

Registered number: 08168311 (England and Wales)
Charity number: 1151323

BEECH LODGE SCHOOL LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

Trustees	L J R Barnes D Szmigielska Shanly S A Szmigielski D M Gillespie (Appointed 14 May 2024)
Company registered number	08168311 (England and Wales)
Charity registered number	1151323
Registered office	Sorbon 24-26 Aylesbury End Beaconsfield Buckinghamshire HP9 1LW
Independent auditors	Henton & Co LLP Stag House Old London Road Hertford Hertfordshire SG13 7LA
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 34 Market Square Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP20 1TT
Principal Operating Office	Stubbings Lane Henley Road Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 6QL

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 August 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Objectives and activities

□ Objectives and aims

The principal object of the Charity is to advance to education of the pupils at Beech Lodge School by providing and assisting in the provision of specialised schooling and education services for children between 7 and 18 years of age.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

□ Objectives, Strategies, and Activities

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. Beech Lodge School Limited is committed to providing quality care and education, creating a nurturing environment to foster resilience, develop a growth mindset and provide opportunities for achievement, enabling every child over time to reach their full potential.

□ Public benefit

Beech Lodge School is an independent special school for children and young people who are unable to reach their potential in a mainstream setting. Many of the pupils who attend the school have social & emotional difficulties caused by early trauma and adverse childhood experiences, the consequences of which can be extremely challenging and lifelong. All pupils have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) and are funded by their Local Education Authority (LEA). The school works with 12 LEA's who place pupils at the school. The school offers a bespoke, engaging, and flexible curriculum tailored to meet pupil needs, interest, and academic ability. Pupils access a range of subjects, qualifications and extra-curricular activities which enable them to fulfil their potential and prepare for the next stage of their lives. Pupils are taught in small classes with a high adult ratio and specialist teaching. Training and support is offered to local states schools on the impact of trauma and attachment.

The school's charity shop, the "Apprenticeshop" in Maidenhead High Street has been registered as a Community Interest Company. It is a working and learning space and is intended to provide work experience for pupils at Beech Lodge as well as other local special schools including Forest Bridge and Manor Green SEN schools. To date the shop has raised over £30k for local and international charities.

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Achievements and performance

□ Main achievements of the Charity

Admissions

Pupil numbers increased to 82 pupils in September 2022 for the academic year 2022/23. Applications for places continued throughout the year and predictions for 2023/24 intake remain stable at 83 pupils which is considered of be the optimal number in order to achieve our aims for our pupils. Academic and vocational qualification results have been good with 100% of leavers achieving 5 or more recognised qualifications (GCSE and BTEC Level 2).

The school celebrated its 10 year anniversary in July 23 with a variety of events including the creation of an anniversary garden and amphitheatre, a whole school celebration and evening event which included alumni, past and current parents and members of staff.

Financial review

□ Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going-concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

For the group, including Beech Lodge Services Limited, incoming resources were £3,398,394 (2022: £2,973,619) and resources expended were £3,350,735 (2022: £2,776,338) giving a surplus of £47,659 (2022: £197,281) for the year.

□ Reserves policy

Reserves are held to meet future commitments and will be reinvested into the facilities of the school and education of the children. On 31st August 2023 total reserves comprised:

Unrestricted: £485,270 (2022: £437,611) for the group, and £584,250 (2022: £528,606) for the school.

The reserves held effectively represent the commitments due under the property lease.

□ Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, using a RAG rating matrix. The likelihood and impact of various business risks, mainly pertaining to regulatory requirements and financial performance, have been assessed and appropriate actions have been put in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Structure, governance and management

□ Constitution

The Charity is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity under number 1151323. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 3rd August 2012 as amended by special resolution dated 19th December 2012.

□ Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

□ Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The School is principally run by the Proprietary Body made up of the Trustees under the chairmanship of Daniela Shanly. Each of the members of the Proprietary Body sit on the school's Advisory Board which oversees the work of the school and helps secure the school's aims. The Advisory Board comprises a team of people who all have a connection with the school. The Advisory Board meets regularly and keeps abreast of responsibilities. It is strongly involved in strategic planning so that resources, both human and material are best used to meet the needs of pupils.

Daniela Shanly takes overall responsibility for the effective running of the school, working closely with the Principal and Headteacher.

□ Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All Trustees of Beech Lodge School are bound by the school's charity policies which include: Reserves Policy, Risk Register, Due Diligence Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Safeguarding Policy, volunteer Management and Environmental Policy.

Induction and training is given in-house and via external specialists including the Independent Schools Association (ISA) training. Familiarization with the roles of Trustees adheres to the charities commission guidelines which include Trustees 6 main duties.

