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Charity Registration No. SC038722 (Scotland)



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST

OPERATIONAL NAME: FORCES CHILDREN SCOTLAND

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Patron	His Majesty King Charles III	
Honorary Vice Presidents	Air Vice Marshal R Paterson CB, OBE, ADC, DL	
Vice Presidents	Mr I C Stewart Hunter Mr D Keith Robertson	
Chair	Mr M Young Mr H Tilley	
Deputy Chairman	Ms I Campbell-Lupton	
Committee Of Directors And Sole Trustees	Mr G Gray	(Resigned July 2024)
	Mr N McLennan	(Resigned September 2024)
	Ms S Wilson	(Resigned July 2024)
	Ms I Campbell Lupton	
	Ms C Grant	(Resigned December 2024)
	Mr M Young	
	Ms J Bryce	(Appointed June 2024)
	Ms F Jackson	(Appointed June 2024)
	Ms F Barbour-Smith	(Appointed December 2024)
	Ms S Dickie	(Appointed September 2024)
	Mr G Rae	(Appointed September 2024)
	Mr H Tilley	
	Mr F Allmond	(Appointed March 2025)
	Mrs R Rylance	(Appointed March 2025)
Chief Executive	Mrs Laura Falconer	(Resigned July 2024)
	Ms Meg Thomas	(Appointed July 2024)
	Mr Steven Sweeney	(Appointed December 2024)
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FOREWORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

We were delighted to be appointed as Co-Chairs in March 2024 and look forward to carrying on the excellent work of our predecessors, Gary Gray and Catriona Sutherland-Hawes. This responsibility is one we undertake with deep commitment and a shared vision for the organisation's future. Working alongside our fellow Trustees and the whole of the Forces Children Scotland team we hope to build on the strong foundations already in place to ensure that we continue to serve the babies, children and young people from Regular, Reservist and Veteran families for many years to come.

The last year has been challenging for both FCS and the sector as a whole with ongoing economic uncertainty and the continued cost of living crisis resulting in pressure on charitable income whilst costs continue to rise. However, we are greatly optimistic about the future with new sources of revenue being identified which will support our future goals and help to underpin our new strategy.

We extend our sincere thanks to our former Trustees, Cara Grant, Gary Gray and Neil McLennan who concluded their terms during the year. Their stewardship and insight have been instrumental in shaping the organisation's culture and progress. We also warmly welcome our newly appointed Trustees, Finlay Allmond, Fiona Barbour-Smith, Jessica Bryce, Sarah Dickie, Fiona Jackson, Gordon Rae and Rachel Rylance. Their new perspectives, individual expertise and enthusiasm are already contributing positively to the FCS board, and their input and support is hugely welcomed by the Co-Chairs.

We wish to formally acknowledge and thank Laura Falconer for her dedicated service. Her leadership and commitment have been deeply valued, particularly in ensuring that FCS was able to successfully navigate the societal and financial impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Laura's work greatly increased the recognition and profile of FCS and we are very grateful for this. We extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavours.

We also wish to express our profound gratitude to Meg Thomas for her excellent leadership during the approximate 6-month period from Laura standing down to the new Chief Executive being appointed. Her professionalism, dedication, and guidance were vital during this time of transition, and was greatly appreciated by the Co-Chairs and fellow Trustees. We thank her for her continued support.

We are delighted to welcome Steven Sweeney to the organisation as new Chief Executive. His appointment marks an exciting new chapter, and we are confident that his experience, enthusiasm and strategic insight will be of great benefit as we move forward into the next financial year.

We would like to express our appreciation to the FCS entire team for their exceptional work throughout the year, during which the organisation has seen significant transition and change. Their dedication, creativity, and collaborative spirit have enabled us to continue to deliver for the communities that we serve. Their work has been, and will, be critical in ensuring the success of our new strategy.

