

**Charity registration number 1121132 (England and Wales)**

**Company registration number 06188419**

**HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr J Barrie Mr B Jones
<b>Chair</b>	Mr B Jones
<b>Charity number</b>	1121132
<b>Company number</b>	06188419
<b>Registered office</b>	Hope School Barnby Road Balderton Newark Notts NG24 3NE
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<b>Senior Staff</b>	Mrs Michelle McRae - Headteacher

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# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 Companies Act 2006 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**

Hope House School is a small independent special school for students with a primary need of autism spectrum disorder and related speech and language communication needs. Some students also have other complexities such as, ADHD, PDA. Many of our students have a disjointed education history, often due to long term school absence. All students have an Education Health Care Plan.

**Our Vision...** *is for every young person to fulfil their personal potential. Hope House school provides every student with support when they need it - for them to develop into happy, healthy, and secure young adults who are prepared for adult life.*

**Our Core Values** *...Are based on the recognition that many of our students have had difficult journeys before arriving at Hope House school. Educational provision has been inappropriate, often resulting in several adverse experiences for both the young person and their family. Therefore, we aim to transform those early experiences of education by addressing any barriers to learning through both individualised and personalised learning experiences. At the same time, we acknowledge the importance of a student's social and emotional development and the importance of working together with peers and adults, to build positive relationships. Relationships underpin our values at Hope House school. We understand the power of building positive relationships to create and foster a culture of warmth, nurture, integrity, mutual respect, and kindness within the school environment, valuing the individual at all times, which is reflected by ensuring the voice of our young people is heard through PRIDE (Peace, Respect, Independence, Determination and Equality) FORCE.*

The school is in a rural setting in Balderton, near Newark, Nottinghamshire. It is housed in several independent one storey buildings, set out in a 'u' shape around a central grassy area which is currently being developed into a multi-sensory space. There are other detached two storey buildings in the grounds, one used for post-16 pupils and the other for administration. There is an outdoor space devoted to forest school activities and a wooden play area with specialist equipment for pupils to use as part of their curriculum and at group social times. An outdoor area attached to the lower school classroom provides an enhanced provision to extend children's learning and exploration. There is a separate building dedicated to additional curriculum activities such as music and food technology. It houses a well-equipped sensory room that supports activities that are bespoke to individual needs and group activities. A multi-agency room provides space for 1:1 sessions/assessment and the delivery of specific programs of intervention. In addition to specific reading areas in each classroom, there is a small communal library for pupils to access as part of the focus on promoting reading for pleasure.

The school has an ambitious and engaging curriculum which is broad and rich to enable all our young people to reach their potential as they Prepare for Adulthood (PfA). The school's curriculum offer is diverse, catering for the needs of pupils from early Engagement through to Level 2 qualifications. The PfA curriculum is accredited through ASDAN via personalised pathways. There are various enrichment opportunities and memorable experiences for all students, including visits to National Trust places of interest and local landmarks to embed student's understanding of cultural diversity and British values. All students have regular access to the local community and travel far and wide to promote skills for independent living. All students engage in careers education and, in addition to this, older students receive career guidance from independent advisors. Pupils have the option to access riding for the disabled (RDA) as part of their provision. Weekly swimming and tennis lessons are also provided within our local community.

Multi-disciplinary professionals regularly visit the school, including an educational psychologist, occupational therapist and a speech and language therapist. All staff receive training from the Autism Educational Trust to ensure we have the knowledge and skills to provide a personalised provision for our students. We are currently on a journey to become a recognised trauma-informed school.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Achievements and performance

#### Pupil Qualifications – 2023/2024

Qualification	Number of Pupils
FS English EL3	3
FS Maths EL3	2
FS Maths EL2	1
ASDAN Personal & Social Development EL2	3
ASDAN Diploma in Personal Progress EL1	1
ASDAN Realising Aspirations	1
ASDAN Short Course Gardening	1
ASDAN TI Horticulture	3

For the first year, we delivered accredited functional skills courses through the NCFE and were delighted that students achieved a higher level of qualifications.

