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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1151692

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
FOR
LEICESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

LEICESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

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

Vision and strategy

The Board's vision and strategy is derived from our key partners, our Bishop and the wider Diocese, the Church of England's Vision for Education and the Board's own evaluation of the needs of our Church school family.

The **Diocesan Purpose** is driven from our Christian Vision: The Kingdom of God. We seek to support one another across our Diocesan family to consider how we are 'Shaped by God' and how our daily lives reflect ten marks of mission. This then extends to asking ourselves three key questions about how we are deepening discipleship, growing the number of disciples and offering loving service of the world.

The **Church of England's Education Office** has published its vision for Education, 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good'. This vision, for all of education and not simply Church schools, embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. The Church of England, as a whole, seeks a vision of human flourishing for all, one that embraces excellence and academic rigour, but sets them in a wider framework. This is worked out theologically and educationally through four basic elements which permeates the vision:

- Wisdom
- Hope
- Community
- Dignity

The vision, in line with the Church of England's role as the established Church, is for the common good of the whole human community and its environment, whether national, regional or local. This reflects the Board's responsibility as a charity to provide benefit to the public. It is hospitable to diversity, respects freedom of religion and belief, and encourages others to contribute from the depths of their own traditions and understandings.

The Board believes that it makes its own, unique and distinct, contribution to the work of the wider diocesan purpose and the national Church. First of all, we recognise that we predominantly serve our family of Church schools and we aspire for them to contribute positively and effectively to the 'healthily plural educational system' by offering a distinctively Christian ethos. This, of course, must be delivered alongside academic rigour and excellence.

The Board also believe that our schools can and many already do, echo the marks of mission seen in 'Shaped by God.' Our schools can be places of transformation, inspiration, celebration and welcome.

The DBE's vision has captured the hearts and minds of many within our Church school family. As the school systems evolves, we believe that it is important to be consistent and steadfast in our work. We invite all schools to consider how their work reflects this vision and how they can play their part in the diocese and national network.

The Vision of the Board is:

'Transforming the lives of children and young people'

Effective :

As a result of visionary leadership and inspirational teaching, children and young people in the Diocese of Leicester achieve excellence. They are well-rounded and confident with a strong sense of self-worth. As learners transformed, they in turn transform their communities.

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Distinctive :

Unequivocally Christ-like, our schools offer children and young people the opportunity to hear the Christian response to life's big questions. Christian Worship is invitational, offering the whole school community an opportunity for renewal and to encounter the person of Jesus Christ. Religious Education is exemplary, enabling a genuine understanding of the role of faith and belief in modern society.

Rooted :

Our schools are rooted in prayer, partnership with parish and wider community and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Children and young people receive excellent Religious Education equipping them with a firm knowledge of the Christian faith and other key faiths.

Inclusive :

Like Jesus himself, our schools are 'scandalously inclusive'. Children and families from all faiths and none are welcomed, respected and cherished. Serving the community in which they are placed, our schools exemplify, 'love your neighbour'.

In supporting 97 church schools across the Diocese of Leicester to realise this vision provides benefit to the public. This is achieved by training and equipping school leaders and governors to make educational provision of the highest quality, which in turn enables children and young people to contribute positively to society.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Board's objectives are the same as its statutory functions determined by the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021 ("the measure"). The Diocesan Board of Education must:

- promote or assist in the promotion of education in the diocese that is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England;
- promote or assist in the promotion of religious education and religious worship in schools in the diocese;
- promote or assist in the promotion of church schools in the diocese;
- promote co-operation between itself and other persons concerned with education in the diocese;
- The functions assigned to the Board by the measure; and

The Board's principal objective during the year was the promotion of lifelong learning throughout the Diocese, effect being given to the belief that all true education must be based on Christian principles, and the promotion and stimulation of religious education according to the doctrines of the Church of England.

To achieve this the Board appoints staff to support the work of the church schools and the development of the ministry of ordained and lay people.

An additional aim of the Board's work is to promote and facilitate building work in Church of England schools within the Diocese. Creating and maintaining high quality learning environments has clear public benefit.