With the launch of our new strategic period, we are entering a dynamic and ambitious phase as the strategy is embedded and delivered over the next 3 years. The strategy sets a clear direction for the coming years, grounded in our values and informed by the communities we serve. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and remain committed to continuing the excellent work of FCS.

Max Young and Harvey Tilley
Co-Chairs
Forces Children Scotland

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COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The committee of directors and sole trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the requirements of the trust's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

ORGANISATION

The Royal Caledonian Education Trust (RCET) is a charity established by a Charter of Incorporation created by an Act of Parliament, which received the Royal Assent from King George III on 14th June 1815.

Our aim today is to support and encourage the education, training and wellbeing of a) the offspring of Scottish members of Her Majesty's forces and b) the Scottish offspring of members of Her Majesty's Forces. For these purposes, a person shall be considered Scottish if our Trustees, in their absolute discretion, determine that they have a sufficient connection to Scotland, or who demonstrate to the Trustees' satisfaction links with Scotland, including those who may be considered Scottish regardless of their place of residence.

Following a rebranding exercise, on 23rd June 2021, we changed our operational name to 'Forces Children Scotland'.

OBJECTIVES

This was the final year in delivering our current strategy, 'Step Change'. We have also spent time developing our new strategy, 'HEAR. INVOLVE. SUPPORT.' This has been co-produced with children for forces families, our partners, staff team and Trustees, and launches Summer 2025. As we transition from one strategic plan to another, the activities and achievements documented in this performance report summarise the difference our work has made. More detail can be found in our Impact Report will be released in Autumn 2025.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Board of Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning, implementing and reviewing all current and future activities. They follow the updated governing principles adopted on 5th December 2018. This defines our charitable purpose and how it benefits Armed Forces children and young people.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Highlights

We deliver services to improve the emotional, social and mental wellbeing of children from forces families. We provided 1:1 support to 78 young people, with 100% reporting an improvement in clinical scores as a result. Our online Hub supported a further 278 young people to access resources to support them with their own wellbeing. We also distributed 200 Wellbeing Journals to young people within the Naval community to promote self-management and positive mental health.

We developed a range of resources to support educational achievement. In the reporting period, 341 young people have accessed our Deployment Rollercoaster resource to help navigate their own families' deployment journey. The Deployment Rollercoaster was co-produced across 18 participation sessions in an education setting with 139 young people from forces families involved.

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ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTINUED)

We delivered 10 Learning and Development events in the reporting period, 5 were in person courses, 5 delivered as webinars. The 85 attendees left better informed on forces life from the perspective of children and young people in the armed forces community. Topics included deployment, mobility, transition to veteran status, the Armed Forces Covenant, young carers and more.

We continued to provide financial assistance to young people from forces families with student costs, short breaks for forces young carers, for a range of educational supports and access to hobbies. A total of £95,445 was awarded, with 273 children from forces families benefiting from this support. Also this year we sought to improve financial health through our Future Transactions project. We had 141 young people from forces families supported with enhanced understanding and capability around increased independence and management of their finances.

Our ongoing policy and practice work saw the development of our Rights Report, activity around Young Carers Action Day, and the co-production work ahead of the launch of the Children's Rights Charter in April 2025. Young people from forces families met directly with policy shapers and decision makers to share their experiences and perspectives, advocating for change. This included sessions with MSPs Natalie Don-Innes, Martin Whitfield and Paul Sweeney.

Our participation work creates opportunities for young people to engage with their wider community and gain new skills. Regular participation forums and 5 Residentials have supported 85 young people to have their voice heard, influencing change locally. Our Ruby Boots project has also built some momentum. Connecting with 14 networks and 91 stakeholders enabled 326 young people to be reached in Schools, with 16 involved in co-production workshops, helping set the new stage of the project in the next reporting period up for success.

Our Talking Mats project has been a highlight in how we empower young people to participate in decision making locally. Through school support and awareness work, 5 staff have been trained, and 85 young people have participated across 9 discovery workshops. This led to the creation of a visual communication framework to support children from forces families to express their feelings and views.

