

CHILD LIGHT LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

Trustees

Mr D E C Alderson
Mr T Amies, Chair
Revd C M Meakin
Revd Dr R McDonald
Mrs F Hough
Mrs T Anifalaje
Dr P Martin (appointed 10 June 2024)

Company registered number

02928829

Charity registered number

1039099

Registered office

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Company secretary

Mr J W Fletcher

Chair of the Trustees

Mr T Amies

Independent auditors

Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co
Chartered Accountants
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Child Light Limited is a registered charity and was established in 1994. It is a private company limited by guarantee with the company number 02928829.

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association and is a registered charity number 1039099.

Day to day management of the charity and its principal activity (Heritage School) is delegated to Mr Jason Fletcher, Headmaster of Heritage School (Chief Executive of the charity).

b. Recruitment, Appointment and Induction of Trustees

Invitations are extended from time to time to suitable qualified and experienced men and women to become Trustees, following consultation with the existing body of Trustees. Newly appointed Trustees are provided with the induction materials, including a copy of the Memorandum of Association. They will have an induction with fellow Trustees and the Chief Executive and will be expected to spend time familiarising themselves with the workings of the charity.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

Day to day management of the operations of the charity, particularly its principal activity Heritage School, is overseen by the Headmaster (Chief Executive).

Within Heritage School there is a Senior Leadership Team consisting of the Headmaster, the Deputy Head, the Bursar, the Head of Infants, the Head of Juniors and the Head of Seniors. This team meets fortnightly to consider operational matters and whole-school policy decisions.

Beneath this Senior Leadership Team, teachers meet in their departments regularly as required. Head of subject areas hold meetings as required. Staff meetings involving Infant School and Junior School class teachers are held fortnightly as are staff meetings for Senior School teachers. INSET training occurs four times per year for all staff. All of these meetings provide opportunities for discussion of educational philosophy and methodology and feedback regarding relevant policy and operational matters.

Day-to-day financial oversight is exercised jointly by the Headmaster and the Bursar in relation to the budget approved by Trustees. Budgetary responsibility for specific departments is devolved to heads of subject areas, the Head of Infants or the Head of Juniors. Budgetary responsibility for our enrichment programme is managed by our Head of Enrichment.

Bursaries are awarded by a Bursary Committee, which will always include at least one Trustee. Within overall levels approved by Trustees, the Bursary Committee awards bursaries following a means-tested application process. The Headmaster is not a member of the Bursary Committee.

Trustees have responsibility over all operational and policy decisions taken by the management of the school (and the charity as a whole). Specifically, they routinely consider:

- the financial position of the school, including setting the level of fees, agreeing the extent of bursaries to be awarded in each year, agreeing an annual budget, monitoring progress against budget, and authorising exceptional expenditure,
- staffing needs, performance and recruitment,
- regulatory compliance, including safeguarding and health & safety,
- advertising and recruitment of pupils,
- matters affecting the ethos of the school,
- property issues and lease agreements,
- any significant new developments.

d. Internal Controls and Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against misstatement and loss. They include:

- regular strategic reviews, an annual budget approved by the Trustees and quarterly management accounts comparing performance against budget,
- regular reports submitted by the Chief Executive,
- regular consideration by the Trustees of the financial position,
- identification and management of risks.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Related party relationships

Three of the trustees (Revd C M Meakin, Mrs T Anifalaje and Revd Dr. R McDonald) have between them six (2023 - seven) children who attend the school.

The company secretary, who is also the Headmaster, and his wife are employees of the school. The salaries and any benefits to which they are entitled are on terms no more favourable than those of any other employee.

f. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of the charity as stated in its Memorandum and Articles of Association:

- the advancement of education whether secular or religious;
- the advancement of the tenets of the Christian Faith; and
- the advancement of any educational, religious or other charitable object.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The charity pursues the above stated objects by providing advice, advocacy or information, by undertaking research, by acting as an umbrella or resourcing body and by directly delivering services.

Child Light Limited is particularly concerned to advance the approach to education articulated by Charlotte Mason and the PNEU (Parents National Education Union).