The Board operates a system which enables Voluntary Aided maintained schools to have their Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) Grant money lodged with the Board pending work being carried out. In addition to this, the Board is a member of a diocesan consortium, which receives School Condition Allocation (SCA) Grant money for capital work in Voluntary Aided maintained schools. An administration charge is levied for this service and details are published in the Board's Partnership Agreement with schools. Any interest received on these funds is re-invested for the purposes previously described.

The Board invests the majority of its funds through CCLA Investment Management who are accountable for investment performance. An element of the Board's funds need to be kept liquid because of its role in 'bridging' building projects in schools between payment of invoices to contractors and the receipt of grant funding.

The principal beneficiaries of the charity's services are the children and young people attending the 97 Church of England schools and academies in the Diocese. Wider than this, the Board also aims to promote and assist in the promotion of education consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Achievements and performance

The Board develops a 3-year strategic plan which includes aspirational success indicators. Progress towards these is routinely monitored by the Board. During the financial year, the Board aimed to provide and support work amongst children and young people in church contexts by providing professional, pastoral and theological support. The principal public benefit of this work is the support offered by the Board for the provision of worthwhile organised activities for children and young people.

The Board continued to support this work through:

- Regular meetings and leadership development for school and trust leaders of church schools
- Support for schools in preparation for denominational inspections
- Giving advice and support to governing bodies and trust boards
- Managing the admission appeals on behalf of schools
- Advice and training on religious education and collective worship
- Working with strategic partners to ensure school effectiveness
- Development and oversight of building projects
- Advising governing bodies and trust boards in the appointment of head teachers

Key activities for achieving objectives

- Providing school and trust leaders with pastoral and professional support.
- Organising training and developmental opportunities for school and trust leaders and lay leaders.
- The appointment, support and training of foundation governors.
- Offering legal advice for trustees, governing bodies and school leaders.
- Liaison with officers of national and local bodies, including Multi Academy Trusts, Local Authorities, Department for Education, Regional Director and Ofsted.
- Partnership working with the Church of England Education Office and other Diocesan Board of Education teams.
- Representation on those committees of Leicestershire County and City Councils, which deal with education issues

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and setting the grant making policy for the period.

In light of the changing educational environment, there is an expectation that the Board become increasingly responsible for the quality of provision within their schools.

Grant making

During the period the Board made available capital grants to the governors of aided schools in relation to the Department for Education (DfE) scheme. Details of the grants made may be found in note 7 of these financial statements.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Fundraising

The charitable company does not carry out significant fundraising activities.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Financial position

In financial terms during 2023-24 the Board planned to:

- ensure that expenditure from general reserves did not exceed income before any realised or unrealised gains or losses on investments, for the period

- ensure that expenditure from s554 funds did not exceed those funds' income, before capital receipts and any realised or unrealised gains or losses on investments, for the period.

In the year the Board:

- made a surplus before any realised or unrealised gains or losses on investments on its general fund of £312,135 (2023: £134,158).

- made a deficit before any realised or unrealised gains or losses on investments on its endowment funds of £87,002 (2023: £129,930).

- made a transfer from general funds to endowment funds of £94,662 (2023: £129,929)

The Board has reviewed all available information, taking account of the current position and principal risks and have a reasonable expectation that the charity will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently by way of grants from the Diocese of Leicester Board of Finance and investment income.

Investment policy and objectives

The investments of the Board are represented by:

- properties held under trusts
- investments in the CBF Investment and Property funds managed by CCLA Investment Management Limited and Savills Investment Management.

The movements in the Board's investments are shown at notes 11 and 12 to these financial statements.

In the light of the market conditions prevalent during the period the Trustees consider the performance of the Board's investments to be satisfactory. It is the policy of the Board to adhere to the ethical investment guidelines issued by the Church of England.

Reserves policy

The reserves of the Board comprise those which may be expended for the normal objectives of the Board and those arising from Educational Foundations within the trusteeship of the Board (the Consolidated Fund), which may only be expended for specific purposes as shown in the notes to the financial statements. As at 31 August 2024 the total funds are £4,161,317 (2023: £3,755,086) as shown in the balance sheet.