Social Value to the Armed Forces Community

As an organisation we would like to increase the social value we deliver with and for the Armed Forces community. In terms of people, 64% of our staff and Trustees have come from a background with experience themselves as a Regular, Reservist or Veteran. From an employment and employability skills perspective, young people from forces families have an equal share in decision making as part of our recruitment practices. Most recently in the appointment of our new CEO.

Our work includes a significant amount of community engagement and outreach, from young peoples' participation to adult learning. In terms of civic responsibilities, we have increased the number of events we attend across the country to engage directly with the Army Forces community. This included activity around Armed Forces Day, Month of the Military Child, Remembrance Day, and Wellbeing events at various bases and barracks.

Fundraising

Our fundraising approach prioritises trusts and foundations as the most effective route to delivering medium-term financial sustainability. We are focusing on securing multi-year, core funding that supports strategic growth and stability, with a clear emphasis on long-term relationships and impact-led proposals.

A special thanks goes to our strategic partner, Greenwich Hospital. An award of up to £103,921 over 12 months to cover 20% of core staff costs was confirmed in September 2024, with £49,940 expended in this reporting period. These funds are restricted for children from Naval and Marine families as the beneficiaries. We aspire to deliver upon the desired outcomes of this collaboration, allowing us to perhaps move to a multi-year arrangement. We also hope to encourage tri-service equity across funding partners, leveraging in additional funds with similar arrangements with other trusts and foundations.

Thank you to our range of project partners who have invested in our impact during this financial year. Thanks in particular go to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, the Army Benevolent Fund, the Army Central Fund, the MacRobert Trust, the Veterans Foundation and the Scottish Government, for their continued support.

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COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Looking Ahead

Next year will be the first of our new strategic period, that of 'HEAR. INVOLVE. SUPPORT.'

Our mission over the following 3 years will be as follows:

We provide support and opportunities to enable babies, children and young people from Regular, Reservist and Veteran families to realise their potential and thrive.

We have 4 strategic themes:

- Co-operating, co-ordinating and collaborating
- Education and community supports
- "Hear Us, Involve Us, Support Us"
- A healthy, happy and energised FCS

The key actions across the 3 years for each of the themes are documented in our business plan and will be reported upon in our next annual report and set of financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees meets four times per year. They are responsible for overall strategy, financial and risk management. There are currently 10 Trustees. The officers are the Co-Chairpersons, Deputy Chairperson, and Treasurer.

Our Board of Trustees brings a broad mix of professional and lived experience, including education, finance, safeguarding, mental health, and armed forces family life. They meet quarterly, with finance, risk, and performance as standing agenda items, supported by our Finance Sub-Committee. The Senior Leadership Team meets weekly to review both strategic and operational matters, with monthly in-person all-staff meetings to ensure cross-team communication and collaboration.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the organisation's system of internal controls. The system of controls aims to give the Board assurance that issues identified as they arise are dealt with appropriately in an effective, timely manner.

The main objectives of the control system are as follows:

- To ensure Forces Children Scotland continues to maintain proper accounting records
- To safeguard the organisation's assets from unauthorized disposal or use
- To ensure integrity and reliability of financial and operational information used for decision making within the organization and for external publication.

Forces Children Scotland's internal controls include as follows:

- A strategy, business plan and annual budget approved by the Trustees
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial performance and oversight of the monitoring and reporting on the business plan
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identification and management of risks

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The challenging financial climate, both locally and globally, has impacted our charity due to an ongoing inflationary pressures, which although easing now, have led to increased costs and reduced available funding. However, certain cost savings have been realized in the year primarily in relation to gapped positions. Additionally, significant sources of unrestricted income have identified and there is strong confidence that these sources of income will be realised in the next financial year. Should this income be realised then this will support the Charity in building its unrestricted reserves with a medium term goal of retaining unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to 6-12 months of funding.

