

Charity Registration No. 1136446

Company Registration No. 7150417 (England and Wales)

**RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING  
(A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Mr T Lake Mr A D H Pearson Ms C Billing Ms A Gupta Mr P Harvey	(Appointed 24 April 2024)
Head of centre	Michelle Masters	
Charity number	1136446	
Company number	7150417	
Registered office	220 Kings Road Reading RG1 4JJ	
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# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

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

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The trustees present their 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 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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

### Object of the Charity

The object of the charity is to advance the education of children aged 11 to 18 at the Red Balloon Learner Centre, being students who are victims of severe bullying, or by reason of other emotional or mental health trauma, are unable to attend mainstream schools. This is achieved by providing tuition and appropriate support for them in a safe learning environment until they are ready to return to mainstream education or enter employment. The Trustees confirm that they have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### Governance

The charity has a Board of Trustees who are responsible for the governance of the charity. The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint new trustees. People who come to the trustee's attention as having relevant experience, interest or expertise are asked if they would consider becoming a trustee, are interviewed by other trustees and, if it is considered appropriate, are introduced to all of the trustees. All trustees are subject to DBS checks.

The Board aims to meet 6 times per year and holds an AGM in the Spring Term. At each meeting student progress is reviewed and regular management accounts are provided for review by the Trustees. Safeguarding is also included as an agenda item at each meeting.

### Management

The Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Head of Centre, make decisions on staffing, budgeting, and performance reviews.

Trustees need to raise local public awareness of the need of children who have been so severely bullied that they cannot attend mainstream school. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that such children should be provided with full-time education and Red Balloon offers this service. This is addressed through local fundraising and engaging local businesses and schools in volunteering services or fundraising for us.

Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading is linked to the wider Red Balloon Educational Trust. This provides a forum for the Trustees and staff to share experiences and discuss common problems.

### Risk analysis

The trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which the charity faces. The two main areas of concern are:

#### *1. Safeguarding and continued education of the students*

Safeguarding of students is of the highest priority and is continually monitored. Ongoing staff training in Health & Safety and Child Protection is provided regularly. In addition, a full range of policies are regularly reviewed by staff and trustees.

#### *2. Sourcing of funding for students*

Staff, supported by Trustees, continue to make strenuous efforts building and maintaining good relationships with education establishments and local authorities. The Trustees and Head of Centre have developed a fee pricing structure that reflects the varying support and educational needs of each student.

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.



# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

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

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### Achievements and Performance of the Charity

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity for the year ending 31 August 2024. The objectives of the charity are only achieved through the skill, hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Red Balloon and as Trustees we are indebted to the team.

The charity supported 23 students in the Centre during the year. Of these students 13 were still with us at the start of the 2024/25 academic year. Of those who left, eight were year 11 or older, seven of whom transitioned to further education or training. Two younger students were supported to transition to provision more appropriate to their needs. Nine students sat GCSE and/or Functional Skills exams in the summer of 2024.

Students of all ages achieved a range of AQA Unit Award Scheme (UAS) certificates. UAS allows all students to engage with learning and have their achievements recognised. Students primarily achieved certification in Food Technology, Design & Technology and English, averaging 5 awards each.

The Outreach programme continued to develop with our Outreach Team working with 24 young people and their families over the year. They have successfully reintegrated a large number into Alternative Provision, Specialist Provision or back into school. The Outreach team provided support to students through provision of reports for Annual Reviews and Funding panels.

During the year we received funding to support the development of our garden, providing students with a more accessible and usable space. Our goal is to create an outdoor gym environment offering students physical activities to aid self-regulation to help them focus and engage in their learning, mentoring or therapy.

Red Balloon is not just about academic results but about giving students a wider learning experience and focusing on wellbeing and personal development. Significant time, energy and expertise is given to ensuring this is achieved.

### Wellbeing

Wellbeing provision is central to our support of students and this year in particular we have focussed on developing students' confidence and understanding of dealing with social media. We have made a concerted effort to provide holistic and consistent support to our students to enable them to engage with the ubiquitous social media safely.

We continued to run Challenge Time sessions (with a focus on developing important social skills and life skills) and have involved students in community activities within the Centre. All students have a tutor and at the beginning of the day there is a tutor time session from 9-9.15 am. Eating together is an important part of our wellbeing and pastoral care, with students encouraged to eat together, along with staff in the Community Room.

### Wider learning and personal development

We offered a range of enrichment activities for our students this year including trips to the Cinema, Pottery Painting, Wokingham Superbowl & Laser Quest, and Thorpe Park.

### Future plans of the Charity

After discussion with several local authorities and the drafting of a business plan, in March of 2021 we began looking in earnest for a location for a second site. Following last year's unsuccessful attempt to secure planning permission for our selected site we remain committed to finding an alternative.