Having considered financial risk, liquidity requirement and the timing of cashflows throughout the year, the Board's policy is to hold a balance of readily available realisable assets equivalent to 3 months of budgeted expenditure. As at 31 August 2024, the minimum amount required under this policy totalled £93,000 (2023: £93,000).

Actual free reserves in general and endowment funds totalled £3,739,749 (2023: £3,047,142). Free reserves in unrestricted funds were positive by £495,009 (3: positive £391,962).

Actual free reserves are higher than the Board's policy due to prudent fiscal management.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, governance and management

The Diocesan Board of Education is constituted in line with the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021 and its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited through advertisement within the Diocese of Leicester. This is mainly through the Diocesan Synod. Some trustees are ex-officio appointments and some are appointed by the Bishop of Leicester. Co-opted trustees are recruited on the basis of their skills and experience in church schools. Trustees are appointed under the categories shown in the Reference and Administrative information provided in this report.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Board is part of the Synodical structure of the Church of England and is responsible to and reports to the Synod of the Diocese of Leicester.

The Board operates through its meeting and those of the various sub-committees. The Board makes all major decisions, including those relating to financial matters.

Sub-committees scrutinise issues and make recommendations to the Board. Sub-committees have certain delegated powers under their Terms of Reference.

The Board adopted and continue to operate within the core objectives and remit of the Board and had the following sub-committees in the period to 31 August 2024:

Church Schools Business & Finance Committee

The principal responsibilities of this sub-committee are formulating and overseeing a coherent strategy for existing and future school provision across the Diocese and to monitor local and national developments that impact upon the strategy. The committee also monitors and manages all financial and property matters appertaining to the Board including maintenance and repair of voluntary aided schools in the Diocese, management of the Board's trustee responsibilities and investments and scrutiny of the Board's financial position and risk management policy and procedures.

Supporting Church Schools Committee

This sub-committee is responsible for formulating and overseeing a coherent strategy for existing and future church school provision across the Diocese in respect of effectiveness, distinctiveness and inclusivity. Also, to provide support and training services to schools, governors, clergy and teachers, to provide guidance on policy and curriculum issues, respond to resolutions from General Synod in relation to church schools and promote and pursue partnerships with Local Authorities, Multi-Academy Trusts and the Department for Education. The committee oversees the appointment of Foundation Governors and reviews the outcomes of denominational and Ofsted inspections. The committee oversees the Board's Admissions guidance and its support for schools in these matters.

Strategic Group

This sub-committee works with the Director on all matters of strategy and monitors the Board's progress towards its vision. The committee regularly reviews the development and growth of Multi Academy Trusts.

Induction and training of new trustees

At the first meeting of a new triennium the Board's role and function is explained. All members receive a copy of all the terms of reference for the sub-committees. Trustees receive training.

At the first meeting of each sub-committee the terms of reference are discussed, and the sub-committee's remit clarified. During triennium the Board has a variety of on-going opportunities to discuss the strategic plan for the coming three years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Key management remuneration

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility, delegated to them by the trustees, for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Charitable Company. During 2024 this was the Diocesan Director of Education and Secretary of the Board.

During the year, remuneration (including Employers National Insurance and pension) amounting to £133,576 was paid (2023: £125,230).

Related parties

Through the Synodical structure the Board is related to the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance from whom it receives grant support, details of which are shown in the notes to the financial statements.

Risk management

The Trustees are required, under the Charities SORP 2019, to confirm as part of the Trustees' annual report that they have reviewed and taken steps to mitigate the major risks to which the Board is exposed. The following are assessed by the Board as major risks:

- All Schools and Trusts: Governance.

Failure to understand roles and responsibilities. This represents a reputational risk of failure, including financial and educational.

- All Schools and Trusts: Provision.

Failure to maintain good & outstanding provision, leading to reputational risks for the DBE; difficulty in finding suitable sponsor for school in an Ofsted category.

- DBE: Funding.

DBE unable to finance staffing levels required to meet charitable objects / strategic aims. Income from investments and from DBF grant at risk due to wider financial constraints.

- DBE: Staffing capacity for Statutory Functions.

DBE does not have sufficient capacity to undertake core statutory functions through loss or personnel or government legislation.