Fortunately, we have been able to counter some of these negative impacts through the income generated from our investments, including dividends and interest, as well as through the disposal of investments, enabling us to realize capital returns in line with our 'Total Return' investment policy. However, the Trustees are mindful of the need to preserve the value of our investments to avoid adverse long-term effects on the charity. Therefore, they are developing a financial framework aimed at maintaining the real value of our investments, growing our unrestricted funds, and ensuring sufficient funding to achieve our broader strategic goals.

We have confidence in the professional management of our investments by our advisors and believe that the proposed financial framework will safeguard the charity's long-term financial stability.

The committee of directors and sole trustees' report was approved by the Board of Committee of Directors and Sole Trustees.



Mr M Young
Co-Chair

Dated: 24 September 2025

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST
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STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The committee of directors and sole trustees are responsible for preparing the Committee Of Directors And Sole Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland and in England and Wales requires the committee of directors and sole trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the trust for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the committee of directors and sole trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The committee of directors and sole trustees is responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the committee of directors and sole trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the trust for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the committee of directors and sole trustees are required to:

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

The committee of directors and sole trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST
OPERATIONAL NAME: FORCES CHILDREN SCOTLAND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Caledonian Education Trust (the 'trust') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including 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 charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the committee of directors and sole 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 trust'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 committee of directors and sole trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The committee of directors and sole 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 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the trust 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 the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the committee of directors and sole trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of committee of directors and sole trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of committee of directors and sole trustees' responsibilities, the committee of directors and sole trustees 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 committee of directors and sole 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 committee of directors and sole trustees are responsible for assessing the trust'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 committee of directors and sole trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

In identifying and assessing the 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 industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for trustee remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of Management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and review the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to;
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulation 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 matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company 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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011.

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 company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included Employment law.

Audit response to risks identified

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

**TO THE COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL
CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST**

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

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. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Paul Windmill (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Myers Clark, Statutory Auditor
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16 December 2025

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN EDUCATION TRUST
OPERATIONAL NAME: FORCES CHILDREN SCOTLAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2	22,318	153,327	-	175,645	109,276
Investments	3	1,243	-	113,617	114,860	110,217
Other income		300,000	-	(300,000)	-	-
Total income		323,561	153,327	(186,383)	290,505	219,493
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	105,277	9,274	-	114,551	122,884
Charitable activities	5	436,521	183,394	-	619,915	604,753
Total resources expended		541,798	192,668	-	734,466	727,637
Net gain/(loss) on investments	11	181	-	(17,469)	(17,288)	244,133
Net movement in funds		(218,056)	(39,341)	(203,852)	(461,249)	(264,011)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		(112,262)	53,742	3,683,709	3,625,189	3,889,200
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		(330,318)	14,401	3,479,857	3,163,940	3,625,189

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior Year Comparative Detail


	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	12,635	96,641	-	109,276
Investments	705	-	109,512	110,217
Other income	450,000	-	(450,000)	-
Total income	463,340	96,641	(340,488)	219,493
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds	122,884	-	-	122,884
Charitable activities	411,598	193,155	-	604,753
Total resources expended	534,482	193,155	-	727,637
Net gain/(loss) on investments	5,453	-	238,680	244,133
Net movement in funds	(65,689)	(96,514)	(101,808)	(264,011)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023	(46,573)	150,256	3,785,517	3,889,200
Fund balances at 31 March 2024	(112,262)	53,742	3,683,709	3,625,189

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	13		3,310,642		3,645,496
Current assets					
Debtors	14	21,828		19,397	
Cash at bank and in hand		82,598		161,448	
		104,426		180,845	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(251,128)		(201,152)	
Net current liabilities			(146,702)		(20,307)
Total assets less current liabilities			3,163,940		3,625,189
Capital funds					
Endowment funds					
Endowment funds - general	16		3,479,857		3,683,709
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17	14,401		53,742	
Unrestricted funds		(330,318)		(112,262)	
			3,163,940		3,625,189

The accounts were approved by the Committee of Directors and Sole Trustees on 24 September 2025


 Mr M Young
 Co-Chair

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice: 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) effective 1 January 2019.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved applying 'Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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' rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice referred to in the regulation but has since been withdrawn.

