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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1128369

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS
PARTNERSHIP TRUST

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**THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are to advance education for the public benefit by supporting schools and colleges to improve access to education, in particular but not exclusively, by providing support services for pupils, their families and staff, including but not limited to counselling, mentoring, support groups and advice, predominantly but not solely in Essex.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Rochford District Schools Partnership Trust has continued to meet its goal in providing essential support services to schools, pupils and their families.

The SEES team has expanded over the last year and we have been able to utilise the services of very experienced, highly qualified specialists in their field. These include three Educational Psychologists, three counsellors, two SENDCOs, family support workers and mentors. The team work in a holistic way to offer bespoke support to schools, children and families in a timely manner. We are able to assign the best team member to a referral by operating a triage process. Due to the team's commitment, we have been able to deliver the service to the standard required by the Trust.

Over the past year, we have received many amazing testimonies from schools and parents supporting the work we do. We believe our approach and delivery is quite unique. Families feel listened to and supported, pupils attendance at schools has improved and mental health issues have been addressed.

By offering support and counselling to school staff and Head Teachers we have enabled staff to continue working and offered our young people the best and consistent education available.

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) staff training which was introduced this year, has proved very successful.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial statements continue to show a healthy position. The Trust achieved a positive net income again this year and reserves continue to grow. At the year end, unrestricted funds amounted to £105,466 (2023 : £77,633). The Trust requires a certain level of funds to enable it to continue providing services in the short term and to provide for certain contingencies.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trust is non profit making but continues to create a surplus net income each year. Since the year end, the trustees have discussed ways in which surplus funds can be utilised and be offered to all participating schools. The following free services have already been provided from excess reserves:

- Staff training - we are currently offering bespoke training videos for school staff to access, either individually, or more productively, as part of ongoing group/staff training, on ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) This has proved a great resource for staff training with a member of the SEES team that people are familiar with. Feedback from schools has been very positive

- Staff training - we have met with a highly recommended Speech and Language team who are commissioned to deliver speech and language training for school staff, following an initial taster session. Schools who attend the training will also be able to book 1:1 consultations with the professionals to discuss individual pupils and advise on support and resources to support.

- Staff training - ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) We have just completed our 2nd cohort of training with dedicated LSAs, trained on a UK recognised programme run by two Educational Psychologists. The 2nd programme was heavily subsidised by the Trust to allow all interested schools to take part without cost being a barrier.

- Identification of a gap in provision/support for parents of teenagers who are not/ or struggle to attend school. Most of these young people have a diagnosis of /suspect there is ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder). A half-termly bespoke parents support group has been established to engage with these families.

- Recently we have offered schools the chance to have a consultation with a specialist Autism Teacher at a time mutually convenient for both parties. This is a prompt, quick time response for some very complex issues with pupils and families. Sometimes, there is no need for a follow up after the consultation, but if necessary, the school will then be offered 1:1 support for pupils and families. This service has been very well received with a limited wait time. School staff feel supported and more confident with their diagnosis and planned programme for moving forward.

- Many school staff suffer with mental health issues, either personally or within the school setting. Buying in staff counselling on a regular basis is costly for schools and often prohibitive. We are planning on offering a service of online counselling for school staff with one of our trained, experienced specialists to support staff and to enable them to feel able to continue working, rather than go on sick leave.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06545269 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1128369

Registered office

The King Edmund School
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees

J I S Osborn
L A Nelson (resigned 30.6.23)
N A Paterson
L J Walker
K Sansom
R E Goodier
J L Milner (appointed 17.11.23)

Company Secretary

K L Chant

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

J I S Osborn - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS
PARTNERSHIP TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Rochford District Schools Partnership Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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20 December 2024

THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations		4,232	-	4,232	2,092
Investment income	2	17	-	17	15
Other income		310,412	-	310,412	252,598
Total		<u>314,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314,661</u>	<u>254,705</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Costs of generating income		255,920	-	255,920	205,162
Other		30,908	-	30,908	23,179
Total		<u>286,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286,828</u>	<u>228,341</u>
NET INCOME		27,833	-	27,833	26,364
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		77,633	-	77,633	51,269
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>105,466</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>105,466</u></u>	<u><u>77,633</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS
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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	85,300	-	85,300	103,988
Cash at bank		181,647	-	181,647	122,003
		<u>266,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,947</u>	<u>225,991</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(161,481)	-	(161,481)	(148,358)
		<u>105,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,466</u>	<u>77,633</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>105,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,466</u>	<u>77,633</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>105,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,466</u>	<u>77,633</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)					
		<u>105,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,466</u>	<u>77,633</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>105,466</u>	<u>77,633</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>105,466</u>	<u>77,633</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

J I S Osborn - Trustee

N A Paterson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest received	17	15
	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Administrative staff	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations	2,092	-	2,092
Investment income	15	-	15
Other income	252,598	-	252,598
	<u>254,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,705</u>
Total			
	<u>254,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,705</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Costs of generating income	205,162	-	205,162
Other	23,179	-	23,179
	<u>228,341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,341</u>
Total			
	<u>228,341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,341</u>
NET INCOME	26,364	-	26,364
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	51,269	-	51,269
	<u>77,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,633</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			
	<u>77,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,633</u>

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6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	85,300	103,376
Prepayments	-	612
	<u>85,300</u>	<u>103,988</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	27,636	-
Social security and other taxes	624	-
Other creditors	2,808	177
Prepaid income	128,715	146,567
Accrued expenses	1,698	1,614
	<u>161,481</u>	<u>148,358</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,633	27,833	105,466
	<u>77,633</u>	<u>27,833</u>	<u>105,466</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,633</u>	<u>27,833</u>	<u>105,466</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	314,661	(286,828)	27,833
	<u>314,661</u>	<u>(286,828)</u>	<u>27,833</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>314,661</u>	<u>(286,828)</u>	<u>27,833</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,269	26,364	77,633
	<u>51,269</u>	<u>26,364</u>	<u>77,633</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,269</u>	<u>26,364</u>	<u>77,633</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	254,705	(228,341)	26,364
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>254,705</u>	<u>(228,341)</u>	<u>26,364</u>

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

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,269	54,197	105,466
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,269</u>	<u>54,197</u>	<u>105,466</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	569,366	(515,169)	54,197
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>569,366</u>	<u>(515,169)</u>	<u>54,197</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations		
Voluntary income	132	42
Grants	4,100	2,050
	4,232	2,092
Investment income		
Bank interest received	17	15
Other income		
School fees received	310,412	252,598
	314,661	254,705
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Other		
Wages	30,174	22,328
Pensions	734	498
	30,908	22,826
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Telephone	139	60
Postage, stationery and website costs	333	451
Accountancy fees	1,698	1,614
Specialist support fees	242,030	199,438
Clothing and bedding	4,639	2,663
Sundry expenses	176	13
Parent support group refreshments	-	4
Office use of home	318	132
Legal fees	4,620	1,140
ELSA room hire and books	1,967	-
	255,920	205,515
Total resources expended	286,828	228,341
Net income	27,833	26,364

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements