **Investment Policy**

Under the Articles of Association, the Academy Trust has the power to invest any funds not immediately required for the furtherance of its objects while ensuring that due regard is made to ensure that any investments are prudent and suitable to its needs. The Trust has established an investment committee and will ensure adequate cash balances are maintained. Reserves may be placed where there is no risk of capital loss, but to optimise returns on such investments. All investments will be made in sterling, with UK based financial institutions.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Board of Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust and each individual Academy. The Board of Directors has implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the Trust faces especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety etc.) and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures (e.g. Vetting of new staff and volunteers, supervision of school grounds) and internal financial controls (see below) in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains, they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Trust has a Scheme of Delegation in place that outlines key roles and responsibilities to ensure adequate controls.

The Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls. The Audit and Risk Committee appointed TSO Education, an independent party, to provide independent assurance to the Board of Directors and Members. They conduct internal scrutiny checks in the field of finance and non-financial controls to ensure that risk management procedures are operating effectively. Their findings are considered alongside the external auditors report.

#### Finance Risk

The Trust is reliant upon government funding and this is expected to continue. This leaves the Trust, as per other educational establishments, susceptible to changes in government policy and particularly where there may be a reduction in public funding available for education. The Trust has plans in place to safeguard its long term ability to continue to attract staff and maintain its assets. The Trust has a Scheme of Delegation in place that outlines key roles and responsibilities.

#### Cybercrime

The Trust is aware of the on-going risk to schools and has developed robust measures including staff training and ensuring our IT resilience plans are robust and in line with National Cyber Security guidance.

#### Reputation Risk

The Trust is growing and is mindful of reputation risk. Strategic support is provided throughout the Trust and each academy is focused on delivering high quality learning.

### Staffing Risk

The Trust is aware that quality teaching is only achieved by recruiting and retaining quality staff. While there are national difficulties in recruiting teaching staff, the Trust has worked hard in developing an effective recruitment and retention strategy. The Trust maintains high standards and will not compromise its established reputation because of national recruitment difficulties.

### **Asset Risk**

The Trust has commissioned building surveys that help inform the investment plan. The estates portfolio varies in age and need for replacement of equipment and assets. The Trust receives Building Condition Funding to support the capital investment needed to maintain these assets.

The risk of failing to maintain these assets is being mitigated by keeping in contact with the ESFA and other Multi Academy Trusts to ensure procurement achieves best value and meets health and safety needs as well as ensuring that the academy always has a positive learning environment.

### Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

### UK energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions

The Trust is pleased to report its current UK based annual energy usage and associated annual greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to the Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations") that came into force 1 April 2019.

### Organisational boundary

In accordance with the 2018 Regulations, the energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions are for those within the UK only for all assets that come under an operational control boundary. This includes all 8 schools controlled during the reporting period along with minibuses and personal vehicles used for business mileage ("grey fleet").

### Reporting period

The annual reporting period is 1 September to 31 August each year and the energy and carbon emissions are aligned to this period.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### Quantification and reporting methodology

The 2019 UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines and the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (revised edition) were followed. The 2021 UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting were used in emission calculations. The report has been reviewed independently by Briar Consulting Engineers Limited.

The electricity and gas consumption were compiled from invoice records. Minibus and grey fleet usage were calculated from odometer mileage readings and mileage expense claims respectively. Generally gross calorific values were used except for grey fleet mileage energy calculations as per Government GHG Conversion Factors.

The associated emissions are divided into mandatory and voluntary emissions according to the 2018 Regulations, then further divided into the direct combustion of fuels and the operation of facilities (scope 1), indirect emissions from purchased electricity (scope 2) and further indirect emissions that occur as a consequence of Trust activities but occur from sources not owned or controlled by the organisation (scope 3).