The trust constitutes a Public Benefit Entity.

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

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The Trust comprises a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the committee of directors and sole trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the committee of directors and sole trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Directors for particular applications.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Permanent endowment funds are funds which have been given to the charity to be held as capital with no power to convert the funds to income.

Expendable endowment funds are funds given to the charity to be held as capital. The Trustees may convert the funds to income if no other income funds are available.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Income from government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that income will be received and the amount can be measured and is not deferred.

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1 Accounting policies

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Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by investment managers of the receipt of the dividend.

Income received in advance of recognition criteria being met is deferred until the criteria for recognition are met.

1.5 Resources expended

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

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the trust. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the trust.

Allocation of costs

Expenditure is allocated to a particular activity where the costs relate directly to that activity. Direct expenditure has been allocated on the basis indicated below:

Cost of generating funds: These include all expenditure spent in generating the voluntary income.

Charitable activities: These include all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity.

Support costs comprise costs incurred in support of the above activities. Included in support costs are costs incurred in the governance of the charity which are primarily associated with the constitutional and statutory requirements. Support costs are allocated to activities based on an estimate of staff time spend on each activity during the financial period.

Irrecoverable value added tax

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Grants

Grants payable made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant. Grants awarded that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the charity.

Pension contributions

The charity makes payments to a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period they are payable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. All items of capital expenditure over £500 are capitalised.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	over 5 years
Computers	over 4 years

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1 Accounting policies

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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are a form of basic financial interest and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value at the balance sheet date using the mid- market value.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

The trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	22,318	153,327	175,645	109,276
For the year ended 31 March 2024	<u>12,635</u>	<u>96,641</u>		<u>109,276</u>

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from listed investments	-	113,617	113,617	-	109,512	109,512
Interest receivable	1,243	-	1,243	705	-	705
	<u>1,243</u>	<u>113,617</u>	<u>114,860</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>109,512</u>	<u>110,217</u>

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4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Direct costs	56,599	9,274	65,873	72,960
Support & governance costs	28,940	-	28,940	29,283
	<u>85,539</u>	<u>9,274</u>	<u>94,813</u>	<u>102,243</u>
Costs of generating voluntary income	85,539	9,274	94,813	102,243
<u>Costs of generating investment income</u>				
Investment management fees	19,738	-	19,738	20,641
	<u>105,277</u>	<u>9,274</u>	<u>114,551</u>	<u>122,884</u>

5 Charitable activities

	Family Support	Learning & Development	Participation	Mental Health & Wellbeing	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	51,765	71,715	157,852	75,756	357,088	361,964
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	81,555	-	-	-	81,555	69,190
Share of support & governance costs (see note 8)	58,697	19,494	69,325	33,756	181,272	173,599
	<u>192,017</u>	<u>91,209</u>	<u>227,177</u>	<u>109,512</u>	<u>619,915</u>	<u>604,753</u>

	Family Support	Learning & Development	Participation	Mental Health & Wellbeing	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	98,228	35,127	158,720	69,889	361,964
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	69,190	-	-	-	69,190
Share of support & governance costs (see note 8)	67,206	14,038	63,762	28,593	173,599
	<u>234,624</u>	<u>49,165</u>	<u>222,482</u>	<u>98,482</u>	<u>604,753</u>

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6 Grants payable

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants to individuals	81,555	69,190
	<u>81,555</u>	<u>69,190</u>

7 Committee Of Directors And Sole Trustees

Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the committee of directors and sole trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

