

RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE CAMBRIDGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1175826

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [10978174](#)

Registered 2017-11-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS AGED 7 TO 19, AT THE RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE, BEING STUDENTS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF BULLYING, OR BY REASON OF OTHER EMOTIONAL TRAUMA OR ILLNESS, ARE FOR THE TIME BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND MAINSTREAM SCHOOL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROVIDING THEM WITH TUITION AND APPROPRIATE FACE-TO-FACE AND ON-LINE SUPPORT IN A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO RETURN TO MAINSTREAM EDUCATION OR TAKE UP TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT

Activities: To advance the education of students aged 7 to 19, being students who are the victims of bullying, or by reason of other emotional trauma or illness, are for the time being unable to attend mainstream school, providing them with an academic, pastoral and therapeutic educational programme in a safe learning environment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Essex
- Hertfordshire
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£1,031,612	£1,054,206	£518,815	32
2023-08-31	£917,954	£922,760	£541,409	31
2022-08-31	£974,768	£849,356	£546,215	32
2021-08-31	£934,057	£754,955	£420,803	31
2020-08-31	£459,556	£443,636	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Davina Harvey		2025-06-02
Eleanor Susan Laure Thompson		2025-11-19
Jane Green		2025-01-06
Judith Susannah Mary Haste		2023-06-09
Mark Nicholas Patterson		2023-03-20
Paul Lewis Morton-Kemp		2025-06-02
Peter Martin Law		2023-06-05

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Trustees Miss Jane Green (appointed 6 January 2025)
Mrs Judith Haste
Mr Peter Law
Mrs Kathleen Mcguire (resigned 9 January 2025)
Mr Mark Patterson
Ms Lesley Steinitz (resigned 22 November 2023)
Mr Ian Swain (resigned 27 November 2024)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of the charity are set out in the Articles of Association registered at Companies House on 23rd September 2017.

"To advance the education of children aged 7 to 19 at the Red Balloon Learner Centre, being students who are the victims of bullying, or by reason of other emotional trauma or illness, are for the time being unable to attend mainstream schools, including, but not limited to, providing them with tuition and appropriate face-to-face and on-line support in a safe learning environment until they are ready to return to mainstream education or take up training or employment."

We achieve our objects through the provision of an 'intensive care' full time education and support programme. Therapy and counselling are offered to students and families. Continuing use is made of volunteers to work with students. All volunteers have enhanced DBS checks.

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, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The charity provides full-time education for children who self-exclude from school. There is no other purpose-made scheme to support the recovery of this group of children and to give them their 'life' back. Another important aspect of the work that the charity does is to offer support to the parents and carers of these children.

c. Management

The trustees, in consultation with the Coordinator, make decisions about staffing, budgeting and performance reviews. Trustees, directors and consultants of Red Balloon Educational Trust with specialist knowledge may be consulted about employment and other human resource issues.

Trustees work to raise local awareness of the needs of children who have been so badly bullied or suffer from severe emotional trauma or mental health issues that they cannot attend mainstream school. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that such children should be provided with full time education.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the charity

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year ended 31st August 2024. The objectives of the charity are only achieved through the skill, hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge and as trustees we are indebted to the team. Achievement and performance at Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge are measured by the increase in self-esteem and confidence of each of the students, their ability to hold their own in the wider world and their understanding of themselves and others, as well as through academic progress and results.

The last few years have been a time of growth and expansion for Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge. In September 2020 we were able to open a second centre in Cambridge. The successful opening of the second centre allowed us to double the amount of places that we are able to offer to students each year. Since then we have built a cohesive community between the two buildings with a 'one centre' approach, although the operation of two separate buildings was not without its challenges. Therefore, we have also been seeking a single larger premises for the Centre, and we are delighted to have achieved this with the move into our new building at 42/44 High Street, Milton.

The bulk of the work leading up to the move took place in 2023/24. Staff and Trustees worked together on this project, culminating in the signing of a 15-year lease agreement commencing April 2024. The move itself took place during the Summer vacation and the Centre was ready to open for the new academic year in September. Staff, students, parents and carers have all expressed their enthusiasm for the new location in a single consolidated site. Once again we have been able to modestly increase our capacity.

To help towards the costs of the move we were able to secure additional funding from the PA Foundation (£20,000 towards the costs of the creation of the science laboratory) and the Screwfix Foundation (£5,000 towards the costs of the kitchen). The remaining costs were covered from unrestricted funding and income.

In the new centre, we remain as strongly committed as ever to offering a wide range of curriculum subjects to all students. These include English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Art, Music, Media, Drama, Languages (including British Sign Language), PE (with support from The Leys school), ICT, Life Skills and Citizenship. In addition to offering GCSEs, we have a range of qualifications, including Unit Awards and project qualifications to motivate and recognise those students who thrive in vocational and practical areas. In addition we are able to offer LAMDA exams and ASDAN training.

b. ISI Inspection - July 2024

In July 2024, we were inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). This was a Material change inspection due to the move to the new Milton centre and increase in student capacity. We are very pleased that the inspector approved the material change for Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge.

c. Exams

In the school year 2023/24, eleven students took a total of twenty-two GCSE qualifications. Subjects included Maths, English Literature, English Language, Biology and Art. In addition to the GCSEs taken this year, some students undertook other examinations which included Maths Awards, Maths Functional Skills and Entry Level English, History & Science.

We supported our learners to prepare for these exams so that they could do their best. We are very proud of the set of results that our students achieved and we have noted that there is clear progress in our exam results.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

d. Activities, trips and excursions

Red Balloon does not just care about academic results, and significant time, energy and expertise are given to ensuring that the students have a wider learning experience through regular activities and special events such as cooking and baking, museum trips, board games, dog-walking, DIY, swimming, circle time, Life Skills sessions and day trips. These activities promote increased self-esteem, emotional regulation, enhanced social skills and a level of confidence that cannot always be developed in a classroom. In addition, many of our students benefit from weekly therapy or counselling sessions. We also work collaboratively with other schools and local groups to develop partnerships across different organisations.

During the school year 2023/24, we were able to offer students a range of educational visits and excursions throughout the year.

There was a trip to the Tower of London, during which students were able to see the Crown Jewels, meet the ravens and Yeoman guards, enter the White Tower which features displays of armour and weapons from the likes of Henry VIII, see the site of the execution of Anne Boleyn, and visit the Torture at the Tower exhibition.

The students were also involved in a Film Project at the Cambridge Junction's Film Festival. The students produced the ghost story film "the Lighter", which the students made entirely themselves in school, and won an award for the "Best Artistic Vision".

Students studying Animal Care had a visit to the Village Vets in Milton for a behind the scenes tour followed by a Q and A session with a vet. The students saw the operating theatre, the imaging room, the intensive care unit, pharmacy as well as the reception and consulting rooms.

This year's residential trip was to the Lake District, where students were able to participate in a range of outdoor pursuits including kayaking, canoeing, abseiling, hiking, rafting, caving, archery, orienteering. This gave much opportunity for students to develop team building skills.

We have found over the years that this residential trip has a range of benefits for students. Being on a residential excursion moves them outside of their comfort zone and gives opportunities to develop self-esteem. In many cases, it is perhaps the only time they have been away from home in this way. For this reason the visit helps to build confidence and their own sense of self. The students develop both camaraderie within the group and at the same time independence.

Students visited the Cambridge School of Art Graduate Show at Anglia Ruskin University and were inspired by the Fine Art, Fashion, Animation, Illustration, plus Graphic and Games Design.

Students also had the opportunity to go on a day out to Thorpe Park as a treat to end the summer term and to continue to foster a sense of community across both centres. The end of the school year always includes a celebration of the accomplishments of all our young learners and each student receives an annual Record of Achievement highlighting special moments. We also held our annual school prom which is a very popular event amongst the students. All students are invited to attend and to celebrate their achievements and bid farewell to the students who are at the end of their final year at Red Balloon.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

e. Duke of Edinburgh's Award activities

Seven students completed their Bronze level Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students have been working towards this over the past year completing 3-6 months of volunteering, skills and physical activity.

Students had weekly training in preparation for their expedition, learning skills such as map reading, navigation, using a compass, first aid, pitching tents and route planning. The students took part in an overnight expedition traveling by train from Cambridge to Baldock before walking 11km cross country using the skills they had learnt to successfully navigate as a team. The students pitched their tents, then prepared dinner and breakfast and completed their return walk to Hitchin train station.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have decided that unrestricted reserves should be equivalent to five months' worth of operational expenditure. At the level of expenditure for 2023/24, this should equal around £420,000 (2023: £370,000). At 31 August 2024, unrestricted reserves defined as unrestricted funds less fixed assets was £451,369 (2023: £499,291).

c. Financial review

Total unrestricted income during the year was £1,004,329 (2023: £910,878). Of this, £935,266 (2023: £870,452) came from fees or bursaries. Total restricted donations and grants income in the year was £27,283 (2023: £7,076), see note 15 for details of these funds.

Total expenditure was £1,054,206 (2023: £922,760) and was incurred in the performance of the charitable activities of the company including staffing, rent, utilities and other general running costs. £1,049,987 (2023: £897,560) was spent from unrestricted funds and £4,219 (2023: £25,200) spent from restricted funds.

An unrestricted deficit of £20,590 (2023: surplus of £13,318) was recorded, bringing total unrestricted funds to £511,134 (2023: £531,724).

d. Material investments policy

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

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e. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which the charity faces.

The main areas for concern are:

Sourcing of funding for students
Safeguarding of students
Loss and/or recruitment of key staff

The trustees and the Coordinators have developed a fee pricing structure that reflects the varying support and educational needs of each student.

Safeguarding of students is of the highest priority. Ongoing staff training in Child Protection and Health & Safety is provided regularly and all trustees complete Level 1 Safeguarding when appointed.

In addition, Trustees manage the Risk Register for the Centre, and a full range of policies are regularly reviewed by staff and trustees together.

The move that we undertook in 2024 was also carefully managed, including via risk assessment, and ultimately no major problems were encountered, which is a testament to the hard work and attention paid by the staff in particular.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 23rd September 2017.

b. Governance

The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint new trustees by resolution at a special meeting. An open and transparent recruitment process is undertaken. People who come to the trustees' attention as having relevant experience, interest or expertise are asked if they would consider becoming a trustee, are interviewed by other trustees and students, and, if it is considered appropriate, are introduced to all of the trustees. All trustees are subject to enhanced DBS checks and must provide a Declaration of Interests and confirm that they are 'fit' to serve as a charity trustee.

The Board aims to meet twice per term and holds an AGM in the Summer Term. At each meeting student progress is reviewed along with progress on the School Development Plan. Regular management accounts are also provided for each meeting.

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Plans for future periods

Our current focus is to continue to establish Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge in our new home in Milton. We are considering modifications to the premises that will make better use of the space.

In recent years, we have also been able to expand our offering of support to the families of our young learners through the offer of therapy sessions for parents. We were able to set up a new programme of Family Therapy which has proved very successful. We are now able to offer some parents a series of therapy sessions to support them as well as their child. We are finding that this is of great benefit to many of the families of the young people that we support. It is our aim to be able to continue to expand this programme and to be able to offer this therapy in a broader way. We have recently secured some additional funding (£20,000 from Evelyn Trust) to support our expansion of this work.

During the year, we expanded the group of trustees and welcomed on board some new trustees who bring with them areas of expertise that very much support our work. We plan to continue to expand the Board over the next few years.

The current and future school development plans will continue to be based on a full review of our progress in all areas, particularly using the Independent Schools Association's own Self Evaluation Process.

Members' liability

The Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

With Special Thanks

The special relationship that Red Balloon has with schools and local authorities in Cambridgeshire and beyond, and organisations and individuals who provide many types of support (such as the Leys school), all contribute to providing the best possible education and care for those children that need our help.

We are grateful to all the organisations and individual donors who have generously supported the work that we do. In addition to the supporters mentioned above, we would like to thank The Betty Lawes Foundation, DG Marshall of Cambridge Trust and Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd, LendInvest, The Patricia Routledge Charitable Trust and The Pye Foundation.

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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 charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 judgments 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 charity will continue in business.

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

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 charity'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 charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Lakin Rose Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 28 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Patterson (May 28, 2025, 10:28am)
Mr Mark Patterson
Chair of Trustees

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE
CAMBRIDGE**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the 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 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 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 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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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE
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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:

- 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; 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.

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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 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.

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.

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:

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the sector, control environment and performance,
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the discussions among the audit engagement team and involving relevant internal specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

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As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to revenue recognition. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Charities Act, the UK Companies Act and UK tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We identified no such laws and regulations applicable to the charity.

Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above, we identified revenue recognition as a key audit risk related to the potential risk of fraud. Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- obtained an understanding of provisions and held discussions with management to understand the basis of recognition or non-recognition of provisions; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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.

Other matters

The corresponding figures are unaudited.

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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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Christopher Dougherty (senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Lakin Rose Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
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Date: 28 May 2025

RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE CAMBRIDGE
(A company limited by guarantee)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	27,283	53,196	80,479	36,213
Charitable activities	4	-	935,266	935,266	870,452
Investments	5	-	6,767	6,767	3,019
Other income	6	-	9,100	9,100	8,270
Total income		27,283	1,004,329	1,031,612	917,954
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	4,219	1,049,987	1,054,206	922,760
Total expenditure		4,219	1,049,987	1,054,206	922,760
Net income/(expenditure)		23,064	(45,658)	(22,594)	(4,806)
Transfers between funds	15	(25,068)	25,068	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,004)	(20,590)	(22,594)	(4,806)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		9,685	531,724	541,409	546,215
Net movement in funds		(2,004)	(20,590)	(22,594)	(4,806)
Total funds carried forward		7,681	511,134	518,815	541,409

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

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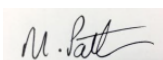
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	59,765	32,433
		<u>59,765</u>	<u>32,433</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	30,877	29,862
Cash at bank and in hand		497,363	505,352
		<u>528,240</u>	<u>535,214</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(69,190)	(26,238)
		<u>459,050</u>	<u>508,976</u>
Net current assets		<u>459,050</u>	<u>508,976</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>518,815</u></u>	<u><u>541,409</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	7,681	9,685
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	15	59,765	-
General funds	15	451,369	531,724
		<u>511,134</u>	<u>531,724</u>
Total funds		<u><u>518,815</u></u>	<u><u>541,409</u></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 authorised for issue by the Trustees on 28 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Mark Patterson
Chair of Trustees

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash generated/(used) in operating activities	51,408	(8,488)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(59,397)	(2,049)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(59,397)	(2,049)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
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Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(7,989)	(10,537)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	505,352	515,889
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>497,363</u>	<u>505,352</u>

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

1. General information

The charity is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 42-44 High Street, Milton, Cambridgeshire, CB24 6DF.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge 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.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Legal status of the charity

There is no share capital as the company is limited by guarantee. Each member has guaranteed an amount, not exceeding £10, towards the company's liabilities in the event of a winding up, provided that a member has not ceased to be a member one year prior to any winding up order.

2.4 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.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount it 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 investment income is recognised at the time the investment

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income (continued)

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.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	-	10%
Office equipment	-	33%
Computer equipment	-	50%

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.7 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 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.

2.9 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 in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at 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.

2.11 Pensions

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

2.12 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	-	38,280	38,280	20,137
Grants	27,283	14,916	42,199	16,076
	<u>27,283</u>	<u>53,196</u>	<u>80,479</u>	<u>36,213</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>7,076</u>	<u>29,137</u>	<u>36,213</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	935,266	935,266	870,452
	<u>935,266</u>	<u>935,266</u>	<u>870,452</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>870,452</u>	<u>870,452</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Deposit account interest	6,767	6,767	3,019
	<u>6,767</u>	<u>6,767</u>	<u>3,019</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>3,019</u>	<u>3,019</u>	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
School lunches	6,770	6,770	5,818
Miscellaneous income	2,330	2,330	2,452
	<u>9,100</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>8,270</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>8,270</u>	<u>8,270</u>	

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	4,219	1,049,987	1,054,206	922,760
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>25,200</u>	<u>897,560</u>	<u>922,760</u>	

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	876,420	177,786	1,054,206	922,760
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>839,133</u>	<u>83,627</u>	<u>922,760</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Staff costs	689,768	689,768	680,184
Depreciation	6,817	6,817	6,571
Red Balloon of the air	47	47	11,927
Therapy	13,232	13,232	11,180
General resources	4,030	4,030	3,781
Food	15,287	15,287	12,447
Student travel and activities	8,747	8,747	12,458
Examination fees	4,097	4,097	2,991
Special activities	3,235	3,235	3,940
Educational resources	9,542	9,542	8,515
Tuition	4,981	4,981	4,544
Well-being	919	919	654
Careers and college transition	23	23	548
Rates and Utilities	19,130	19,130	10,941
Staff welfare	787	787	933
Rent	95,596	95,596	67,406
Staff and volunteer travel	182	182	113
	876,420	876,420	839,133
	839,133	839,133	
<i>Total 2023</i>			

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Legal and professional	25,975	25,975	11,845
Support fee (Red Balloon Group)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Training costs	3,887	3,887	2,721
Insurance	5,479	5,479	6,094
Renewals and repairs	44,610	44,610	21,685
Office costs	15,403	15,403	10,999
Bank fees	60	60	60
Bad debts	20,480	20,480	10,382
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	25,248	25,248	-
Travel	1,025	1,025	347
General expenses	10,025	10,025	-
Governance costs	17,594	17,594	11,494
	<u>177,786</u>	<u>177,786</u>	<u>83,627</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>83,627</u>	<u>83,627</u>	

9. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £8,000 (2023 - £nil), and accountancy services of £3,150 (2023 - accountancy and independent examination services of £5,400).

10. Staff costs

	2024 £	<i>2023 £</i>
Wages and salaries	627,441	609,198
Social security costs	39,142	48,528
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	23,185	22,458
	<u>689,768</u>	<u>680,184</u>

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10. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Employees	32	31

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to comprise the Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators. The aggregate cost of remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £149,685 (2023 - £124,447).

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, expenses totalling £182 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2023 - £171 to 1 Trustee). The expenses related to reimbursement of travel expenses.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2023	54,343	11,485	10,155	75,983
Additions	55,211	4,186	-	59,397
Disposals	(54,342)	(7,802)	-	(62,144)
At 31 August 2024	<u>55,212</u>	<u>7,869</u>	<u>10,155</u>	<u>73,236</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	24,065	10,638	8,847	43,550
Charge for the year	5,434	540	843	6,817
On disposals	(29,499)	(7,397)	-	(36,896)
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>3,781</u>	<u>9,690</u>	<u>13,471</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2024	<u>55,212</u>	<u>4,088</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>59,765</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>30,278</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>1,308</u>	<u>32,433</u>

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	10,732	10,732
	<u>10,732</u>	<u>10,732</u>
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	12,953	15,943
Other debtors	2,112	1,368
Prepayments and accrued income	5,080	1,819
	<u>30,877</u>	<u>29,862</u>

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13. Debtors (continued)

Included in other debtors due after more than one year is an interest free loan to Red Balloon Learner Centre Group of £10,732 (2023 - £10,732) which is repayable at over 12 months' notice (i.e. 366 days).

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,726	2,544
Other taxation and social security	5,165	10,424
Other creditors	6,152	150
Accruals and deferred income	52,147	13,120
	69,190	26,238

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15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Fixed assets designated fund	-	-	(6,817)	66,582	59,765
General funds					
General Funds	531,724	1,004,329	(1,043,170)	(41,514)	451,369
Total Unrestricted funds	531,724	1,004,329	(1,049,987)	25,068	511,134
Restricted funds					
Parent support fund	2,274	-	(2,274)	-	-
16+ provision fund	719	-	(340)	-	379
Erasmus project fund	6,692	-	-	-	6,692
Duke of Edinburgh Awards	-	2,215	(1,605)	-	610
Kitchen refurbishment	-	5,068	-	(5,068)	-
Lab refurbishment	-	20,000	-	(20,000)	-
	9,685	27,283	(4,219)	(25,068)	7,681
Total of funds	541,409	1,031,612	(1,054,206)	-	518,815

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Designated Funds

The Fixed assets designated fund represents the net book value of fixed assets.

Restricted Funds

Parent support fund – Donations received from Co-op to support parents via parent support group and Family therapy.

16+ provision fund – Grant received from Qualcomm to provide transition support to former students as they move into further education, training and employment.

BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund Science based learning activities.

Erasmus project fund - Funding for a collaborative project between a group of schools in the UK, Cyprus and Poland.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards fund - Donations towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards related expenses.

Kitchen refurbishment fund - Grants towards the costs of the new kitchen.

Lab refurbishment fund - Grants towards the cost of a new science laboratory.

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	518,406	910,878	(897,560)	531,724
Restricted funds				
Funding for garden studio	486	-	(486)	-
Parent support fund	4,939	-	(2,665)	2,274
16+ provision fund	1,096	-	(377)	719
BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund	8,562	-	(15,526)	(6,964)
Erasmus project fund	6,692	6,964	-	13,656
Funding for Covid-19 support	6,034	-	(6,034)	-
Other restricted funds	-	112	(112)	-
	<u>27,809</u>	<u>7,076</u>	<u>(25,200)</u>	<u>9,685</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>546,215</u></u>	<u><u>917,954</u></u>	<u><u>(922,760)</u></u>	<u><u>541,409</u></u>

Funding for garden studio - Funding received from Qualcomm to build, decorate and equip a garden office studio.

Parent support fund – Donations received from Co-op to support parents via parent support group and Family therapy.

16+ provision fund – Grant received from Qualcomm to provide transition support to former students as they move into further education, training and employment.

BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund Science based learning activities.

Erasmus project fund - Funding for a collaborative project between a group of schools in the UK, Cyprus and Poland.

Funding for Covid-19 support - Funding from the National Lottery to support students and their families through the pandemic and beyond. This includes Family therapy.

Other restricted funds - Donation towards the costs of art supplies.

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16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Designated funds	-	-	(6,817)	66,582	59,765
General funds	531,724	1,004,329	(1,043,170)	(41,514)	451,369
Restricted funds	9,685	27,283	(4,219)	(25,068)	7,681
	<u>541,409</u>	<u>1,031,612</u>	<u>(1,054,206)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>518,815</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2023 £</i>
General funds	518,406	910,878	(897,560)	531,724
Restricted funds	27,809	7,076	(25,200)	9,685
	<u>546,215</u>	<u>917,954</u>	<u>(922,760)</u>	<u>541,409</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	59,765	59,765
Debtors due after more than one year	-	10,732	10,732
Current assets	7,681	509,827	517,508
Creditors due within one year	-	(69,190)	(69,190)
Total	<u>7,681</u>	<u>511,134</u>	<u>518,815</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	32,433	32,433
Debtors due after more than one year	-	10,732	10,732
Current assets	9,685	514,797	524,482
Creditors due within one year	-	(26,238)	(26,238)
Total	<u>9,685</u>	<u>531,724</u>	<u>541,409</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(22,594)</u>	<u>(4,806)</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	6,817	6,571
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets	25,248	-
Increase in debtors	(1,015)	(14,253)
Increase in creditors	42,952	4,000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>51,408</u>	<u>(8,488)</u>

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	497,363	505,352
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>497,363</u>	<u>505,352</u>

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20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2023	Cash flows	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	505,352	(7,989)	497,363
	505,352	(7,989)	497,363
	505,352	(7,989)	497,363

21. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £23,185 (2023 - £22,458). Contributions of £6,152 (2023 - £150) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2024 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	51,667	31,331
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	277,708	-
	329,375	31,331
	329,375	31,331

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England & Wales - Charity number 1175826

Accounts

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Charity number: 1175826

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

Trustees	Mr Ian Swain, Chair Ms Lauren Allin (resigned 20 September 2022) Mrs Lynne Harries (resigned 18 July 2023) Mrs Judith Haste (appointed 9 June 2023) Mr Richard Howitt (resigned 16 September 2022) Ms Lucy Johnstone (resigned 28 November 2022) Mr Peter Law (appointed 5 June 2023) Mrs Kathleen McGuire (appointed 23 January 2023) Mr Mark Patterson (appointed 20 March 2023) Ms Lesley Steinitz (appointed 29 November 2022, resigned 22 November 2023)
Company registered number	10978174
Charity registered number	1175826
Registered office	Herbert House 57 Warkworth Terrace Cambridge CB1 1EE
Coordinator	Ms Jessica Lechner
Independent examiner	C P J Dougherty FCA Lakin Rose Limited Chartered Accountants Pioneer House Vision Park Histon Cambridge CB24 9NL

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of the charity are set out in the Articles of Association registered at Companies House on 23rd September 2017.

'To advance the education of children aged 7 to 19 at the Red Balloon Learner Centre, being students who are the victims of bullying, or by reason of other emotional trauma or illness, are for the time being unable to attend mainstream schools, including, but not limited to, providing them with tuition and appropriate face-to-face and on-line support in a safe learning environment until they are ready to return to mainstream education or take up training or employment.'

We achieve our objects through the provision of an 'intensive care' full time education and support programme. Therapy and counselling are offered to students and families. Continuing use is made of volunteers to work with students. All volunteers have enhanced DBS checks.

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, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The charity provides full-time education for children who self-exclude from school. There is no other purpose-made scheme to support the recovery of this group of children and to give them their 'life' back. Another important aspect of the work that the charity does is to offer support to the parents and carers of these children.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

c. Management

The trustees, in consultation with the Coordinator, make decisions about staffing, budgeting and performance reviews. Trustees, directors and consultants of Red Balloon Educational Trust with specialist knowledge may be consulted about employment and other human resource issues.

Trustees work to raise local awareness of the needs of children who have been so badly bullied or suffer from severe emotional trauma or mental health issues that they cannot attend mainstream school. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that such children should be provided with full time education.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the charity

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year ended 31st August 2023.

The objectives of the charity are only achieved through the skill, hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge and as trustees we are indebted to the team. Achievement and performance at Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge are measured by the increase in self-esteem and confidence of each of the students, their ability to hold their own in the wider world and their understanding of themselves and others, as well as through academic progress and results.

The last few years have been a time of growth and expansion for Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge. In September 2020 we were able to open a second centre in Cambridge. The successful opening of this second centre allowed us to double the amount of places that we are able to offer to students each year. Since then we have built a cohesive community between the two buildings with a 'one centre' approach. This includes many staff members working across both centres and students having the opportunity to take some shared lessons together and take part in joint projects and excursions.

We are strongly committed to offering a wide range of curriculum subjects to all students. These include English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Art, Music, Media, Drama, Languages (including British Sign Language), PE, ICT, Life Skills and Citizenship. In addition to offering GCSEs, we have a range of qualifications, including Unit Awards and project qualifications to motivate and recognise those students who thrive in vocational and practical areas. In addition we are able to offer LAMDA exams and ASDAN training.

b. ISI Inspection - March 2023

In March 2023, we were inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). This was a Focused Compliance and Educational Quality inspection. We are very pleased that the inspection found Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge to be excellent in every category. The full report is available to read on our website.

c. Exams

In the school year 2022/23, nine students took a total of twenty-one GCSE qualifications. Subjects included Maths, English Literature, English Language, Biology, Art, MFL and Psychology. In addition to the GCSEs taken this year, some students undertook other examinations which included Maths Awards, a Free-Standing Maths Qualification (B) and LAMDA exams.

We supported our learners to prepare for these exams so that they could do their best. We are very proud of the set of results that our students achieved and we have noted that there is clear progress in our exam results.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

d. Activities, trips and excursions

Red Balloon does not just care about academic results, and significant time, energy and expertise are given to ensuring that the students have a wider learning experience through regular activities and special events such as cooking and baking, museum trips, board games, dog-walking, DIY, swimming, circle time, Life Skills sessions and day trips. These activities promote increased self-esteem, emotional regulation, enhanced social skills and a level of confidence that cannot always be developed in a classroom. In addition, many of our students benefit from weekly therapy or counselling sessions. We also work collaboratively with other schools and local groups to develop partnerships across different organisations.