### Financial review

Total unrestricted income during the period was £913,330 (2023 - £720,324) an increase of 26.8%. This consisted largely of income from the local authorities which was received to fund the education and wellbeing of the students whilst outside mainstream education. Total restricted donations in the year were £3,500 (2023 - £986), see note 13 for details of these funds.

Total expenditure was £876,218 (2023 - £716,524) and was incurred in performance of the charitable activities of the company, including staffing, direct student costs, rent, utilities and other general running costs.

An unrestricted surplus of £39,545 was recorded, bringing total unrestricted funds to £432,256 and within our targeted reserve policy.

We would like to thank all those that have fundraised, donated and volunteered time during the year.

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

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### Reserves policy

The Trustees policy on financial reserves is to ensure a minimum of 3-6 months of reserves are held in the bank account, in addition to any specifically determined requirements.

### The investment policy and objectives

The trustees' policy on investment is to retain the surplus funds in interest bearing deposit accounts.

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 T Lake

Mr A D H Pearson

Ms L Preston

(Resigned 6 December 2023)

Ms C Billing

Ms A Gupta

Mr P Harvey

(Appointed 24 April 2024)

# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

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

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### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

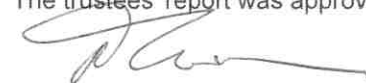
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the Trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Standards and applicable law. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practices: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards, comprising FRS102, have been followed, subject to any material differences 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act and 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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



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**Mr A D H Pearson**

Trustee

Dated: 30/4/25



# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I 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 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 2 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Edwin Smith

Chartered Accountants  
32 Queen Road  
Reading  
Berkshire  
RG1 4AU

Dated: 1 May 2025.....



# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## 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	2	1,543	3,500	5,043	448	986	1,434
Charitable activities	4	905,566	-	905,566	717,203	-	717,203
Investments	3	6,221	-	6,221	2,673	-	2,673
<b>Total income</b>		<b>913,330</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>916,830</b>	<b>720,324</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>721,310</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	5	873,785	2,433	876,218	708,602	7,922	716,524
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>873,785</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>876,218</b>	<b>708,602</b>	<b>7,922</b>	<b>716,524</b>
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		<b>39,545</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>40,612</b>	<b>11,722</b>	<b>(6,936)</b>	<b>4,786</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		392,711	22,739	415,450	380,989	29,675	410,664
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2024</b>		<b>432,256</b>	<b>23,806</b>	<b>456,062</b>	<b>392,711</b>	<b>22,739</b>	<b>415,450</b>

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

# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		16,651		20,592
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	10,231		3,594	
Cash at bank and in hand		468,222		411,566	
		478,453		415,160	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	39,042		20,302	
Net current assets			439,411		394,858
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			456,062		415,450
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	15	23,806		22,739	
Unrestricted funds	16	432,256		392,711	
		456,062		415,450	

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 August 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.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 30/4/25



Mr A D H Pearson  
Trustee

Company registration number 7150417 (England and Wales)

# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	19		55,859		3,638
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,424)		(4,848)	
Investment income received		6,221		2,673	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			797		(2,175)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			56,656		1,463
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			411,566		410,103
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			468,222		411,566

# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 220 Kings Road, Reading, RG1 4JJ.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). 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

All income resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and sufficiently certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following policies apply to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable activities are accounted for when earned. Deferred income relates to student fees which relate to future accounting periods.

##### 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.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.



# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 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.

Expenditure on fixed assets is only capitalised where it exceeds £1,000 and has an expected useful life greater than one year.

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	7 years straight line
Computers	3 years straight line
Motor vehicles	5 years straight line

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 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and cash held at bank current accounts and short term highly liquid investments held on deposit accounts.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transactions value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### 1.10 Leases

Operating leases are recognised over the period of which the lease falls due on a straight line basis.

#### 1.11 Pension Schemes

Employees of the charity are automatically enrolled into a defined contribution scheme unless they have exercised their right to opt out. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 8. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included within unrestricted funds.

#### 1.12 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

#### 1.13 Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,543	3,500	5,043	448	986	1,434

### 3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	6,221	2,673

### 4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Activities 2024 £	Charitable Activities 2023 £
Student fees	905,566	717,203

# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

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

### 5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Activities 2024 £	Charitable Activities 2023 £
Staff costs	614,262	515,002
Depreciation and impairment	9,365	10,401
Travel and subsistence	5,686	4,139
Student operating costs	61,881	42,064
Red Balloon of the air costs	-	4,723
Other teaching resources	12,635	7,813
Accommodation, food and cleaning	6,050	8,170
Communication	3,280	2,390
Insurance	6,793	5,975
Red Balloon Educational Trust support fees	8,000	8,000
Consumables	14,751	9,845
Rent and rates	35,636	27,516
Training and recruitment	17,294	5,424
Repairs and maintenance	37,790	23,513
Office equipment	2,717	2,529
Utilities	7,069	4,208
Sundry operating expenditure	587	740
Other charitable expenditure	1,969	2,609
	<u>845,765</u>	<u>685,061</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	30,453	31,463
	<u>876,218</u>	<u>716,524</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	873,785	708,602
Restricted funds	2,433	7,922
	<u>876,218</u>	<u>716,524</u>

An ex gratia payment of £1,602 was made to an employee at the discretion of the trustees.