### Breakdown of energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh):

Energy type	2019/20	2020/21
Mandatory energy:		
Gas	2,731,419	3,402,872
Purchased electricity	1,645,874	1,799,099
Transport fuel	12,100	4,052
Total mandatory energy	4,389,393	5,206,024

### Breakdown of emissions associated with the reported energy use (tCO<sub>2</sub>e):

Emission source	2019/20	2020/21
Mandatory emissions: Scope 1		
Gas	502.1	623.3
Transport - Trust owned vehicles (minibuses)	1.1	0.3
Scope 2		
Purchased electricity (location-based)	383.7	382.0
Scope 3		
Transport – Business travel in employee owned vehicles	1.9	0.8
Total gross mandatory emissions	889.0	1,006.3
Intensity ratios (mandatory emissions only)		,
Tonnes of CO₂e per pupil	0.146	0.172
Tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e per square meter floor area	0.024	0.028

#### Intensity ratio

Two intensity ratios are reported showing emissions (tCO2e) per pupil and per square meter floor area. Emissions per pupil is the recommended ratio for the sector for consistency and comparability and pupil numbers are based on the Autumn census of the respective year. Emissions per square meter floor area is reported to reflect the energy efficiency of the buildings, which are the source of the majority of emissions.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### Energy efficiency action during current financial year

This year, the Trust have improved the thermal performance of 5 of the schools through partial roof enhancements. West Drayton Academy, Wood End Park Academy, Western House Academy, James Elliman Academy and Cranford Park have each had roof work completed and insulation improved. The gas boilers at West Drayton Academy have also been replaced with more efficient models, further improving the heating efficiency of the school.

### Plans for the Future

Key Performance Indicators for 2021/22:

Match or better national attainment for the children in Trust academies at the end of Reception, in the Year One Phonics Check, and at the end of Key Stage One and Two;

Better than national expected progress by children in Trust academies at the end of Key Stage Two;

Any academy inspected by Ofsted during the academic year 2019/20 graded at least "good"

Ensure that all additional monies provided by the Government aimed at alleviating the impact of the pandemic are spent wisely and effectively.

Pupil attendance at least 96% in each Trust academy.

Further strengthen continuing professional development for staff members in each school, in each geographical hub and across the Trust.

### **Trust Expansion:**

The Trust is in a position to create a third hub of schools near to one or both of our present geographical hubs in Hillingdon and Slough. Moreover, it has the capacity to expand its present hubs if sensible opportunities became available.

### **Auditor**

In so far as the Directors are aware:

there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor are unaware, and the Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, Landau Baker, are appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 04 December 2021 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Mr Muralee Nair

**Chair of Board of Directors** 

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

### Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Directors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive and Federation 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 The Park Federation Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Directors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Directors' report and in the Directors' responsibilities statement. The Board of Directors have formally met 7 times during the year.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Directors/Trustees attendance at Board meetings:	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr M Nair Chair	7	7
Dr M Young CEO	7	7
Dr A Rouz	7	7
Mr A Ghai	7	7
Mr S Hamid	5	7
Mr A Ingham	7	7
Mr A Chowdrey	7	7
Mr T Chana	7	7
Mr S Carter	6	7

The Finance and Operations Committee, and Audit and Risk Committee are sub-committees of the main Board of Directors. Their purpose is to carry out its roles under the scheme of delegation.

The purpose of the Finance and Operations Committee is to assist the decision making of the Board, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given, fulfilling the Board's responsibility to ensure sound management of each academy's finances and resources, including proper planning, monitoring and probity. The main areas of work in the period have been reducing the risk of Cybercrime and enabling the funding of a Digital Strategy for learning.

### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### Governance (continued)

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Directors	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Dr M Young CEO	4	4
Dr A Rouz Chair	3	4
Mr A Ghai Vice Chair	4	4
Mrs R Dhamu	4	4
Ms A Chowdhry	4	4

The Audit and Risk Committee continues to monitor our internal controls and external assurance reports issued by the Auditor and our Internal Scrutiny consultants. The committee also receives and considers in detail the statutory accounts for the Trust and recommends them to the full Board of Directors for approval prior to presentation to the Trust Members. It recommends the appointment of the external auditors to the Board of Directors for subsequent approval by the Trust Members.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Directors	Meetings attended	Out of a possible	
	2		
Rafid Jadoon Chair	3		
Simon Carter	3	3	
Muralee Nair	3	3	
Afsheen Chowdhry	3	3	

### Financial Governance and Oversight:

Our governance arrangements include regular monitoring by the Board of Directors and its committee.