- DBE: Staffing Capacity.

Major Incident. DBE does not have sufficient capacity to respond to a major incident, which impacts on the charity.

- DBE: Staffing Capacity.

Land and capacity. Officer time required to manage land and property reduces capacity for core role.

- Schools Partnership.

Schools not firmly engaged in partnership with the DBE resulting in a lack of engagement at critical times, e.g. HT recruitment, financial and school improvement challenges.

In respect of each risk identified above, the Trustees have implemented strategies to mitigate and monitor the relevant issue. These mitigations include ensuring the relevant support, systems and expertise is available for schools and trusts as well as within the Board itself.

The responsibilities of the Trustees cover the identification and assessment of risks, taking appropriate steps to mitigate those highlighted as major risks to the Board and an annual review of risk, so as to ensure that the measures taken are adequate.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Modern Slavery Statement

The Board and the Charitable Foundations for which we are Trustees, are strongly opposed to slavery and human trafficking. We strive to act ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships to ensure that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place within our organisation or our supply chains.

Safeguarding

The Board aspires for the lives of children and young people to be transformed through their experiences of a Church School education. Children should leave a Church school with confidence and a strong sense of self-worth.

Safeguarding is taken very seriously by the Board. The Church of England's Safeguarding policy has been adopted by the Board. All trustees complete school or church-based safeguarding training.

All diocesan schools are expected to maintain the highest standards in safeguarding policy and practice. All diocesan schools regardless of their status (VC, VA, Academy) come under the statutory oversight of their Local Authority (LA). LAs maintain statutory responsibility for ensuring the protection of the children within their area.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

The Board acts as custodian trustee for a number of small religious education funds. These funds are available to parishes to promote and deliver religious education to the younger society within their parishes.

The assets of these funds consist of either cash deposits or shares in the CBF Investment Fund. All such assets are held in accounts separate from those of the Board.

The total value of the assets held as custodian trustee is £87,349 (2023: £89,234) and relate to the following organisations:

	2024	2023
	£	£
St Nicholas House Education Foundation	-	-
Hugglescote RE Fund	11,672	15,378
Walcote RE Fund	27,726	26,333
Hoby School Fund	10,000	10,000
Syston Junior RE Fund	3,562	3,179
Syston Infant RE Fund	25,997	24,691
Stony Stanton Junior School RE Fund	947	1,749
Syston Junior RE Fund (Shares)	7,445	7,445
	<u>87,349</u>	<u>89,234</u>

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Leicester Diocesan Board of Education for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable 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 trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

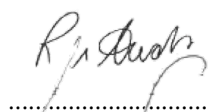
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, TC Group, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on and signed on the board's behalf by:



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Mr R M Andrews - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LEICESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Leicester Diocesan Board of Education (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its 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.

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 charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the 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.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
LEICESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework (UK GAAP and the Companies Act 2006) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK.

We understood how the charitable company is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquiries through review of board minutes and discussions with those charged with governance.

We assess the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by discussion with management from various parts of the business to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We considered the procedures and controls that the charitable company has established to prevent and detect fraud, and how these are monitored by management, and also any enhanced risk factors such as performance targets.

Based on our understanding, we designed our audit procedures to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations identified in the paragraphs above.

We also performed audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

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 Report of the Auditors.

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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. 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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For The Year Ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	235,726	144,020	379,746	176,590
Charitable activities	6				
Admission appeal costs		10,050	-	10,050	10,570
Other income		7,233	-	7,233	11,896
Partnership agreement & courses		72,289	-	72,289	61,684
Other trading activities	4	24,839	-	24,839	24,732
Investment income	5	<u>24,849</u>	<u>117,908</u>	<u>142,757</u>	<u>127,994</u>
Total		<u>374,986</u>	<u>261,928</u>	<u>636,914</u>	<u>413,466</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	7				
Advice to and work with schools		138,568	-	138,568	109,053
Governance costs		3,623	10,868	14,491	19,356
Support costs		64,531	194,041	258,572	280,829
Other		<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>206,871</u>	<u>204,909</u>	<u>411,780</u>	<u>409,238</u>
NET INCOME		168,115	57,019	225,134	4,228
Transfers between funds	19	(94,662)	94,662	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>26,650</u>	<u>154,447</u>	<u>181,097</u>	<u>(137,516)</u>
Net movement in funds		100,103	306,128	406,231	(133,288)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>394,906</u>	<u>3,360,180</u>	<u>3,755,086</u>	<u>3,888,374</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>495,009</u>	<u>3,666,308</u>	<u>4,161,317</u>	<u>3,755,086</u>