During the school year 2022/23, we were able to offer students a range of educational visits and excursions throughout the year. We are especially grateful for a Children In Need Curiosity Grant which enabled us to provide a range of Science based excursions, workshops and activities. These included STEM workshops run by the Cambridge Science Centre and nature drawing workshops. Students were able to take part in a visit to Bletchley Park. There were also excursions to The Raptor Foundation and to visit Queenholme Alpacas to learn about animal care.

This funding also supported our student residential excursions to the Lake District in summer term 2023. We ran two five-day trips to enable as many students as possible to participate. Students were able to participate in a range of outdoor pursuits including kayaking, canoeing, abseiling, hiking, rafting, caving, archery, orienteering. This gave much opportunity for students to develop team building skills.

We have found over the years that this residential trip has a range of benefits for students. Being on a residential excursion moves them outside of their comfort zone and gives opportunities to develop self-esteem. In many cases, it is perhaps the only time they have been away from home in this way. For this reason the visit helps to build confidence and their own sense of self. The students develop both camaraderie within the group and at the same time independence.

During this school year, we also had a cross-curricular theme of looking at different world religions and each half term we explored a different religion. This allowed students to participate in excursions to local religious centres including a Jewish synagogue, a Christian church, a Muslim mosque, a Buddhist centre and a Sikh Gurdwara. Students also had the opportunity to explore the various religions through cooking and baking activities to sample some traditional foods eaten during religious festivals. Activities also included looking at church floor design in Maths, painting symbols from Sikhism and Judaism in Art, looking at the Science behind Buddhist meditation and exploring Henna hand painting as part of the half term on Hinduism.

We were also able to provide an excursion to The Tate Modern in London for some of our Art students as well as trips around Cambridge to museums and educational places of interest. The excursions enhance the student experience and provide opportunities for the young people to widen their view of the world.

Students also had the opportunity to go on a day out to Thorpe Park as a treat to end the summer term and to continue to foster a sense of community across both centres. The end of the school year always includes a celebration of the accomplishments of all our young learners and each student receives an annual Record of Achievement highlighting special moments. We also held our annual school prom which is a very popular event amongst the students. All students are invited to attend and to celebrate their achievements and bid farewell to the students who are at the end of their final year at Red Balloon.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

e. Duke of Edinburgh's Award activities

During the previous school year, a group of staff undertook training activities and courses to enable us to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. As a result, we were very pleased to be able to offer this to the first cohort of students in the 22/23 school year.

A group of students took part with enthusiasm and the programme offered them lots of opportunities. Some of the students took part in volunteering activities including work at a local library, supporting at a karate club, assisting at The Girl Guides, dog walking and childcare. The students were able to learn new skills and also take part in various physical activities including swimming, archery, martial arts, dancing and cycling.

Five students took part in an overnight expedition walking 12 miles on the first day. The group navigated using maps and compasses, camped overnight and did another four mile walk the following day.

In preparation, the students did lots of practice walking sessions around Cambridge, undertook training in First Aid, map reading and coordinates, route planning and cooking outside. We are very proud of their achievements and all the students that took part progressed at least one module towards the bronze award and gained a certificate.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have decided that unrestricted reserves should be equivalent to five months' worth of expenditure. At the level of expenditure for 2022/23, this should equal around £370,000 (2022: £348,000). At 31 August 2023, unrestricted reserves defined as unrestricted funds less fixed assets was £499,291 (2022: £481,451).

c. Financial review

Total unrestricted income during the year was £910,878 (2022: £955,004). Of this, £870,452 (2022: £917,695) came from fees or bursaries. Total restricted donations and grants income in the year was £7,076 (2022: £19,764), see note 15 for details of these funds.

Total expenditure was £922,760 (2022: £849,356) and was incurred in the performance of the charitable activities of the company including staffing, rent, utilities and other general running costs. £897,560 (2022: £835,359) was spent from unrestricted funds and £25,200 (2022: £13,997) spent from restricted funds.

An unrestricted surplus of £13,318 (2022: £119,645) was recorded, bringing total unrestricted funds to £531,724 (2022: £518,406).

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d. Material investments policy

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

e. Principal risks and uncertainties

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

- Sourcing of funding for students
- Safeguarding of students

The trustees and the Coordinators have developed a fee pricing structure that reflects the varying support and educational needs of each student.

Safeguarding of students is of the highest priority. Ongoing staff training in Child Protection and Health & Safety is provided regularly and all trustees complete Level 1 Safeguarding when appointed. In addition, a full range of policies are regularly reviewed by staff and trustees together.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 23rd September 2017.

b. Governance

The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint new trustees by resolution at a special meeting. An open and transparent recruitment process is undertaken. People who come to the trustees' attention as having relevant experience, interest or expertise are asked if they would consider becoming a trustee, are interviewed by other trustees and, if it is considered appropriate, are introduced to all of the trustees. All trustees are subject to enhanced DBS checks and must provide a Declaration of Interests and confirm that they are 'fit' to serve as a charity trustee.

The Board aims to meet twice per term and holds an AGM in the Spring. At each meeting student progress is reviewed along with progress on the School Development Plan. Regular management accounts are also provided for each meeting.

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Plans for future periods

We continue to work on enhancing the 'one centre approach' and having as much collaboration between students at both centres wherever possible.

In recent years, we have been able to expand our offering of support to the families of our young learners through the offer of therapy sessions for parents. We were able to set up a new programme of Family Therapy which has proved very successful. We are now able to offer some parents a series of therapy sessions to support them as well as their child. We are finding that this is of great benefit to many of the families of the young people that we support. It is our aim to be able to continue to expand this programme and to be able to offer this therapy in a broader way.

During the year, we expanded the group of trustees and welcomed on board some new trustees who bring with them areas of expertise that very much support our work. We plan to continue to expand the Board over the next few years.

The current and future school development plans will continue to be based on a full review of our progress in all areas, particularly using the Independent Schools Association's own Self Evaluation Process.

Members' liability

The Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

With Special Thanks

The special relationship that Red Balloon has with schools and local authorities in Cambridgeshire and beyond, and organisations and individuals who provide many types of support (such as the Leys school), all contribute to providing the best possible education and care for those children that need our help.

We are grateful to all the organisations and individual donors who have generously supported the work that we do. With thanks to DG Marshall of Cambridge Trust and Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd, Qualcomm, The Betty Lawes Foundation, The National Lottery, The Patricia Routledge Charitable Trust and The Pye Foundation. We are also very appreciative of continued support from a Children in Need Curiosity Grant towards Science activities and excursions.

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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 charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 14 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Ian Swain
Chair of trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
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This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 22 May 2024

C P J Dougherty, FCA

Lakin Rose Limited
Chartered Accountants
Pioneer House
Vision Park
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Cambridge
CB24 9NL

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

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	3	7,076	29,137	36,213	45,326
Charitable activities	4	-	870,452	870,452	917,695
Investments	5	-	3,019	3,019	161
Other income	6	-	8,270	8,270	11,586
Total income		7,076	910,878	917,954	974,768
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	25,200	897,560	922,760	849,356
Total expenditure		25,200	897,560	922,760	849,356
Net movement in funds		(18,124)	13,318	(4,806)	125,412
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		27,809	518,406	546,215	420,803
Net movement in funds		(18,124)	13,318	(4,806)	125,412
Total funds carried forward		9,685	531,724	541,409	546,215

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 14 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	32,433	36,955
		<u>32,433</u>	<u>36,955</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	29,862	15,609
Cash at bank and in hand		505,352	515,889
		<u>535,214</u>	<u>531,498</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(26,238)	(22,238)
Net current assets		<u>508,976</u>	<u>509,260</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>541,409</u></u>	<u><u>546,215</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	9,685	27,809
Unrestricted funds	15	531,724	518,406
Total funds		<u><u>541,409</u></u>	<u><u>546,215</u></u>

The charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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 authorised for issue by the Trustees on 14 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Ian Swain
 Chair of trustees

The notes on pages 14 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash generated by operating activities	(8,488)	<i>138,789</i>
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,049)	<i>(1,258)</i>
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Net cash used in investing activities	(2,049)	(1,258)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(10,537)	137,531
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	515,889	<i>378,358</i>
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	505,352	<i>515,889</i>
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The notes on pages 14 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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

1. General information

The charity is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Herbert House, 57 Warkworth Terrace, Cambridge CB1 1EE.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge 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.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Legal status of the charity

There is no share capital as the company is limited by guarantee. Each member has guaranteed an amount, not exceeding £10, towards the company's liabilities in the event of a winding up, provided that a member has not ceased to be a member one year prior to any winding up order.

2.4 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.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount it 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income (continued)

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.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	-	10% straight line
Office equipment	-	33% straight line
Computer equipment	-	50% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.7 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 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.

2.9 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 in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at 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.

2.11 Pensions

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

2.12 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and grants

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	-	20,137	20,137	15,562
Grants	7,076	9,000	16,076	29,764
	<u>7,076</u>	<u>29,137</u>	<u>36,213</u>	<u>45,326</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>19,764</u>	<u>25,562</u>	<u>45,326</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	870,452	870,452	917,695
	<u>870,452</u>	<u>870,452</u>	<u>917,695</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>917,695</u>	<u>917,695</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Deposit account interest	3,019	3,019	161
	<u>3,019</u>	<u>3,019</u>	<u>161</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>161</u>	<u>161</u>	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
School lunches	5,818	5,818	6,758
Miscellaneous income	2,452	2,452	4,828
	<u>8,270</u>	<u>8,270</u>	<u>11,586</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>11,586</u>	<u>11,586</u>	

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	25,200	897,560	922,760	849,356
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>13,997</u>	<u>835,359</u>	<u>849,356</u>	

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	839,133	83,627	922,760	849,356
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>792,796</u>	<u>56,560</u>	<u>849,356</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Staff costs	680,184	680,184	634,200
Depreciation	6,571	6,571	7,621
Red Balloon of the Air	11,927	11,927	20,660
Therapy	11,180	11,180	2,160
General resources	3,781	3,781	3,209
Food	12,447	12,447	10,173
Student travel	12,458	12,458	15,158
Examination fees	2,991	2,991	2,236
Special activities	3,940	3,940	5,393
Educational resources	8,515	8,515	7,525
Tuition	4,544	4,544	3,055
Well-being	654	654	265
Careers and college transition	548	548	2,246
Rates and utilities	10,941	10,941	7,286
Staff welfare	933	933	712
Rent	67,406	67,406	65,335
Staff and volunteer travel	113	113	543
Educational grants	-	-	4,507
Miscellaneous	-	-	512
	839,133	839,133	792,796
	792,796	792,796	
<i>Total 2022</i>			

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Legal and professional	11,845	11,845	8,156
Support fee (Red Balloon Group)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Training costs	2,721	2,721	1,997
Insurance	6,094	6,094	5,941
Renewals and repairs	21,685	21,685	8,895
Office costs	10,999	10,999	13,357
Bank fees	60	60	93
Bad debts	10,382	10,382	-
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	(469)
Travel	347	347	-
Governance costs	11,494	11,494	10,590
	<u>83,627</u>	<u>83,627</u>	<u>56,560</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>56,560</u>	<u>56,560</u>	

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,800 (2022 - £1,800), and accountancy services of £3,600 (2022 - £3,600).

10. Staff costs

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Wages and salaries	609,198	569,098
Social security costs	48,528	43,780
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	22,458	21,322
	<u>680,184</u>	<u>634,200</u>

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10. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Employees	31	<i>32</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to comprise 4 people being the Coordinator and three Deputy Coordinators. The aggregate cost of remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £124,447 (*2022 - £120,730*).

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2022 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 August 2023, expenses totalling £171 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (*2022 - £nil*). The expenses related to travel costs and DBS checks.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2022	54,343	10,855	8,736	73,934
Additions	-	630	1,419	2,049
At 31 August 2023	<u>54,343</u>	<u>11,485</u>	<u>10,155</u>	<u>75,983</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2022	18,631	10,029	8,319	36,979
Charge for the year	5,434	609	528	6,571
At 31 August 2023	<u>24,065</u>	<u>10,638</u>	<u>8,847</u>	<u>43,550</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2023	<u>30,278</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>1,308</u>	<u>32,433</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>35,712</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>36,955</u>

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13. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	10,732	10,732
	10,732	10,732
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	15,943	2,186
Other debtors	1,368	13
Prepayments and accrued income	1,819	2,678
	29,862	15,609

Included in other debtors due after more than one year is an interest free loan to Red Balloon Learner Centre Group of £10,732 (2022 - £10,732) which is repayable at over 12 months' notice (i.e. 366 days).

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	2,544	4,139
Other taxation and social security	10,424	11,654
Other creditors	150	-
Accruals and deferred income	13,120	6,445
	26,238	22,238

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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				
General Funds	518,406	910,878	(897,560)	531,724
Restricted funds				
Funding for garden studio	486	-	(486)	-
Parent support fund	4,939	-	(2,665)	2,274
16+ provision fund	1,096	-	(377)	719
BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund	8,562	6,964	(15,526)	-
Erasmus project fund	6,692	-	-	6,692
Funding for Covid-19 support	6,034	-	(6,034)	-
Other restricted funds	-	112	(112)	-
	<u>27,809</u>	<u>7,076</u>	<u>(25,200)</u>	<u>9,685</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>546,215</u></u>	<u><u>917,954</u></u>	<u><u>(922,760)</u></u>	<u><u>541,409</u></u>

Funding for garden studio - Funding received from Qualcomm to build, decorate and equip a garden office studio.

Parent support fund – Donations received from Co-op to support parents via parent support group and Family therapy.

16+ provision fund – Grant received from Qualcomm to provide transition support to former students as they move into further education, training and employment.

BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund Science based learning activities.

Erasmus project fund - Funding for a collaborative project between a group of schools in the UK, Cyprus and Poland.