The Finance and Operations Committee (FOC) and all Board Directors receive monthly financial reports and the FOC ask relevant questions as evidenced in the minutes of the committee. There are a number of finance and operations specialists on the Board of Directors.

The Audit and Risk Committee updates the Board of Directors and the Members at their meetings.

### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer, the Chief Executive and Federation Principal has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that the value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the tax payer resources received.

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

### Improving Educational Results:

We have ensured that resources are directed where they are most needed and most effective in meeting educational requirements, for example by:

Targeting resources in line with academy and Trust priorities, including:

- Ensure Catch-Up/Recovery Premium funding is effectively used and its impact is monitored
- Ensure each school deploys some of its own resources to support children who have fallen behind during the pandemic
- Ensure that the Central Trust's investment of over £250,000 into the first year of the Federation's three-year Digital Strategy is effectively spent.
- Deploy more funds to further strengthen the federation's Governance capacity
- Deploy more funds to further strengthen the federation's risk management capacity
- Further strengthen special provision for pupils who attract Pupil Premium funding and at risk of underachieving.
- Further strengthen provision for children with special educational needs/disability.
- Recruitment of effective teachers responsible for the development of high-quality education.
- Recruitment of specialist teachers to effectively support the needs of all children.
- Further improve initiatives to ensure pupils' learning is sometimes child led and initiated, while at other times it is teacher-directed and is challenging enough to meet individual needs, including high attaining pupils.
- Specialised professional development for Early Career Teachers.
- Specialised professional development for teachers at different stages of their leadership development.
- Further develop the assessment, tracking and monitoring processes to ensure data is used to inform planning, target interventions and support differentiation, including regular internal and Senior Leadership Team meetings to review progress and impact of interventions for different groups of pupils, supported by regular, focused and robust Pupil Progress Meetings.
- Refining Teacher Performance Management processes for effective monitoring of performance –
  including performance-related pay for teachers aligned to priorities and professional development
  areas.
- Comparing results from the Trust's schools with national and local authority data, monitoring quality
  of teaching and learning in each school and across the Trust, and reviewing levels of expenditure
  for particular areas

### Delivering service:

We continue to actively endeavour to maximise the "buying power" of a Multi-Academy Trust to demonstrate value for money for the Trust and for taxpayers. Examples of steps taken to ensure value for money when purchasing include:

- · We continue to procure energy centrally
- We have appointed a Head of Finance who brings with him considerable experience from the sector thus
  developing our teams to ensure compliance as well as u8ndertaking a review of procurement.
- We continue to review Government guidance to ensure we meet the expectations as laid down in the Academy Trust Handbook.
- We continue to review our COVID measures to reduce transmission and ensuring we have adequate

### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### Review of Value for Money (continued)

stocks of PPE.

Contracts continue to be reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose and best value. For example maintenance, and support service contracts.

### Income Generation:

We have risk assessed our lettings and where transmission levels have been low in the community we have commenced lettings.

### Reviewing Controls and Managing Risks:

The Trust has prepared a risk register which is updated regularly and reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Finance and Operations Committee meets and reviews budgets, income and expenditure and cash flow forecasts. They also provide advice on the levels of reserves to be maintained. Each month the Board Directors are provided with management accounts in line with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.

With changes to the Data Protection Bill, The Chief Operating Officer continues to oversee compliance across the Trust and in line with data management expectations.

#### Lessons Learned:

Our HR Department conduct exit interviews for staff to ensure we are able to monitor retention levels and focus future recruitment. We continue to review whenever a resignation is accepted, an analysis is done to determine whether or not to replace. At times this has resulted in grade changes without compromise on service. This resulted in staff leaving at various points throughout the year and not being automatically replaced. We continue to monitor curriculum spend to ensure it is in accord with the business plan. The Principal remains able to tailor spending to the needs of the children and the overall academy. This aligns spending to strategic need. We have worked with our Trade Union partners to adapt policies ensuring they meet our obligations.

### 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 Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

### Capacity to Handle Risk

The Board of Directors has reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Directors is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors.

