

# BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1068650

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1998-03-14

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED.

**Activities:** The Trust assists Birkenhead School in various ways: by giving money to the School for the provision of bursaries; and by providing money to the School for capital and special projects.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Wirral

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£369,678	£119,933	-	-
2023-08-31	£1,968,811	£374,405	£7,235,106	0
2022-08-31	£447,018	£279,264	-	-
2021-08-31	£373,733	£244,895	-	-
2020-08-31	£336,922	£237,145	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daniel John Byrne		2025-05-28
EDWARD NICHOLAS RICE FRICS MCIA		2011-06-27
HARRY EDEN ROYDS FITZHERBERT BA, PGCE		2013-06-13
Josh Stirrett		2024-11-22
MR M R FEENY LLB		
Mr M R Cashin		2017-06-26
Mr P R VICARS		2016-09-01
Neil Patrick Turner		2022-09-12
Thomas Whitworth		2025-05-28

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1068650 (England and Wales)

**THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**



# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023) Mr M R Feeny LLB (Chair to 13 November 2023) Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE Mr Edward Rice FRICS Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst Mr P R Vicars MA Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons) Mr M R Cashin MA
<b>Charity number (England and Wales)</b>	1068650
<b>Auditor</b>	Xeinadin Audit Limited 46 Hamilton Square Birkenhead Wirral Merseyside CH41 5AR
<b>Solicitors</b>	DWF LLP 5 St Paul's Square Old Hall Street Liverpool Merseyside L3 9AE
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Rathbone Investment Management Port of Liverpool Pier Head Liverpool Merseyside L3 1NW

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

### **Objectives and activities**

The Trust's stated objects are;

'To assist and support Birkenhead School to further its charitable objects'

(The above is extracted from the Declaration of Trust).

It is currently envisaged that the Trust will assist the School in various ways:

By giving money to the School for the provision of bursaries

By providing money to the School for capital and special projects; such money to be as a gift or loan.

Money for bursaries comes from the Trust's income; money for capital or special projects may be from income or from the Trust's capital.

The Trust seeks to increase its income and capital over time, so that it can provide increased levels of support to the School

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

The Trust has continued its aims of supporting the School throughout the year, and has granted a further £23,162 (2023 £267,790) to facilitate the provision of school bursaries, fundraising activities and other necessary expenditure. This is in addition to restricted donations of £49,952 (2023 - £46,462).

The investment property was sold during the year and realised a gain of £214,756.

### **Financial review**

The Trust had income during the year of £369,678 (2023 £1,968,812) and expenditure of £119,933 (2023 £374,406) which together with surplus on investments of £811,615 (2023 deficit £171,746) left £1,061,360 to be added to the reserves brought forward of £7,235,106 leaving funds available to be carried forward of £8,296,466. Unrestricted free reserves of the Trust amounted to £8,105,955.

Investment income from its reserves is used to provide fee assistance to pupils and thereby to widen access to the School. More fee assistance is provided by the School than can be funded by the income of the Foundation Trust and it is therefore the policy of the Trustees to seek to increase the capital held by the Trust.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue to fulfil its aims for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Trustees have an investment policy which aims to secure a balance of income and capital growth. Professional investment managers are employed.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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### **Plans for future periods**

The Trust aims to increase its level of income, both through encouraging donations and from sound management of its capital. It will respond, on request, to the strategic development needs of the School, considering how it can best support the School's charitable objectives.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity (charity no. 1068650). It is under the effective control of Birkenhead School (the School), a company limited by guarantee (company no. 4492250) and a registered charity (charity no. 1093419).

Trustees, who are appointed by the governors of the School are as listed. They are drawn from current or former governors of the School, senior executives of the School and a representative of the Old Birkenian Society.

Trustees delegate the day to day running of the Trust's business to their Secretary, who is the Bursar of the School.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023)

Mr M R Feeny LLB (Chair to 13 November 2023)

Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE

Mr Edward Rice FRICS

Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst

Mr P R Vicars MA

Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons)

Mr M R Cashin MA

Trustees are conscious of the need to keep within its number a wide range of skills and experience. New Trustees are offered training on appointment and training for all Trustees is arranged from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023)

**Trustee**

Date: .....

# **THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

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

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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 charity'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.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's 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 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity'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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including Charities Act 2011, data protection & anti-bribery.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management team and inspecting legal correspondence; and identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management team as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Other matters**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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**Helen Furlong FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of Xeinaidin Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

46 Hamilton Square

Birkenhead

Wirral

Merseyside

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Date: .....

Xeinaidin Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	11,406	70,567	81,973	1,681,464	46,756	1,728,220
Other trading activities	4	1,218	12,844	14,062	2,144	15,539	17,683
Investments	5	270,533	3,110	273,643	219,118	3,791	222,909
<b>Total income</b>		<u>283,157</u>	<u>86,521</u>	<u>369,678</u>	<u>1,902,726</u>	<u>66,086</u>	<u>1,968,812</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	38,373	-	38,373	39,789	-	39,789
Charitable activities	7	3,632	77,928	81,560	203,706	130,911	334,617
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>42,005</u>	<u>77,928</u>	<u>119,933</u>	<u>243,495</u>	<u>130,911</u>	<u>374,406</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	<u>811,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>811,615</u>	<u>(171,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(171,746)</u>
<b>Net income</b>		<u>1,052,767</u>	<u>8,593</u>	<u>1,061,360</u>	<u>1,487,485</u>	<u>(64,825)</u>	<u>1,422,660</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(67,790)</u>	<u>67,790</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	10	<u>1,052,767</u>	<u>8,593</u>	<u>1,061,360</u>	<u>1,419,695</u>	<u>2,965</u>	<u>1,422,660</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		<u>7,096,100</u>	<u>139,006</u>	<u>7,235,106</u>	<u>5,676,405</u>	<u>136,041</u>	<u>5,812,446</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2024</b>		<u>8,148,867</u>	<u>147,599</u>	<u>8,296,466</u>	<u>7,096,100</u>	<u>139,006</u>	<u>7,235,106</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		42,912		45,940
Investment property	16		-		462,842
Investments	17		7,120,245		6,554,560
			<u>7,163,157</u>		<u>7,063,342</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	18	20,322		25,478	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,218,829		210,826	
		<u>1,239,151</u>		<u>236,304</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	19	(105,842)		(64,540)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>1,133,309</u>		<u>171,764</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>8,296,466</u>		<u>7,235,106</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	20		147,599		139,006
Unrestricted funds	21		8,148,867		7,096,100
			<u>8,296,466</u>		<u>7,235,106</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

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Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023)  
**Trustee**

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust is an unincorporated charity established under a trust dated 23 January 1998 with deeds of variation dated 26 November 2001 and 28 October 2002.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

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

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	4% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	11,406	70,567	81,973	1,667,464	46,756	1,714,220
Legacies	-	-	-	14,000	-	14,000
	<u>11,406</u>	<u>70,567</u>	<u>81,973</u>	<u>1,681,464</u>	<u>46,756</u>	<u>1,728,220</u>

### 4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Non-charitable trading activities	1,218	-	1,218	2,144	-	2,144
Fundraising events	-	12,844	12,844	-	15,539	15,539
Other trading activities	<u>1,218</u>	<u>12,844</u>	<u>14,062</u>	<u>2,144</u>	<u>15,539</u>	<u>17,683</u>