Funding for Covid-19 support - Funding from the National Lottery to support students and their families through the pandemic and beyond. This includes Family therapy.

Other restricted funds - Donation towards the costs of art supplies.

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	398,761	955,004	(835,359)	518,406
Restricted funds				
Refurbishment & resources fund	240	-	(240)	-
Funding for garden studio	1,012	-	(526)	486
Parent support fund	5,163	-	(224)	4,939
16+ provision fund	1,873	-	(777)	1,096
BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund	3,879	6,706	(2,023)	8,562
Erasmus project fund	8,973	2,258	(4,539)	6,692
Funding for Covid-19 support	-	8,800	(2,766)	6,034
Funding for remote learning	902	-	(902)	-
Duke of Edinburgh Awards	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
	<u>22,042</u>	<u>19,764</u>	<u>(13,997)</u>	<u>27,809</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>420,803</u></u>	<u><u>974,768</u></u>	<u><u>(849,356)</u></u>	<u><u>546,215</u></u>

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Refurbishment & resources fund – Grant received from Qualcomm for the refurbishment of the art room and the purchasing of art materials.

Funding for garden studio - Funding received from Qualcomm to build, decorate and equip a garden office studio.

Parent support fund – Donations received from Co-op to support parents via parent support group and Family therapy.

16+ provision fund – Grant received from Qualcomm to provide transition support to former students as they move into further education, training and employment.

BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund Science based learning activities.

Erasmus project fund - Funding for a collaborative project between a group of schools in the UK, Cyprus and Poland.

Funding for Covid-19 support - Funding from the National Lottery to support students and their families through the pandemic and beyond. This includes Family therapy.

Funding for remote learning - Funding from The Leys School, Cambridge to support remote learning with IT equipment.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards - Funding towards costs of students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme.

16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
General funds	518,406	910,878	(897,560)	531,724
Restricted funds	27,809	7,076	(25,200)	9,685
	<u>546,215</u>	<u>917,954</u>	<u>(922,760)</u>	<u>541,409</u>

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16. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2022 £</i>
General funds	398,761	955,004	(835,359)	518,406
Restricted funds	22,042	19,764	(13,997)	27,809
	<u>420,803</u>	<u>974,768</u>	<u>(849,356)</u>	<u>546,215</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	32,433	32,433
Debtors due after more than one year	-	10,732	10,732
Current assets	9,685	514,797	524,482
Creditors due within one year	-	(26,238)	(26,238)
Total	<u>9,685</u>	<u>531,724</u>	<u>541,409</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	36,955	36,955
Debtors due after more than one year	-	10,732	10,732
Current assets	27,809	492,957	520,766
Creditors due within one year	-	(22,238)	(22,238)
Total	<u>27,809</u>	<u>518,406</u>	<u>546,215</u>

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(4,806)	125,412
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	6,571	7,621
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	-	235
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(14,253)	16,502
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	4,000	(10,981)
Net cash generated by operating activities	(8,488)	138,789

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	505,352	515,889
Total cash and cash equivalents	505,352	515,889

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	515,889	(10,537)	505,352
	515,889	(10,537)	505,352

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21. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £22,458 (2022 - £21,322). Contributions of £150 (2022 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

22. Operating lease commitments

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

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Not later than 1 year	31,331	<i>23,365</i>

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees	Mr Ian Swain, Chair (appointed 19 January 2022) Ms Janine Alli-Balogun (appointed 24 January 2022, resigned 20 July 2022) Ms Lauren Allin (resigned 20 September 2022) Dr Deborah Brown (resigned 26 June 2022) Mrs Lynne Harries Mrs Judith Haste (appointed 17 November 2021, resigned 6 June 2022) Mr Richard Howitt (resigned 16 September 2022) Ms Lucy Johnstone (resigned 28 November 2022) Ms Ruth Loshak (resigned 13 December 2021) Mrs Kathleen McGuire (appointed 23 January 2023) Mr Mark Patterson (appointed 20 March 2023) Ms Lesley Steinitz (appointed 29 November 2022)
Company registered number	10978174
Charity registered number	1175826
Registered office	Herbert House 57 Warkworth Terrace Cambridge CB1 1EE
Coordinator	Ms Jessica Lechner
Independent examiner	C P J Dougherty FCA Lakin Rose Limited Chartered Accountants Pioneer House Vision Park Histon Cambridge CB24 9NL

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of the charity are set out in the Articles of Association registered at Companies House on 23rd September 2017.

'To advance the education of children aged 7 to 19 at the Red Balloon Learner Centre, being students who are the victims of bullying, or by reason of other emotional trauma or illness, are for the time being are unable to attend mainstream schools, including, but not limited to, providing them with tuition and appropriate face-to-face and on-line support in a safe learning environment until they are ready to return to mainstream education or take up training or employment.'

We achieve our objects through the provision of an 'intensive care' full time education and support programme. Therapy and counselling are offered to students and families. Continuing use is made of volunteers to work with students. All volunteers have enhanced DBS checks.

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, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The charity provides full-time education for children who self-exclude from school. There is no other purpose-made scheme to support the recovery of this group of children and to give them their 'life' back. Another important aspect of the work that the charity does is to offer support to the parents and carers of these children.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

c. Management

The trustees, in consultation with the Coordinator(s), make decisions about staffing, budgeting and performance reviews. Trustees, directors and consultants of Red Balloon Educational Trust with specialist knowledge may be consulted about employment and other human resource issues.

Trustees work to raise local awareness of the needs of children who have been so badly bullied or suffer from severe emotional trauma or mental health issues that they cannot attend mainstream school. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that such children should be provided with full time education.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the charity

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year ended 31st August 2022.

The objectives of the charity are only achieved through the skill, hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Red Balloon and as trustees we are indebted to the team. Achievement and performance at Red Balloon are measured by the increase in self-esteem and confidence of each of the students, their ability to hold their own in the wider world and their understanding of themselves and others, as well as through academic progress and results.

The previous school year (2020/21) was a very exciting time for Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge as despite the pandemic situation, we were able to open a new, second centre in Cambridge. The successful opening of this second centre doubled the amount of places that we are able to offer to students each year. During the school year 2021/22 we were able to continue with this success as the second centre became established and welcomed its second year intake of students. During this year, focus was given to the aim of the two centres having a 'one centre' approach. As well as many staff working across both centres, students from each centre have opportunities to take some shared lessons together and attend joint excursions. This approach has worked very well and provided a sense of belonging and cohesion.

For the school year 2021/22, we also had the objective of expanding our offering of support to parents and families of our young learners. We were able to set up a new programme of Family Therapy which has much expanded our offering. We are now able to offer parents a series of therapy sessions to support them as well as their child. We are finding that this is of great benefit to many of the families of the young people that we support. We were also able to extend a new programme of group therapeutic supervision for staff. Building on our previous provision, this has given staff additional opportunities to feel supported in the work that they do.

During the year ended 31st August 2022, the charity supported thirty nine students, including some who were part-time. Of these students, twenty six were still with us at the start of the academic year 2022/23. The majority of leavers went onto further education or training and/or to take up work placements. One of these students moved onto a performing arts course of study and is now taking part in regular public theatre productions as part of this. We also supported some former students through our One Step Beyond programme (OSB). We are very proud of the progress of all of our students.

We are strongly committed to offering a wide range of curriculum subjects to all students. These include English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Art, Music, Media, Drama, Languages (including British Sign Language), PE, ICT, Life Skills and Citizenship. In addition to offering GCSEs, we have a range of qualifications, including Unit Awards, to motivate and recognise those students who thrive in vocational and practical areas. During this year we were able to expand our offering of LAMDA, ASDAN and project qualifications. We were also able to introduce a Music Theory qualification.

The current and future school development plans will continue to be based on a full review of our progress in all areas, particularly using the Independent Schools Association's own Self Evaluation Process.

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b. Exams

In the school year 2021/22, eleven students took a total of twenty-three GCSE/IGCSE qualifications. Subjects included Maths, English Literature and English Language, Science, Art, MFL and History. In addition some students also undertook Project Awards, Entry Level and Functional Skills certificates as well as LAMDA.

This school year marked a return to students sitting exams in-person rather than results being based on teacher assessed grading as during the pandemic. We supported our learners to prepare for these exams so that they could do their best. We are very proud that the overall percentage of 9-4 grades was 83% which compares favourably to previous years in which there were in -person exams.

c. Activities, trips and excursions

Red Balloon does not just care about academic results, and significant time, energy and expertise are given to ensuring that the students have a wider learning experience through regular activities and special events such as cooking, museum trips, board games, dog-walking, DIY, swimming, circle time, Life Skills sessions and day trips. These activities promote increased self-esteem, emotional regulation, enhanced social skills and a level of confidence that cannot always be developed in a classroom. In addition, many of our students benefit from weekly therapy or counselling sessions. We also work collaboratively with other schools and local groups to develop partnerships across different organisations.

With the restrictions of the pandemic easing in the school year 2021/22, we were able to offer students a range of educational visits and excursions throughout the year. These included visits to the Tower of London and also The Globe theatre, London to see a performance of MacBeth. In addition, a group of Art students attended a workshop at a printwork studio and another group of students visited some alpacas. We had excursions to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford and the National Space Centre in Leicester. In the summer term, students also visited Thorpe Park. The excursions enhance the student experience and provide opportunities for the young people to widen their view of the world.

We were also very pleased to be able to return to offer students the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to Ormside Mill in the Lake District. We have traditionally run an annual visit to Ormside Mill each summer term. Unfortunately, during the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 these visits could not go ahead. However, in 2022, for the first time, we were able to offer two visits so that as many students as possible from both centres could participate.

We have found over the years that this residential trip has a range of benefits for students. Being on a residential excursion moves them outside of their comfort zone and gives opportunities to develop self-esteem. In many cases, it is perhaps the only time they have been away from home in this way. For this reason the visit helps to build confidence and their own sense of self. The students develop both camaraderie within the group and at the same time independence.

The special relationship that Red Balloon has with schools and local authorities in Cambridgeshire and beyond, and organisations and individuals who provide many types of support (such as the Leys school), all contribute to providing the best possible education and care for those children that need our help.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have decided that unrestricted reserves should be equivalent to five months' worth of expenditure. At the level of expenditure for 2021/22, this should equal around £348,000 (2021: £333k). At 31 August 2022, unrestricted reserves defined as unrestricted funds less fixed assets was £481,451 (2021: £355,208).

At 31 August 2022 the unrestricted reserves are higher than the reserves policy. The trustees plan to use these excess reserves towards the costs of improving the school's premises.

c. Financial review

Total unrestricted income during the year was £955,004 (2021: £925,443). Of this, £917,695 (2021: £876,953) came from fees or bursaries. Total restricted donations and grants income in the year was £19,764 (2021: £8,614), see note 15 for details of these funds.

Total expenditure was £849,356 (2021: £754,955) and was incurred in the performance of the charitable activities of the company including staffing, rent, utilities and other general running costs. £835,359 (2021: £745,122) was spent from unrestricted funds and £13,997 (2021: £9,833) spent from restricted funds.

An unrestricted surplus of £119,645 (2021: £180,923) was recorded, bringing total unrestricted funds to £518,406 (2021: £398,761).

d. Material investments policy

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

e. Principal risks and uncertainties

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

- Sourcing of funding for students
- Safeguarding of students

The trustees and the Coordinators have developed a fee pricing structure that reflects the varying support and educational needs of each student.

Safeguarding of students is of the highest priority. Ongoing staff training in Child Protection and Health & Safety is provided regularly and all trustees complete Level 1 Safeguarding when appointed. In addition, a full range of policies are regularly reviewed by staff and trustees together.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 23rd September 2017.

The sole Member of the Company prior to 11th May 2021 was Red Balloon Learner Centre Group, Company Number 05385341.

From 11th May 2021, the Trustees adopted Membership Rules in accordance with Article 58 of the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association and subsequently a number of individuals have been recruited to membership.

b. Governance

The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint new trustees by resolution at a special meeting. An open and transparent recruitment process is undertaken. People who come to the trustees' attention as having relevant experience, interest or expertise are asked if they would consider becoming a trustee, are interviewed by other trustees and, if it is considered appropriate, are introduced to all of the trustees. All trustees are subject to enhanced DBS checks and must provide a Declaration of Interests and confirm that they are 'fit' to serve as a charity trustee.

The Board aims to meet twice per term and holds an AGM in the Spring. At each meeting student progress is reviewed along with progress on the School Improvement Plan. Regular management accounts are also provided for each meeting.

Plans for future periods

We continue to work on enhancing the 'one centre approach' and having as much collaboration between students at both centres wherever possible. This continues into the school year 2022/23 with joint projects.

During 2021/22 a group of staff undertook training activities and courses to enable us to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. As a result, in summer term 2023, we will undertake the first expedition with a number of students taking part. We hope that this will be a very positive experience for them and that we will continue to expand the Duke of Edinburgh's Award offering to our young people.