### The Risk and Control Framework

The Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and monthly financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Directors;

### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### The Risk and Control Framework (continued)

- regular reviews by the Finance and Operations Committee of reports which indicate financial performance; against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance and monitor the integrity of the financial statements;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties and identification and management of risks and identification and management of risks;

No significant issues to note were dealt with during the period.

The Trust undertakes internal checks that are supported by an external independent competent party, this supports to ensure compliance with published guidance. This role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Trust's financial systems twice a year. A report is produced which is presented to the Audit and Risk Committee, Finance and Operations Committee as well as the Board of Directors on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Directors' financial responsibilities.

#### **Review of Effectiveness**

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive and Federation Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the period in question the review has been informed by:

- The work of the Internal Scrutiny Officer:
- The work of the external auditor;
- The work of the Chief Operating Officer, Head of Finance and the team of Finance Managers employed by the Trust;
- The work of the Senior Management Teams within the academies who have responsibility for the development 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 Audit and Risk Committee and Finance and Operations Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the systems in place.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 4 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Muralee Nair

**Chair of Board of Directors** 

Dr. Martin Young / Accounting Officer

### STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of The Park Federation Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy, under the funding agreement in place between the academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

I confirm that I and the academy board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

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.

Dr. Martin Young Accounting Officer

Date: 4 December 2021

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### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 4 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Muralee Nair

Chair of Board of Directors

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARK FEDERATION ACADEMY TRUST

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Park Federation Academy Trust (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting
  Practice: and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the academy in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARK FEDERATION ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### Responsibilities of trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the academy's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARK FEDERATION ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

We considered the nature of the industry and its control environment, and reviewed the academy's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also inquired about management's own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities. We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the academy's operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

  These included the UK Companies Act and Charities SORP Act; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

The audit engagement team analysed the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationals of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business. In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance withprovisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management, and external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARK FEDERATION ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the academy's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the academy's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Carly Pinkus (Senior statutory auditor)

Surley FOR LANDAU BAKER LIMITED

for and on behalf of

### Landau Baker Limited

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors

Mountcliff House 154 Brent Street London NW4 2DR

4 December 2021

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

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 21 March 2016 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Park Federation Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 Park Federation Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to The Park Federation Academy Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Park Federation Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of The Park Federation Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Park Federation Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 31 August 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2020, 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 2020 to 2021. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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's income and expenditure.

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

### Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Landau Baker Limited

### Reporting Accountant

Landau Baker Limited

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors

Mountcliff House 154 Brent Street London NW4 2DR

Date: 4 December 2021

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

No	Unrestricted funds 2021 te £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Income from:					
Donations and capital grants	45	-	1,025	1,070	919
Charitable activities	, <b>-</b>	32,828	-	32,828	30,892
Other trading activities	510	*	-	510	334
Investments	1	-	•	1	4
Total income	556	32,828	1,025	34,409	32,149
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	32	-		32	38
Charitable activities 8	} •	34,817	1,616	36,433	33,773
Total expenditure	32	34,817	1,616	36,465	33,811
Net income/(expenditure)	524	(1,989)	(591)	(2,056)	(1,662)
Transfers between funds 1	8 -	(562)	562	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)	524	(2,551)	(29)	(2,056)	(1,662)
Other recognised gains/(losses): Actuarial losses on defined benefit					
pension schemes 2	4 -	(4,176)	-	(4,176)	(2,644)
Net movement in funds	524	(6,727)	(29)	(6,232)	(4,306)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	4,682	(19,089	67,813	53,406	57,712
Net movement in funds	524	(6,727	) (29)	(6,232)	(4,306)
Total funds carried forward	5,206	(25,816	67,784	47,174	53,406