### 5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Rental income	90,592	-	90,592	44,502	-	44,502
Income from listed investments	<u>179,941</u>	<u>3,110</u>	<u>183,051</u>	<u>174,616</u>	<u>3,791</u>	<u>178,407</u>
	<u>270,533</u>	<u>3,110</u>	<u>273,643</u>	<u>219,118</u>	<u>3,791</u>	<u>222,909</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Trading costs</b>		
Depreciation and impairment	3,028	3,028
Investment management	35,345	36,761
Total costs	<u>38,373</u>	<u>39,789</u>

### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Grants payable 2024 £	Grants payable 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Charitable donations	4,814	16,660
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	73,114	314,252
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)</b>		
Support	132	205
Governance	3,500	3,500
	<u>81,560</u>	<u>334,617</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	3,632	203,706
Restricted funds	77,928	130,911
	<u>81,560</u>	<u>334,617</u>

### 8 Grants payable

	Grants payable 2024 £	Grants payable 2023 £
Grants to institutions: Birkenhead School	<u>73,114</u>	<u>314,252</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### 9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	132 3,500	205 3,500
	<u>3,632</u>	<u>3,705</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Grants payable	<u>3,632</u>	<u>3,705</u>

### 10 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,500	3,500
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	3,028	3,028
Profit on disposal of investment property	(214,756)	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 13 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	565,184	(169,992)
Sale of investments	31,675	(1,754)
Sale of investment properties	214,756	-
	<u>811,615</u>	<u>(171,746)</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 15 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 September 2023	75,704
At 31 August 2024	<u>75,704</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 September 2023	29,764
Depreciation charged in the year	3,028
At 31 August 2024	<u>32,792</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 August 2024	<u>42,912</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>45,940</u>

#### 16 Investment property

	2024 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 September 2023	462,842
Disposals	(462,842)
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>

Investment property comprises a commercial property let to Specsavers on a 15 year lease, which commenced in 2003. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at December 2012 by Smith & Sons Property Consultants, who are not connected with the charity. The valuation was made in accordance with guidelines issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

During the course of the current year this property was sold.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 17 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 September 2023	6,257,328	297,232	6,554,560
Additions	1,291,162	-	1,291,162
Valuation changes	564,574	-	564,574
Disposals	(1,086,048)	(204,003)	(1,290,051)
At 31 August 2024	<u>7,027,016</u>	<u>93,229</u>	<u>7,120,245</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 August 2024	<u>7,027,016</u>	<u>93,229</u>	<u>7,120,245</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>6,257,328</u>	<u>297,232</u>	<u>6,554,560</u>

Investments at fair value comprise:	2024 £	2023 £
Government stocks	682,032	(442,250)
United Kingdom equities and funds	2,236,953	(2,448,176)
Overseas equities and funds	4,108,031	3,366,902
	<u>7,027,016</u>	<u>6,257,328</u>

The historical cost of the investments is £6,093,558 (2023: £5,733,570)

### 18 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	<u>20,322</u>	<u>25,478</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	96,414	46,462
Accruals and deferred income	9,428	18,078
	<u>105,842</u>	<u>64,540</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Bursaries	131,531	73,677	(73,114)	-	132,094
Fundraising activities	7,475	12,844	(4,814)	-	15,505
	<u>139,006</u>	<u>86,521</u>	<u>(77,928)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,599</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>					
	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Bursaries	127,447	50,547	(46,463)	-	131,531
Fundraising activities	8,594	15,539	(84,448)	67,790	7,475
	<u>136,041</u>	<u>66,086</u>	<u>(130,911)</u>	<u>67,790</u>	<u>139,006</u>

#### 21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	7,096,100	283,157	(42,005)	-	811,615	8,148,867
	<u>7,096,100</u>	<u>283,157</u>	<u>(42,005)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>811,615</u>	<u>8,148,867</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>						
	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	5,676,405	1,902,726	(243,495)	(67,790)	(171,746)	7,096,100
	<u>5,676,405</u>	<u>1,902,726</u>	<u>(243,495)</u>	<u>(67,790)</u>	<u>(171,746)</u>	<u>7,096,100</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 August 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	42,912	-	42,912
Investments	6,976,548	143,697	7,120,245
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,129,407	3,902	1,133,309
	<u>8,148,867</u>	<u>147,599</u>	<u>8,296,466</u>
	<u><u>8,148,867</u></u>	<u><u>147,599</u></u>	<u><u>8,296,466</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>At 31 August 2023:</b>			
Tangible assets	45,940	-	45,940
Investment properties	462,842	-	462,842
Investments	6,423,028	131,532	6,554,560
Current assets/(liabilities)	164,290	7,474	171,764
	<u>7,096,100</u>	<u>139,006</u>	<u>7,235,106</u>
	<u><u>7,096,100</u></u>	<u><u>139,006</u></u>	<u><u>7,235,106</u></u>

### 23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1068650

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr M R Feeny LLB (Chair to 13 November 2023) Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE Mr Edward Rice FRICS Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst Mr P R Vicars MA Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons) Mr M R Cashin MA Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023) (Appointed 7 November 2022)
<b>Charity number</b>	1068650
<b>Auditor</b>	Xeinadin Audit Limited 2 Hilliards Court Chester Business Park Chester Cheshire CH4 9QP
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank Plc 2 Grange Road West Birkenhead Wirral Merseyside CH41 4DF
<b>Solicitors</b>	DWF LLP 5 St Paul's Square Old Hall Street Liverpool Merseyside L3 9AE
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Rathbone Investment Management Port of Liverpool Pier Head Liverpool Merseyside L3 1NW

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Trust's stated objects are;

'To assist and support Birkenhead School to further its charitable objects'

(The above is extracted from the Declaration of Trust).

It is currently envisaged that the Trust will assist the School in various ways:

- By giving money to the School for the provision of bursaries
- By providing money to the School for capital and special projects; such money to be as a gift or loan.

Money for bursaries comes from the Trust's income; money for capital or special projects may be from income or from the Trust's capital.

The Trust seeks to increase its income and capital over time, so that it can provide increased levels of support to the School.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Trust has continued its aims of supporting the School throughout the year, and has granted a further £267,790 (2022 £180,000) to facilitate the provision of school bursaries, fundraising activities and other necessary expenditure. This is in addition to restricted donations of £46,462 (2022 - £35,840).

The trustees consider the value of the investment property remains unchanged at £330,000, however an extension to the building was completed shortly before the year end, with an agreement to lease at an increased rent to be finalised in the following months at which point a revaluation of the property will be both possible and appropriate.

#### **Financial review**

The Trust had income during the year of £1,968,811 (2022 £447,018) and expenditure of £374,405 (2022 £279,264) which together with loss on investments of £171,746 (2022 £728,572) left £1,422,660 to be added to the reserves brought forward of £5,812,446 leaving funds available to be carried forward of £7,235,106. Unrestricted free reserves of the Trust amounted to £6,587,318.

Investment income from its reserves is used to provide fee assistance to pupils and thereby to widen access to the School. More fee assistance is provided by the School than can be funded by the income of the Foundation Trust and it is therefore the policy of the Trustees to seek to increase the capital held by the Trust.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue to fulfil its aims for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Trustees have an investment policy which aims to secure a balance of income and capital growth. Professional investment managers are employed.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Trust aims to increase its level of income, both through encouraging donations and from sound management of its capital. It will respond, on request, to the strategic development needs of the School, considering how it can best support the School's charitable objectives.