Members' liability

The Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

With Special Thanks

We are notably grateful to all the organisations and individual donors who have generously supported the work that we do. Thanks goes to DG Marshall of Cambridge Trust and Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd, Qualcomm, The Betty Lawes Foundation, The National Lottery, The Patricia Routledge Charitable Trust, The Pye Foundation and The Rotary Club Cambridge South. We are also very appreciative of continued support from a Children in Need Curiosity Grant towards Science activities and excursions.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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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 charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 30th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Swain

Mr Ian Swain
Chair of trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 30 May 2023

C P J Dougherty, FCA

Lakin Rose Limited
Chartered Accountants
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and grants	3	19,764	25,562	45,326	49,949
Charitable activities	4	-	917,695	917,695	877,544
Investments	5	-	161	161	15
Other income	6	-	11,586	11,586	6,549
Total income		19,764	955,004	974,768	934,057
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	13,997	835,359	849,356	754,955
Total expenditure		13,997	835,359	849,356	754,955
Net movement in funds		5,767	119,645	125,412	179,102
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		22,042	398,761	420,803	241,701
Net movement in funds		5,767	119,645	125,412	179,102
Total funds carried forward		27,809	518,406	546,215	420,803

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 10978174

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	36,955	43,553
		36,955	43,553
Current assets			
Debtors	13	15,609	32,111
Cash at bank and in hand		515,889	378,358
		531,498	410,469
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(22,238)	(33,219)
Net current assets		509,260	377,250
Total net assets		546,215	420,803
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	27,809	22,042
Unrestricted funds	15	518,406	398,761
Total funds		546,215	420,803

The charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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 authorised for issue by the Trustees on 30th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Swain

Mr Ian Swain
Chair of trustees

The notes on pages 13 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash generated by operating activities	138,789	<i>195,428</i>
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(1,258)	<i>(7,313)</i>
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Net cash used in investing activities	(1,258)	<i>(7,313)</i>
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	137,531	<i>188,115</i>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	378,358	<i>190,243</i>
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	515,889	<i>378,358</i>
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The notes on pages 13 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. General information

The charity is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Herbert House, 57 Warkworth Terrace, Cambridge CB1 1EE.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge 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.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Legal status of the charity

There is no share capital as the company is limited by guarantee. Each member has guaranteed an amount, not exceeding £10, towards the company's liabilities in the event of a winding up, provided that a member has not ceased to be a member one year prior to any winding up order.

2.4 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.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount it 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income (continued)

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.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	-	10% straight line
Office equipment	-	33% straight line
Computer equipment	-	50% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.7 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 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.

2.9 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 in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at 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.

2.11 Pensions

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

2.12 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and grants

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	-	15,562	15,562	26,335
Grants	19,764	10,000	29,764	23,614
	<u>19,764</u>	<u>25,562</u>	<u>45,326</u>	<u>49,949</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>8,614</u>	<u>41,335</u>	<u>49,949</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	917,695	917,695	876,953
Administration fees and recharges to Red Balloon Learner Centres	-	-	591
	<u>917,695</u>	<u>917,695</u>	<u>877,544</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>877,544</u>	<u>877,544</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Deposit account interest	161	161	15
	<u>161</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>15</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
School lunches	6,758	6,758	5,183
Miscellaneous income	4,828	4,828	1,366
	<u>11,586</u>	<u>11,586</u>	<u>6,549</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>6,549</u>	<u>6,549</u>	

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	13,997	835,359	849,356	754,955
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>9,833</u>	<u>745,122</u>	<u>754,955</u>	

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Teaching and support of bullied children	792,796	56,560	849,356	754,955
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>705,275</u>	<u>49,680</u>	<u>754,955</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Staff costs	634,200	634,200	594,802
Depreciation	7,621	7,621	10,595
Red Balloon of the Air	20,660	20,660	4,045
Therapy	2,160	2,160	614
General resources	3,209	3,209	2,151
Food	10,173	10,173	7,867
Student travel	15,158	15,158	36
Examination fees	2,236	2,236	3,648
Special activities	5,393	5,393	2,762
Educational resources	7,525	7,525	7,537
Tuition	3,055	3,055	3,169
Well-being	265	265	360
Careers and college transition	2,246	2,246	400
Rates and utilities	7,286	7,286	6,221
Staff welfare	712	712	416
Rent	65,335	65,335	59,639
Staff and volunteer travel	543	543	33
Educational grants	4,507	4,507	330
Miscellaneous	512	512	650
	<u>792,796</u>	<u>792,796</u>	<u>705,275</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>705,275</u>	<u>705,275</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Legal and professional	8,156	8,156	3,764
Support fee (Red Balloon Group)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Training costs	1,997	1,997	3,157
Insurance	5,941	5,941	4,342
Renewals and repairs	8,895	8,895	16,341
Office costs	13,357	13,357	5,668
Bank fees	93	93	96
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(469)	(469)	-
Governance costs	10,590	10,590	8,312
	<u>56,560</u>	<u>56,560</u>	<u>49,680</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>49,680</u>	<u>49,680</u>	

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,800 (2021 - £530), and accountancy services of £3,600 (2021 - £530).

10. Staff costs

	2022 £	<i>2021 £</i>
Wages and salaries	569,098	536,845
Social security costs	43,780	39,074
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	21,322	18,883
	<u>634,200</u>	<u>594,802</u>

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10. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Employees	32	<i>31</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to comprise 4 people being the Coordinator and three Deputy Coordinators. The aggregate cost of remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £120,730 (*2021: £124,722*).

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 August 2022, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2021 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 August 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2021 - £NIL*).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2021	54,343	10,870	8,167	73,380
Additions	-	689	569	1,258
Disposals	-	(704)	-	(704)
At 31 August 2022	<u>54,343</u>	<u>10,855</u>	<u>8,736</u>	<u>73,934</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2021	13,197	9,665	6,965	29,827
Charge for the year	5,434	833	1,354	7,621
On disposals	-	(469)	-	(469)
At 31 August 2022	<u>18,631</u>	<u>10,029</u>	<u>8,319</u>	<u>36,979</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2022	<u>35,712</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>36,955</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>41,146</u>	<u>1,205</u>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>43,553</u>

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13. Debtors

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	10,732	<i>10,732</i>
	10,732	<i>10,732</i>
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	2,186	<i>7,199</i>
Other debtors	13	<i>8,710</i>
Prepayments and accrued income	2,678	<i>5,470</i>
	15,609	<i>32,111</i>

Included in other debtors due after more than one year is an interest free loan to Red Balloon Learner Centre Group of £10,732 (*2021: £10,732*) which is repayable at over 12 months' notice (i.e. 366 days).

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,139	<i>4,570</i>
Other taxation and social security	11,654	<i>10,655</i>
Other creditors	-	<i>3,405</i>
Accruals and deferred income	6,445	<i>14,589</i>
	22,238	<i>33,219</i>

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15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	398,761	955,004	(835,508)	518,257
Unallocated amounts	-	-	149	149
	<u>398,761</u>	<u>955,004</u>	<u>(835,359)</u>	<u>518,406</u>
Restricted funds				
Refurbishment & resources fund	240	-	(240)	-
Funding for garden studio	1,012	-	(526)	486
Parent support fund	5,163	-	(224)	4,939
16+ provision fund	1,873	-	(777)	1,096
BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund	3,879	6,706	(2,023)	8,562
Erasmus project fund	8,973	2,258	(4,539)	6,692
Funding for Covid-19 support	-	8,800	(2,766)	6,034
Funding for remote learning	902	-	(902)	-
Duke of Edinburgh Awards	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
	<u>22,042</u>	<u>19,764</u>	<u>(13,997)</u>	<u>27,809</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>420,803</u></u>	<u><u>974,768</u></u>	<u><u>(849,356)</u></u>	<u><u>546,215</u></u>

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Refurbishment & resources fund – Grant received from Qualcomm for the refurbishment of the art room and the purchasing of art materials.

Funding for garden studio - Funding received from Qualcomm to build, decorate and equip a garden office studio.

Parent support fund – Donations received from Co-op to support parents via parent support group and Family therapy.

16+ provision fund – Grant received from Qualcomm to provide transition support to former students as they move into further education, training and employment.

BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund Science based learning activities.

Erasmus project fund - Funding for a collaborative project between a group of schools in the UK, Cyprus and Poland.

Funding for Covid-19 support - Funding from the National Lottery to support students and their families through the pandemic and beyond. This includes Family therapy.

Funding for remote learning - Funding from The Leys School, Cambridge to support remote learning with IT equipment.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards - Funding towards costs of students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme.

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Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	217,838	925,443	(745,122)	602	398,761
Restricted funds					
Refurbishment & resources fund	1,337	-	(1,097)	-	240
Funding for garden studio	1,777	-	(163)	(602)	1,012
Parent support fund	5,351	-	(188)	-	5,163
16+ provision fund	6,323	-	(4,450)	-	1,873
Funding for holiday club	440	-	(440)	-	-
BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund	6,258	157	(2,536)	-	3,879
Erasmus project fund	2,377	6,675	(79)	-	8,973
Funding for Covid-19 support	-	880	(880)	-	-
Funding for remote learning	-	902	-	-	902
	<u>23,863</u>	<u>8,614</u>	<u>(9,833)</u>	<u>(602)</u>	<u>22,042</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>241,701</u></u>	<u><u>934,057</u></u>	<u><u>(754,955)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>420,803</u></u>

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Refurbishment & resources fund – Grant received for the refurbishment of the art room and the purchasing of art materials and donations received for the refurbishment and equipment of the kitchen.

Funding for garden studio - Funding received to build, decorate and equip a garden office studio.

Parent support fund – Donations received to support parents through, for example, parent support groups.

16+ provision fund – Grant received to provide transition support to ex-students.

Funding for Holiday club – Grants received for funding a youth worker and for other costs for holiday activity groups.

BBC Children in Need Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund an after school and holiday science club.

Erasmus project fund - Funds awarded to participate in an international project on well-being.

Funding for Covid-19 support - Funding to support students and their families through the pandemic and beyond. This includes Family therapy.

Funding for remote learning - Funding to support remote learning with IT equipment.

16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
General funds	398,761	955,004	(835,359)	518,406
Restricted funds	22,042	19,764	(13,997)	27,809
	<u>420,803</u>	<u>974,768</u>	<u>(849,356)</u>	<u>546,215</u>

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16. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2021 £</i>
General funds	217,838	925,443	(745,122)	602	398,761
Restricted funds	23,863	8,614	(9,833)	(602)	22,042
	<u>241,701</u>	<u>934,057</u>	<u>(754,955)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>420,803</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	36,955	36,955
Debtors due after more than one year	-	10,732	10,732
Current assets	27,809	492,957	520,766
Creditors due within one year	-	(22,238)	(22,238)
Total	<u>27,809</u>	<u>518,406</u>	<u>546,215</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	43,553	43,553
Debtors due after more than one year	-	10,732	10,732
Current assets	22,042	377,695	399,737
Creditors due within one year	-	(33,219)	(33,219)
Total	<u>22,042</u>	<u>398,761</u>	<u>420,803</u>

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	125,412	179,102
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	7,621	10,595
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	235	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	16,502	(10,371)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(10,981)	16,102
Net cash generated by operating activities	138,789	195,428

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	515,889	378,358
Total cash and cash equivalents	515,889	378,358

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	378,358	137,531	515,889
	378,358	137,531	515,889

21. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £21,322 (2021 - £18,883). Contributions of £nil (2021 - £3,405) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2022 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	<u>23,365</u>	<u>-</u>

23. Related party transactions

There is no overall controlling party.

The charity was previously under the control of Red Balloon Educational Trust (previously known as Red Balloon Learner Centre Group), Company Number 05385341, until 11th May 2021.

Included in debtors due after more than one year is a loan to Red Balloon Educational Trust. The balance due on this loan on 11th May 2021 when the related party relationship ceased was £10,732.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1175826

Accounts

Registration No. 10978174 (England and Wales)
Charity Registration No. 1175826

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Name and principal office

The full name of the charity is Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge.

The company is limited by guarantee and as such does not have any share capital.

Principal / Registered Office: Herbert House, 57 Warkworth Terrace, Cambridge, CB1 1EE

Company Registration Number: 10978174

Charity Registration Number: 1175826

The members of the Board of Trustees and Directors of the Charity during the period ended 31st August 2021 and at the date that the report and accounts were approved were:

Trustees and Directors

Mr Richard Howitt, Chair	(appointed 8 April 2021)
Ms Lauren Allin	
Mrs Lynne Harries	
Ms Lucy Johnstone	
Ms Ruth Loshak	(resigned 13 December 2021)
Dr Deborah Brown	
Ms Rebecca Porter	(resigned 20 November 2020)
Ms Oluwasayo Badejo	(resigned 24 March 2021)
Mrs Judith Haste	(appointed 17th November 2021)
Mr Ian Swain	(appointed 19th January 2022)
Mrs Janine Alli-Balogun	(appointed 24th January 2022)

Coordinator Ms Jessica Lechner

Bankers CAF Bank Limited
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 23rd September 2017.

The sole Member of the Company prior to 11th May 2021 was Red Balloon Learner Centre Group, Company Number 05385341.

From 11th May 2021, the Trustees adopted Membership Rules in accordance with Article 58 of the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association and subsequently a number of individuals have been recruited to membership.

Governance

The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint new trustees by resolution at a special meeting. An open and transparent recruitment process is undertaken. People who come to the trustees' attention as having relevant experience, interest or expertise are asked if they would consider becoming a trustee, are interviewed by other trustees and, if it is considered appropriate, are introduced to all of the trustees. All trustees are subject to enhanced DBS checks and must provide a Declaration of Interests and confirm that they are 'fit' to serve as a charity trustee.

The Board aims to meet twice per term and holds an AGM in the Spring. At each meeting student progress is reviewed along with progress on the School Improvement Plan. Regular management accounts are also provided for each meeting.

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the charity are set out in the Articles of Association registered at Companies House on 23rd September 2017.

"To advance the education of children aged 7 to 19 at the Red Balloon Learner Centre, being students who are the victims of bullying, or by reason of other emotional trauma or illness, are for the time being unable to attend mainstream schools, including, but not limited to, providing them with tuition and appropriate face-to-face and on-line support in a safe learning environment until they are ready to return to mainstream education or take up training or employment."

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We achieve our objects through the provision of an 'intensive care' full time education and support programme. Therapy and counselling are offered to students and families. Continuing use is made of volunteers to work with students. All volunteers have enhanced DBS checks.

Management

The trustees, in consultation with the Coordinator(s), make decisions about staffing, budgeting and performance reviews. Trustees, directors and consultants of Red Balloon Group with specialist knowledge may be consulted about employment and other human resource issues.

Trustees work to raise local awareness of the needs of children who have been so badly bullied or suffer from severe emotional trauma or mental health issues that they cannot attend mainstream school. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that such children should be provided with full time education.

Achievements and performance of the charity

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year ended 31st August 2021.