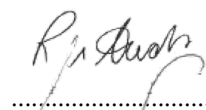
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LEICESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

**BALANCE SHEET
31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	1,263	2,944
Investments			
Investments	14	3,191,758	3,011,607
Investment property	15	<u>705,000</u>	<u>705,000</u>
		3,898,021	3,719,551
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	92,392	68,673
Cash in hand		<u>1,010,785</u>	<u>680,736</u>
		1,103,177	749,409
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(839,881)</u>	<u>(713,874)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>263,296</u>	<u>35,535</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,161,317</u>	<u>3,755,086</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>4,161,317</u>	<u>3,755,086</u>
FUNDS	19		
Unrestricted funds		495,010	394,906
Endowment funds		<u>3,666,307</u>	<u>3,360,180</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>4,161,317</u>	<u>3,755,086</u>

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



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Mr R M Andrews - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

LEICESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Charitable Company is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee without share capital, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ.

The principal activity of the charity is to promote lifelong learning throughout the Diocese, effect being given to the belief that all true education must be based on Christian principles, and the promotion and stimulation of religious education according to the doctrines of the Church of England.

Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment properties and fixed asset investments which are measured at their market value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are presented in GBP £ sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern policy

The trustees regularly 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 Board have considered the charitable company's income and operating cost base. They have prepared forecasts of income and expenditure for the period to 31 August 2025, which shows that they have sufficient reserves and cash to be able to continue for the foreseeable future.

The Board have concluded therefore that the entity remains a going concern and continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparation for these financial statements.

Group accounts policy

The Charitable Company are members of 10 academies (single and multiple academy trusts) and the Diocese of Leicester Educational Trust.

The Board's policy is for non-consolidation of either of the academies, trust or company into the Board accounts as it can demonstrate that no parent / subsidiary relationship exists.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Group accounts policy

The policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with the national guidance and any developments in the relationship between the Board and the Trusts.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

All monetary donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable, provided there are no donor- imposed restrictions as to the timing of any related expenditure, in which case recognition is deferred until the pre-condition is met.

Revenue grants included in donations and legacies are credited as income when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis. 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 charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking its charitable activities, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- cost of other trading activities includes expenditure that relates to the delivery of courses to schools.

Expenditure is allocated to those cost categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.

Support costs are apportioned between the activities on a reasonable and consistent basis based upon specific nominals.

Grants payable

Grants to schools are accrued for as expenditure when the recipient is notified of the grant.

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and deposits

Cash at bank and deposits 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.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Cash at bank and deposits

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described above, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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. Management do not deem there to be any key sources of estimation uncertainty. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The critical judgement that the directors have made in the process of applying the company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is the valuation of the investment properties. These are valued by the trustees using guidance from an independent professional valuer. Investment properties are measured at each year end at their open market value.

Property investments

Property investments are held at open market value based upon external property valuations. Their valuations are derived from the most recent valuation, performed by Andrew Granger & Co Ltd as at 31 August 2021, with the exception of the land at Plungar which was valued as at 31 August 2022 based on the post balance sheet sale value.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- Straight line over 7 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Fund accounting

Fund balances are split between unrestricted and endowment (restricted) funds:

- the general fund is an unrestricted fund, which may be used at the Trustees' discretion;
- the endowment (restricted) fund consists of funds where there are imposed restrictions on their use.

Further details of these funds are given in note 19.