After a fairly lengthy lease extension on the retail property owned in Nantwich, the building extension project in conjunction with the tenant (Specsavers) is now complete with a finalized lease being drawn up as a result. Trustees will then reconsider the position of this tangible (but illiquid) property asset within their portfolio.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity (charity no. 1068650). It is under the effective control of Birkenhead School (the School), a company limited by guarantee (company no. 4492250) and a registered charity (charity no. 1093419).

Trustees, who are appointed by the governors of the School are as listed. They are drawn from current or former governors of the School, senior executives of the School and a representative of the Old Birkonian Society.

Trustees delegate the day to day running of the Trust's business to their Secretary, who is the Bursar of the School.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI (Resigned 7 November 2022)  
Mr M R Feeny LLB (Chair to 13 November 2023)  
Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE  
Dr J K Moore OBE FRCA MBA (Resigned 7 November 2022)  
Mr Edward Rice FRICS  
Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst  
Mr P R Vicars MA  
Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons)  
Mr M R Cashin MA  
Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023) (Appointed 7 November 2022)

Trustees are conscious of the need to keep within its number a wide range of skills and experience. New Trustees are offered training on appointment and training for all Trustees is arranged from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023)**

Trustee  
Dated: 05/03/24

# **THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

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

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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 charity'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.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's 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 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity'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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including Charities Act 2011, data protection & anti-bribery.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management team and inspecting legal correspondence; and identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management team as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Helen Furlong FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Limited

**Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	1,681,463	46,756	1,728,219	194,305	68,161	262,466
Other trading activities	4	2,144	15,539	17,683	1,941	25,495	27,436
Investments	5	219,118	3,791	222,909	154,913	2,203	157,116
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,902,725</u>	<u>66,086</u>	<u>1,968,811</u>	<u>351,159</u>	<u>95,859</u>	<u>447,018</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	39,789	-	39,789	37,594	-	37,594
Charitable activities	8	203,705	130,911	334,616	185,920	55,750	241,670
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>243,494</u>	<u>130,911</u>	<u>374,405</u>	<u>223,514</u>	<u>55,750</u>	<u>279,264</u>
Net losses on investments	12	(171,746)	-	(171,746)	(728,572)	-	(728,572)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>1,487,485</u>	<u>(64,825)</u>	<u>1,422,660</u>	<u>(600,927)</u>	<u>40,109</u>	<u>(560,818)</u>
Transfers between funds		(67,790)	67,790	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>1,419,695</u>	<u>2,965</u>	<u>1,422,660</u>	<u>(600,927)</u>	<u>40,109</u>	<u>(560,818)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 September 2022		5,676,405	136,041	5,812,446	6,277,332	95,932	6,373,264
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2023</b>		<u><u>7,096,100</u></u>	<u><u>139,006</u></u>	<u><u>7,235,106</u></u>	<u><u>5,676,405</u></u>	<u><u>136,041</u></u>	<u><u>5,812,446</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.


# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		45,940		48,968
Investment property	15		462,842		455,154
Investments	16		6,554,560		5,272,828
			<u>7,063,342</u>		<u>5,776,950</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	25,478		14,400	
Cash at bank and in hand		210,826		198,739	
			<u>236,304</u>		<u>213,139</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18		64,540		177,643
Net current assets			<u>171,764</u>		<u>35,496</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>7,235,106</u>		<u>5,812,446</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	19		139,006		136,041
Unrestricted funds			7,096,100		5,676,405
			<u>7,235,106</u>		<u>5,812,446</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 05th March, 2024

  
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 Mr N P Turner (Chair from 13 November 2023)  
 Trustee

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	23		1,250,344		11,287
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of investment property		(7,688)		(115,046)	
Purchase of other investments		(2,419,517)		(701,922)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		966,039		635,689	
Investment income received		222,909		157,116	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(1,238,257)		(24,163)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			12,087		(12,876)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			198,739		211,615
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			210,826		198,739

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust is an unincorporated charity established under a trust dated 23 January 1998 with deeds of variation dated 26 November 2001 and 28 October 2002.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but are not directly attributable to the charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, administrative payroll costs and governance costs which support the charity's activities. Where the support costs cannot be attributable to a direct activity they have been allocated to the costs of raising funds and charitable activities on a pro-rata basis.

Governance costs represent costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	4% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	1,667,463	46,756	1,714,219	194,305	68,161	262,466
Legacies receivable	14,000	-	14,000	-	-	-
	<u>1,681,463</u>	<u>46,756</u>	<u>1,728,219</u>	<u>194,305</u>	<u>68,161</u>	<u>262,466</u>

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from energy created	2,144	-	2,144	1,941	-	1,941
Fundraising events	-	15,539	15,539	-	25,495	25,495
Other trading activities	<u>2,144</u>	<u>15,539</u>	<u>17,683</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>25,495</u>	<u>27,436</u>

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Rental income	44,502	-	44,502	27,500	-	27,500
Income from listed investments	174,616	3,791	178,407	127,358	2,203	129,561
Interest receivable	-	-	-	55	-	55
	<u>219,118</u>	<u>3,791</u>	<u>222,909</u>	<u>154,913</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>157,116</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 6 Raising funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Depreciation and impairment	3,028	3,028
<u>Investment management</u>	36,761	34,566
	<u>39,789</u>	<u>37,594</u>

### 7 Charitable activities

	<b>Grants payable 2023</b>	<b>Grants payable 2022</b>
	£	£
Charitable donations	16,659	19,910
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	314,252	215,840
Share of support costs (see note 9)	205	260
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	3,500	5,660
	<u>334,616</u>	<u>241,670</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	203,705	185,920
Restricted funds	130,911	55,750
	<u>334,616</u>	<u>241,670</u>

### 8 Grants payable

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Grants to institutions: Birkenhead School	<u>314,252</u>	<u>215,840</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 9 Support costs allocated to activities

	Grants payable 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Sundries	205	260
Governance	3,500	5,660
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>2023</b> £	<b>2022</b> £
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		
Audit fees	3,500	3,500
Legal and professional	-	2,160
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>5,660</u>

### 10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	(169,992)	(750,783)
Sale of investments	(1,754)	22,211
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>(171,746)</u>	<u>(728,572)</u>

### 13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 September 2022	75,704
At 31 August 2023	<u>75,704</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 September 2022	26,736
Depreciation charged in the year	3,028
At 31 August 2023	<u>29,764</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 August 2023	<u>45,940</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>48,968</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 15 Investment property

	2023 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 September 2022	455,154
Additions	7,688
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At 31 August 2023	462,842
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Investment property comprises a commercial property let to Specsavers on a 15 year lease, which commenced in 2003. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at December 2012 by Smith & Sons Property Consultants, who are not connected with the charity. The valuation was made in accordance with guidelines issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The trust invested in the building of an extension to the property and entered a further long-term lease with the tenants during the 2022-23 accounting period. Trustees have confirmed their interest to sell the property during the 2023-24 accounting period whereupon the market value of the property will therefore be crystallised on following all due diligence to maximise the charity's return on the asset. They believe that any independent survey of value in the meantime would be an unnecessary duplicate process.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