The objectives of the charity are only achieved through the skill, hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Red Balloon and as trustees we are indebted to the team. Achievement and performance at Red Balloon are measured by the increase in self-esteem and confidence of each of the students, their ability to hold their own in the wider world and their understanding of themselves and others, as well as through academic progress and results. This school year (2020/21) was a very exciting time of expansion for Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge as despite the pandemic situation, we were able to open a new, second centre in Cambridge. In September 2020, we doubled our student capacity and had 34 on roll across two centres; Warkworth Terrace our original location and the new centre at Norfolk Street. The staffing group also increased in size significantly and many staff were also keen to expand their roles and work in both centres. The Norfolk Street location is an interim location until we can secure a permanent home for the new centre. The set up of the new centre took place in November 2020 and thanks to the work of staff and students and trustees from the very first day, the new centre very much had the homely feel of Red Balloon and the Red Balloon ethos. In addition, the generosity of the local community which donated many items towards the new centre made an incredibly valuable contribution.

The continuation of the global pandemic brought challenges, however we were able to adapt and find new ways of working where necessary. Since all of our students are considered vulnerable, our priority was to maintain as much normality to their school life as possible. In January 2021, the school was required to close for ten days, due to a staff member testing positive for Covid. During this time, staff worked online to continue teaching, learning and

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wellbeing support for our students. Also due to Covid restrictions, for a part of the school year, the two centres were required to work as separate bubbles. Again staff and students adapted to make this situation work well which included working online for lessons between the two centres where necessary, to maintain the connection with staff and students.

During the year ended 31st August 2021, the charity supported thirty four students, including some who were part-time. Of these students, twenty were still with us at the start of the academic year 2021/22, twelve had moved on to further education and two were not in education, employment or training. We also supported some former students through our One Step Beyond programme (OSB).

We are strongly committed to offering a wide range of curriculum subjects to all students. These include English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Art, Music, Media, Drama, Languages (including British Sign Language), PE, ICT, Life Skills and Citizenship. We have introduced a range of new qualifications, including Unit Awards, LAMDA, ASDAN and project qualifications, to motivate and recognise those students who thrive in vocational and practical areas.

The current and future school development plans will continue to be based on a full review of our progress in all areas, particularly using the Independent Schools Association's own Self Evaluation Process

With the development of Readiness to Learn we have continued to be able to chart more accurately the emotional and social progress of individual students throughout the year as well as improving the way we input information from the different departments at school. We have a more thorough process of discussing the progress each student is making by linking it with their R2L, IEP, EHCP and therapeutic progress.

Exams

In 2020-2021, nineteen students took a total of thirty-nine GCSE/iGCSE qualifications: thirteen of these students were from Warkworth Terrace (WT) and six from Norfolk Street (NS). Subjects were distributed as follows:

- **Maths: 15 students (11 WT/4 NS)**
- **English Language: 14 students (8 WT/6 NS)**
- **English Literature: 1 student (WT + 1 One Step Beyond [OSB]*)**
- **Science: 4 students (3 WT - 1 Single Sci, 1 Biology, 1 Biology and Chemistry/1 NS - Biology). All of these were iGCSE qualifications.**
- **Art: 1 student (WT)**
- **MFL 3 students (2 WT - Japanese and Polish/1 NS - French)**

In addition, the following qualifications were undertaken:

- **8 students (and 2 OSB*) achieved Project Awards (5 L1 and 3 L2)**
- **Two students (both NS) passed English Entry Level Certificate L3**
- **Three students (2WT/1NS) passed Science Entry Level Certificate L3**
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- **One student (WT) passed Science Entry Level Certificate L2** **Two students passed English Functional Skills L1**
- **One student passed Maths Functional Skills L1**
- **Thirteen students (7 WT/6 NS) passed Maths Awards****

*One OSB student secured a 9-4 grade in English Lit and in History. One achieved a L2 PQ and one achieved a L1 PQ.

**Maths Awards (Jan 21 unless stated otherwise):

Number and Measure 1: 1 (NS - June 21))

Number and Measure 2: 2 (WT/NS)

Algebra 2: 6 (2WT/4NS)

Statistics 1: 1 (2WT/1NS)

Statistics 2: 2 (WT)

In total, 25 students were involved in qualifications across both centres and OSB (14 WT, 8 NS, 3 OSB). This was a significant amount of qualifications for our students and we are very proud of our young learners for their undertaking of them.

Due to the cancellation of exams, students were awarded teacher assessed grades (TAGs), with the following exceptions, in which exams were sat: Functional Skills and Maths Awards.

In GCSEs, as last year, results were 100% as predicted. Due to the requirement to submit evidence in support of TAGs, teachers were put under an unprecedented amount of pressure, and all staff rose admirably to the challenge, both those directly involved in making assessments and those who supported them. Both centres were affected by the need to produce evidence, and it is a tribute to our staff that this was achieved without causing students too much undue stress. The final results were fair and properly evaluated and no issues were identified by the exam boards.

Activities, trips and excursions

Red Balloon does not just care about academic results, and significant time, energy and expertise are given to ensuring that the students have a wider learning experience through regular activities and special events such as cooking, museum trips, board games, dog-walking, DIY, swimming, circle time, Life Skills sessions and day trips. These activities promote increased self-esteem, emotional regulation, enhanced social skills and a level of confidence that cannot always be developed in a classroom. We have continued with a programme of cultural events so that students can satisfy their curiosity and acquire an understanding and appreciation of cultural traditions. In addition, many of our students benefit from weekly therapy or counselling sessions. We also work collaboratively with other schools and local groups to develop partnerships across different organisations.

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Trips, visits and excursions are very much part of the provision, however due to the pandemic situation there were some limits during the period. Despite this, we were still able to organise a visit to the National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket in October 2020, a trip to Hunstanton for Science during the summer term and local cultural trips around Cambridge. In addition to this we are grateful to The Leys School for funding a local day out at Go Ape for our students during the October 2020 half term.

The special relationship that Red Balloon has with schools and local authorities in Cambridgeshire and beyond, and organisations and individuals who provide many types of support (such as the Leys school), all contribute to providing the best possible education and care for those children that need our help.

Staff Fundraising

During the summer of 2021, both the Centre Coordinator, Jessica Lechner, and the Special Needs Coordinator, Tricia Bell, took on cycle ride challenges. Jess did a cycle travelling from Lands End to John O'Groats in two weeks. Tricia took part in a Red Balloon Ride. Both of these events helped to raise funds and awareness for the work of Red Balloon, Cambridge.

Risk Analysis

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

- Sourcing of funding for students
- Safeguarding of students

The trustees and the Coordinators have developed a fee pricing structure that reflects the varying support and educational needs of each student.

Safeguarding of students is of the highest priority. Ongoing staff training in Child Protection and Health & Safety is provided regularly and all trustees complete Level 1 Safeguarding when appointed. In addition, a full range of policies are regularly reviewed by staff and trustees together.

Public Benefit

The charity provides full-time education for children who self-exclude from school. There is no other purpose-made scheme to support the recovery of this group of children and to give them their 'life' back. Another important aspect of the work that the charity does is to offer support to the parents and carers of these children.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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Financial Review

Total unrestricted income during the year was £925,443 (2020: £424,677). Of this, £876,953 (2020: £401,714) came from fees or bursaries. Total restricted donations and grants income in the year was £8,614 (2020: £34,879), see note 17 for details of these funds.

Total expenditure was £754,955 (2020: £443,636) and was incurred in the performance of the charitable activities of the company including staffing, rent, utilities and other general running costs. £745,122 (2020: £436,006) was spent from unrestricted funds and £9,833 (2020: £7,630) spent from restricted funds.

An unrestricted surplus of £180,923 (2020: £14,863) was recorded, bringing total unrestricted funds to £398,761 (2020: £217,838).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have decided that unrestricted reserves should be equivalent to five months' worth of expenditure. At the level of expenditure for 2020/21, this should equal around £333k (2020: £182k). At 31 August 2021, unrestricted reserves defined as unrestricted funds less fixed assets was £355,208 (2020: £171,002).

Investment Policy

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

Future Plans

The success of the expansion to two centres during the school year 2020/21 has led to many future opportunities for continued development and close collaboration between the centres. We are engaged in finding a permanent home for the new centre currently at Norfolk Street. Now that we are able to support many more students, we are also reviewing and updating our Admissions processes.

Also in the current pipeline are some new developments in the area of therapeutic support for parents and staff. We already have an established Parent Support Group. We are now working on expanding this offering and also creating provision for parents to have individual support from a Family Therapist. To support staff wellbeing, we plan to introduce therapeutic group supervision sessions every half term.

Some members of the staff team are also preparing to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the near future.

With Special Thanks

We are notably grateful to all the organisations and individual donors who have generously supported the work that we do. Thanks goes to DG Marshall of Cambridge Trust and Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd, Qualcomm, The Betty Lawes Foundation, The Leys School, Cambridge and The Leys School Community Fund, The National Lottery, The Patricia

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Routledge Charitable Trust and The Pye Foundation. We are also very appreciative of continued support from a Children in Need Curiosity Grant towards Science activities and excursions.

We are also immensely grateful to the local community for their donations towards the set up of the new centre in autumn 2020. This includes Cuttsy+Cuttsy, David Syson Carpets, Househelp, Kitchensmiths Ltd and Snuggeries Ltd. With thanks to all the organisations and individuals who offered and gave incredible support to the project of setting up a new centre.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge) 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 period, 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 these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 18.05.22 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Richard Howitt – Trustee and Chair

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st August 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 22.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

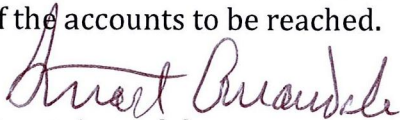
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's report

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

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

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



Stuart Arrandale
Chartered Accountant
23-25 Gwydir Street
Cambridge, CB1 2LG

DATE:

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Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge
(a company limited by guarantee)
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st August 2021

	Notes	Year ended 31/8/2021 Restricted £'s	Year ended 31/8/2021 Unrestricted £'s	Year ended 31/8/2021 Total £'s	Year ended 31/8/2020 Total £'s
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and grants	2	8,614	41,335	49,949	54,114
Charitable activities	3	-	877,544	877,544	402,314
Investment income	4	-	15	15	146
Other	5	-	6,549	6,549	2,982
Total income		8,614	925,443	934,057	459,556
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	7	9,833	745,122	754,955	443,636
Total expenditure		9,833	745,122	754,955	443,636
Net income/(expenditure) in the year		(1,219)	180,321	179,102	15,920
Transfer between funds		(602)	602	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,821)	180,923	179,102	15,920
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward	17b	23,863	217,838	241,701	225,781
Funds carried forward	17a	22,042	398,761	420,803	241,701

All amounts relate to continuing activities of the company.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

The notes to the accounts are shown on pages 13 to 23.

Red Balloon Learner Centre – Cambridge
(a company limited by guarantee)
Balance Sheet
As at 31st August 2021

	Notes	As at 31 st Aug 2021 £'s	As at 31 st Aug 2020 £'s
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	13	43,553	46,836
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		43,553	46,836
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	14	21,379	11,008
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	10,732	10,732
Cash at bank and in hand		378,358	190,243
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		410,469	211,983
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(33,219)	(17,118)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		377,250	194,865
TOTAL NET ASSETS		420,803	241,701
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted Funds	17a	398,761	217,838
Restricted Funds	17a	22,042	23,863
TOTAL FUNDS		420,803	241,701

For the year ending 31 August 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

18.05.22



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Mr Richard Howitt - Trustee

The attached notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge
(a company limited by guarantee)
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st August 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going Concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Legal status of the Charity

There is no share capital as the company is limited by guarantee. Each member has guaranteed an amount, not exceeding £10, towards the company's liabilities in the event of a winding up, provided that a member has not ceased to be a member one year prior to any winding up order.

1.4 Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1.5 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Fees for teaching and support are invoiced in advance and income recognised at the start of the term's teaching. Grants received are attributed to the financial period for which they are intended, any monies received in advance being carried forward to the next financial period.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Office equipment	33.33% straight line
Computer equipment	50% straight line
Leasehold improvements	10% straight line

Assets are reviewed for any indications of impairment at each balance sheet date.

1.8 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. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

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1.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash in hand and cash 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.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors 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 are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. Fixed assets are recorded at depreciated historical cost and all other assets and liabilities are recorded at cost which is their fair value.

1.2 Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 11.

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2 DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Year ended 31/08/2021	Year ended 31/08/2020
	£	£
Grants	23,614	46,879
Other donations	26,335	7,235
	49,949	54,114

Included within grants received are restricted funds of £8,614 (2019: £40,245) and unrestricted funds of £15,000 (2019: £6,351). Unrestricted donations amounted to £26,335 (2020: £7,235).

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Year ended 31/08/21	Year ended 31/08/20
	£	£
Administration fees and recharges to Red Balloon Learner Centres	591	600
Teaching and support of bullied children	876,953	401,714
	877,544	402,314

All income from charitable activities was attributable to unrestricted funds in both the current year and the prior period.

4 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year ended 31/08/21	Year ended 31/08/2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	15	146
	15	146

All investment income received was attributable to unrestricted funds in both the current year and the prior period.

5 OTHER INCOME

	Year ended 31/08/21	Year ended 31/08/2020
	£	£
School lunches	5,183	2,171
Miscellaneous income	1,366	811
	6,549	2,982

All other income was attributable to unrestricted funds in both the current year and the prior period.

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6 ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITY – current year

	Direct Costs	Support Costs (note 7)	Year ended 31/08/21 Total
Charitable activities:	£	£	£
Teaching and support of bullied children	705,275	49,680	754,955
	<u>705,275</u>	<u>49,680</u>	<u>754,955</u>

ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITY – prior period

	Direct Costs	Support Costs (note 7)	Year ended 31/08/20 Total
Charitable activities:	£	£	£
Teaching and support of bullied children	405,743	37,893	443,636
	<u>405,743</u>	<u>37,893</u>	<u>443,636</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities include £798,210 (2020: £436,006) spent from unrestricted funds and £298 (2020: £7,630) spent from restricted funds.