The primary strategy used to implement the charity's objectives is the operation of Heritage School, whose activities are described below.

c. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

The activities undertaken in the past by Child Light have always included more than the direct provision of educational services. Child Light has advanced education more broadly through the provision of advice, advocacy or information including publications, undertaking research and acting as an umbrella body. During 2023-24 Child Light offered advice to other educators through a new initiative called Educator Training Days, as well as through one-to-one consultancy visits by educators to Heritage School.

Child Light also continued to serve the wider community by hiring our facilities at a reasonable cost to other educational providers.

In addition, our accessible fee structure is intended to make the work of Child Light as beneficial to as wide a segment of the population as possible.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

During 2023-24 Heritage School was the principal activity of Child Light Limited.

We commenced 2023-24 with 194 pupils. It was the eighth academic year in which we had a single class in each year group from Reception to Year 11.

Our Leavers in July 2024 received offers at their preferred destination for post-16 education and training, with Hills Road Sixth Form as the most common. They achieved excellent results relative to pre-pandemic standards, with 74% of all results being awarded either 9-7, the second highest in the city of Cambridge. 'Added value' analysis shows that over seven years for which we have data, Heritage pupils have achieved, on average, 1.3 grades higher per subject than standardised assessments considered 'most likely'. This demonstrates Heritage School's unique ability to help pupils exceed expectations.

A new Deputy Head commenced in September 2023. We also made the following teacher appointments during 2023-24 for a September 2024 start: Year 4 Class Teacher, Senior English Teacher, Senior History and RS teacher and Head of Humanities Faculty, SENCO.

Recruitment of pupils was strong during 2023-24, particularly for places in our Lower Prep (Reception) class and in our Year 7 class, leading to the highest number of pupils (200) starting in September 2024 in many years. We took the decision during 2023-24 to expand the number of pupils in our Senior classes to 20 (from 18) and in all of our Junior classes to 18 (from 16 in Year 3 and Year 4).

In April 2024 we were inspected by the ISI. All standards were met. Inspectors praised the school's leadership for 'effectively translating their clear vision into development plans that promote pupils' progress and wellbeing.' The full report can be found on our website.

In the financial year 2023-24 we have pursued a range of activities to advance Christian education along Charlotte Mason/PNEU lines including launching a formal Educator Training Day, Educator Visits and a consultancy programme.

There are factors outside of our control that affect our ability to successfully achieve our objectives, particularly pupil and staff recruitment. These wider economic factors include increased employer pension contributions in the Teachers Pensions from April 2024, the threat of higher taxes by a new Labour government, due to be implemented in late October 2024 and the loss of mandatory business rate relief from April 2025. The increased pension costs were partially mitigated through undertaking a consultation with affected staff about the conditions for continued participation in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. At the same time, efficiency savings were introduced through outsourcing payroll services.

The impact of these uncertainties is mitigated through prudent financial management, effective marketing of the school and making use of available channels to advertise teacher vacancies. A strong service that leads to positive personal recommendations on the part of those involved with Heritage School remains a high priority.

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Strategic report (continued)

Financial review

a. Review

Charitable activities raised £2,570,570 during 2023-2024, from which all operational costs for the school were met.

In addition, the Heritage Community Association (HCA), raised a further £11,131 in support of the work of Heritage School through a combination of fundraising activities (£7,657) and voluntary donations (£3,474).

b. Reserves policy

At the end of the 2023-24 year, £1,291,472 total funds were held, of which £25,423 were restricted. The trustees seek to build unrestricted reserves equal to 25% of the current year's total expenditure.

c. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

d. Pay policy for senior staff

Pay and remuneration of the charity's key management personnel are determined in the light of independent school sector norms and the government's statutory guidance on pay and conditions for teachers in England and Wales (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-teachers-pay-and-conditions>). These norms are used to guide the Headmaster's pay, the Deputy Head's pay, and the value of additional responsibilities undertaken by teaching staff. Pay for school administrators is determined in relation to industry standards. The performance of key management personnel is evaluated by Trustees regularly in the course of their normal duties. Pay is not linked to performance criteria. Trustees set pay levels for all staff, including key management personnel, when they approve the annual budget.

e. Plans for future periods

In 2024-25 the operation of Heritage School will be the predominant focus of the activities of Child Light Limited. Our main developmental priorities are to:

- continue strengthening management systems generally
- take further steps toward 'sharing' the work of Heritage School with interested visitors through our new consultancy programmes, attending conferences and publishing activities
- navigate the financial consequences of the new tax policies to be introduced by the Labour government
- do all we can to strengthen recruitment to closer to 100% capacity, with a particular focus upon Lower Prep (Reception) entry
- embed expanded class sizes in our Senior School and lower Junior School, ensuring high quality service for our pupils
- implement wrap-around care up to 5:30pm every day of the week for pupils in Reception (Lower Prep) to Year 6, to support working parents more effectively
- appoint new Trustees

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Members' liability

The Members of the Company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report including the Strategic report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 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 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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Auditors

The auditors, Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

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

T Amies
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Mr T Amies

Date: 7/3/2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILD LIGHT LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Child Light Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report 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 charitable company 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 Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

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Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

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 specific procedures designed and implemented to detect irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance.
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of activities and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

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 TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILD LIGHT LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

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

Richard Hill

Richard Hill (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

21 - 27 Lamb's Conduit Street

London

WC1N 3GS

Date: 7/3/2025

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	6,468	26,412	32,880	54,195
Charitable activities	6	2,570,570	-	2,570,570	2,383,298
Other trading activities	7	-	8,734	8,734	2,930
Investments	5	2,249	-	2,249	-
Other income	8	5,594	-	5,594	1,249
Total income		2,584,881	35,146	2,620,027	2,441,672
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	9	-	5,483	5,483	7,040
Charitable activities		2,491,169	9,758	2,500,927	2,303,998
Total expenditure		2,491,169	15,241	2,506,410	2,311,038
Net movement in funds		93,712	19,905	113,617	130,634
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,172,337	5,518	1,177,855	1,047,221
Net movement in funds		93,712	19,905	113,617	130,634
Total funds carried forward		1,266,049	25,423	1,291,472	1,177,855

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	6,638,047	6,676,254
		<u>6,638,047</u>	<u>6,676,254</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	16	14,721	12,222
Debtors	17	86,139	71,826
Cash at bank and in hand		719,343	405,248
		<u>820,203</u>	<u>489,296</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(463,816)	(188,837)
Net current assets		<u>356,387</u>	<u>300,459</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>6,994,434</u>	<u>6,976,713</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(5,702,962)	(5,798,858)
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>1,291,472</u>	<u>1,177,855</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>1,291,472</u></u>	<u><u>1,177,855</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	21	25,423	5,518
Unrestricted funds	21	1,266,049	1,172,337
Total funds		<u><u>1,291,472</u></u>	<u><u>1,177,855</u></u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

T Amies

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Mr T Amies

Date: 7/3/2025

The notes on pages 16 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	354,197	224,985
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(40,102)	(3,256)
Net cash used in investing activities	(40,102)	(3,256)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	-	(76,370)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	-	(76,370)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	314,095	145,359
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	405,248	259,889
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	719,343	405,248

The notes on pages 16 to 35 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Child Light Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, whose main activity is that of operating a school. The registered office and situation of the school is 17-19 Brookside, Cambridge CB2 1JE. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Child Light Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4 Income

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 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.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in activities that raise funds.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.9 Debtors

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

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

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 Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of its non-teaching staff and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

The company also operates a defined benefits pension scheme in respect of its teaching staff. The scheme is a state plan where it is not possible, in the normal course of events, to identify on a consistent and reasonable basis, the company's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Therefore, as required by Section 28 of FRS 102, the company accounts for this scheme as if it was a defined contribution scheme. Contributions, which are in accordance with the recommendations of the Government Actuary, are charged in the period in which the salaries to which they relate are payable.