16 Fixed asset investments	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 September 2022	5,180,079	92,749	5,272,828
Additions	2,419,517	204,483	2,624,000
Valuation changes	(169,992)	-	(169,992)
Disposals	(1,172,276)	-	(1,172,276)
At 31 August 2023	<u>6,257,328</u>	<u>297,232</u>	<u>6,554,560</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 August 2023	<u>6,257,328</u>	<u>297,232</u>	<u>6,554,560</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>5,180,079</u>	<u>92,749</u>	<u>5,272,828</u>
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
Investments at fair value comprise:			
Government stocks		442,250	226,782
United Kingdom equities and funds		2,448,176	1,845,999
Overseas Equities and funds		3,366,902	3,107,298
		<u>6,257,328</u>	<u>5,783,651</u>
The historical cost of the investments is £5,733,570 (2022: £4,475,418)			
17 Debtors		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>			
Other debtors		25,478	14,400
		<u>25,478</u>	<u>14,400</u>
18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
Other creditors		46,462	166,450
Accruals and deferred income		18,078	11,193
		<u>64,540</u>	<u>177,643</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Bursaries	127,447	50,547	(46,463)	-	131,531
Fundraising activities	8,594	15,539	(84,448)	67,790	7,475
	<u>136,041</u>	<u>66,086</u>	<u>(130,911)</u>	<u>67,790</u>	<u>139,006</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 September 2021</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31 August 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Bursaries	92,923	70,364	(35,840)	-	127,447
Fundraising activities	3,009	25,495	(19,910)	-	8,594
	<u>95,932</u>	<u>95,859</u>	<u>(55,750)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,041</u>

#### 20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	5,676,405	1,902,725	(243,494)	(67,790)	(171,746)	7,096,100
	<u>5,676,405</u>	<u>1,902,725</u>	<u>(243,494)</u>	<u>(67,790)</u>	<u>(171,746)</u>	<u>7,096,100</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 September 2021</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains and losses</b>	<b>At 31 August 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	6,277,332	351,159	(223,514)	-	(728,572)	5,676,405
	<u>6,277,332</u>	<u>351,159</u>	<u>(223,514)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(728,572)</u>	<u>5,676,405</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:</b>			
Tangible assets	45,940	-	45,940
Investment properties	462,842	-	462,842
Investments	6,423,028	131,532	6,554,560
Current assets/(liabilities)	164,290	7,474	171,764
	<u>7,096,100</u>	<u>139,006</u>	<u>7,235,106</u>
	<u>7,096,100</u>	<u>139,006</u>	<u>7,235,106</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:</b>			
Tangible assets	48,968	-	48,968
Investment properties	455,154	-	455,154
Investments	5,145,381	127,447	5,272,828
Current assets/(liabilities)	26,902	8,594	35,496
	<u>5,676,405</u>	<u>136,041</u>	<u>5,812,446</u>
	<u>5,676,405</u>	<u>136,041</u>	<u>5,812,446</u>

#### 22 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

#### 23 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,422,660	(560,818)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(222,909)	(157,116)
Loss/(gain) on disposal of investments	1,754	(22,211)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	169,992	750,783
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	3,028	3,028
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(11,078)	7,099
(Decrease) in creditors	(113,103)	(9,478)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<u>1,250,344</u>	<u>11,287</u>
	<u>1,250,344</u>	<u>11,287</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### **24 Analysis of changes in net funds**

The charity had no material debt during the year.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**

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Charity registration number 1068650

**THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST  
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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr M R Feeny (Chair from 07.11.22) LLB Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE Mr Edward Rice FRICS Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst Mr P R Vicars MA Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons) Mr M R Cashin MA Mr N P Turner	(Appointed 7 November 2022)
<b>Charity number</b>	1068650	
<b>Auditor</b>	Xeinadin Audit Limited 2 Hilliards Court Chester Business Park Chester Cheshire CH4 9QP	
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank Plc 2 Grange Road West Birkenhead Wirral Merseyside CH41 4DF	
<b>Solicitors</b>	DWF LLP 5 St Paul's Square Old Hall Street Liverpool Merseyside L3 9AE	
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Rathbone Investment Management Port of Liverpool Pier Head Liverpool Merseyside L3 1NW	

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

### **Objectives and activities**

The Trust's stated objects are;

'To assist and support Birkenhead School to further its charitable objects'

(The above is extracted from the Declaration of Trust).

It is currently envisaged that the Trust will assist the School in various ways:

By giving money to the School for the provision of bursaries  
By providing money to the School for capital and special projects; such money to be as a gift or loan.

Money for bursaries comes from the Trust's income; money for capital or special projects may be from income or from the Trust's capital.

The Trust seeks to increase its income and capital over time, so that it can provide increased levels of support to the School.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

The Trust has continued its aims of supporting the School throughout the year, and has granted a further £180,000 (2021 £180,000) to facilitate the provision of school bursaries and other necessary expenditure. This is in addition to restricted donations of £40,617 (2021 - £35,840).

The trustees consider the value of the investment property remains unchanged at £330,000, however an extension to the building was completed shortly before the year end, with an agreement to lease at an increased rent to be finalised in the following months at which point a revaluation of the property will be both possible and appropriate.

### **Financial review**

The Trust had income during the year of £447,018 (2021 £373,733) and expenditure of £279,264 (2021 £244,895) which together with loss on investments of £728,572 (2021 gain £918,857) left £560,818 to be deducted from the reserves brought forward of £6,373,264 leaving funds available to be carried forward of £5,812,446. Unrestricted free reserves of the Trust amounted to £5,172,283.

Investment income from its reserves is used to provide fee assistance to pupils and thereby to widen access to the School. More fee assistance is provided by the School than can be funded by the income of the Foundation Trust and it is therefore the policy of the Trustees to seek to increase the capital held by the Trust.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue to fulfil its aims for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Trustees have an investment policy which aims to secure a balance of income and capital growth. Professional investment managers are employed.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Trust aims to increase its level of income, both through encouraging donations and from sound management of its capital. It will respond, on request, to the strategic development needs of the School, considering how it can best support the School's charitable objectives.

After a fairly lengthy lease extension on the retail property owned in Nantwich, the building extension project in conjunction with the tenant (Specsavers) is now complete with a finalized lease being drawn up as a result. Trustees will then reconsider the position of this tangible (but illiquid) property asset within their portfolio.

#### Structure, governance and management

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity (charity no. 1068650). It is under the effective control of Birkenhead School (the School), a company limited by guarantee (company no. 4492250) and a registered charity (charity no. 1093419).

Trustees, who are appointed by the governors of the School are as listed. They are drawn from current or former governors of the School, senior executives of the School and a representative of the Old Birkonian Society.

Trustees delegate the day to day running of the Trust's business to their Secretary, who is the Bursar of the School.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI (Chair (Resigned 7 November 2022) to 07.11.22)

Mr M R Feeny (Chair from 07.11.22) LLB

Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE

Dr J K Moore OBE FRCA MBA (Resigned 7 November 2022)

Mr Edward Rice FRICS

Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst

Mr P R Vicars MA

Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons)

Mr M R Cashin MA

Mr N P Turner (Appointed 7 November 2022)

Trustees are conscious of the need to keep within its number a wide range of skills and experience. New Trustees are offered training on appointment and training for all Trustees is arranged from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M R Feeny (Chair from 07.11.22) LLB

Trustee

Dated: 30th January, 2023

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022*

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

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

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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 charity'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.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's 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 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity'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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including Charities Act 2011, data protection & anti-bribery.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management team and inspecting legal correspondence; and identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management team as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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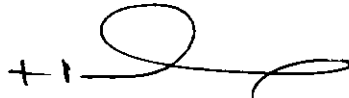
#### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Helen Furlong FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Limited

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**Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

2 Hilliards Court  
Chester Business Park  
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Cheshire  
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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

### INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>						
Donations and legacies	3	194,305	68,161	262,466	193,557	213,418
Other trading activities	4	1,941	25,495	27,436	1,837	9,766
Investments	5	154,913	2,203	157,116	148,351	150,549
<b>Total income</b>		<b>351,159</b>	<b>95,859</b>	<b>447,018</b>	<b>343,745</b>	<b>373,733</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>						
Raising funds	6	37,594	-	37,594	37,724	37,724
Charitable activities	8	185,920	55,750	241,670	155,883	207,171
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>223,514</b>	<b>55,750</b>	<b>279,264</b>	<b>193,607</b>	<b>244,895</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	(728,572)	-	(728,572)	918,857	918,857
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(600,927)</b>	<b>40,109</b>	<b>(560,818)</b>	<b>1,068,995</b>	<b>1,047,695</b>
Fund balances at 1 September 2021		6,277,332	95,932	6,373,264	5,208,337	5,325,569
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2022</b>		<b>5,676,405</b>	<b>136,041</b>	<b>5,812,446</b>	<b>6,277,332</b>	<b>6,373,264</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		48,968		51,996
Investment properties	14		455,154		340,108
Investments	15		5,272,828		5,935,167
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			5,776,950		6,327,271
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	14,400		21,499	
Cash at bank and in hand		198,739		211,615	
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			213,139		233,114
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(177,643)		(187,121)	
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Net current assets			35,496		45,993
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			5,812,446		6,373,264
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<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	19		136,041		95,932
Unrestricted funds			5,676,405		6,277,332
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			5,812,446		6,373,264
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on *30th January, 2023*

*M. R. Feeny*

Mr M R Feeny (Chair from 07.11.22) LLB

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	22		11,287		(26,394)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of investment property		(115,046)		(7,190)	
Purchase of other investments		(701,922)		(867,631)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		635,689		807,507	
Investment income received		157,116		150,549	
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities</b>			(24,163)		83,235
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(12,876)		56,841
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			211,615		154,774
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			198,739		211,615

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust is an unincorporated charity established under a trust dated 23 January 1998 with deeds of variation dated 26 November 2001 and 28 October 2002.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but are not directly attributable to the charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, administrative payroll costs and governance costs which support the charity's activities. Where the support costs cannot be attributable to a direct activity they have been allocated to the costs of raising funds and charitable activities on a pro-rata basis.

Governance costs represent costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	4% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	194,305	68,161	262,466	193,557	19,861	213,418

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from energy created	1,941	-	1,941	1,837	-	1,837
Fundraising events	-	25,495	25,495	-	7,929	7,929
Other trading activities	1,941	25,495	27,436	1,837	7,929	9,766

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	27,500	-	27,500	27,500	-	27,500
Income from listed investments	127,358	2,203	129,561	120,528	5,399	125,927
Income from unlisted investments	-	-	-	-	(3,201)	(3,201)
Interest receivable	55	-	55	323	-	323
	154,913	2,203	157,116	148,351	2,198	150,549

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 6 Raising funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Depreciation and impairment	3,028	3,028
	<u>34,566</u>	<u>34,696</u>
<u>Investment management</u>		
	37,594	37,724
	<u><u>37,594</u></u>	<u><u>37,724</u></u>

### 7 Charitable activities

	<b>Grants payable</b>	<b>Grants payable</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Charitable donations	19,910	13,131
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	215,840	190,617
Share of support costs (see note 9)	260	123
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	5,660	3,300
	<u>241,670</u>	<u>207,171</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	185,920	155,883
Restricted funds	55,750	51,288
	<u>241,670</u>	<u>207,171</u>

### 8 Grants payable

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Birkenhead School	215,840	190,617
	<u>215,840</u>	<u>190,617</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sundries	260	-	260	123	-	123
Audit fees	-	3,500	3,500	-	3,300	3,300
Legal and professional	-	2,160	2,160	-	-	-
	<u>260</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>5,920</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,423</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>260</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>5,920</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,423</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,500 (2021- £3,300) for audit fees.

### 10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(750,783)	865,391
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	<u>22,211</u>	<u>53,466</u>
	<u>(728,572)</u>	<u>918,857</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 September 2021	75,704
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At 31 August 2022	75,704
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<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 September 2021	23,708
Depreciation charged in the year	3,028
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At 31 August 2022	26,736
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<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 August 2022	48,968
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At 31 August 2021	51,996
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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 14 Investment property

	2022 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 September 2021	340,108
Additions through external acquisition	115,046
	<u>          </u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>455,154</u>

Investment property comprises a commercial property let to Specsavers on a 15 year lease, which commenced in 2003. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at December 2012 by Smith & Sons Property Consultants, who are not connected with the charity. The valuation was made in accordance with guidelines issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The charity is currently re-negotiating this lease for a further long term period after extending the property. As part of this process the property will be professionally revalued during the year to 31 August 2023. At present the added value represents the cost of the building project

### 15 Fixed asset investments

	£	£	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 September 2021	5,853,539	81,628	5,935,167
Additions	701,922	11,121	713,043
Valuation changes	(750,783)	-	(750,783)
Disposals	(624,599)	-	(624,599)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 August 2022	5,180,079	92,749	5,272,828
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 August 2022	5,180,079	92,749	5,272,828
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 August 2021	5,853,539	81,628	5,935,167
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
Investments at fair value comprise:			
Government stocks		226,782	210,336
United Kingdom equities and funds		1,845,999	2,164,231
Overseas Equities and funds		3,107,298	3,478,972
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		5,180,079	5,853,539
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The historical cost of the investments is £4,475,418 (2021: £4,224,083 )

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

<b>16</b>	<b>Financial instruments</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
	Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	5,180,079	5,853,539
<b>17</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
	Other debtors	14,400	21,499
<b>18</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	Other creditors	166,450	176,577
	Accruals and deferred income	11,193	10,544
		177,643	187,121

### 19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 August 2022
	Balance at 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bursaries	111,776	21,764	(40,617)	92,923	70,364	(35,840)	127,447
Fundraising activities	5,456	8,224	(10,671)	3,009	25,495	(19,910)	8,594
	117,232	29,988	(51,288)	95,932	95,859	(55,750)	136,041

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	48,968	-	48,968	51,996	-	51,996
Investment properties	455,154	-	455,154	340,108	-	340,108
Investments	5,145,381	127,447	5,272,828	5,842,244	92,923	5,935,167
Current assets/(liabilities)	26,902	8,594	35,496	42,984	3,009	45,993
	<u>5,676,405</u>	<u>136,041</u>	<u>5,812,446</u>	<u>6,277,332</u>	<u>95,932</u>	<u>6,373,264</u>

### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

### 22 Cash generated from operations

	2022 £	2021 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(560,818)	1,047,695
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(157,116)	(150,549)
Gain on disposal of investments	(22,211)	(53,466)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	750,783	(865,391)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	3,028	3,028
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	7,099	(6,912)
(Decrease) in creditors	(9,478)	(799)
<b>Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>(26,394)</u>

### 23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.



**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1068650

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration No. 1068650

**THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI (Chair) Mr M R Feeny LLB Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE Dr J K Moore OBE FRCA MBA Mr Edward Rice FRICS Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst Mr P R Vicars MA Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons) Mr M R Cashin MA
<b>Charity number</b>	1068650
<b>Auditor</b>	McLintocks (NW) Limited 46 Hamilton Square Birkenhead Wirral Merseyside CH41 5AR
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank Plc 2 Grange Road West Birkenhead Wirral Merseyside CH41 4DF
<b>Solicitors</b>	DWF LLP 5 St Paul's Square Old Hall Street Liverpool Merseyside L3 9AE
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Rathbone Investment Management Port of Liverpool Pier Head Liverpool Merseyside L3 1NW

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

### Objectives and activities

The Trust's stated objects are;

'To assist and support Birkenhead School to further its charitable objects'

(The above is extracted from the Declaration of Trust).