7 ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Year ended 31/08/21	Year ended 31/08/20
	£	£
Legal & professional	3,764	4,657
Support fee (Red Balloon Group)	8,000	8,000
Training costs	3,157	1,625
Insurance	4,342	3,697
Repairs & renewals	16,341	4,278
Office costs	5,668	10,476
Bank charges	96	60
Governance costs (note 8)	8,312	5,100
	<u>49,680</u>	<u>37,893</u>

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8 ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Year ended 31/08/21	Year ended 31/08/20
	£	£
Accountancy & Examination Fees	7,222	5,100
Fundraising costs	1,090	-
	8,312	5,100

All expenditure on governance costs is spent from unrestricted funds in 2021 and 2020.

9 ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	Year ended 31/08/21	Year ended 31/08/20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	536,845	303,013
Social security costs	39,074	17,675
Pension	18,883	10,294
	594,802	330,982

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

	Aug 2021 Number	Aug 2020 Number
Charitable activities	31	23

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 per annum in the period.

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration nor reimbursements of expenses.

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to comprise 4 people being the Coordinator and three Deputy Coordinators. The aggregate cost of remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £124,722 (2020: £73,956).

10 Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable by Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge in the year amounted to £18,883 (2020: £10,294). Pension contributions of £3,405 (2020: £1,646) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

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11 NET INCOME

	Year ended 31/08/21 £	Year ended 31/08/20 £
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of charitable assets owned by the charity	10,595	11,025
Independent examiner's fees	1,000	1,000

12 TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 st September 2020	51,243	9,062	5,762	66,067
Additions	3,100	1,808	2,405	7,313
 At 31 st August 2021	54,343	10,870	8,167	73,380
Depreciation				
At 1 st September 2020	7,763	8,288	3,181	19,232
Charge for the year	5,434	1,377	3,784	10,595
 At 31 st August 2021	13,197	9,665	6,965	29,827
Net book value				
 At 31 st August 2021	41,146	1,205	1,202	43,553
 At 31 st August 2020	43,480	774	2,582	46,836

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14 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	As at 31 st Aug 2021	As at 31 st Aug 2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,199	8,178
Other debtors	192	709
Prepayments and accrued income	5,470	2,121
Amounts owed by group undertakings	8,518	-
	<u>21,379</u>	<u>11,008</u>

15 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	As at 31 st Aug 2021	As at 31 st Aug 2020
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>10,732</u>	<u>10,732</u>

The interest-free loan to Red Balloon Learner Centre Group of £10,732 (2020: £10,732) is repayable at over 12 months' notice (i.e. 366 days).

16 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	As at 31 st Aug 2021	As at 31 st Aug 2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,570	5,034
Social security and other taxes	10,655	4,360
Other creditors	3,405	1,646
Accruals and income in advance	14,589	1,085
Amounts owing to group undertakings	-	4,993
	<u>33,219</u>	<u>17,118</u>

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17a FUND ANALYSIS – current year	Balance at				Balance at
	1/9/20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31/8/21
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	217,838	925,443	(745,122)	602	398,761
Total unrestricted funds	217,838	925,443	(745,122)	-	398,761
Restricted funds					
Funding for refurbishment & resources	1,337	-	(1,097)	-	240
Funding for the garden studio	1,777	-	(163)	(602)	1,012
Funding for parent support	5,351	-	(188)	-	5,163
Funding for 16+ provision	6,323	-	(4,450)	-	1,873
Funding for holiday club	440	-	(440)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	6,258	157	(2,536)	-	3,879
Funding for well-being project	2,377	6,675	(79)	-	8,973
Funding for Covid 19	-	880	(880)	-	-
Funding for remote learning	-	902	-	-	902
Total restricted funds	23,863	8,614	(9,833)	-	22,042
Total funds	241,701	934,057	(754,955)	-	420,803
17b FUND ANALYSIS – prior period					Balance at
	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31/8/20
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	202,975	424,677	(436,006)	26,192	217,838
Total unrestricted funds	202,975	424,677	(436,006)	26,192	217,838
Restricted funds					
Funding to build IT resources and skills	1,783	-	(1,783)	-	-
Funding for refurbishment & resources	2,045	1,539	(912)	(1,335)	1,337
Funding for the garden studio	-	26,634	-	(24,857)	1,777
Funding for parent support	5,528	-	(177)	-	5,351
Funding for 16+ provision	7,356	-	(1,033)	-	6,323
Funding for holiday club	1,079	-	(639)	-	440
BBC Children in Need	-	6,706	(448)	-	6,258
Funding for well-being project	5,015	-	(2,638)	-	2,377
Total restricted funds	22,806	34,879	(7,630)	(26,192)	23,863
Total funds	225,781	459,556	(443,636)	-	241,701

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17c FUND ANALYSIS – fund types

- IT resources and skills fund – Grants received with the purpose of purchasing IT equipment, IT related services and for IT specific staff training.
- Library resources fund – Donations received for the provision of additional library resources.
- Therapists fund – Funds awarded for the provision of therapeutic support to students.
- Staff training fund – Grants received to provide staff training.
- Refurbishment & resources fund – Grant received for the refurbishment of the art room and the purchasing of art materials and donations received for the refurbishment and equipment of the kitchen.
- Parent support fund – Donations received to support parents through, for example, parent support groups.
- 16+ provision fund – Grant received to provide transition support to ex-students.
- Holiday club fund – Grants received for funding a youth worker and for other costs for holiday activity groups.
- Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund an after school and holiday science club.
- Other restricted donations fund – Individual grants received for certain equipment and for trips, including the annual Ormside Mill residential trip.
- Well-being project fund - Funds awarded to participate in an international project on well-being.

18a ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND – current year

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	43,553	43,553
Current assets	22,042	388,427	410,469
Creditors due within one year	-	(33,219)	(33,219)
	22,042	398,761	420,803

18b ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND – prior period

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	46,836	46,836
Current assets	23,863	188,120	211,983
Creditors due within one year	-	(17,118)	(17,118)
	23,863	217,839	241,701

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19 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As at the year-end a balance of £10,732 (2020: £10,732) was owed by the parent charity Red Balloon Learner Centre Group (RBLCG).

During the year the charity received total income of £600 (2020: £600) and purchases totalling £nil (2020: £nil) with the parent charity Red Balloon Learner Centre Group.

During the year the charity received total income of £nil (2020: £nil) and purchases totalling £nil (2020: £nil) with Red Balloon of the Air, a charity in which Mr M Frankl is a Trustee (Chair) and of which Red Balloon Learner Centre Group is the parent charity. As at the year-end a balance of £4,627 (2020: £4,627) was owed by Red Balloon of the Air.

201 CONTROLLING PARTY

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge is owned 100% and controlled by Red Balloon Learner Centre Group, a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales (registered company number: 05385341) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (registered charity number: 1109606).

The principal purpose and activities of Red Balloon Learner Centre Group are to continue to raise public and political awareness of the plight of self-excluding children, to support the setting up of new Red Balloon Learner Centres, to raise money to do so and to monitor, maintain and, if possible, improve the quality of provision offered by existing Red Balloon Learner Centres. It can exercise control through having power to remove or appoint trustees.

The consolidated accounts are available at Winship House, Winship Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6AP.

RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE CAMBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1175826

Accounts

Registration No. 10978174 (England and Wales)
Charity Registration No. 1175826

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge
(a company limited by guarantee)
Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st August 2020

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge
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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
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Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge
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Reference and Administrative Details of the Company, its Trustees and Advisors
For the year ended 31st August 2020

Name and principal office

The full name of the charity is Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge.

The company is limited by guarantee and as such does not have any share capital.

Principal / Registered Office: Herbert House, 57 Warkworth Terrace, Cambridge, CB1 1EE

Company Registration Number: 10978174

Charity Registration Number: 1175826

The members of the Board of Trustees and Directors of the Charity during the period ended 31st August 2020 and at the date that the report and accounts were approved were:

Trustees and Directors	Mr Michael Frankl, Chair	(resigned 31 December 2019)
	Mr Richard Howitt, Chair	(appointed 8 April 2021)
	Ms Lauren Allin	
	Mrs Lynne Harries	
	Ms Lucy Johnstone	
	Ms Ruth Loshak	
	Dr Deborah Brown	
	Ms Rebecca Porter	(resigned 20 November 2020)
	Mrs Janet Tomba	(resigned 6 February 2020)
	Mrs Anya Brown	(resigned 17 June 2020)
Ms Sarah Dixon	(resigned 31 December 2019)	
Ms Oluwasayo Badejo	(appointed 20 May 2020, resigned 24 March 2021)	

Coordinator Ms Jessica Lechner

Bankers CAF Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill, West Malling
Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner Stuart Arrandale
23-25 Gwydir Street
Cambridge, CB1 2LG

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge
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Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31st August 2020

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 23rd September 2017.

The sole Member of the Company is Red Balloon Learner Centre Group, Company Number 05385341.

Governance

The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint new trustees by resolution at a special meeting. People who come to the trustees' attention as having relevant experience, interest or expertise are asked if they would consider becoming a trustee, are interviewed by other trustees and, if it is considered appropriate, are introduced to all of the trustees. All trustees are subject to DBS checks and must provide a Declaration of Interests and confirm that they are 'fit' to serve as a charity trustee.

The Board aims to meet twice per term and holds an AGM in the Spring. At each meeting student progress is reviewed along with progress on the School Improvement Plan. Regular management accounts are also provided for each meeting.

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the charity are set out in the Articles of Association registered at Companies House on 23rd September 2017.

"To advance the education of children aged 7 to 19 at the Red Balloon Learner Centre, being students who are the victims of bullying, or by reason of other emotional trauma or illness, are for the time being are unable to attend mainstream schools, including, but not limited to, providing them with tuition and appropriate face-to-face and on-line support in a safe learning environment until they are ready to return to mainstream education or take up training or employment."

We achieve our objects through the provision of an 'intensive care' full time education and support programme. Therapy and counselling are offered to students and families. Continuing use is made of volunteers to work with students. All volunteers have enhanced DBS checks.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Management

The trustees, in consultation with the Coordinator(s), make decisions about staffing, budgeting and performance reviews. Trustees, directors and consultants of Red Balloon Group with specialist knowledge may be consulted about employment and other human resource issues.

Trustees work to raise local awareness of the needs of children who have been so badly bullied or suffer from severe emotional trauma or mental health issues that they cannot attend mainstream school. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that such children should be provided with full time education.

Achievements and performance of the charity

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year ended 31st August 2020.

The objectives of the charity are only achieved through the skill, hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Red Balloon and as trustees we are indebted to the team. Achievement and performance at Red Balloon are measured by the increase in self-esteem and confidence of each of the students, their ability to hold their own in the wider world and their understanding of themselves and others, as well as through academic progress and results.

During the year ended 31st August 2020, the charity supported twenty three students, including some who were part-time. Of these students, fifteen were still with us at the start of the academic year 2020/21, five had moved on to further education, one went back into mainstream school, one is receiving home tuition and one was NEET. We also supported two additional students to get them into formal further education through our after school club.

This year six students took a total of sixteen GCSE qualifications: Maths (4), English Language (5), Science (3 - all by the same student), Italian (1) and Art (2). In addition, the following qualifications were undertaken:

- Two students took and passed English Entry Level certificate (one each at L3 and L2).
- One student failed English Functional Skills L1.
- Four students took and passed maths awards.
- Two students took and passed Maths Functional Skills L1

Due to the cancellation of exams, all students were awarded Centre assessed grades, meaning that results were 100% as predicted.

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We are strongly committed to offering a wide range of curriculum subjects to all students. These include English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Art, Music, Media, Drama, Languages (including British Sign Language), PE, ICT, Life Skills and Citizenship. We have introduced a range of new qualifications, including Unit Awards and project qualifications, to motivate and recognise those students who thrive in vocational and practical areas.

The current and future school development plans will continue to be based on a full review of our progress in all areas, particularly using the ISA's own Self Evaluation Process

With the development of Readiness to Learn we have continued to be able to chart more accurately the emotional and social progress of individual students throughout the year as well as improving the way we input information from the different departments at school. We have a more thorough process of discussing the progress each student is making by linking it with their R2L, IEP, EHCP and therapeutic progress.

With funding from Qualcomm we were able to have a new Garden Studio built to provide further accommodation. We were also able to have decking installed in the garden area to even the surface. This work was completed over the winter (December to February) of 2019/20.

Over the year, plans were put together to allow significant expansion with the opening of an additional Centre in Cambridge. Much work went into sourcing premises and by summer 20/21 we were able to offer places to seventeen more young people at the new Centre. We did a lot of work on staff recruitment and we concentrated our attention on how to recruit staff who could best meet the needs of our new cohort

Globally, it was a very difficult year due to the pandemic. Since all our students are considered vulnerable we remained open throughout the first lockdown and were able to carry on working face to face, with a much reduced number of staff, with those students who declined to participate in online learning. The students who didn't come into the Centre were being taught online by teachers who were also at home. Attendance on both platforms was excellent. Our teachers and students showed great versatility and resilience in moving to online working and then to a combination of online and face to face at very short notice.

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Red Balloon does not just care about academic results, and significant time, energy and expertise are given to ensuring that the students have a wider learning experience through regular activities and special events such as cooking, museum trips, board games, dog-walking, DIY, swimming, yoga, circle time, Life Skills sessions and day trips. These activities promote increased self-esteem, emotional regulation, enhanced social skills and a level of confidence that cannot always be developed in a classroom. We have continued with a programme of cultural events so that students can satisfy their curiosity and acquire an understanding and appreciation of cultural traditions. In addition, many of our students benefit from weekly therapy or counselling sessions. We also work collaboratively with other schools and local groups to develop partnerships across different organisations. Trips, visits and events during the period and before government lockdown restrictions in March 2020 included: Kings College Chapel carol concert, Maths Inspiration Day, Shepreth Zoo, and visits to museums in London.

The special relationship that Red Balloon has with schools and local authorities in Cambridgeshire and beyond, and organisations and individuals who provide many types of support (such as the University Botanic Garden and the Leys school), all contribute to providing the best possible education and care for those children that need our help.

Charities that our young people supported in this year included Cambridge Winter Comfort and Act for Addenbrookes.