2.13 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3. Accounting estimates and areas of judgment

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the period. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates, but these are unlikely to be material.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	6,468	26,412	32,880	54,195
Total 2023	44,529	9,666	54,195	

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income	2,249	2,249	-

6. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Heritage School income	2,570,570	2,570,570	2,383,298
Total 2023	2,383,298	2,383,298	

7. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
HCA fundraising	7,657	7,657	2,022
Other fundraising	1,077	1,077	908
	8,734	8,734	2,930
Total 2023	2,930	2,930	

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8. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Royalties received	1,570	1,570	1,249
Other interest received	356	356	-
Other income	3,668	3,668	-
	5,594	5,594	1,249
Total 2023	1,249	1,249	

9. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Heritage Community Association (HCA) costs	-	5,483	5,483	7,040
Total 2023	1,371	5,669	7,040	

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10. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Amazing Grace School, Uganda	596	596	887
	<u>596</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>887</u>
Total 2023	887	887	
	<u>887</u>	<u>887</u>	

11. Analysis of expenditure by charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Heritage School direct costs	1,679,914	596	820,417	2,500,927	2,303,998
	<u>1,679,914</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>820,417</u>	<u>2,500,927</u>	<u>2,303,998</u>
Total 2023	1,523,717	887	779,394	2,303,998	
	<u>1,523,717</u>	<u>887</u>	<u>779,394</u>	<u>2,303,998</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	1,441,094	1,441,094	1,294,674
Heritage School direct costs	78,309	78,309	73,120
Depreciation	158,349	158,349	131,012
Expenditure of income received in the Bursary fund	2,162	2,162	24,911
	<u>1,679,914</u>	<u>1,679,914</u>	<u>1,523,717</u>

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11. Analysis of expenditure by charitable activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	304,054	304,054	289,962
Recruitment and training	11,473	11,473	11,660
Property	126,459	126,459	121,234
Administration	108,657	108,657	95,192
Marketing	9,981	9,981	14,832
Audit	7,306	7,306	9,657
Professional fees	13,387	13,387	565
Finance costs	233,571	233,571	231,605
Compliance and inspections	5,529	5,529	4,065
Loss on disposal	-	-	622
	<u>820,417</u>	<u>820,417</u>	<u>779,394</u>
Total 2023	<u>779,394</u>	<u>779,394</u>	

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

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

13. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £4,390 (2023 - £5,795), and an accounts preparation fee of £2,916 (2023 - £3,862).

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14. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,352,818	1,245,757
Social security costs	117,226	104,871
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	275,104	234,008
	1,745,148	1,584,636

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Teaching staff	46	46
Administrative staff	12	12
	58	58

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1

The remuneration (including national insurance and pension contributions) received by key management personnel was £220,907 (2023 - £166,408). The key management personnel for the purpose of this disclosure are the Headmaster, Deputy Head and the Bursar.

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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 August 2023	6,913,207	25,949	43,066	17,864	7,000,086
Additions	19,972	-	17,986	2,144	40,102
At 31 July 2024	<u>6,933,179</u>	<u>25,949</u>	<u>61,052</u>	<u>20,008</u>	<u>7,040,188</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 August 2023	243,185	25,126	38,162	17,359	323,832
Charge for the year	69,587	205	7,476	1,041	78,309
At 31 July 2024	<u>312,772</u>	<u>25,331</u>	<u>45,638</u>	<u>18,400</u>	<u>402,141</u>
Net book value					
At 31 July 2024	<u>6,620,407</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>15,414</u>	<u>1,608</u>	<u>6,638,047</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>6,670,022</u>	<u>823</u>	<u>4,904</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>6,676,254</u>

The total net book value of the charity's freehold property has been pledged as security for liabilities. For further details, see Note 19.

16. Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>14,721</u>	<u>12,222</u>

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17. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	25,906	27,963
Other debtors	1,788	2,712
Prepayments	54,746	33,651
Tax recoverable	3,699	7,500
	<u>86,139</u>	<u>71,826</u>

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loan	96,145	91,962
Other loans	4,711	1,313
Trade creditors	38,897	33,203
Other creditors	4,331	7,165
Accruals and deferred income	319,732	55,194
	<u>463,816</u>	<u>188,837</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	4,202,962	4,298,858
Other loans	1,500,000	1,500,000
	<u>5,702,962</u>	<u>5,798,858</u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loans	<u>98,448</u>	<u>96,145</u>
Between two and five years		
Bank loans	204,193	302,641
Other loans	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Over five years		
Bank loans	3,900,321	3,900,072
Other loans	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>