4 Trustees (2024: 2) were reimbursed travel expenses totalling £412 (2024: £99).

8 Support & governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
SUPPORT COSTS		
Staff costs	138,329	144,970
Recruitment and staff development	6,304	4,809
Premises expenses	7,677	11,374
PR, marketing and Annual Review	2,150	1,476
Printing, stationery, postage and phone	14,098	5,049
Travelling	6,556	3,021
Other	11,782	7,795
Accountancy	5,186	1,504
Computer & office equipment costs	7,930	7,484
GOVERNANCE COSTS	10,200	15,400
	<u>210,212</u>	<u>202,882</u>
Analysed between		
Fundraising	28,940	29,283
Charitable activities	181,272	173,599
	<u>210,212</u>	<u>202,882</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £10,200 (2024 - £9,960) for audit fees.

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9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Raising funds	1	2
Charitable activities	7	10
Support and Governance	3	3
	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	384,698	410,401
Social security costs	33,544	39,240
Other pension costs	15,373	16,167
	<u>433,615</u>	<u>465,808</u>

There was one employee (2024 - 1) whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£70,001 to £80,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds general £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>181</u>	<u>(17,469)</u>	<u>(17,288)</u>	<u>244,133</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2024	<u>5,453</u>	<u>238,680</u>		<u>244,133</u>

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	869	2,976	3,845
At 31 March 2025	869	2,976	3,845
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	869	2,976	3,845
At 31 March 2025	869	2,976	3,845
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-

13 Fixed asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost or valuation		
At 31 March 2024	3,645,496	3,872,005
Income reinvested	2,180	-
Investment manager fees	(19,738)	(20,641)
Withdrawn	(300,000)	(450,000)
Valuation changes	(17,296)	244,132
At 31 March 2025	3,310,642	3,645,496
Impairment		
At 31 March 2024	-	-
At 31 March 2025	-	-
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2025	3,310,642	3,645,496
At 31 March 2024	3,645,496	3,872,005
	2025	2024
	£	£
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Investment assets held in the UK	1,884,696	2,251,582
Investment assets held outside the UK	1,425,946	1,393,914
	3,310,642	3,645,496

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13 Fixed asset investments

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	2025	2024
	£	£
Investments representing over 5% by value of portfolio comprise:		
JPMorgan Fund ICVC JPM US Equity Income C Net Dis	252,816	248,247
Aberdeen Asian Income Fund Shares	233,662	228,072
Natixis Investment Funds UK ICVC Loomis Sayles US Eqty Leaders IA USD Acc	284,466	271,224
	<u>770,944</u>	<u>747,543</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

Fixed asset investment are valued at market value at the year end.

The historical cost of the fixed asset investments is £2,441,774 (2024: £2,639,646).

Fixed asset investments include cash held awaiting investment of £18,946 (2024: £66,401).

14 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>21,828</u>	<u>19,397</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	8,500
Accruals and deferred income	<u>251,128</u>	<u>192,652</u>
	<u>251,128</u>	<u>201,152</u>

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16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the trust. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the trust and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Movement in funds		Release from unapplied total return fund / Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	Resources expended	Gains and losses	£	£
Permanent endowments						
Sale of the school	3,683,709	113,617	-	(17,469)	(300,000)	3,479,857
	<u>3,683,709</u>	<u>113,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,469)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>3,479,857</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Movement in funds prior period		Release from unapplied total return fund / Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	Resources expended	Gains and losses	£	£
Permanent endowments						
Sale of the school	3,785,517	109,512	-	238,680	(450,000)	3,683,709
	<u>3,785,517</u>	<u>109,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,680</u>	<u>(450,000)</u>	<u>3,683,709</u>