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

The notes on pages 30 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

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### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021 £000		2020 £000	
Fixed assets			-		
Tangible assets	15		66,862		67,012
			66,862		67,012
Current assets			,		,
Debtors	16	740		795	
Cash at bank and in hand		7,832		7,267	
		8,572		8,062	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(2,700)		(2,591)	
Net current assets		<del></del>	5,872		5,471
Total assets less current liabilities			72,734		72,483
Net assets excluding pension liability			72,734	•	72,483
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		(25,560)		(19,077)
Total net assets			47,174	•	53,406
Funds of the academy				:	•
Restricted funds:					
Fixed asset funds	18	67,784		67,813	
Restricted income funds	18	(256)		(12)	
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	18	67,528		67,801	
Pension reserve	18	(25,560)		(19,077)	
Total restricted funds	18	·	41,968		48,724
Unrestricted income funds	18		5,206		4,682
Total funds			47,174	•	53,406
		:		:	

The financial statements on pages 27 to 54 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 04 December 2021 and are signed on their behalf, by:

Mr Muralee Nair

Chair of Board of Directors

The notes on pages 30 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Not	2021 te £000	2020 £000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by operating activities 20	1,005	1,368
Cash flows from investing activities 21	(440)	(237)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	565	1,131
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	7,267	6,136
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year 22,	23 <b>7,832</b>	7,267

The notes on pages 30 to 54 form part of these financial statements

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 1. Accounting policies

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

### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 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 i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the academy to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Income

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

### Legacies

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the academy has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the academy, can be reliably measured.

### 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.

### 1.4 Expenditure

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

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

### 1.4 Expenditure (continued)

### . Expenditure on raising funds

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

### . Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold property - 5 - 50 years
Furniture and fixtures - 5 - 25 years
Plant and equipment - 5 - 25 years
Computer equipment - 3- 5 years

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

### 1.6 Debtors

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

### 1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

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

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.8 Liabilities

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

### 1.9 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

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Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to the academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

### 1.10 Pensions

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

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

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

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

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

### 1.11 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

### 2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The academy 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 24, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2021. 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.

### 3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Donations Capital Grants	45 -	73 952	118 952	55 864
·	45	1,025	1,070	919
Total 2020	55	864	919	

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### 4. Funding for the academy's educational activities

	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
DfE/ESFA grants	2000	2000	2000
General Annual Grant	25,329	25,329	23,908
Other DfE/ESFA grants			
Pupil Premium	1,673	1,673	1,676
UIFSM	604	604	621
Others	1,425	1,425	1,435
		29,031	27,640
Other Government grants			
Local Authority Grants	3,206	3,206	3,144
	3,206	3,206	3,144
Other income from the academy's educational activities COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)	55	55	108
Catch-up Premium	447	447	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	89	89	-
	536	536	<del>-</del>
	32,828	32,828	30,892
Total 2020	30,892	30,892	_

Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department of Education and ESFA, the academy's funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals and Pupil Premium is no longer reported under the Other DfE Group grants heading, but as separate lines under the Other DfE/ESFA grants heading. The prior year numbers have been reclassified.

The academy received £447k of funding for catch-up premium and costs incurred in respect of this funding totalled £447k.

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### 5. Income from other trading activities

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
	Lettings Income	39	39	89
	Catering Income	347	347	-
	Trip Income	7	7	73
	Other Income	117	117	172
		510	510	334
	Total 2020	334	334	
6.	Investment income			
		Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
	Investment income	1	1	4
	Total 2020	4	4	

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### 7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2021 £000	Premises 2021 £000	Other 2021 £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Direct costs Educational Activities:	×	-	32	32	38
Direct costs	23,670	-	1,672	25,342	23,894
Allocated support costs	5,906	1,330	3,855	11,091	9,879
	29,576	1,330	5,559	36,465	33,811
Total 2020	27,386	1,239	5,186	33,811	

### 8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

### Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Educational Activities	-	36,433	36,433	33,773
Total 2020	317	33,456	33,773	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £000	Support costs 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Educational Activities	25,342	11,091	36,433	33,773
Total 2020	23,894	9,879	33,773	
Analysis of direct costs				
		Educational Activities 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Staff costs		21,995	21,995	20,203
Educational supplies		988	988	919
Educational consultancy		239	239	287
Technology costs		344	344	248
Agency teaching staff		1,675	1,675	1,989
Staff development		91	91	113
Other direct costs		10	10	135
		25,342	25,342	23,894
Total 2020		23,894	23,894	