#### Additional achievements over 2024:

There have been many personal development achievements for our students which includes; learning to swim and learning to ride a bike . They attend Belvoir Vale riding for the disabled twice weekly and progress has been wonderful ; acknowledged through presentation of awards and certificates

The school took part in the Lincolnshire agricultural school challenge at the Lincolnshire show and was awarded 'highly commended' status.

Students came first in the South Nottinghamshire table cricket competition and represented South Nottingham SEN schools in the Lord Taverners County table cricket competition

The students have benefited from weekly coaching from Collingham tennis club and the climbing wall at the local YMCA.

In 2024, students experience a variety of cultural trips and visits locally and farther a field to support our preparing for adult program and curriculum themes.

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### Financial review

#### 2023 Business Review

Over the past academic year, the school has maintained the same number of pupils, currently 30. Increasing to 33 in the next academic year. This growth reflects the school's growing reputation for providing quality education and fostering a supportive learning environment.

Furthermore, the financial stability resulting from this growth has empowered us to invest in our infrastructure and staff.

#### Income/Funding

The previous substantial boost in financial resources, sustained throughout 2024, has had a profoundly positive effect on the school's operations and cashflow.

Over the 23/24 academic year the school's income has continued enhancing various aspects of our educational offerings, providing an enriched learning experience for all our students. The funding has allowed us to invest in modern teaching materials, staff training, and improved facilities, ensuring that our students have access to the best resources available.

As part of our commitment to maintaining exceptional standards, the school continues to undergo regular quality assurance visits. These visits help us identify areas for improvement and ensure that we are constantly delivering the highest standard of education to our students.

In line with our dedication to financial transparency, we will regularly review school fees to ensure they cover all the costs associated with running the school. This proactive approach ensures that our financial resources are effectively allocated, enabling us to maintain and improve the quality of education while remaining financially sustainable.

Overall, the income/funding over the 23/24 academic year has brought about numerous positive changes to our school. It has allowed us to enhance our educational offerings, expand our capacity, and ensure the continuous improvement of our educational provision through regular quality assurance visits. We remain committed to providing an exceptional educational experience for all our students while ensuring financial stability for the long-term sustainability of the school.

#### 2023 Financial performance Summary

The school experienced a notable improvement in cashflow meaning meeting commitments more easily and more funds to invest in staff training, school resources & enrichments.

However, overhead costs also saw a substantial increase. This rise in expenses impacted the financial landscape of the school.

With regards to the surplus improvement, despite the surge in overhead costs, the school managed to achieve a surplus of £616,000. Which is £113,000 higher than budgeted.

Overall, the school's financial performance for the year demonstrates effective management in navigating increased expenses while capitalizing on revenue growth, resulting in a healthier surplus.

#### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted free reserves at a sufficient level to finance three months trading. Assuming monthly expenditure of £100k per month, the Charity has been able to satisfy this target with a balance in the bank amounting to almost £1.2m at 31 December 24.

#### Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted funds of £1,199,055 will be rolled over into the 2025 year.

#### Principal source of funding

The principal source of funding is that of various Midlands-based councils, in particular Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire County Councils.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

### 2023 and 2024 expectation overview

The positive expectations of last year's review have been achieved, and Trustees look forward to an increase in pupil placement. Local Authority support has proven positive. The Headteacher continues to develop the school in every area including the curriculum, teaching and learning, professional development and budget control and management.

As well, strategic decisions taken prior and during this year means that the school is considered efficient. A robust structure, reporting process and effective cashflow management also means financial pressure has been reduced and ensures sustainable growth.

Trustees are in discussion with the landowners to acquire the land in 2026.

### Structure, governance and management

Hope House School is a company limited by guarantee by its Memorandum and Articles of Associations dated 26th August 2007.

### Appointment of trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Barrie

Mr B Jones

### Trustee Induction

On joining Hope House School New Trustees will undergo an induction which includes the Independent School Standards and the Charity Commission Welcome Pack. The induction will be carried out by the Chair Trustee and supported by the HR Manager.

The three core functions for Trustees are;

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding the Headteacher / Senior Leaders account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
3. Overseeing and ensuring effective financial performance.