Risk Analysis

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

- Sourcing of funding for students
- Safeguarding of students

The trustees and the Coordinators have developed a fee pricing structure that reflects the varying support and educational needs of each student.

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

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Public Benefit

The charity provides full-time education for children who self-exclude from school. There is no other purpose-made scheme to support the recovery of this group of children and to give them their 'life' back. Another important aspect of the work that the charity does is to offer support to the parents and carers of these children.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

Total unrestricted income during the year was £424,677 (2019: £439,790). Of this, £401,714 (2019: £410,795) came from fees or bursaries. Total restricted donations and grants income in the year was £34,879 (2019: £40,245), see note 17 for details of these funds.

Total expenditure was £443,636 (2019: £418,797) and was incurred in the performance of the charitable activities of the company including staffing, rent, utilities and other general running costs. £436,006 (2019: £399,942) was spent from unrestricted funds and £7,630 (2019: £18,855) spent from restricted funds.

After a transfer between funds, an unrestricted surplus of £14,863 (£49,202) was recorded, bringing total unrestricted funds to £217,838 (2019: £202,975).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have decided that unrestricted reserves should be equivalent to five months' worth of expenditure. At the level of expenditure for 2019-20, this should equal around £182k (2019: £167k). At 31 August 2020, unrestricted reserves defined as unrestricted funds less fixed assets was £171,002 (£175,134). With the opening of a second Centre in late 2020, monthly expenditure will increase but a higher unrestricted surplus is forecast for 2020-21.

Investment Policy

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

Future Plans

During the period 2019/20, we were very excited about what was to come in the next academic year of 2020/21 with the opening of our new centre allowing us to support an additional 17 students. We made plans to enhance our support of students through an expanded after-school programme as well as further staff recruitment to cater for both Centres. The new Centre plans create many more opportunities for staff to take on new responsibilities and grow within RB.

With Special Thanks:

We are very grateful to the organisations and individual donors who have generously supported the work that we do. Thanks goes to The Patricia Routledge Charitable Trust.

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We also appreciate the support given to us by Qualcomm which, in this period, allowed us to build the garden studio and provided decking for the garden area. We were also very glad to receive continued support from a Children in Need Curiosity Grant towards Science activities and excursions.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge) 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 period, 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 these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 11/05/21 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Richard Howitt - Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st August 2020, which are set out on pages 10 to 22.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's report

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

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

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



Stuart Arrandale
Chartered Accountant
23-25 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LG
DATE: 21 5 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st August 2020

	Notes	Year ended 31/8/2020 Restricted £'s	Year ended 31/8/2020 Unrestricted £'s	Year ended 31/8/2020 Total £'s	Year ended 31/8/2019 Total £'s
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and grants	2	34,879	19,235	54,114	63,994
Charitable activities	3	-	402,314	402,314	412,237
Investment income	4	-	146	146	139
Other income	5	-	2,982	2,982	3,665
Total income		34,879	424,677	459,556	480,035
EXPENDEDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	7,630	436,006	443,636	418,797
Total expenditure		7,630	436,006	443,636	418,797
Net income / (expenditure) in the year		27,249	(11,329)	15,920	61,238
Transfer between funds		(26,192)	26,192	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,057	14,863	15,920	61,238
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward	17b	22,806	202,975	225,781	164,543
Funds carried forward	17a	23,863	217,838	241,701	225,781

All amounts relate to continuing activities of the company.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

The notes to the accounts are shown on pages 12 to 22.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st August 2020

	Notes	As at 31 st Aug 2020 £'s	As at 31 st Aug 2019 £'s
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	13	46,836	27,841
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		46,836	27,841
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	14	11,008	9,915
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	10,732	10,732
Cash at bank and in hand		190,243	184,477
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		211,983	205,124
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(17,118)	(7,184)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		194,865	197,940
TOTAL NET ASSETS		241,701	225,781
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted Funds	17a	217,838	202,975
Restricted Funds	17a	23,863	22,806
TOTAL FUNDS		241,701	225,781

For the year ending 31 August 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

11/05/21



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Mr Richard Howitt - Trustee

The attached notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going Concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The COVID-19 situation is expected to have minimal impact on the financial position of the Company. For this reason, they have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Legal status of the Charity

There is no share capital as the company is limited by guarantee. Each member has guaranteed an amount, not exceeding £10, towards the company's liabilities in the event of a winding up, provided that a member has not ceased to be a member one year prior to any winding up order.

1.4 Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1.5 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Fees for teaching and support are invoiced in advance and income recognised at the start of the term's teaching. Grants received are attributed to the financial period for which they are intended, any monies received in advance being carried forward to the next financial period.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Office equipment	33.33% straight line
Computer equipment	50% straight line
Leasehold improvements	10% straight line

Assets are reviewed for any indications of impairment at each balance sheet date.

1.8 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. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

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1.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash in hand and cash at bank 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.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors 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 are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. Fixed assets are recorded at depreciated historical cost and all other assets and liabilities are recorded at cost which is their fair value.

1.2 Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 11.

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2 DONATIONS AND GRANTS	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Grants	46,879	46,596
Other donations	7,235	17,398
	54,114	63,994

Included within grants received are restricted funds of £34,879 (2019: £40,245) and unrestricted funds of £12,000 (2019: £6,351). Unrestricted donations amounted to £7,235 (2019: £17,398).

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Administration fees and recharges to Red Balloon Learner Centres	600	1,442
Teaching and support of bullied children	401,714	410,795
	402,314	412,237

All income from charitable activities was attributable to unrestricted funds in both the current year and prior year.

4 INVESTMENT INCOME	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	146	139
	146	139

All investment income received was attributable to unrestricted funds in both the current year and prior year.

5 OTHER INCOME	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Student contribution towards trips	-	1,020
School lunches	2,171	2,174
Miscellaneous income	811	471
	2,982	3,665

All other income was attributable to unrestricted funds in both the current year and prior year.

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6 ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITY - current year

	Direct Costs	Support Costs (note 7)	Year ended 31/08/2020 Total
	£	£	£
Charitable activities:			
Teaching and support of bullied children	405,743	37,893	443,636
	<u>405,743</u>	<u>37,893</u>	<u>443,636</u>

ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITY - prior year

	Direct Costs	Support Costs (note 7)	Year ended 31/08/2019 Total
	£	£	£
Charitable activities:			
Teaching and support of bullied children	387,913	30,884	418,797
	<u>387,913</u>	<u>30,884</u>	<u>418,797</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities include £436,006 (2019: £399,942) spent from unrestricted funds and £7,630 (2019: £18,855) spent from restricted funds.

7 ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Legal & professional	4,657	100
Support fee (Red Balloon Group)	8,000	8,000
Training costs	1,625	2,512
Insurance	3,697	1,340
Repairs & renewals	4,278	4,173
Office costs	10,476	8,485
Bank charges	60	60
Governance costs (note 8)	5,100	6,214
	<u>37,893</u>	<u>30,884</u>

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8 ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Accountancy & Examination Fees	5,100	6,214
	<u>5,100</u>	<u>6,214</u>

All expenditure on governance costs is spent from unrestricted funds in 2020 and 2019.

9 ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	303,013	278,487
Social security costs	17,675	14,549
Pension	10,294	8,999
	<u>330,982</u>	<u>302,035</u>

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

	Aug 2020 Number	Aug 2019 Number
Charitable activities	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 per annum in the period.

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration nor reimbursements of expenses.

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to comprise 3 people being the Coordinator and two Deputy Coordinators. The aggregate cost of remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £73,956 (2019: £74,082).

10 Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable by Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge in the year amounted to £10,294 (2019: £8,999). Pension contributions of £1,646 (2019: £1,631) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

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11 NET INCOME

	Year ended 31/08/2020	Year ended 31/08/2019
	£	£
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of charitable assets owned by the charity	11,025	5,959
Independent examiner's fees	1,000	400

12 TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 st September 2019	26,386	9,062	599	36,047
Additions	24,857	-	5,163	30,020
At 31 st August 2020	51,243	9,062	5,762	66,067
Depreciation				
At 1 st September 2019	2,639	5,268	299	8,206
Charge for the year	5,124	3,020	2,881	11,025
At 31 st August 2020	7,763	8,288	3,180	19,231
Net book value				
At 31 st August 2020	43,480	774	2,582	46,836
At 31 st August 2019	23,747	3,794	300	27,841

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14 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	As at 31 st Aug 2020	As at 31 st Aug 2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,178	7,565
Other debtors	709	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,121	649
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	1,701
	<u>11,008</u>	<u>9,915</u>

15 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	As at 31 st Aug 2020	As at 31 st Aug 2019
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>10,732</u>	<u>10,732</u>

The interest-free loan to Red Balloon Learner Centre Group of £10,732 (2019: £10,732) is repayable at over 12 months' notice (i.e. 366 days).

16 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	As at 31 st Aug 2020	As at 31 st Aug 2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,034	327
Social security and other taxes	4,360	4,180
Other creditors	1,646	1,631
Accruals	1,085	1,046
Amounts owing to group undertakings	4,993	-
	<u>17,118</u>	<u>7,184</u>

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17a FUND ANALYSIS - current year	Balance at				Balance at
	1/9/19	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31/8/20
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	202,975	424,677	(436,006)	26,192	217,838
Total unrestricted funds	202,975	424,677	(436,006)	26,192	217,838
Restricted funds					
Funding to build IT resources and skills	1,783	-	(1,783)	-	-
Funding for refurbishment & resources	2,045	1,539	(912)	(1,335)	1,337
Funding for the garden studio	-	26,634	-	(24,857)	1,777
Funding for parent support	5,528	-	(177)	-	5,351
Funding for 16+ provision	7,356	-	(1,033)	-	6,323
Funding for holiday club	1,079	-	(639)	-	440
Children in Need Curiosity	-	6,706	(448)	-	6,258
Funding for well-being project	5,015	-	(2,638)	-	2,377
Total restricted funds	22,806	34,879	(7,630)	(26,192)	23,863
Total funds	225,781	459,556	(443,636)	-	241,701
17b FUND ANALYSIS - prior year	Balance at				Balance at
	1/9/18	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31/8/19
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	153,773	439,790	(399,942)	9,354	202,975
Total unrestricted funds	153,773	439,790	(399,942)	9,354	202,975
Restricted funds					
Funding to build IT resources and skills	3,810	-	(2,027)	-	1,783
Funding for library resources	860	-	(860)	-	-
Funding for therapists	6,000	-	(6,000)	-	-
Funding for staff training	100	-	(100)	-	-
Funding for the art room refurbishment	-	12,500	(4,185)	(6,270)	2,045
Funding for the kitchen refurbishment	-	2,343	-	(2,343)	-
Funding for parent support	-	5,673	(145)	-	5,528
Funding for 16+ provision	-	7,770	(414)	-	7,356
Funding for holiday club	-	3,000	(1,921)	-	1,079
Other funds for trips and equipment	-	1,909	(1,767)	(142)	-
Funding for well-being project	-	7,050	(1,436)	(599)	5,015
Total restricted funds	10,770	40,245	(18,855)	(9,354)	22,806
Total funds	164,543	480,035	(418,797)	-	225,781

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17c FUND ANALYSIS – fund types

- IT resources and skills fund – Grants received with the purpose of purchasing IT equipment, IT related services and for IT specific staff training.
- Library resources fund – Donations received for the provision of additional library resources.
- Therapists fund – Funds awarded for the provision of therapeutic support to students.
- Staff training fund – Grants received to provide staff training.
- Refurbishment & resources fund – Grant received for the refurbishment of the art room and the purchasing of art materials and donations received for the refurbishment and equipment for the kitchen (2019: Art room & Kitchen funds detailed separately).
- Parent support fund – Donations received to support parents through, for example, parent support groups.
- 16+ provision fund – Grant received to provide transition support to ex-students.
- Holiday club fund – Grants received for funding a youth worker and for other costs for holiday activity groups.
- Curiosity fund – Grant received to fund an after-school and holiday science club.
- Other restricted donations fund – Individual grants received for certain equipment and for trips, including the annual Ormside Mill residential trip.
- Well-being project fund - Funds awarded to participate in an international project on well-being.

18a ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND – current year

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	46,836	46,836
Current assets	23,863	188,120	211,983
Creditors due within one year	-	(17,118)	(17,118)
	23,863	217,838	241,701

18b ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND – prior year

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,783	26,058	27,841
Current assets	21,023	184,101	205,124
Creditors due within one year	-	(7,184)	(7,184)
	22,806	202,975	225,781

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19 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As at the year-end, a loan falling due after more than one year of £10,732 (2019: £10,732) was owed by the parent charity Red Balloon Learner Centre Group (RBLCG). In addition, a balance of £366 was owed to RBLCG, included within creditors (2019: £1,003 owed by RBLCG included within debtors). RBLCG is a charity in which Mr M Frankl was a Trustee (Chair) until 21 May 2020.

During the year, the charity received total income of £600 (2019: £1,442) and purchases totalling £50,863 (2019: £44,755) with the parent charity Red Balloon Learner Centre Group.

During the year, the charity received total income of £nil (2019: £4,142) and purchases totalling £nil (2019: £2,262) with Red Balloon of the Air, a charity in which Mr M Frankl is a Trustee (Chair) and of which Red Balloon Learner Centre Group is the parent charity. As at the year-end a balance of £4,627 was owed to (2019: £698 owed by) Red Balloon of the Air.

20 CONTROLLING PARTY

Red Balloon Learner Centre Cambridge is owned 100% and controlled by Red Balloon Learner Centre Group, a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales (registered company number: 05385341) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (registered charity number: 1109606).

The principal purpose and activities of Red Balloon Learner Centre Group are to continue to raise public and political awareness of the plight of self-excluding children, to support the setting up of new Red Balloon Learner Centres, to raise money to do so and to monitor, maintain and, if possible, improve the quality of provision offered by existing Red Balloon Learner Centres. It can exercise control through having power to remove or appoint trustees.

The consolidated accounts are available at Winship House, Winship Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6AP.