□ Pay policy for key management personnel

The Founders set the pay of the Headteacher, and the Founders and Headteacher set the pay of other key management personnel.

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Plans for future periods

We endeavor to continue to grow admissions to reach our capacity of 96 pupils. Our Development Plan has been revisited and we intend to grow our outreach provision and implement a school holiday club in future.

Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes 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. Under company law, the Trustees 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 Group and the Charity and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Names of trustees who manage the charity

L J R Barnes
D Szmigielska Shanly
S A Szmigielski
D M Gillespie (Appointed 14 May 2024)

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Henton & Co LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.



D Szmigielska Shanly
Trustee

Date: 19/6/2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEECH LODGE SCHOOL LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Beech Lodge School Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure 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 *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Group's or the parent charitable company'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.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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.

Opinion 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.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' 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 and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Other matter

The financial statements of Beech Lodge School Services Limited for the year ended 31 August 2023 were unaudited.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes 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 Group's and the parent charitable company'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 Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 Auditors' 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:

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: enquiries of trustees, management and those charged with governance concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence; review of board minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

We discussed with the trustees and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We identified laws and regulations in planning our work and the audit team were briefed to be alert of any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements, including financial reporting and taxation legislation together with other operational aspects such as health and safety, employment law and requirements under the General Data Protection Regulation. We assess the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquire of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the charity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK). We are not responsible for preventing non compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

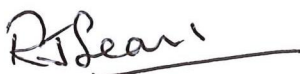
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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, 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, 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 members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Ralph Sears FCCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of Henton & Co LLP

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

21st June 2024

Stag House
Old London Road
Hertford
Hertfordshire
SG13 7LA

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	3	3,395,559	3,395,559	2,955,357
Other trading activities	4	2,835	2,835	18,262
Total income		3,398,394	3,398,394	2,973,619
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		9,070	9,070	6,302
Charitable activities	5	3,341,665	3,341,665	2,770,036
Total expenditure		3,350,735	3,350,735	2,776,338
Net movement in funds		47,659	47,659	197,281
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		437,611	437,611	240,330
Net movement in funds		47,659	47,659	197,281
Total funds carried forward		485,270	485,270	437,611

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

The notes on pages 15 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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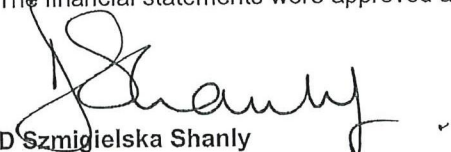
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	10	5,302	6,525
Tangible assets	11	143,588	169,486
		<u>148,890</u>	<u>176,011</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	1,491,497	1,181,758
Cash at bank and in hand		293,608	435,839
		<u>1,785,105</u>	<u>1,617,597</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,448,725)	(1,355,997)
Net current assets		<u>336,380</u>	<u>261,600</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>485,270</u>	<u>437,611</u>
Total net assets		<u>485,270</u>	<u>437,611</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	15	485,270	437,611
Total funds		<u>485,270</u>	<u>437,611</u>

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


D Szmigieliska Shanly
Trustee

Date: 19/6/24

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CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	126,071	149,049
Investments	12	2	2
		<u>126,073</u>	<u>149,051</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	1,621,932	1,309,427
Cash at bank and in hand		265,848	407,414
		<u>1,887,780</u>	<u>1,716,841</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,429,103)	(1,337,286)
Net current assets		<u>458,677</u>	<u>379,555</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>584,750</u>	<u>528,606</u>
Total net assets		<u>584,750</u>	<u>528,606</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	15	584,750	528,606
Total funds		<u>584,750</u>	<u>528,606</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(86,620)	190,439
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(55,611)	(84,909)
Net cash used in investing activities	(55,611)	(84,909)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(142,231)	105,530
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	435,839	330,309
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	293,608	435,839

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Beech Lodge School Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Group and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Group has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

1.2 Company status

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least 12 months from the date of authorisation of the financial statements.

The charity has net current assets of £458,677 at 31 August 2023, and together with budgets for the following periods, the trustees do not consider there are any material uncertainties in respect of going concern.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.6 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.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	- 25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% - 33% straight line
Computer equipment	- 25% straight line

1.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1.9 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.10 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.11 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.12 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.13 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.14 Financial instruments

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.15 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

Retirement benefits to employees of the School are provided by the Teacher's Pension Scheme ('TPS'). This is a defined benefit scheme, contracted out of the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme ('SERPS'), and the assets are held separately from those of the Charity.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Charity in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in note 22, the TPS is a multi employer scheme and the Charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

1.16 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

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1.16 Intangible assets and amortisation (continued)

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Development expenditure	- 10 years
Trademarks	- 10 years

2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The Trustees do not consider there to be any critical accounting estimates or judgments used in preparing the financial statements.