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

### Analysis of support costs

	Educational Activities 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Pension finance costs	316	316	272
Staff costs	3,850	3,850	3,634
Depreciation	1,616	1,616	1,513
Non cash pension costs	1,986	1,986	1,555
Rent and Rates	169	169	209
Maintenance of premises and equipment	709	709	589
Energy costs	343	343	326
Indirect employee expenses	130	130	134
Other support costs	447	447	389
Catering costs	1,053	1,053	877
Insurance	118	118	118
Other occupancy costs	109	109	115
Other support supply costs	70	70	5
Governance costs	175	175	143
	11,091	11,091	9,879
Total 2020	9,879	9,879	

In the current year, the non-cash pension costs have been re-allocated to a separate line within the support costs note 9. This cost used to be included within the staff costs line within this note. In turn, the expenditure note 7 and the staff costs note 11a have both been updated to reflect this change. The prior year figures have also been updated for comparison. This is a better reflection of the actual staff costs incurred by the Academy Trust and enhances the user's understanding of the financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Operating lease rentals	19	30
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,616	1,513
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	20	20
- other services	-	4
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#### 11. Staff

### a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

2021 £000	2020 £000
19,841	18,369
1,866	1,689
4,138	3,779
25,845	23,837
1,745	1,994
1,986	1,555
29,576	27,386
	£000 19,841 1,866 4,138 25,845 1,745 1,986

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### 11. Staff (continued)

#### b. Staff numbers

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

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Teachers	263	240
Administration and support	520	542
Management	54	48
	837	830
The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:		
	2021 No.	2020 No.
Teachers	245	217
Administration and support	293	320
Management	50	46
	588	583

#### c. Higher paid staff

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

	2021 No.	2020 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	5	7
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	4	3
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	4
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	3	-
In the band £170,001 - £180,000	1	1

### d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy was £2,932,000 (2020 - £3,307,000).

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#### 12. Central services

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

- management services;
- financial services;
- legal services;
- computer support

The academy charges for these services on the following basis:

3.25% of the school budget share GAG income and Local Authority Grants

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Cranford Park Academy	144	136
James Elliman Academy	114	104
Lake Farm Park Academy	110	92
Montem Academy	134	131
Godolphin Junior Academy	72	72
Wood End Park Academy	148	143
Western House Academy	100	93
West Drayton Academy	108	97
Total	930	868

#### 13. Related Party Transactions- Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

The state of the s		2021	2020
		£000	£000
Dr Martin Young	Remuneration	180 - 185	175 - 180
ŭ	Pension contributions paid	40 - 45	40 - 45

During the year ended 31 August 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

### 14. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

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

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### 15. Tangible fixed assets

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	Long-term leasehold property £000	Assets under construction £000	Furniture and equipment £000	Plant and machinery £000	Computer equipment £000	Total £000
Cost or valuation						
At 1 September 2020	69,400	160	2,566	2,151	1,302	75,579
Additions	665	228	299	39	235	1,466
Disposals	•	-	-	=	(30)	(30)
At 31 August 2021	70,065	388	2,865	2,190	1,507	77,015
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2020	5,749	-	1,015	713	1,090	8,567
Charge for the year	1,072	-	245	147	152	1,616
On disposals	-	•	•	-	(30)	(30)
At 31 August 2021	6,821	-	1,260	860	1,212	10,153
Net book value						
At 31 August 2021	63,244	388	1,605	1,330	295	66,862
At 31 August 2020	63,651	160	1,551	1,438	212	67,012
Debtors						
					2021 £000	2020 £000
Due within one year						
Trade debtors					57	25
Other debtors					247	214
Prepayments and accrued i	ncome				436	556
					740	795

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

2020 £000
827
393
458
913
2,591
2020 £000
418
376
(417)
377

At the balance sheet date, the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for the period relating to 2021/22.