It is currently envisaged that the Trust will assist the School in various ways:

By giving money to the School for the provision of bursaries  
By providing money to the School for capital and special projects; such money to be as a gift or loan.

Money for bursaries comes from the Trust's income; money for capital or special projects may be from income or from the Trust's capital.

The Trust seeks to increase its income and capital over time, so that it can provide increased levels of support to the School.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### Achievements and performance

The Trust has continued its aims of supporting the School throughout the year, and has granted a further £Nil (2020£135,000) to facilitate the provision of school bursaries and other necessary expenditure. This is in addition to restricted donations of £45,489 (2020 - £46,831).

The trustees consider the value of the investment property remains unchanged at £330,000, however the Trustees are actively exploring the building of an extension to the property at the request of the longstanding tenant which is agreed and calculated to result in an increased rental income and corresponding property value. At the year end, relevant agreements to lease were in negotiation before any tender / contract process for the construction.

### Financial review

The Trust had income during the year of £373,733 (2020 £336,922) and expenditure of £244,895 (2020 £237,145) which together with gain on investments of £918,857 (2020 £238,390) left 1,047,695 to be added to the reserves brought forward of £5,325,569 leaving funds available to be carried forward of £6,373,264.

Investment income from its reserves is used to provide fee assistance to pupils and thereby to widen access to the School. More fee assistance is provided by the School than can be funded by the income of the Foundation Trust and it is therefore the policy of the Trustees to seek to increase the capital held by the Trust.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue to fulfil its aims for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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Trustees have an investment policy which aims to secure a balance of income and capital growth. Professional investment managers are employed.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Trust aims to increase its level of income, both through encouraging donations and from sound management of its capital. It will respond, on request, to the strategic development needs of the School, considering how it can best support the School's charitable objectives.

### Covid-19

At present there is an unprecedented degree of uncertainty regarding the longer-term effects of the Covid-19 crisis. In the short term it is anticipated that the investment income of the charity may be reduced, however the board are continually being updated by the investment advisors and appropriate action taken to mitigate this effect.

### Structure, governance and management

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity (charity no. 1068650). It is under the effective control of Birkenhead School (the School), a company limited by guarantee (company no. 4492250) and a registered charity (charity no. 1093419).

Trustees, who are appointed by the governors of the School are as listed. They are drawn from current or former governors of the School, senior executives of the School and a representative of the Old Birkenian Society.

Trustees delegate the day to day running of the Trust's business to their Secretary, who is the Bursar of the School.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI  
(Chair)

Mr M R Feeny LLB

Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE

Dr J K Moore OBE FRCA MBA

Mr Edward Rice FRICS

Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst

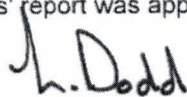
Mr P R Vicars MA

Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons)

Mr M R Cashin MA

Trustees are conscious of the need to keep within its number a wide range of skills and experience. New Trustees are offered training on appointment and training for all Trustees is arranged from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI (Chair)

Trustee  
Dated: 15th November 2021

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021*

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

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

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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 charity'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.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's 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 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.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the 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 charity'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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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.

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

Enquiries of management and those charged with governance were held in order to identify any laws and regulations that could be expected to have a material impact on the financial statements. Throughout the audit, the team were updated with the outcomes of these enquiries including consideration as to where and how fraud may occur in the charity.

The audit procedures undertaken to address any potential risk in relation to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) included: enquiries of management and those charged with governance on how the charity complies with relevant laws, regulations and any cases actual or potential litigation or claims; examination of appropriate legal correspondence; review of board minutes; testing of journal entries for appropriateness; and analytical procedures on account balances to identify variances against expectation which may show indications of fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**McLintocks (NW) Limited**

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**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

46 Hamilton Square  
Birkenhead  
Wirral  
Merseyside  
CH41 5AR

McLintocks (NW) Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes					
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	193,557	19,861	213,418	162,064	177,278
Other trading activities	4	1,837	7,929	9,766	1,878	12,779
Investments	5	148,351	2,198	150,549	3,201	146,865
<b>Total income</b>		<b>343,745</b>	<b>29,988</b>	<b>373,733</b>	<b>29,316</b>	<b>336,922</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	6	37,724	-	37,724	-	35,367
Charitable activities	8	155,883	51,288	207,171	63,453	201,778
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>193,607</b>	<b>51,288</b>	<b>244,895</b>	<b>63,453</b>	<b>237,145</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	918,857	-	918,857	-	238,390
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,068,995</b>	<b>(21,300)</b>	<b>1,047,695</b>	<b>(34,137)</b>	<b>338,167</b>
Fund balances at 1 September 2020		5,208,337	117,232	5,325,569	151,369	4,987,402
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2021</b>		<b>6,277,332</b>	<b>95,932</b>	<b>6,373,264</b>	<b>117,232</b>	<b>5,325,569</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		51,996		55,024
Investment properties	14		340,108		332,918
Investments	15		5,935,167		4,956,186
			<u>6,327,271</u>		<u>5,344,128</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	21,499		14,587	
Cash at bank and in hand		211,615		154,774	
		<u>233,114</u>		<u>169,361</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(187,121)		(187,920)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			45,993		(18,559)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>6,373,264</u>		<u>5,325,569</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	19		95,932		117,232
Unrestricted funds			6,277,332		5,208,337
			<u>6,373,264</u>		<u>5,325,569</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

15th November 2021

*L. Dodd*

Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI (Chair)  
Trustee

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	22		(26,394)		81,455
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of investment property		(7,190)		-	
Purchase of other investments		(867,631)		(1,156,605)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		807,507		1,014,392	
Investment income received		150,549		146,865	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			83,235		4,652
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			56,841		86,107
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			154,774		68,667
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			211,615		154,774

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust is an unincorporated charity established under a trust dated 23 January 1998 with deeds of variation dated 26 November 2001 and 28 October 2002.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	4% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	193,557	19,861	213,418	162,064	15,214	177,278

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from energy created	1,837	-	1,837	1,878	-	1,878
Fundraising events	-	7,929	7,929	-	10,901	10,901
Other trading activities	1,837	7,929	9,766	1,878	10,901	12,779

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	27,500	-	27,500	27,500	-	27,500
Income from listed investments	120,528	2,198	122,726	115,695	3,201	118,896
Interest receivable	323	-	323	469	-	469
	148,351	2,198	150,549	143,664	3,201	146,865

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 6 Raising funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Depreciation and impairment	3,028	3,028
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<u>Investment management</u>	34,696	32,339
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	<b>37,724</b>	<b>35,367</b>
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### 7 Charitable activities

	<b>Grants payable 2021</b>	<b>Grants payable 2020</b>
	£	£
Charitable donations	13,131	16,622
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	190,617	181,831
Share of support costs (see note 9)	123	175
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	3,300	3,150
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	<b>207,171</b>	<b>201,778</b>
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<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	155,883	138,325
Restricted funds	51,288	63,453
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	<b>207,171</b>	<b>201,778</b>
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### 8 Grants payable

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Grants to institutions: Birkenhead School	190,617	181,831
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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Sundries	123	-	123	175	-	175
Audit fees	-	3,300	3,300	-	3,150	3,150
	<u>123</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,423</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,325</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>123</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,423</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,325</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,150 (2020- £3,350) for audit fees.