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fees receivable	3,395,559	3,395,559	2,955,357
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>2,955,357</u>	<u>2,955,357</u>	

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4. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from trading subsidiary	2,835	2,835	18,262
<i>Total 2022</i>	18,262	18,262	

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Provision of education	3,341,665	3,341,665	2,770,036
<i>Total 2022</i>	2,770,036	2,770,036	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Provision of education	2,551,316	790,349	3,341,665	2,770,036
2022	2,239,287	530,749	2,770,036	

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	2,032,601	1,791,025
Depreciation	50,893	61,233
Staff development	32,065	32,718
Educational consultancy	327,850	241,057
Educational supplies	99,311	106,853
Speech therapy and consultancy	8,596	6,401
	<u>2,551,316</u>	<u>2,239,287</u>

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	237,996	124,122
Staff development	9,805	6,181
Technology costs	36,927	24,695
Maintenance of premises and equipment	68,750	38,660
Rent and rates	226,790	202,355
Administrative supplies	23,593	23,489
Legal and professional	25,514	21,512
Insurance	40,414	23,841
Other support costs	120,560	65,894
	790,349	530,749

7. Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit	14,000	12,000
Non-audit services	2,070	9,262
	16,070	21,262

8. Staff costs

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Wages and salaries	1,843,619	1,546,035	1,843,619	1,546,035
Social security costs	175,048	147,268	175,048	147,268
Other pension costs	251,930	221,844	251,930	221,844
	2,270,597	1,915,147	2,270,597	1,915,147

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8. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	Group 2023 No.	Group 2022 No.	Charity 2023 No.	Charity 2022 No.
Education	62	52	62	52

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	Group 2023 No.	Group 2022 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	-	-
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1

The key management personnel of the charitable company are the Principal and Headteaching group. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer national insurance and pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services was £225,043 (2022: £175,778).

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 August 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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10. Intangible assets

Group

	Development £	Trademarks £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2022	8,428	3,806	12,234
At 31 August 2023	8,428	3,806	12,234
Amortisation			
At 1 September 2022	3,934	1,775	5,709
Charge for the year	843	380	1,223
At 31 August 2023	4,777	2,155	6,932
Net book value			
At 31 August 2023	3,651	1,651	5,302
At 31 August 2022	4,494	2,031	6,525

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11. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2022	10,450	206,983	153,619	371,052
Additions	-	48,419	7,192	55,611
Reversal of cost adjustment	-	(27,696)	-	(27,696)
At 31 August 2023	10,450	227,706	160,811	398,967
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2022	3,025	100,511	98,030	201,566
Charge for the year	2,613	32,882	25,819	61,314
Reversal of depreciation	-	(7,501)	-	(7,501)
At 31 August 2023	5,638	125,892	123,849	255,379
Net book value				
At 31 August 2023	4,812	101,814	36,962	143,588
At 31 August 2022	7,425	106,472	55,589	169,486

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11. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Charity

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2022	10,450	177,787	153,619	341,856
Additions		48,419	7,192	55,611
Reversal of cost adjustment	-	(27,696)	-	(27,696)
At 31 August 2023	10,450	198,510	160,811	369,771
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2022	3,025	91,752	98,030	192,807
Charge for the year	2,613	29,962	25,819	58,394
On disposals	-	(7,501)	-	(7,501)
At 31 August 2023	5,638	114,213	123,849	243,700
Net book value				
At 31 August 2023	4,812	84,297	36,962	126,071
At 31 August 2022	7,425	86,035	55,589	149,049

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12. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Charity	
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2022	2
At 31 August 2023	<u>2</u>

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:
Name

	Company number	Holding	Included in consolidation
Beech Lodge School Services Limited	07863609	100%	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income	Expenditure	Loss for the year	Net assets
	£	£	£	£
Beech Lodge School Services Limited	2,835	(11,321)	(8,486)	(99,478)

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13. Debtors

	Group 2023	Group 2022	Charity 2023	Charity 2022
Trade debtors	1,470,546	1,140,609	1,466,237	1,136,396
Amounts owed by group	-	-	134,744	132,494
Other debtors	-	16,981	-	16,981
Prepayments and accrued income	20,951	23,556	20,951	23,556
Tax recoverable	-	612	-	-
	<u>1,491,497</u>	<u>1,181,758</u>	<u>1,621,932</u>	<u>1,309,427</u>

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Trade creditors	78,562	103,539	74,464	100,171
Other taxation and social security	49,753	45,275	49,612	45,275
Other creditors	55,290	37,823	54,152	36,685
Accruals and deferred income	1,265,120	1,169,360	1,250,875	1,155,155
	<u>1,448,725</u>	<u>1,355,997</u>	<u>1,429,103</u>	<u>1,337,286</u>

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Deferred income at beginning of period	1,145,339	1,038,541	1,145,339	1,038,541
Resources deferred during the period	1,235,205	1,145,339	1,235,205	1,145,339
Amounts released from previous periods	(1,145,339)	(1,038,541)	(1,145,339)	(1,038,541)
	<u>1,235,205</u>	<u>1,145,339</u>	<u>1,235,205</u>	<u>1,145,339</u>

Deferred income arises as a result of the Charity invoicing term fees in advance.