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### 18. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2021 £000
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	4,682	556	(32)	<u> </u>	-	5,206
Restricted general funds						
GAG	(12)	25,329	(25,011)	(562)		(256)
Pupil premium	-	1,673	(1,673)	-	-	-
PE & sports						
funding	-	176	(176)	-	-	-
Other ESFA funding	-	1,249	(1,249)	-	-	-
SEN funding (LA)	-	1,385	(1,385)	-	_	-
Early years			(4.55.4)			
funding	-	1,694	(1,694)	-		-
Other LA funding	-	127	(127)	-		-
General funds	-	55	(55)	-	-	-
Catch-up premium	*	447	(447)	=	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19						
funding	-	89	(89)	-	-	-
UIFSM	-	604	(604)	-	-	
Pension reserve	(19,077)	-	(2,307)	-	(4,176)	(25,560)
	(19,089)	32,828	(34,817)	(562)	(4,176)	(25,816)

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 18. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers in/out £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2021 £000
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds - all funds	67,813	-	(591)	562	-	67,784
Devolved Formula Capital Condition	-	98	(98)	-	-	-
Improvement Fund	-	927	(927)	-	-	-
	67,813	1,025	(1,616)	562		67,784
Total Restricted funds	48,724	33,853	(36,433)	-	(4,176)	41,968
Total funds	53,406	34,409	(36,465)	-	(4,176)	47,174

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

Restricted fixed asset funds have been increased by capital grants provided by the DfE and reduced by depreciation charges.

Restricted general funds have been increased by revenue grants provided by the DfE and reduced by expenditure incurred in the operation of the academy.

The restricted funds can only be used in terms of limitations imposed in the Funding Agreement with the DfE and the terms of any specific grant.

Unrestricted funds have been increased by other trading activities and reduced by expenditure incurred in the operation of these trading activities.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2021.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 18. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains/ (Losses) £000	Balance at 31 August 2020 £000
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>4,644</u>	393	(355)	<u>-</u>	4,682
Restricted general funds					
GAG	(433)	23,908	(23,132)	-	(12)
Pupil premium	-	1,675	(1,675)	-	-
PE & sports funding	-	175	(175)	-	-
Other ESFA funding	-	1,882	(1,882)	-	-
SEN funding (LA)	-	1,365	(1,365)	-	-
Early years funding	-	1,630	(1,630)	-	-
Other LA funding	-	149	(149)	-	-
General funds	-	108	(108)	-	
Pension reserve	(14,606)	-	(1,827)	(2,644)	(19,077)
	(15,039)	30,892	(31,943)	(2,644)	(19,089)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds -					
all funds	68,107	-	(1,513)	-	66,949
Devolved Formula Capital	~	97	-	-	97
Condition Improvement Fund	-	767	-	-	767
	68,107	864	(1,513)	-	67,813
Total Restricted funds	53,068	31,756	(33,456)	(2,644)	48,724
Total funds	57,712	32,149	(33,811)	(2,644)	53,406

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 18. Statement of funds (continued)

### Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 were allocated as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Cranford Park Academy	363	269
James Elliman Academy	474	487
Lake Farm Park Academy	646	835
Montem Academy	811	797
Godolphin Junior Academy	771	783
Wood End Park Academy	561	477
Western House Academy	390	337
West Drayton Academy	259	228
Central Serivces	675	457
Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	4,950	4,670
Restricted fixed asset fund	67,784	67,813
Pension reserve	(25,560)	(19,077)
Total	47,174	53,406

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 18. Statement of funds (continued)

### Total cost analysis by academy

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £000	Other support staff costs £000	Educational supplies £000	Other costs excluding depreciation £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Cranford Park						
Academy	3,785	831	131	446	5,193	5,055
James Elliman Academy	2,679	785	188	535	4,187	3,715
Lake Farm Park Academy	2,901	669	267	469	4,306	3,397
Montem Academy	3,184	831	205	609	4,829	4,584
Godolphin Junior Academy	1,750	453	100	365	2,668	2,516
Wood End Park Academy	3,883	708	89	592	5,272	5,304
Western House Academy	2,520	556	126	455	3,657	3,464
West Drayton Academy	2,689	582	131	436	3,838	3,519
Central Services	279	491	-	129	899	744
Academy	23,670	5,906	1,237	4,036	34,849	32,298