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17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds current year			
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Armed Forces Covenant - Ruby Boots	-	17,196	(17,196)	-
Armed Forces Covenant - Deployment Pack	-	13,916	(13,916)	-
BFBS - Deployment Pack	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
ABF - Talking Mats	-	25,277	(25,277)	-
Board Game	(967)	-	-	(967)
MacRoberts Trust - YMM	-	24,285	(24,285)	-
Kingdom HA Community - YP Activities in Fife	-	500	(500)	-
ACF Residentials	-	2,520	(2,520)	-
Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust Funding - YMM	34,040	-	(18,672)	15,368
Veterans Scotland	19,798	(9,042)	(10,756)	-
Scottish Government - Future Transactions	294	26,735	(27,029)	-
Brit + FGN	577	-	(577)	-
Greenwich Hospital - Core Funding	-	49,940	(49,940)	-
	<u>53,742</u>	<u>153,327</u>	<u>(192,668)</u>	<u>14,401</u>

	Movement in funds prior period			
	Balance at 1 August 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
ABF The Soldiers Charity	10,369	-	(10,369)	-
Scottish Children's Lottery	2,171	5,000	(7,171)	-
Paul Hamlyn	-	33,000	(33,000)	-
Board Game	(967)	-	-	(967)
Veterans Scotland	25,997	17,499	(23,698)	19,798
Scottish Government - Future Transactions	-	28,902	(28,608)	294
Brit + FGN	12,679	(12,102)	-	577
Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust Funding - YMM	75,007	7,575	(48,542)	34,040
Armed Forces Covenant	25,000	16,767	(41,767)	-
	<u>150,256</u>	<u>96,641</u>	<u>(193,155)</u>	<u>53,742</u>

Included within incoming resources is an amount returned to 1 funder totalling £12,102 as a result of an underspend during the year ended 31 March 2023.

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18 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Movement in funds current year				Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Released from unapplied total return fund / Transfers	£
General Unrestricted Funds	(112,262)	23,561	(541,798)	181	300,000	(330,318)
Total unrestricted funds	(112,262)	23,561	(541,798)	181	300,000	(330,318)

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movement in funds prior year				Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Released from unapplied total return fund/ Transfers	£
General Unrestricted Funds	(46,573)	13,340	(534,482)	5,453	450,000	(112,262)
Total unrestricted funds	(46,573)	13,340	(534,482)	5,453	450,000	(112,262)

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:				
Investments	(169,215)	-	3,479,857	3,310,642
Current assets/(liabilities)	(161,103)	14,401	-	(146,702)
	<u>(330,318)</u>	<u>14,401</u>	<u>3,479,857</u>	<u>3,163,940</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:				
Investments	(38,213)	-	3,683,709	3,645,496
Current assets/(liabilities)	(74,049)	53,742	-	(20,307)
	<u>(112,262)</u>	<u>53,742</u>	<u>3,683,709</u>	<u>3,625,189</u>

20 Permanent Endowment

	Endowment Fund £	Unapplied Total Return £	Total Endowment Fund £
At 1 April 2024			
Sale of school	2,600,000	-	2,600,000
Unapplied total return	-	1,083,709	1,083,709
Total	<u>2,600,000</u>	<u>1,083,709</u>	<u>3,683,709</u>
Movements to 31 March 2025			
Investment return - dividends	-	113,617	113,617
Investment return - realised & unrealised gains	-	(17,469)	(17,469)
	<u>-</u>	<u>96,148</u>	<u>96,148</u>
Unapplied total return allocated to income in the year	-	(300,000)	(300,000)
Net movements in the year	<u>-</u>	<u>(203,852)</u>	<u>(203,852)</u>
At 31 March 2025			
Sale of school	2,600,000	-	2,600,000
Unapplied total return	-	879,857	879,857
Total	<u>2,600,000</u>	<u>879,857</u>	<u>3,479,857</u>

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21 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the trust had no outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases.

22 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, including redundancy payments, employers NI and employers pension contributions is as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	129,485	76,885
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Transactions with related parties

During the year, 4 trustees (2024: 2) were reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs totalling £412 (2024: £99).