6 Net movement in funds	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>9,365</u>	<u>10,401</u>

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

### 7 Support costs

There were no support costs during the year or prior year. Governance costs were as follows:

	Governance costs 2024 £	Governance costs 2023 £
Independent examiners fee	1,000	960
Professional services	29,453	30,503
	<u>30,453</u>	<u>31,463</u>
Analysed between		
Charitable activities	<u>30,453</u>	<u>31,463</u>

### 8 Trustees

None of the Board of Trustees and Directors received any remuneration during the year or prior year. Expenses of £160 (2023 - £329) were reimbursed, relating to travel and meeting costs.

No trustee or other person related to the charity has any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or prior year.

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>
Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	552,224	471,579
Social security costs	41,717	30,815
Other pension costs	14,845	10,676
	<u>608,786</u>	<u>513,070</u>

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

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Head of Centre and two Deputy Heads. The total employment benefits of the key management personnel of the Trust was £145,719 (2023 - £125,780)



# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

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

### 10 Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arises as the company enjoys charitable status.

### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 September 2023	6,600	17,126	20,400	44,126
Additions	-	5,424	-	5,424
At 31 August 2024	6,600	22,550	20,400	49,550
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 September 2023	842	11,812	10,880	23,534
Depreciation charged in the year	943	4,342	4,080	9,365
At 31 August 2024	1,785	16,154	14,960	32,899
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 August 2024	4,815	6,396	5,440	16,651
At 31 August 2023	5,758	5,314	9,520	20,592

### 12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	1,250	-
Prepayments and accrued income	8,981	3,594
	10,231	3,594

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	10,882	8,693
Trade creditors	23,534	6,681
Other creditors	2,577	2,095
Accruals and deferred income	2,049	2,833
	39,042	20,302

# RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

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

### 14 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	14,845	10,676

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.

### 15 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.

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Bursary	21,600	-	(3,867)	17,733	-	-	17,733
Dark Room	134	-	-	134	-	-	134
Music Therapy	406	-	(299)	107	-	-	107
Student Therapy	1,730	-	(1,730)	-	-	-	-
Building work	308	-	-	308	-	-	308
Community	668	-	-	668	-	-	668
Garden	571	-	-	571	3,500	(2,000)	2,071
3D Printer	709	-	(33)	676	-	(140)	536
SALT	2,749	-	(858)	1,891	-	(140)	1,751
Special Events	800	-	(786)	14	-	(14)	-
Seymour Trust Sensory Circuit	-	986	(349)	637	-	(139)	498
	29,675	986	(7,922)	22,739	3,500	(2,433)	23,806

#### Purpose of the restricted funds

- Bursary - Funds to contribute to a Bursary for a student to attend Red Balloon Reading.
- Dark Room - Funds to develop a photography dark room at Red Balloon Reading.
- Music Therapy - Funds to cover the cost of a music therapist.
- Student Therapy - Funds to provide therapeutic provisions to our students, for example equine or canine therapy.
- Building work - Funds to enhance the learner centre to provide our students with the best learning and therapeutic environment.
- Community - Funds to enable the recruitment of an Outreach Worker.
- Minibus - Grant funding to purchase a vehicle for student trips and visits.
- Garden - Grant funding to enhance the outdoor areas of the Centre for students to enjoy.
- 3D Printer - Personal donation to purchase a 3D printer to support teaching and learning.
- SALT & Seymour Trust - Funds to support a newly implemented programme of speech and language therapy.
- Special Events - Funds raised to contribute towards a trip or sporting event.
- Seymour Trust Sensory Circuit - Funds to create movement stations designed to provide sensory input and promote self-regulation in young people.

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### 16 Designated 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.

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expansion	168,187	-	(1,654)	166,533	-	166,533
	<u>168,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>	<u>166,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,533</u>

#### Purpose of the designated funds

- Expansion - Funds to support the opening of a second centre in the Reading area.

### 17 Operating lease commitments

#### **Lessee**

The Company leases property from Red Balloon Educational Trust. At 31 August 2021 the Company had the following total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	32,500	-
Between two and five years	97,500	-
	<u>130,000</u>	<u>-</u>

### 18 Related party transactions

During the year £45,098 (2023: £41,185) was paid to Red Balloon Educational Trust, an entity under common beneficial ownership, in relation to rent, management fee and other operating costs. At the year end the balance outstanding was £Nil (2023: £Nil).

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19	Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
	Surplus for the year	40,612	4,786
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(6,221)	(2,673)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	9,365	10,401
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,637)	202
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	18,740	(9,078)
	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>55,859</b>	<b>3,638</b>