### Trustee Training

Trustees receive the following training:

- Safeguarding Children in Education
- Safeguarding for Governors (Chair Trustee)
- DSL (Chair Trustee)
- Legionella (Chair Trustee)
- Data Protection
- Keeping Children Safe In Education - Copy issued Annually and confirmation of receipt gained

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees are guided by the Head Teacher who advises them on the key aspects of business operations and personnel. This included setting pay rises for the whole staff and increments for the Senior Management Team following appraisals.

Pay Review

The Headteacher supported by the HR Manager holds annual pay reviews, pay rates are benchmarked against Teachers Pay and Conditions and Regional and Local Pay rates, NMLW is also taken into consideration. Pay reviews are discussed and approved by the Chair Trustee before implementation.

- Unqualified, Lower level roles and non-teaching roles are reviewed in line with NMLW and any increases are implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April each year
- Management & Teaching roles are reviewed in line with Teachers Pay and Conditions any increases are implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> September each year

Increases outside of the above will occur when;

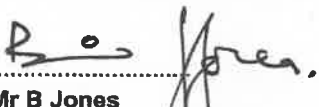
- Agreed contractually - Probationary Period, in an agreed time period subject to performance
- Pay Parity - Additional responsibilities are added to the role, either long term or for an agreed period (cover at a higher level) and are equal to other employees in the same role or Individuals reach a higher level of qualification in line with the relevant person specification and is equal to other employees in same role

The above list is not exhaustive, and there may be occasions when the school finds it necessary to review the salary of certain roles outside of the annual review periods, for example highly skilled roles that cannot be filled internally and have high competition externally in the labour market.

Disclosure of Information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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

  
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Mr B Jones  
Chair  
Dated: ..... 28/09/2025



# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024*

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The Trustees, who are also the directors of Hope House School Limited for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company law 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 UK 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 adequate 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hope House School Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 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 requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and 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.

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

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

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

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 liquidate the charitable company or 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 auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with those Acts.

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 extent of which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risk 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 charitable company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector and grant providers;
- 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 group, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management 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.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

- Making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Understanding the design of the charitable companies remuneration policies.

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 set out in note 2 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;
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- Reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

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.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and to the charitable company'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 charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Melvin Bailey FCCA DChA (Senior statutory auditor)**  
**Rogers Spencer**

29 September 2025

**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

Newstead House  
Pelham Road  
Nottingham  
NG5 1AP

Rogers Spencer 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.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds	
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	3	3,317	8,283
Charitable activities	4	1,973,657	1,838,023
Investments	5	14,828	2,227
Other income	6	-	12,100
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,991,802</b>	<b>1,860,633</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Charitable activities	7	1,375,714	1,294,214
Finance interest	12	(213)	1,093
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,375,501</b>	<b>1,295,307</b>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>616,301</b>	<b>565,326</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		582,754	17,428
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		<b>1,199,055</b>	<b>582,754</b>

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

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

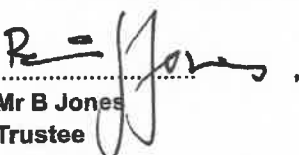
	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		74,799		54,761
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	11,686		43,325	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,180,923		543,314	
		<u>1,192,609</u>		<u>586,639</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(68,353)		(58,646)	
Net current assets			1,124,256		527,993
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,199,055</u>		<u>582,754</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			1,199,055		582,754
			<u>1,199,055</u>		<u>582,754</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20/09/2025.

  
Mr B Jones  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06188419

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	21		667,950		416,504
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(42,996)		(29,621)	
Interest received		14,828		2,227	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(28,168)		(27,394)
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Payment of obligations under finance leases		(2,173)		(12,251)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			(2,173)		(12,251)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			637,609		376,859
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			543,314		166,455
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			1,180,923		543,314



# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Hope House School Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Hope School, Barnby Road, Balderton, Newark, Notts, NG24 3NE.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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. 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.

#### 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.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure relating to donated services and facilities is included on the same basis and at equivalent amounts as recognised within incoming resources.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services of its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct pay and non-pay costs and support costs relating to those activities.