### 10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Revaluation of investments	865,391	312,914
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	53,466	(74,524)
	<u>918,857</u>	<u>238,390</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 September 2020	75,704
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At 31 August 2021	75,704
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<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 September 2020	20,680
Depreciation charged in the year	3,028
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At 31 August 2021	23,708
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<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 August 2021	51,996
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At 31 August 2020	55,024
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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 14 Investment property

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 September 2020	332,918
Additions through external acquisition	7,190
	<u>340,108</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u><u>340,108</u></u>

Investment property comprises a commercial property let to Specsavers on a 15 year lease, which commenced in 2003. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at December 2012 by Smith & Sons Property Consultants, who are not connected with the charity. The valuation was made in accordance with guidelines issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The charity is currently re-negotiating this lease for a further long term period after extending the property. As part of this process the property will be professionally revalued during the year to 31 August 2021.

#### 15 Fixed asset investments

	<b>Listed investments</b>	<b>Cash in portfolio</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 September 2020	4,764,651	191,535	4,956,186
Additions	867,631	-	867,631
Valuation changes	865,391	-	865,391
Disposals	(644,134)	(109,907)	(754,041)
	<u>5,853,539</u>	<u>81,628</u>	<u>5,935,167</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>5,853,539</u>	<u>81,628</u>	<u>5,935,167</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 August 2021	<u>5,853,539</u>	<u>81,628</u>	<u>5,935,167</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>4,764,651</u>	<u>191,535</u>	<u>4,956,186</u>

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Government stocks	210,336	208,568
United Kingdom equities and funds	2,164,231	1,733,435
Overseas equities and funds	3,478,972	2,822,648
	<u>5,853,539</u>	<u>5,693,921</u>
	<u><u>5,853,539</u></u>	<u><u>5,693,921</u></u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 15 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

The historical cost of the investments is £4,224,083 (2020 £3,961,184)

<b>16</b>	<b>Financial instruments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
	Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	5,853,539	4,764,651
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>17</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
	Other debtors	21,499	14,587
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>18</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	Other taxation and social security	-	239
	Other creditors	176,577	177,231
	Accruals and deferred income	10,544	10,450
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		<u>187,121</u>	<u>187,920</u>

#### 19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 August 2021 £
	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Bursaries	140,192	18,415	(46,831)	111,776	21,764	(40,617)	92,923
Fundraising activities	11,177	10,901	(16,622)	5,456	8,224	(10,671)	3,009
	<u>151,369</u>	<u>29,316</u>	<u>(63,453)</u>	<u>117,232</u>	<u>29,988</u>	<u>(51,288)</u>	<u>95,932</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	51,996	-	51,996
Investment properties	340,108	-	340,108
Investments	5,842,244	92,923	5,935,167
Current assets/(liabilities)	42,984	3,009	45,993
	<u>6,277,332</u>	<u>95,932</u>	<u>6,373,264</u>

### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

### 22 Cash generated from operations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Surplus for the year	1,047,695	338,167
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(150,549)	(146,865)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(53,466)	74,524
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(865,391)	(312,914)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	3,028	3,028
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,912)	127,910
(Decrease) in creditors	(799)	(2,395)
<b>Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations</b>	<u>(26,394)</u>	<u>81,455</u>

### 23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1068650

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Charity Registration No. 1068650

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

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**

Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered  
FCSI (Chair)  
Mr M R Feeny LLB  
Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons)  
PGCE  
Dr J K Moore OBE FRCA MBA  
Mr E N Rice FRICS  
Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst  
Mr P R Vicars MA  
Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons)  
Mr M R Cashin MA

**Charity number** 1068650

**Auditor**

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Birkenhead  
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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Trust's stated objects are;

'To assist and support Birkenhead School to further its charitable objects'

(The above is extracted from the Declaration of Trust).

It is currently envisaged that the Trust will assist the School in various ways:

By giving money to the School for the provision of bursaries

- By providing money to the School for capital and special projects; such money to be as a gift or loan.

Money for bursaries comes from the Trust's income; money for capital or special projects may be from income or from the Trust's capital.

The Trust seeks to increase its income and capital over time, so that it can provide increased levels of support to the School.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Trust has continued its aims of supporting the School throughout the year, and has granted a further £135,000 (2018-£144,794) to facilitate the provision of school bursaries and other necessary expenditure. This is in addition to restricted donations of £46,333 (2018 - £49,944).

The trustees consider the value of the investment property remains unchanged at £330,000, however the Trustees are actively exploring the building of an extension to the property at the request of the longstanding tenant which is agreed and calculated to result in an increased rental income and property value. At the year end, relevant agreements to lease were in negotiation before any tender / contract process for the construction.

#### **Financial review**

The Trust had income during the year of £336,922 (2019 £718,395) and expenditure of £237,145 (2019 £225,081) which together with gain on investments of £238,390 (2019 £85,031) left £338,167 to be added to the reserves brought forward of £4,987,4023 leaving funds available to be carried forward of £5,325,569.

Investment income from its reserves is used to provide fee assistance to pupils and thereby to widen access to the School. More fee assistance is provided by the School than can be funded by the income of the Foundation Trust and it is therefore the policy of the Trustees to seek to increase the capital held by the Trust.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue to fulfil its aims for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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Trustees have an investment policy which aims to secure a balance of income and capital growth. Professional investment managers are employed.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Trust aims to increase its level of income, both through encouraging donations and from sound management of its capital. It will respond, on request, to the strategic development needs of the School, considering how it can best support the School's charitable objectives.

#### Covid-19

At present there is an unprecedented degree of uncertainty regarding the longer-term effects of the Covid-19 crisis. In the short term it is anticipated that the investment income of the charity may be reduced, however the board are continually being updated by the investment advisors and appropriate action taken to mitigate this effect.

#### Structure, governance and management

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity (charity no. 1068650). It is under the effective control of Birkenhead School (the School), a company limited by guarantee (company no. 4492250) and a registered charity (charity no. 1093419).

Trustees, who are appointed by the governors of the School are as listed. They are drawn from current or former governors of the School, senior executives of the School and a representative of the Old Birkonian Society.

Trustees delegate the day to day running of the Trust's business to their Secretary, who is the Bursar of the School.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI  
(Chair)

Mr M R Feeny LLB

Mr H E R FitzHerbert BA (Hons) PGCE

Dr J K Moore OBE FRCA MBA

Mr Edward Rice FRICS

Mrs Kirsten Pankhurst

Mr P R Vicars MA

Mr A J Cross LLB (Hons)

Mr M R Cashin MA

Trustees are conscious of the need to keep within its number a wide range of skills and experience. New trustees are offered training on appointment and training for all Trustees is arranged from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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**Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI (Chair)**

Trustee

Dated: .....