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15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	528,606	3,395,559	(3,339,415)	584,750
Trading subsidiary	(90,995)	2,835	(11,320)	(99,480)
	<u>437,611</u>	<u>3,398,394</u>	<u>(3,350,735)</u>	<u>485,270</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	341,035	2,955,357	(2,767,786)	528,606
Trading subsidiary	(100,705)	18,262	(8,552)	(90,995)
	<u>240,330</u>	<u>2,973,619</u>	<u>(2,776,338)</u>	<u>437,611</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	143,588	143,588
Intangible fixed assets	5,302	5,302
Current assets	1,785,105	1,785,105
Creditors due within one year	(1,448,725)	(1,448,725)
Total	<u>485,270</u>	<u>485,270</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	169,486	169,486
Intangible fixed assets	6,525	6,525
Current assets	1,617,597	1,617,597
Creditors due within one year	(1,355,997)	(1,355,997)
Total	437,611	437,611

17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	47,659	197,281
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	61,314	63,870
Amortisation charges	1,223	1,224
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	-	370
Reversal of assets and depreciation brought forward	20,195	-
Increase in debtors	(309,738)	(86,141)
Increase in creditors	92,727	13,835
Net cash provided by operating activities	(86,620)	190,439

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18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Cash in hand	293,608	435,839
Total cash and cash equivalents	293,608	435,839

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	435,839	(142,231)	293,608
Debt due within 1 year	(75,000)	-	(75,000)
	360,839	(142,231)	218,608

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20. Pension commitments

Teachers' Pension Scheme Introduction

The employers' pension costs paid to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS or scheme) in the year amounted to £251,930 (2022: £221,844).

The TPS is a statutory, unfunded, defined benefit occupational scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended), and the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). These regulations apply to teachers in schools and other educational establishments, including academies, in England and Wales that are maintained by local authorities. In addition, teachers in many independent and voluntary-aided schools and teachers and lecturers in some establishments of further and higher education may be eligible for membership.

Membership is automatic for full-time teachers and lecturers and, from 1 January 2007, automatic too for teachers and lecturers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract. Teachers and lecturers are able to opt out of the TPS.

The Teachers' Pension budgeting and valuation account

Although members may be employed by various bodies, their retirement and other pension benefits are set out in regulations made under the Superannuation Act (1972) and Public Service Pensions Act (2013) and are paid by public funds provided by Parliament. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – contributions from members, along with those made by employers, are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the above Acts.

The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 require an annual account, the Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account, to be kept of receipts and expenditure (including the cost of pension increases). From 1 April 2001, the Account has been credited with a real rate of return, which is equivalent to assuming that the balance in the Account is invested in notional investments that produce that real rate of return.

Valuation of Teachers' Pension Scheme

Until 31 March 2024, the actuarial valuation of the TPS prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the valuation report, confirmed an employer contribution rate for the TPS of 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2020 and the valuation report, confirmed an employer contribution rate for the TPS of 28.6% from 1 April 2024.

A copy of the latest valuation report can be found by following this link to the Teachers' Pension Scheme website: <https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2019/04/teachers-pensions-valuation-report.aspx>.

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21. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2023 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Not later than 1 year	198,000	198,000	198,000	198,000
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	33,000	231,000	33,000	231,000
	<u>231,000</u>	<u>429,000</u>	<u>231,000</u>	<u>429,000</u>

22. Related party transactions

M Shanly is husband of D Szmegielska Shanly and a director of Shanly Homes Limited to which Beech Lodge School Limited paid £3,093 (2022:£3,222) in the year for maintenance and other costs. At the balance sheet date £Nil (2022: £555) was payable to Shanly Homes Limited.

M Shanly is a Director of Beech Lodge Properties Limited to which Beech Lodge School Limited paid £198,000 (2022: £198,000) in the year for rental of property and £10,996 in the current year for insurance and other expenses. At the Balance Sheet date £648 (2022: £16,485) was owed to Beech Lodge Properties Limited.