### 19. Analysis of net assets between funds

### Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted funds 2021 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2021 £000
Tangible fixed assets	<b></b>	-	66,862	66,862
Current assets	5,206	2,444	922	8,572
Creditors due within one year	-	(2,700)	-	(2,700)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(25,560)		(25,560)
Total	5,206	(25,816)	67,784	47,174

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### 19. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £000	Restricted funds 2020 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
	Tangible fixed assets	-	-	67,012	67,012
	Current assets	4,682	2,579	801	8,062
	Creditors due within one year	-	(2,591)	-	(2,591)
	Provisions for liabilities and charges	•	(19,077)	-	(19,077)
	Total	4,682	(19,089)	67,813	53,406
20.	Reconciliation of net expenditure to net car	sh flow from op	erating activit	ies	
				2021 £000	2020 £000
	Net expenditure for the year (as per Statemen	t of financial activ	vities)	(2,056)	(1,662)
	Adjustments for:				
	Depreciation			1,616	1,513
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	me		(1,025)	(864)
	Interest receivable			(1)	(4)
	Defined benefit pension scheme cost less con	tributions payable	е	1,991	1,555
	Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost			316	272
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors			55	(26)
	Increase in creditors			109	584
	Net cash provided by operating activities			1,005	1,368
21.	Cash flows from investing activities				
				2021	2020
				£000	£000
	Dividends, interest and rents from investments	6		1 (4.466)	4 (4 405)
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets			(1,466)	(1,105)
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital inco	me		1,025	864
	Net cash used in investing activities			(440)	(237)

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### 22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	7,832	7,267
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,832	7,267

#### 23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2020 £000	Cash flows £000	At 31 August 2021 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	7,267	565	7,832
	7,267	565	7,832

#### 24. Pension commitments

The academy's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead for the Royal Borough of Berkshire Pension Fund and the London Borough of Hillingdon for the London Borough of Hillingdon Pension Fund. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 August 2021.

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

#### **Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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#### 24. Pension commitments (continued)

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £2,282,000 (2020 - £1,524,000).

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

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

### Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £2,059,000 (2020 - £1,825,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £1,613,000 (2020 - £1,429,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 446,000 (2020 - £375,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.6% per cent for employers and 24.8% per cent for employees.

As described in note 1.10 the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the academy, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the Scheme in the year. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the academy at the balance sheet date.

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

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### 24. Pension commitments (continued)

### Principal actuarial assumptions

London Borough of Hillingdon Pension Fund		
	2021	2020
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.20	2.50
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.20
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65	1.70
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.10	2.20

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

	2021 Years	2020 Years
Retiring today		
Males	22.3	22.1
Females	24.7	24.3
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	23.3	22.8
Females	26.2	25.5
Royal County of Berkshire Pension Fund		
	2021	2020
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.25
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.25
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65	1.60
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.60	2.25

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

	2021 Years	2020 Years
Retiring today		
Males	21.6	22.1
Females	24.2	24.3
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	23.0	22.8
Females	25.6	25.5

#### Share of scheme assets

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### 24. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Equities	8,539	7,314
Debt Instruments	5,451	3,319
Property	2,907	2,071
Cash	1,272	1,136
Other	-	287
Total market value of assets	18,169	14,127
The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows	:	
	2021 £000	2020 £000
Current service cost	(3,599)	(3,015)
Interest income	249	256
Interest cost	(565)	(528)
Administrative expenses	(5)	(5)
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	(3,920)	(3,292)
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows	3:	
	2021 £000	2020 £000
At 1 September	33,204	27,818
Current service cost	3,599	3,015
Interest cost	565	528
Employee contributions	446	404
Actuarial losses	6,263	1,853
Benefits paid	(348)	(414)
At 31 August	43,729	33,204

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 24. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2021 £000	2020 £000
At 1 September	14,127	13,212
Interest income	249	256
Actuarial gains/(losses)	2,087	(791)
Employer contributions	1,613	1,465
Employee contributions	446	404
Benefits paid	(348)	(414)
Administrative expenses	(5)	(5)
At 31 August	18,169	14,127

### 25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2021 the academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Not later than 1 year	12	13
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	12
	12	25

#### 26. Members' liability

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

#### 27. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.