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020*

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law 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 charity's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

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

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

#### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the 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 charity'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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

#### **Other matter**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**McLintocks (NW) Limited**

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**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

46 Hamilton Square  
Birkenhead  
Wirral  
Merseyside  
CH41 5AR

McLintocks (NW) Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	162,064	15,214	177,278	537,092	21,049	558,141
Other trading activities	4	1,878	10,901	12,779	2,549	11,170	13,719
Investments	5	143,664	3,201	146,865	142,570	3,965	146,535
<b>Total income</b>		<u>307,606</u>	<u>29,316</u>	<u>336,922</u>	<u>682,211</u>	<u>36,184</u>	<u>718,395</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	35,367	-	35,367	37,690	-	37,690
Charitable activities	8	138,325	63,453	201,778	140,266	47,125	187,391
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>173,692</u>	<u>63,453</u>	<u>237,145</u>	<u>177,956</u>	<u>47,125</u>	<u>225,081</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	238,390	-	238,390	85,031	-	85,031
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>372,304</u>	<u>(34,137)</u>	<u>338,167</u>	<u>589,286</u>	<u>(10,941)</u>	<u>578,345</u>
Fund balances at 1 September 2019		<u>4,836,033</u>	<u>151,369</u>	<u>4,987,402</u>	<u>4,246,747</u>	<u>162,310</u>	<u>4,409,057</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2020</b>		<u><u>5,208,337</u></u>	<u><u>117,232</u></u>	<u><u>5,325,569</u></u>	<u><u>4,836,033</u></u>	<u><u>151,369</u></u>	<u><u>4,987,402</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

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	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		55,024		58,052
Investment properties	14		332,918		332,918
Investments	15		4,956,186		4,575,583
			<u>5,344,128</u>		<u>4,966,553</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	14,587		142,497	
Cash at bank and in hand		154,774		68,667	
			<u>169,361</u>		<u>211,164</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(187,920)		(190,315)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			<u>(18,559)</u>		<u>20,849</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>5,325,569</u>		<u>4,987,402</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		117,232		151,369
Unrestricted funds			5,208,337		4,836,033
			<u>5,325,569</u>		<u>4,987,402</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

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Mrs L A C Dodd BA (Hons) Chartered FCSI (Chair)  
**Trustee**

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	21		81,455		339,669
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of investment property		-		(2,918)	
Purchase of other investments		(1,156,605)		(1,167,920)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		1,014,392		586,193	
Interest received		146,865		146,535	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			4,652		(438,110)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			86,107		(98,441)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			68,667		167,108
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			154,774		68,667

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# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Birkenhead School Foundation Trust is an unincorporated charity established under a trust dated 23 January 1998 with deeds of variation dated 26 November 2001 and 28 October 2002.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	4% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	162,064	15,214	177,278	526,092	21,049	547,141
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	11,000	-	11,000
	<u>162,064</u>	<u>15,214</u>	<u>177,278</u>	<u>537,092</u>	<u>21,049</u>	<u>558,141</u>

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from energy created	1,878	-	1,878	2,549	-	2,549
Fundraising events	-	10,901	10,901	-	11,170	11,170
Other trading activities	<u>1,878</u>	<u>10,901</u>	<u>12,779</u>	<u>2,549</u>	<u>11,170</u>	<u>13,719</u>

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	27,500	-	27,500	27,500	-	27,500
Income from listed investments	115,695	3,201	115,695	114,603	3,965	114,603
Interest receivable	469	-	469	467	-	467
	<u>143,664</u>	<u>3,201</u>	<u>146,865</u>	<u>142,570</u>	<u>3,965</u>	<u>146,535</u>

**THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**6 Raising funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2020</b>	2019
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Depreciation and impairment	3,028	3,028
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<u>Investment management</u>	32,339	34,662
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	<u>35,367</u>	<u>37,690</u>

**7 Charitable activities**

	<b>Grants payable 2020</b>	<b>Grants payable 2019</b>
	£	£
Charitable donations	16,622	-
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	181,831	183,866
Share of support costs (see note 9)	175	175
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	3,150	3,350
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	<u>201,778</u>	<u>187,391</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	138,325	140,266
Restricted funds	63,453	47,125
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	<u>201,778</u>	<u>187,391</u>

**8 Grants payable**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Birkenhead School	181,831	181,334
Other	-	2,532
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	<u>181,831</u>	<u>183,866</u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020 Support costs	Governance costs	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Sundries	175	-	175	175	175
Audit fees	-	3,150	3,150	-	3,350
	<u>175</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,325</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>3,525</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>175</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,325</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>3,525</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,150 (2019- £3,350) for audit fees.

### 10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 11 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

### 12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	312,914	96,553
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	<u>(74,524)</u>	<u>(11,522)</u>
	<u>238,390</u>	<u>85,031</u>

**THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
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<b>13 Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 September 2019	75,704
	<u>          </u>
At 31 August 2020	75,704
	<u>          </u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 September 2019	17,652
Depreciation charged in the year	3,028
	<u>          </u>
At 31 August 2020	20,680
	<u>          </u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 August 2020	55,024
	<u>          </u>
At 31 August 2019	58,052
	<u>          </u>

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 14 Investment property

2020

£

##### Fair value

At 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

332,918

Investment property comprises a commercial property let to Specsavers on a 15 year lease, which commenced in 2003. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at December 2012 by Smith & Sons Property Consultants, who are not connected with the charity. The valuation was made in accordance with guidelines issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The charity is currently re-negotiating this lease for a further long term period after extending the property. As part of this process the property will be professionally revalued during the year to 31 August 2021.

#### 15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 September 2019	4,294,483	281,100	4,575,583
Additions	1,156,605	-	1,156,605
Valuation changes	312,914	-	312,914
Disposals	(999,351)	(89,565)	(1,088,916)
	<u>4,764,651</u>	<u>191,535</u>	<u>4,956,186</u>
At 31 August 2020	4,764,651	191,535	4,956,186
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 August 2020	<u>4,764,651</u>	<u>191,535</u>	<u>4,956,186</u>
At 31 August 2019	<u>4,294,483</u>	<u>281,100</u>	<u>4,575,583</u>

	2020 £	2019 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Government stocks	208,568	214,710
United Kingdom equities and funds	1,733,435	2,390,413
Overseas equities and funds	2,822,648	1,689,360
	<u>4,764,651</u>	<u>3,897,513</u>

The historical cost of the investments is £3,961,184 (2019 £3,768,638)

# THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

### 15 Fixed asset investments

### 16 Debtors

	2020	2019
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	14,587	142,497
	<u>14,587</u>	<u>142,497</u>

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	239	-
Other creditors	177,231	178,833
Accruals and deferred income	10,450	11,482
	<u>187,920</u>	<u>190,315</u>

### 18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 August 2020
	Balance at 1 September 2018	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bursaries	161,510	25,014	(46,332)	140,192	18,415	(46,831)	111,776
Fundraising activities	800	11,170	(793)	11,177	10,901	(16,622)	5,456
	<u>162,310</u>	<u>36,184</u>	<u>(47,125)</u>	<u>151,369</u>	<u>29,316</u>	<u>(63,453)</u>	<u>117,232</u>

### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2020 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	55,024	-	55,024
Investment properties	332,918	-	332,918
Investments	4,838,954	117,232	4,956,186
Current assets/(liabilities)	(18,559)	-	(18,559)
	<u>5,208,337</u>	<u>117,232</u>	<u>5,325,569</u>

**THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST**  
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**20 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

<b>21 Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Surplus for the year	338,167	578,345
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(146,865)	(146,535)
Loss on disposal of investments	74,524	11,522
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(312,914)	(96,553)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	3,028	3,028
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	127,910	268
(Decrease) in creditors	(2,395)	(10,406)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>81,455</b>	<b>339,669</b>

**22 Analysis of changes in net funds**

The charity had no debt during the year.