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3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	144,020	650
Grant from Leicester DBF	170,489	113,522
Recharge to Derby DBE	<u>65,237</u>	<u>62,418</u>
	<u><u>379,746</u></u>	<u><u>176,590</u></u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rents received	<u>24,839</u>	<u>24,732</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment income	139,330	124,540
Deposit account interest	<u>3,427</u>	<u>3,454</u>
	<u><u>142,757</u></u>	<u><u>127,994</u></u>

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2024	2023
	Activity	£	£
Admission appeal costs	Admission appeal costs	10,050	10,570
Other income	Other income	7,233	11,896
Partnership agreement & course	Partnership agreement & courses	<u>72,289</u>	<u>61,684</u>
		<u><u>89,572</u></u>	<u><u>84,150</u></u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Advice to and work with schools	138,568	-	138,568
Support costs	<u>-</u>	<u>273,056</u>	<u>273,056</u>
	<u><u>138,568</u></u>	<u><u>273,056</u></u>	<u><u>411,624</u></u>

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	156	-	-	156
Support costs	<u>258,416</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>14,491</u>	<u>273,056</u>
	<u>258,572</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>14,491</u>	<u>273,212</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	9,625
Depreciation - owned assets	2,155	2,793
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

11. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	180,033	199,060
Social security costs	14,836	15,327
Other pension costs	<u>40,400</u>	<u>38,205</u>
	<u>235,269</u>	<u>252,592</u>

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

	2024	2023
Administration and support	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

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

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

Pension payments of £26,742 were made for the highest paid employee (2023: £21,786).

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11. STAFF COSTS - continued

No other employees earned £60,000 or more in the current or preceding period.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility, delegated to them by the trustees, for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Charitable Company. During 2024 this was the Diocesan Director of Education and Secretary of the Board.

During the year, remuneration (including Employers National Insurance and pension) amounting to £133,576 was paid (2023: £125,230).

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	176,590	-	176,590
Charitable activities			
Admission appeal costs	10,570	-	10,570
Other income	11,896	-	11,896
Partnership agreement & courses	61,684	-	61,684
Other trading activities	24,732	-	24,732
Investment income	32,786	95,208	127,994
Total	<u>318,258</u>	<u>95,208</u>	<u>413,466</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Advice to and work with schools	109,053	-	109,053
Governance costs	4,839	14,517	19,356
Support costs	70,208	210,621	280,829
Total	<u>184,100</u>	<u>225,138</u>	<u>409,238</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	134,158	(129,930)	4,228
Transfers between funds	(129,929)	129,929	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	<u>(14,930)</u>	<u>(122,586)</u>	<u>(137,516)</u>
Net movement in funds	(10,701)	(122,587)	(133,288)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	405,607	3,482,767	3,888,374
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>394,906</u>	<u>3,360,180</u>	<u>3,755,086</u>

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2023	13,735	2,060	15,795
Additions	-	512	512
Disposals	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>(2,450)</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>12,535</u>	<u>1,322</u>	<u>13,857</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2023	10,791	2,060	12,851
Charge for year	2,106	49	2,155
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(1,162)</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>(2,412)</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>11,735</u>	<u>859</u>	<u>12,594</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2024	<u>800</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>1,263</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>2,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,944</u>

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investment properties £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2022	705,000	3,011,607	3,716,607
Additions at cost	-	13,513	-
Disposals	-	(13,422)	(13,422)
Revaluation adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>180,059</u>	<u>193,572</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>705,000</u>	<u>3,191,757</u>	<u>3,896,757</u>

	2024	2023
Historical cost (unlisted investments only)	<u>1,873,859</u>	<u>1,887,281</u>

Investment properties do not have any historical cost as the Board received legacies and gifts. The difference between historical cost and market value is included within the relevant funds.

The investment properties were valued as at 31 August 2021 by the Board's land agents, Andrew Granger & Co Ltd, Chartered Surveyors. The basis of valuation was on an open market basis based on existing use and prevailing permissions. The Board undertakes valuations every 3 years.

The Leicester Diocesan Board of Education acts as a custodian of two properties on behalf of The Saint Nicholas House Educational Foundation. These properties have not been recognised in the accounts of Leicester Diocesan Board of Education as it does not have beneficial interest. The valuation of these properties is £700,000.