Governance costs are shown as part of support costs. These are associated with the administrative arrangements of the charity which relate to the general running of the charity as opposed to those costs associated with the charitable activity. These include audit fees, legal advice, and preparation of the statutory accounts and costs of trustee meetings.

#### 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:

Leasehold improvements	10% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing balance
Computers	33% Straight line
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance

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 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).

#### 1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.10 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

### 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.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	3,317	8,283

### 4 Income from charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees from local authorities	1,973,657	1,838,023

### 5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	14,828	2,227

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

### 6 Other income

Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
2024	2023
£	£

Hire purchase refund	-	12,100
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### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

2024	2023
£	£

Staff costs	974,774	895,522
Depreciation and impairment	22,960	19,433
Staff training	35,700	38,999
Equipment, furniture and resources	52,975	37,897
School trips	2,923	774
School uniform	4,838	4,593
Other school expenses	19,293	18,358
Sensory integration, therapy and counselling	28,349	22,361
School food	14,787	13,911
Rent	29,354	31,510
Light and heat	33,693	22,333
Water rates	880	728
Repairs and maintenance	25,839	45,156
Motor expenses	5,976	9,156
Insurance	40,852	48,880
Printing, postage and stationery	1,993	1,779
Telephone and data cost	35,495	35,650
Disclosure and barring service	777	830
Sundry expenses	6,422	3,070

1,337,880	1,250,940
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Share of governance costs (see note 8)	37,834	43,274
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1,375,714	1,294,214
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#### Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	1,375,714
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#### For the year ended 31 December 2023

Unrestricted funds	1,294,214
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# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

### 8 Governance costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy fees	22,469	20,894
Audit fees	7,338	10,272
Legal & professional fees	8,027	12,108
	<u>37,834</u>	<u>43,274</u>

### 9 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>22,960</u>	<u>19,432</u>

### 10 Trustees

Trustees received £nil of remuneration in 2024 (2023: £nil).

No expenses have been paid out to the trustees in 2024 (2023: £nil).

### 11 Employees

The average monthly number employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	<u>31</u>	<u>29</u>

#### Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	855,349	797,728
Social security costs	61,971	52,616
Other pension costs	57,454	39,724
	<u>974,774</u>	<u>895,522</u>

There was 1 employee (2023: 1) who received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£90,001-£100,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

### 11 Employees

(Continued)

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	99,430	90,903

### 12 Finance interest

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023
Financing costs	(213)	1,093

### 13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	20,574	5,087	44,278	98,945	168,884
Additions	19,746	2,850	20,400	-	42,996
At 31 December 2024	40,320	7,937	64,678	98,945	211,880
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2024	5,486	1,279	19,196	88,160	114,121
Depreciation charged in the year	2,223	987	17,053	2,697	22,960
At 31 December 2024	7,709	2,266	36,249	90,857	137,081
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2024	32,611	5,671	28,429	8,088	74,799
At 31 December 2023	15,088	3,807	25,081	10,785	54,761

# HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

### 15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	40,103
Other debtors	3,200	-
Prepayments and accrued income	8,486	3,222
	<u>11,686</u>	<u>43,325</u>

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

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Obligations under finance leases	17	-	2,173
Other taxation and social security		16,852	14,298
Trade creditors		23,724	16,815
Other creditors		9,457	6,127
Accruals and deferred income		18,320	19,233
		<u>68,353</u>	<u>58,646</u>

### 17 Finance lease obligations

Future minimum lease payments due under finance leases:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	934	1,062
Within two and five years	20,269	1,763
	<u>21,203</u>	<u>2,825</u>

### 18 Deferred income

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2024	-	550,749
Released from previous periods	-	(550,749)
Deferred income at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income represents amounts received in advance from local authorities relating to post year end term fees.

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

### 19 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	57,454	39,724

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

### 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 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	582,754	1,991,802	(1,375,501)	1,199,055

#### Previous year:

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	17,428	1,860,633	(1,295,307)	582,754

### 21 Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus for the year	616,301	565,326
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(14,828)	(2,227)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	22,960	19,433
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	31,639	420,576
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	11,878	(586,604)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>667,950</b>	<b>416,504</b>