The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	2024 £	2023 £
Payable or repayable by instalments	3,900,321	3,900,072
Payable or repayable other than by instalments	1,000,000	1,500,000
	<u>4,900,321</u>	<u>5,400,072</u>

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During the year ended 31 July 2021 a new bank loan was arranged with the charity borrowing £4,640,000 to be repaid over 30 years. This loan is subject to 3.98% interest per annum for the first 5 years and thereafter to an annual interest rate charge of 3.93% over the prevailing bank base rate. This loan is secured by a first fixed and floating legal charge over the charity's freehold properties, 17-19 Brookside (Cambridge, CB2 1JE), Panton Hall (Cambridge, CB2 1HP) and all other assets.

- In addition the charity took out four other loans during the year ended 31 July 2021:
- Two loans were taken out on similar terms, one for £450,000 and one for £50,000 which are to be repaid after 7 years. These loans are subject to 3% interest per annum. On the settlement of these loans, an independent valuation of 17-19 Brookside (Cambridge, CB2 1JE) will be carried out, and the charity will pay the lenders 23% and 2.60% (respectively) of any increase in the market value of the property over £4,835,000 less any 'capital expenditure on improvements'. The repayments are subject to a maximum amount equal to the original loan plus 7% compounded interest per annum.
 - A loan for £900,000 is to be repaid after 15 years. This loan was subject to 3% interest per annum for the first year of the term, rising by 0.5% for each subsequent year until it reaches 6% in year 7. The interest rate will remain at 6% for the remainder of the term.
 - A loan for £100,000 is to be repaid after 10 years. This loan was subject to 3% interest per annum for the first year of the term, rising by 0.5% for each subsequent year until it reaches 6% in year 7. The interest rate will remain at 6% for the remainder of the term.

The four loans have a second fixed charge over the charity's freehold properties and rank equally, with any payments proportionate to the loans advanced.

20. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	719,343	405,248

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash at bank and in hand.

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21. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,172,337	2,584,881	(2,491,169)	1,266,049
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds - other	530	4,512	(522)	4,520
Amazing Grace School, Uganda	488	1,263	(596)	1,155
Bursary fund	-	2,162	(2,162)	-
Commemoration fund	4,500	-	(1,540)	2,960
Building and facilities improvement fund	-	17,000	(7,000)	10,000
Heritage Community Association fund	-	10,209	(3,421)	6,788
	5,518	35,146	(15,241)	25,423
Total of funds	1,177,855	2,620,027	(2,506,410)	1,291,472

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21. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds - other

Such resources represent small donations given for specific purposes relating to the running of the school.

Amazing Grace School, Uganda

Amazing Grace School is a school in Uganda of a roughly similar age as Heritage School. A number of the pupils are orphans, and there are boarders and day pupils. The relationship between Amazing Grace and Heritage Schools extends into the classroom as pupils write letters to one another and send art work and other items to each other. Typically, Heritage School donates the proceeds from the Christmas Concert collection and a portion of all HCA raised funds to Amazing Grace each year.

Bursary fund

Bursaries are awarded to pupils who, it is believed, will gain most from a Heritage education and will contribute fully to the life of the school. Bursaries are awarded on a sliding scale up to a maximum of 75%, with emphasis on ensuring a broad distribution, so that as many families can benefit as possible.

Commemoration fund

The Commemoration fund was established in the year ended 31 July 2022 and is to be used for any activities that celebrate the people, history, or key events in the school's life. The aim of this fund is for such activities not to place a burden on the operational funding of the school.

Building and facilities improvement fund

This fund is for donations received for the purposes of increasing, improving or repairing the facilities owned by Child Light at Brookside or Panton Hall.

Heritage Community Association fund

The Heritage Community Association (HCA) is a community made up of people with an interest in Heritage School, for instance parents of current pupils. They raise funds for Heritage School and Amazing Grace School through cake sales and second hand clothing sales, and events such as fetes.