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14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

All the unlisted investments of the Board are in CBF Church of England Common Investment Funds managed by CCLA Investment Management Limited & Savills Investment Management

	2024 £	2023 £
CBF Investment Fund	2,785,153	2,580,856
Savills Property Fund	<u>406,604</u>	<u>430,751</u>
	<u><u>3,191,757</u></u>	<u><u>3,011,607</u></u>

15. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

FAIR VALUE	£
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	<u>705,000</u>

NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2024	<u>705,000</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>705,000</u>

Fair value at 31 August 2024 is represented by:

Valuation in 2021	£ <u>705,000</u>
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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	21,303	30,335
VAT	6,517	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>64,572</u>	<u>38,338</u>
	<u><u>92,392</u></u>	<u><u>68,673</u></u>

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17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	326,943	45,938
Social security and other taxes	7,808	10,809
VAT	-	186
Other creditors	346,402	502,451
DFC funds	146,469	134,809
Accruals and deferred income	<u>12,259</u>	<u>19,681</u>
	<u><u>839,881</u></u>	<u><u>713,874</u></u>

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Endowment fund	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,263	-	1,263	2,944
Investments	536,578	3,360,180	3,896,758	3,716,607
Current assets	1,103,177	-	1,103,177	749,409
Current liabilities	<u>(1,146,008)</u>	<u>306,127</u>	<u>(839,881)</u>	<u>(713,874)</u>
	<u><u>495,010</u></u>	<u><u>3,666,307</u></u>	<u><u>4,161,317</u></u>	<u><u>3,755,086</u></u>

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	394,906	194,766	(94,662)	495,010
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	3,360,180	211,465	94,662	3,666,307
	<u>3,755,086</u>	<u>406,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><u>4,161,317</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	374,986	(206,870)	26,650	194,766
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	261,928	(204,910)	154,447	211,465
	<u>636,914</u>	<u>(411,780)</u>	<u>181,097</u>	<u><u>406,231</u></u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	405,607	119,228	(129,929)	394,906
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	3,482,767	(252,516)	129,929	3,360,180
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,888,374</u>	<u>(133,288)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,755,086</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	318,258	(184,100)	(14,930)	119,228
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	95,208	(225,138)	(122,586)	(252,516)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>413,466</u>	<u>(409,238)</u>	<u>(137,516)</u>	<u>(133,288)</u>

The transfer in the year, between the General fund and the s554 Income Fund is to fund the deficit on this fund, as costs allocated exceeded the income generated.

The transfer between the Baxter Hall fund and the General fund is in respect of net rental income generated which can be used for general purposes.

Revaluation Reserve

Included in the fund balances above is a revaluation reserve of £1,977,176 (investment property £750,000 and investments £1,227,176). As at 31st August 2024, the revaluation reserve is allocated as follows, general fund £223,092, Baxter Hall £300,000, s554 capital fund £1,422,254 and other foundations £32,163.

Endowment funds

s554 Income and Capital funds

These principally represent funds and income held under trusts arising from the sale of redundant educational properties. The Board as trustees may, after payment of any expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the trusts, apply the capital and income of the relevant trust assets for any of the following purposes:

- in or towards the purchase of a site for, or the erection, improvement or enlargement of:
 - o the premises of any relevant school in the area
 - o the premises of a teacher's house for use in connection with any relevant school in the area

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

o for the maintenance of any relevant school in the area or of a teacher's house for use in connection with any relevant school in the area.

The income arising from these trusts may additionally be used, after payment of any expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the trust, for any of the following purposes:

- in or towards the provision of advice, guidance and resources (including materials) in connection with any matter related to the management of, or education provided at, any relevant school in the area
- the provision of services for the carrying out of any inspection of any relevant school in the area required by Part I of the School Inspection Act 1996(a); and
- to defray the cost of employing or engaging staff in connection with the application of capital or income of the relevant trust assets.

The Baxter Hall fund

This represents the book value of the Baxter Hall property as revalued from time to time.

The Baxter Hall property was transferred back to the Baxter Hall Trust in September 2024.

