

Charity Registration No. 1150466

Company Registration No. 07584163 (England and Wales)

**LEIGH, LOWTON AND GOLBORNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

LEIGH, LOWTON AND GOLBORNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs W S Cathie Mrs A J Davies Ms C Williams Mrs A Burkes Mrs E Lightfoot Mr D Sheriff
Charity number	1150466
Company number	07584163
Registered office	Leigh St Thomas CE Primary School Leigh Lancashire WN7 2AS
Independent examiner	Daniel Bowles Incom House Waterside Trafford Park Manchester M17 1WD

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the 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

The Charity's objects of the charity are :

To advance the education for the public benefit by creating and maintaining a partnership of schools in the Wigan and Warrington borough.

The Charity achieves its objectives by holding seminars and conferences to promote best educational practice.

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

Achievements and performance

This year the charity's income exceeded expenditure and there is a surplus for the year.. The trustees are pleased with the results for the year.

The charity is pleased with its achievement in supporting school improvements and facilitating the professional development of staff..

Financial review

The trustees have no formal policy to maintain a level of reserves however they are conscious of their responsibilities and monitor the level of reserves to ensure the charity can meet its liabilities.

During the year, the charity made a surplus of £2,958.

At the year end, due to the surplus, the reserves were £59,148 (2020 £56,190).

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated at Companies House on 30 March 2011 and was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 14 January 2013. It commenced its activities on 9 June 2011. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association (as amended by special resolution). The company provides a support service to a cluster of schools.

Trustees are elected by members of the charity in General meeting. Trustees hold office until the Annual General Meeting when Trustees can offer themselves for re-election or re-appointment.

The Trustees delegate the daily running of the Charity to the Project Manager, Mrs Diane Martindale, who acts as Charity Co-ordinator, and her support staff. The charity is considered to be under the control of the Board of Trustees as a whole.

The chair of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures and the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts, and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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:

Mrs W S Cathie

Mrs A J Davies

Ms C Williams

Mrs A Burkes

Mrs E Lightfoot

Mr D Sheriff

Plans for future periods

The trustees intend to continue to be a dynamic and highly successful partnership of schools working positively together in Leigh, Lowton and Golborne to enhance the life chances and opportunities and aspirations for all our children.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs A J Davies

Trustee

Dated: 12/10/21

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEIGH, LOWTON AND GOLBORNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Leigh, Lowton and Golborne Schools Partnership (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; 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.



Daniel Bowles

Incom House
Waterside
Trafford Park
Manchester
M17 1WD

Dated: 12/10/21

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Charitable activities	3	27,523	85,346
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	24,565	81,034
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		2,958	4,312
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		56,190	51,878
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		59,148	56,190

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.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	9,794		7,778	
Cash at bank and in hand		96,201		49,414	
		<u>105,995</u>		<u>57,192</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(46,847)</u>		<u>(1,002)</u>	
Net current assets			59,148		56,190
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			59,148		56,190
			<u>59,148</u>		<u>56,190</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 March 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the 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 company.

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 28/9/21

AJ Davies

Mrs A J Davies
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07584163

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Leigh, Lowton and Golborne Schools Partnership is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Leigh St Thomas CE Primary School, Leigh, Lancashire, WN7 2AS.

1.1 Accounting convention

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 Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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 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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.7 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Charitable activities

	Income 2021 £	Income 2020 £
Services provided under contract	27,523	85,346

4 Charitable activities

	Expenses 2021 £	Expenses 2020 £
Room hire	-	11,240
Insurance	258	258
Legal and professional fees	1,026	1,976
Conference expenses	-	5,461
Consultants and speakers	22,335	57,804
General expenses	746	1,974
Training	200	2,321
	24,565	81,034
	24,565	81,034

5 Trustees

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

6 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

7 Independent Examination

During the year , the charity paid £600 for an Independent Examination and £402 for other services.

8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	7,000	4,984
Prepayments and accrued income	2,794	2,794
	9,794	7,778

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	46,847	1,002

10 Related party transactions

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