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21. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 July 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	1,013,804	2,431,098	(2,278,133)	5,568	1,172,337
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds - other	4,776	5,763	(7,107)	(2,902)	530
Amazing Grace School, Uganda	887	488	(887)	-	488
Bursary fund	22,588	2,323	(24,911)	-	-
Commemoration fund	2,500	2,000	-	-	4,500
Fixed asset fund	2,666	-	-	(2,666)	-
	33,417	10,574	(32,905)	(5,568)	5,518
Total of funds	1,047,221	2,441,672	(2,311,038)	-	1,177,855

22. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
General funds	1,172,337	2,584,881	(2,491,169)	1,266,049
Restricted funds	5,518	35,146	(15,241)	25,423
	1,177,855	2,620,027	(2,506,410)	1,291,472

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22. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 July 2023 £
General funds	1,013,804	2,431,098	(2,278,133)	5,568	1,172,337
Restricted funds	33,417	10,574	(32,905)	(5,568)	5,518
	<u>1,047,221</u>	<u>2,441,672</u>	<u>(2,311,038)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,177,855</u>

23. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,638,047	-	6,638,047
Current assets	794,780	25,423	820,203
Creditors due within one year	(463,816)	-	(463,816)
Creditors due in more than one year	(5,702,962)	-	(5,702,962)
Total	<u>1,266,049</u>	<u>25,423</u>	<u>1,291,472</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,676,254	-	6,676,254
Current assets	483,778	5,518	489,296
Creditors due within one year	(188,837)	-	(188,837)
Creditors due in more than one year	(5,798,858)	-	(5,798,858)
Total	<u>1,172,337</u>	<u>5,518</u>	<u>1,177,855</u>

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24. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	113,617	130,634
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	78,309	73,120
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets	-	622
Increase in stocks	(2,499)	(234)
Increase in debtors	(14,313)	(17,342)
Increase in creditors	179,083	38,185
Net cash provided by operating activities	354,197	224,985

25. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	719,343	405,248
Total cash and cash equivalents	719,343	405,248

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 August 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 July 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	405,248	314,095	719,343
Debt due within 1 year	(93,275)	(7,581)	(100,856)
Debt due after 1 year	(5,798,858)	95,896	(5,702,962)
	(5,486,885)	402,410	(5,084,475)

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27. Related party transactions

Related party transactions not disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements are as follows:

- Revd C M Meakin, a Trustee, has two (2023 - two) children who attended the school during the year;
- Revd Dr. R McDonald, a Trustee, has three (2023 - three) children who attended the school during the year; and
- Mrs T Anifalaje, a Trustee, has one (2023 - one) child who attended the school during the year.

The company secretary, who is also the Headmaster, and his wife are employees of the school. The salaries and any benefits to which they are entitled are on terms no more favourable than those of any other employee.

During the year, the charity received restricted donations totalling £2,500 (2023 - £4,300) from two (2023 - three) of its Trustees.

28. Pension commitments

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in member schools. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis —these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. The school has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The school has set out below the information available on the scheme.

At the balance sheet date, no contributions were payable by the charity (2023 - same).

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 2023 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 2020 in accordance with The Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2023 and the Employer Contribution Rate was assessed using agreed assumptions in line with the Directions and was accepted at the original assessed rate as there was no cost control mechanism breach.

The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 26 October 2023. The key elements of the valuation are:

- Total scheme liabilities for service (the capital sum needed at 31 March 2020 to meet the stream of future cash flows in respect of benefits earned) of £262 billion;
- Value of notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the proceeds from the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222 billion;
- Notional past service deficit of £39.8 billion (2016 - £22 billion);
- Discount rate is 1.7% in excess of CPI (2016 - 2.4% in excess of CPI) (this change has had the greatest financial significance).

As a result of the valuation, new employer contribution rates have been set at 28.68% of pensionable pay from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2027 (compared to 23.68% under the previous valuation including a 0.08% administration levy).

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £252,520 (2023 - £213,262).

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28. Pension commitments (continued)

Group Personal Pension Schemes

The School also operates a group personal pension scheme. The Scheme is a defined contribution scheme, the assets of the scheme being held separately from those of the school in independently administered funds.

The school's contributions to the Independent School's Pension Scheme for non-teaching staff were 8.45% (combined pension and death in service benefit) (2023 - 8.5%) with employee contributions of 7% (2023 - 7%).

Employer contributions paid to the schemes in the year were £21,407 (2023 - £20,746).