Other Foundations	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Gilmorton, Edward Chandler	4,077	3,786
Leicester, G A Robinson	-	12,344
Stoke Golding	432	410
Rev Towers Earl Shilton	46,303	41,278
Hathern, Old School House	65,755	62,451
	<u>116,567</u>	<u>121,251</u>

During any year the Board can become aware of redundant schools and/or schoolhouses of which it has no record. When this occurs, the Board acts under current legislation to acquire the asset for its work. The Board has no means of identifying such cases in advance.

20. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Pension costs

Three employees of the Board participated in pension schemes administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Board and the other participating employers. This is the Church Workers Pension Fund. The Church Workers Pension Fund has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

These schemes are multi-employer last man standing defined benefit pension schemes for which the Board is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities as each employer is exposed to actuarial risks associated with the current and former employees of other entities participating in the scheme.

Church Workers Pension Fund - Pension Builder Scheme

The Board participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund for lay staff. The scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the employer and the other participating employers.

The Pension Builder Scheme of the Church Workers Pension Fund is made up of two sections, Pension Builder Classic and Pension Builder 2014, both of which are classed as defined benefit schemes.

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20. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension for members for payment from retirement, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Bonuses may also be declared, depending upon the investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement.

Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. This account may have bonuses added by the Board before retirement. The bonuses depend on investment experience and other factors. There is no requirement for the Board to grant any bonuses. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable from members' normal pension age.

There is no subdivision of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme, this means it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and that contributions are accounted for as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SoFA in the year represent contributions payable.

The most recent scheme valuation completed was carried out as at 31 December 2019. This revealed, on the ongoing assumptions used, an overall deficit of £10.6m. The scheme's actuaries have proposed that the deficit is to be eliminated within 7 years without the need for additional contributions from the employers involved in the scheme. There is therefore no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The Board contributes 10% of basic salary. There is no minimum contribution for employees. The pension costs for the period of £4,288 (2023: £4,083) are equal to the contributions paid by the Board and there were no contributions outstanding at the period end.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014.

The Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director of Education are members of the TPS.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis - these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2022.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million

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20. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. Assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £36,114 (2023: £33,873).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Board is related to Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance.

At the end of the period the following amounts, were receivable or (payable) by the Board in respect of related parties:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance in respect of grants receivable, loans and contribution to costs	170,489	113,522

22. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Baxter Hall property was transferred back to The Baxter Hall Trust in September 2024.

23. SCHOOLS' DFC FUNDS

With effect from 1 April 2006 the DfE paid over to schools the funds available for 2006/07 plus any unspent funds from prior years, which could be used for the 90% cost of building works, previously reimbursed by the DfE.

The Voluntary Aided Schools agreed that the Board should hold these funds and meet any 90% contributions from them. The value of the funds at 31st August 2024 was £146,469 (2023: £137,255).

Each school's unspent amount of the total is identifiable.

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24. ANALYSIS OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

Overheads are apportioned based upon the allocation of staff time and is split between general and endowment fund. Transfers between funds and the reasons behind them are disclosed in Note 19.

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	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	144,020	650
Grant from Leicester DBF	170,489	113,522
Recharge to Derby DBE	<u>65,237</u>	<u>62,418</u>
	379,746	176,590
Other trading activities		
Rents received	24,839	24,732
Investment income		
Investment income	139,330	124,540
Deposit account interest	<u>3,427</u>	<u>3,454</u>
	142,757	127,994
Charitable activities		
Admission appeal costs	10,050	10,570
Other income	7,233	11,896
Partnership agreement & course	<u>72,289</u>	<u>61,684</u>
	<u>89,572</u>	<u>84,150</u>
Total incoming resources	636,914	413,466
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Advice to schools	138,568	109,053
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	180,033	199,060
Social security	14,836	15,327
Pensions	40,400	38,205
Office costs	21,109	25,443
Fixtures and fittings	49	2,107
Computer equipment	2,106	687
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>
	258,572	280,829
Other		
Repairs	149	-

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	2024 £	2023 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	9,625
Legal and professional fees	<u>3,991</u>	<u>9,731</u>
	<u>14,491</u>	<u>19,356</u>
Total resources expended	<u>411,780</u>	<u>409,238</u>
Net income	<u><u>225,134</u></u>	<u><u>4,228</u></u>

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